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A Message From The President

I admit that I concentrate on the daily, monthly and annual plans, needs, challenges and successes of Lake Erie College every single day. More and more, though, I look into the eyes of our students and young alumni and wonder which ones will be the new pioneers in science, healthcare, business, public service or the arts. Their spirit and resilience is encouraging and inspiring. They are the true standard to measure our long-term success or how we master prophecy.

In this issue of Lake Erie, you will learn how College hallmarks and traditions continue and see our modern transformation in action. Plans to reinstitute the physician assistant program, the addition of the new concentration of forensic accounting, the vibrant campus life, our Intercollegiate Dressage Association national championship team, and student and alumni successes are just a few of the stories you will read.

We are especially proud to share the NEW Austin Hall of Science with you. Although the building is new and the Austin name of the old building continues, LEC has graduated countless alumni who have made significant contributions to science for several decades. Its grand opening earlier this year occurred at the right time. Science and business are now the two most popular categories of majors among today’s growing student body.

Another story that links to our past is the recent and extraordinary gift of Pheasant Run Airport, a collection of vintage aircraft and supporting funds by aviatrix and retired teacher, Gretchen Reed. LEC had an aviation program in the 1930s through the 1940s when it was discontinued due to the war effort – one of the first of its kind for young women. Our alumni aviatrices from that era would smile if they stepped onto the grounds of the new LEC airport, as would a few other pilots named Glenn, Shepard, Grissom, Schirra, Yeager and Armstrong. We have only begun to imagine ways to incorporate this tremendous and unique asset into the life of the College; however, above is an image of some of the 500 students who visited Pheasant Run Airport in August for the time-honored tradition of Field Day. Which ones were inspired and changed by this single experience?

Lake Erie College has the Right Stuff from yesterday and today, and you are a part of it.

Michael T. Victor, President

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President Michael T. Victor, along with members of the Board of Trustees, campus community and elected officials gathered May 3 to dedicate the recently renovated Austin Hall of Science.

Built in 1964, the Austin Hall of Science had spent nearly 50 years as a steel and concrete structure with pre-cast concrete exterior walls and window panels of a then-modern design. The building has now been given a new exterior wall of red brick with stone accents and energy-efficient, double-hung windows. The restoration began with the complete removal of interior and exterior walls, followed by the plumbing, electrical, heating and ventilation systems, leaving only the steel beams and girders. (Images of the project renovation can be found at www.lec.edu/austin/renovation.)

The interior features state-of-the-art classrooms and laboratories that have all been rebuilt and upgraded to serve the College’s biology, chemistry, mathematics and pre-professional programs. A new elevator provides handicap accessibility as well as ease of transporting supplies to all floors of the building. The main area of each floor is an open, common area for students and faculty to gather, study and share information in an informal setting.

The new, upgraded laboratories will allow professors and students to delve deeper into the sciences, complete with improved safety standards and modern equipment and technology.

The project reworked an old footprint to meet functional needs that were unmet in the original design. The initial layout couldn’t meet the needs of an increased student body and had just one lavatory and a dumb-waiter to transport laboratory materials; it also provided little accommodation for handicap accessibility.
The new, upgraded laboratories will allow professors and students to delve deeper into the sciences, complete with improved safety standards and modern lab tables and hoods. The classrooms in Austin Hall have also been outfitted with the latest educational technology, to be instep with a majority of the classrooms on campus.

The common areas of each floor are filled with memorabilia and implements from the early days of science and laboratory exploration. One such piece on display caught the attention of alumna Elaine Hopkins ’59 who, during the Homecoming Alumni Weekend 2010 tour, discovered that the microscope she left behind following graduation was proudly displayed in the third-floor showcase.

The microscope, she said, “was given to me by my godmother to use at Lake Erie College, but I really never used it. My godmother was an early medical pioneer who went to medical school in the 1920s.”

Made possible through a multi-million dollar anonymous gift and additional gifts from alumni and friends, the building was renovated to increase its functionality while improving its aesthetic appeal. Positioned near the main entrance of the campus, the building renovation began in 2009 and was designed by the Cleveland-based firm, Westlake Reed Leskosky.

The College thanks the following donors to this important renovation project: Jim Brown, Janet (Kish) Bullinger ’60, Estate of Dr. Jean F. Caul ’37, Tracy H. Dickinson ’78, Elaine (Scalzi) Hopkins ’59, Jane White Lincoln Fund #1 of The Cleveland Foundation, Robert Maloney ’76 and Laura Goyanes ’78, Robert and Melissa Shearer and Gretchen (Durose) ’62 and George Smith. In addition, Dana ’76 and Sharon ’03 Dennis donated funds for the fountain, which was dedicated on Sept. 23, 2011 during Homecoming Alumni Weekend.
Commencement carries forth a tradition that began with three students in the Lake Erie College Class of 1860 and continues today. On May 15, the 162 undergraduate students and 106 graduate students in the Class of 2011 received diplomas in a ceremony held in the auxiliary gym of the Jerome T. Osborne Family Athletic & Wellness Center.

The graduates, faculty and platform party processed in to the sounds of the Heritage Brass playing “March from Procession of Nobles.” The colors were presented by Bob Mastronicola, Army Sergeant First Class Retired; Matt Tapassi, Army Reserve Sergeant; and Alex Palmer, Army National Guard Specialist.

Rev. Peter Paul McCurdy, senior pastor of the First Baptist Church of Painesville, offered the invocation, President Michael T. Victor welcomed everyone and Codi Bair presented a few thoughts from the Class of 2011. Robert Benz, professor of chemistry, delivered the charge from the faculty and Carl Grassi, chairman of the board of directors, extended greetings from the board.

Umberto P. Fedeli, president and chief executive officer of the Fedeli Group, one of the largest privately held insurance brokerage firms in Ohio, delivered the commencement address, inspiring the audience with his words. Fedeli spoke about “10 Things I Wish I Had Known Back Then,” referring to his college days as a young man at John Carroll University.

Andy Kurzinger, Alex Royko and Scott Given
“The most important thing in life is relationships – faith, family and friends,” Fedeli said. He urged his listeners to balance all parts of their lives, write down their goals, focus on what is important and take chances.

He also encouraged the graduates to serve others. “We’re not all called to do extraordinary things, but all of us can do ordinary things extraordinarily,” Fedeli said, quoting the words of John Paul. “In life, the secret of happiness is love. The secret of love is service,” he said.

As their names and hometowns were read, graduates received their diplomas from President Victor and Chairman Grassi. Candidates for undergraduate degrees wore their hoods throughout the ceremony while candidates for the master of education and master of business administration degrees were hooded on stage prior to receiving their diplomas.

Honorary degrees were awarded to Fedeli and Victor in recognition of their accomplishments and service. (See related stories on page 9.)

Following a welcome to the alumni association from National Alumni Board President Janeane Cappara, closing remarks by Victor and a benediction by McCurdy, the graduates, faculty and platform party recessed out to music played by the Heritage Brass.

A reception in honor of the graduates was held in the Arthur S. Holden Center immediately following the ceremony. Graduates bid one another goodbye and celebrated their accomplishments with their families and friends. Members of the Class of 2011 left campus one final time with feelings of pride and the desire to make their mark on the world.

As they left, they resolved to hold fast to Fedeli’s advice: “Life is about your own contribution – make it the best you can!”
Seniors who achieved exemplary success in their academic work and co-curricular activities were recognized at Honors Convocation held May 13, 2011 in Morley Music Building.

The faculty were garbed in academic regalia for this traditional ceremony, which also included the playing and singing of the traditional College hymn, “Our God, Our Help in Ages Past,” and the Alma Mater.

Ray Leach, founder and chief executive officer of the Cleveland-based Jumpstart Inc., delivered the convocation address. JumpStart has gained national recognition for its innovative model and economic impact in Northeast Ohio. Leach spoke about his own journey as an entrepreneur in starting up four companies before JumpStart. He discussed the benefits and risks of entrepreneurship and encouraged the students to consider becoming entrepreneurs.

“I want you to know that making your own way by being an entrepreneur is not easy,” Leach said. “Yet, those were also some of the most rewarding years of my career.”

Leach concluded his address with these words: “I would like to encourage you to think creatively.

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Umberto Fedeli receives honorary doctorate

Umberto P. Fedeli was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws degree during commencement 2011 in recognition of his business and community leadership.

Fedeli is president and chief executive officer of The Fedeli Group, one of the largest privately held insurance brokerage firms in Ohio and multi-year recipient of Weatherhead 100’s list of the fastest growing companies in northeast Ohio.

As a believer in servant leadership, Fedeli contributes much of his personal time and energy to a variety of civic and charitable causes. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Cleveland Clinic Foundation and the Board of Trustees of John Carroll University. He is also a trustee of the Cleveland Foundation and chairman of the Cleveland chapter of Legatus, an international organization of Catholic CEOs.

Fedeli has received numerous national and local awards in recognition of his service. He is most proud, however, of his family, including his wife, Maryellen, and their five children.

Michael Victor receives honorary doctorate

President Michael T. Victor was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws degree at commencement 2011 in recognition of his many accomplishments during the first five years of his presidency.

Victor began his presidency at Lake Erie College on July 1, 2006. Since that time, he has achieved unprecedented success in fundraising; launched new majors; developed the athletics program to include 23 varsity sports competing in NCAA Division II; led the College to record enrollment for five consecutive years; and achieved superior national rankings and international brand awareness.

Victor has become a recognized leader in the fields of independent higher education and business. He has launched student and community involvement programs and led campus capital improvements, including the construction of the state-of-the-art Austin Hall of Science and the learning center at the George M. Humphrey Equestrian Center.

He serves on the board of directors of the Holden Arboretum, United Way of Lake County, Lake National Bank and Gas Natural, Inc.
Lake Erie’s First Lady hosts Senior Ladies’ Tea

Graduating senior ladies and their mothers or other special women in their lives were guests of honor at the formal Senior Ladies’ Tea held the afternoon of May 13 at the Victor Manor House.

Craigie Victor, wife of President Michael T. Victor, was hostess for this popular event. She welcomed all, served from the College’s beautiful silver tea sets and toasted the graduates. Guests milled about the beautiful downstairs rooms and formal outdoor gardens of the home while they partook of a variety of teas, wine, sherry, party sandwiches and special desserts.

The Senior Ladies’ Tea is a tradition that was celebrated for many years beginning in the early days of Lake Erie Female Seminary. It was a rite of passage for the graduates, marking their entrance into sophisticated society.

The ladies of the Class of 2011 will long remember this afternoon of celebrating, reminiscing and anticipating a world away from their alma mater.

Graduating seniors celebrate at cocktail party

The Victor Manor House was the setting for the formal cocktail party for seniors held May 12, 2011. For this party, graduating seniors donned formal attire to celebrate together one last time before commencement.

President and Mrs. Michael T. Victor hosted the popular black-tie event, which is an annual tradition brought back during Victor’s presidency. On this special evening, the students mingled, danced and enjoyed one another’s company while sampling a variety of cocktails and hors d’oeuvres.

This event is part of the series of class dinners the Victors host throughout the year for Lake Erie students. The dinners allow class members an opportunity to get to know one another in a setting away from campus and, for many, the chance to see the stately home of the College president for the first time.
Aviatrix and retired teacher donates airport and historic aircraft to Lake Erie College

by Scott Evans

Lake Erie College received a multi-million dollar gift from Lake County resident Gretchen Reed in December 2010. The gift includes the Pheasant Run Airport located in Leroy, Ohio, one of the largest vintage aircraft collections in the country and a significant endowment to support the property, planes and related programs.

Mrs. Reed retired in 1995 from the Riverside Local School District where she taught high school English and aviation. Her late husband, Charles F. Reed, was an Air Force veteran and led an air/sea rescue team in Alaska. He was an executive at Avery-Dennison (Fasson) in Painesville and held several patents with the company.

The two private pilots amassed a collection of antique aircraft over a period of several decades; 18 are hangared at Pheasant Run Airport, and 15 are flyable. They preferred the simplicity of systems and the historical significance of older airplanes. The Reeds appeared in a one-hour documentary, “The Restorers,” produced by Hemlock Films of Cleveland, Ohio in 2003.

Pheasant Run Airport is situated on 128 acres in Leroy Township (Madison), 15 minutes east of the College’s main campus. Several hangars, two grass runways, an aviation museum, pond and woodlands comprise the property. Mrs. Reed will continue to maintain the grounds and planes with the help of friends. She continues to fly her favorite airplanes, the Aeronca L-16 and an Aeronca Champ; both are single-engine, military planes built in 1945 and used for WWII observation and search and rescue.

Lake Erie College will eventually own the airplanes. The collection includes a Fokker DR-1, a reproduction of the triplane flown by the Red Baron in World War I; a Ryan ST3-W, a fighter-trainer plane that was used in the 1942 movie “Dive Bomber” starring Errol Flynn and Fred MacMurray; an Interstate L-6, an observation scout plane used by General George Patton during World War II; and an OTW Army trainer plane that was used in the movie “The Misfits” featuring Clark Gable and Marilyn Monroe.

“We are delighted to be the recipients of Gretchen Reed’s generosity and her husband’s tremendous legacy,” President Michael T. Victor said. “We have many opportunities to incorporate the property and collections into our academic and professional development programs. Additionally, we are excited about sharing this new learning environment with our students and alumni throughout the year.”

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“Chuck and I did not imagine that our 68-acre purchase nearly 35 years ago would become the foundation for an aviation museum,” said Gretchen Reed. “Pheasant Run Airport and its buildings, runways, collection of historical airplanes and memorabilia grew with the efforts of our families, friends and the local aviation community.”

“Reaching senior citizen status has its own set of inevitable decisions,” Reed said. “Our choice was to give what we had produced back to the community that ‘produced’ us. Although Chuck did not live to see Lake Erie College as the entity perpetuating his dream, he would have been proud beyond words to be part of such a dynamic, respected educational institution.”

“The Reed gift is one of the largest in the College’s 155-year history and one of the most unique gifts in modern philanthropy,” said Scott Evans, vice president for institutional advancement. “Mrs. Reed looks forward to seeing the College use the property and planes in our work – that was her goal. She will inspire others to consider what they can do for Lake Erie College. Other vintage aircraft collectors have also expressed an interest in donating planes to the College after hearing about the Reed gift,” he said.

“A new perspective of flying

by Scott Evans

As the wheels of the 1942 OTW Army trainer (bi-plane with open cockpit and a two-seater) left the ground, I waved to my family and thought, “Did I pay my life insurance premium?” All of a sudden we were hundreds of feet above Lake County, and the view was terrific!

The pilot, Jeremy Heidinger, said, “Where do you live?” in the headset. Within minutes we were buzzing my neighborhood in Concord. I was hoping to see some of my neighbors outside so we could get their attention. Unfortunately, only my next-door neighbor was mowing the grass and had no idea we were circling above him at about 300 feet.

Jeremy said, “Let’s take a look at Lake Erie College from the air.” Within minutes, we were above the 155-year old campus, and I gained a new perspective of the place where I have worked since 2006. Our 60-plus acres looked huge in the context of the city of Painesville.

“Take me to the shores of Lake Erie, Jeremy,” I said. We stormed Headlands Beach at about 200 feet and received many waves from the sun-worshippers below. We headed east along the shore and banked to the right in order to maintain an assured clear distance from the Perry Nuclear Plant and climbed to about 1,000 feet.

Jeremy, a brave soul and a former member of the 82nd Airborne of the United States Army, said, “Scott, why don’t you take the controls?” So, I did, knowing that Jeremy had full control from his seat in the event I would place us in any danger. After a few climbs, descents and soft turns, I handed the controls back to Jeremy with a big smile on my face.

Before we landed, Jeremy took the opportunity to storm several deer in an open field and one of his neighbors who expected nothing less from him. Wheels down . . . and stop.

It was an outstanding experience, and it allowed me to understand why so many people love to fly older aircraft. It also reinforced how fortunate Lake Erie College is to have received this unique and significant gift from Gretchen Reed. She is an amazing woman, and we are glad to know her.
“Oh, the day I soloed, high above the world, by myself and able to enjoy the view of miles and miles...” This is the way Phoebe Ann (Ford) Hamlin ’39 described her first solo flight.

Hamlin was one of the Lake Erie students who learned to fly through the aviation program offered by the College beginning in 1935. At that time, students could take courses in aviation as an extracurricular activity in the physical education department. Thirty students enrolled the first year and were taught by licensed pilots from the Meinke-Eldred School of Aviation in Willoughby.

In their weekly classes held on campus, the girls studied groundwork, fundamentals of flying and the theory of aeronautics. There was also instruction on weather conditions, parachutes, instruments and radio as well as lectures by experienced pilots. At the end of the ground school, every student experienced two hours of actual flying, sharing the controls with an instructor.

Jane (Menke) Snyders Meek ’40 was one of the Lake Erie students who was active in the Aviation Club. Jane described her flight as follows: “My first airplane ride was with the program. It was in a two-seater open cockpit with dual controls. We felt important ‘flying’ the plane with the dual controls. We wore a suit like Amelia Earhart or a pair of riding jodhpurs,” Meek said.

William Uhle, instructor of the ground school classes, said his job was to make the girl feel at home in the air before she ever left the ground. Then, after going up, she would recognize additional factors she needed to understand, and which would clear up in ground school. (Christian Science Monitor, May 7, 1940)

Dewey Eldred, considered one of the safest fliers in the nation in the 1940s, was in charge of the flying program at Lost Nation Airport. “We are showing once and for all,” Eldred said, “that any group of alert, intelligent young women can learn to fly as rapidly and as carefully as a similar group of young men.” (Christian Science Monitor, May 7, 1940)

Ruth Bartlett, professor of physical education at the College, began the aviation program in response to the demand she foresaw for workers in the industry. “That flying is the coming means of travel is no longer a question,” Bartlett said. “Women will undoubtedly be employed in many phases of the whole industry of airship building and airline travel.” (Lake Erie College Bulletin, April 1936)

After the first year, Lake Erie College organized an Aviation Club. This group became affiliated with the National Intercollegiate Flying Club, which was a member of the National Aeronautics Association. Lake Erie College was the first college for women to receive this official recognition. (Lake Erie College Bulletin, July 1936)

The Aviation Club brought Amelia Earhart, “First Lady of the Air,” to campus on Oct. 29, 1936. Following dinner in the dining room in College Hall, Earhart lectured on “Aviation Adventures” in Morley Music Building. After the lecture,

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History

President Vivian Small hosted a reception in Earhart’s honor at her home located across from campus on Mentor Avenue.

“The lure of flight is the lure of beauty,” Earhart said in her address, describing her emotions as she saw a sunrise over the ocean on a recent flight. “Airplane travel is simply the most modern and most beautiful mode of transportation developed by man.”

Barbara (Morris) Redmond ‘40 described Earhart’s appearance on campus. “Miss Earhart was here, shy and beautiful. She spoke, and we hung on every word,” Redmond said.

Earhart disappeared over the Pacific on July 2, 1937, after taking off from New Guinea on a flight around the world. Her remains have never been found, but the inspiration she provided to aviators around the world remains strong even today.

In 1939, Lake Erie College was one of two women’s colleges chosen by the Civil Aeronautics Authority (CAA) to participate in a civilian pilot training program. The other college was Mills College in California.

The training program was intended to create a reservoir of experienced pilots for a national emergency. Robert H. Hinckley, chairman of the CAA, predicted that the United States would be able to put 70,000 licensed pilots in the air by the end of 1941.

“The inclusion of women in this vocational training program must be considered this year to be entirely experimental,” Hinckley said. “Little of no data exists on the adaptability of women to group training as pilots, although individual women fliers have in many cases made distinguished records.

The Authority has high hopes that experience gained during the coming school year will furnish encouragement for widespread entrance of women into aviation.”

Forty Lake Erie students applied for the program, but only 10 were selected to participate. For each of these women, the CAA paid $290 for flying instruction and an additional $20 for related courses given by the College. To qualify, the student had to be at least 18 and not over 25 and pass a rigid physical examination that cost $6. She also had to obtain her parents’ approval, have an insurance policy at a cost of at least $14 and pass a psychological test. (Cleveland Plain Dealer, March 24, 1940)

Redmond was one of the students who earned her student pilot’s license. Knowles remembers her solo flight (made in a Piper J-3 Cub on March 4, 1940) vividly and describes it as follows: “I loved it, being alone in a plane up in the sky. Canvas and sticks with wheels and a lot of faith!

Marjory Willoughby ‘42 was at Lost Nation Airport to see Knowles make her solo flight. “I really got a thrill out of being on hand to see my good friend, Jean Fulton, a senior when I was a sophomore, take her solo flight successfully,” Willoughby said.

A scrawled sign in the small waiting room of the airport explained the extra payment the students who soloed successfully had to make. “Bank Night is every solo day,” the sign said. “Each civilian pilot training student is to provide candy bars for all members of class and instructors after first solo flight.” The students undoubtedly loved being witnesses to these special flights.
Knowles also received her Airman Certificate (private pilot license) on June 21, 1940. She never again flew in a Piper Cub until Labor Day weekend 1998, when her family arranged for her to again experience the thrill she felt when she had soloed, 58 years earlier!

Knowles, Hamlin and Bunny Bachman ’39 were the only female students who attended the Fifth National Intercollegiate Flying Conference in Washington, D.C. from March 19-21, 1939. They were there with a hundred male students from Harvard, Yale, the University of Michigan, Kenyon College, Akron University, the University of Minnesota, Purdue and the University of Toledo. (The Lake Erie Lantern, April 20, 1939)

At the conference, Knowles was elected to the important office of national secretary-treasurer of the Intercollegiate Flyers for 1939-1940. Ford and Bachman were invited to become members of the famous Ninety-Nines. This group of women pilots, still in existence today, was organized Nov. 2, 1929 and named for the 99 women who became charter members.

Bartlett discussed women in aviation in an address she made to the alumnae council in 1940. “Women in aviation are pioneering in a new field,” she said. “However, the changes and risks are not comparable to those which confronted women when our forefathers came into the Western Reserve.”

Bartlett went on to describe the feelings experienced by the student pilots when they made their first solo flights. “There is an indescribable something which happens to the individual when, on her first solo flight, for the first time in her life, a girl finds herself absolutely alone in space and on her own. There is as definite an element of character-building for those who take aviation as there was for those who had the courage to meet the hazards and hardships of conquering the frontiers of a new country.” (Lake Erie College Bulletin, March 1940)

The Aviation Club continued to be active through the 1940-41 academic year. After the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in December 1941 and America’s entry into the war, the aviation program was discontinued at the College. Marge (Wenning) O’Connell ’44 said this was because airplanes, gasoline and instructors were no longer available.

Several Lake Erie College students went on to serve their country during WWII and were the forerunners of today’s military women in aviation. Lorraine (Sterkel) Blaylock ’42, who had earned her private pilot license as a student through the CAA program, served in the U.S. Air Force as a women’s Air Force Service (WASP) pilot in the war. She earned both land and seaplane ratings as well as an engine license from the U.S. Army Air Corps.

Willoughby was not qualified to learn to fly as a student at the government’s cost because she could not pass the eye test and could not afford to pay for the lessons herself. “I always deeply regretted that I could not fly for my country, but I joined the Navy and spent three years at the Naval Base in Norfolk and retired as a Lt. Cmdr.,” Willoughby said.

Virginia (Slocum) Mattice ‘44 was a member of the Women’s Army Corps during WWII and was stationed in England. She, too, had been a member of the Aviation Club while at Lake Erie.

In February 1945, Lake Erie College sponsored a two-day Institute on Aviation for Women. The purpose of the institute was to orient faculty, students, alumnae, trustees and friends to aviation as an important phase of modern life.

Little did the participants know at that time just how important aviation would become in the years ahead or that the College would someday own its own airport. With the gift of the Pheasant Run Airport and its vintage aircraft and historical memorabilia from aviatrix Gretchen Reed, the aviation program at the College has come full circle.

Perhaps more Lake Erie students will be able to experience the thrill of their first solo flight, just like Hamlin, in the years ahead.
Academic SPOTLIGHT

College introduces forensic accounting concentration
by Kenneth “Rudy” Glenn ’10

Understanding the demands in today’s global economy, Lake Erie College seeks to prepare students to solve real-world problems. A notable real-world problem is the instability of the economy, which can lead to unethical decisions and illegitimate financial statements from companies. To combat these pressing issues, the practice of forensic accounting is put to the test to catch falsifications in accounting statements. Forensic accounting is often highly complex, but it is the reason significant scandals at Enron, Tyco and Worldcom were discovered.

Forensic accounting is the integration of accounting, auditing and investigative skills, providing an analysis of financial affairs suitable for a court to discuss, debate and ultimately resolve disputes. Fraud and forensic accounting is a growing area of specialization for professional accountants and other professionals in related fields such as law, criminology, sociology, psychology, intelligence, computer forensics and other forensic sciences. Public and private corporations, accounting firms, law enforcement agencies, government and not-for-profit entities all have experienced the need to develop programs to reduce inefficiencies, waste, abuse and fraud, including the need to provide or utilize the expertise of fraud and forensic accounting specialists.

Lake Erie College is meeting students’ demands to enter this exciting field by offering a new concentration in forensic accounting. Students will have the opportunity to learn from an expert in the field, Justin Briedenbach, instructor of accounting, who became a Certified Fraud Examiner earlier in 2011. His certification is regulated by the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners and is recognized globally for the holder’s knowledge and expertise as an anti-fraud professional.

Briedenbach was required to pass a rigorous set of exams in addition to having specific professional experience and an advanced degree. The computer-based exams totaled 500 questions, each of which had a strict 75-second time limit to answer. Topics covered in the exam included fraud prevention and deterrence, financial transactions, fraud investigation, and legal elements of fraud. Briedenbach will have to maintain his certification by completing over 20 hours of continuing professional education each year.

Forensic accounting students will complete their program as accountants with a concentration in forensic accounting and will find themselves in favorable positions, as many companies look to protect themselves internally with the accuracy and prevention skills of the students. Briedenbach, along with Julie Ziemak, assistant professor of accounting, began teaching forensic accounting courses in fall 2011.

Justin Briedenbach

Julie Ziemak
Lake Erie College plans to launch physician assistant program

by Katie Staats ’09, MBA ’11

The need for medical assistance continues to grow in today’s ever-changing society, due to the national healthcare reform and our aging population. According to the Ohio Job Outlook 2018 report, the number of physician assistants is expected to grow by 33.5 percent from 2008 to 2018, with an increase of 16 percent in Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain and Medina counties. Lake Erie College is prepared to train healthcare professionals as physician assistants to meet the market demands of our society; it will be the sixth institution in Ohio to offer a physician’s assistant program.

Students enrolled in the program will receive a master of science in physician assistant studies. Requirements include a completion of 66 credit hours of didactic courses and 40 credit hours of clinical rotations for a total of 106 credit hours over a duration of 27 months. The College plans to enroll 20 students in the first cohort and increase to 40 students with subsequent cohorts.

In order to become one of the 154 accredited educational programs for physician assistants located across the United States, the College has secured a position on the September 2013 board meeting of the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant and is currently developing curriculum for the program.

“`We have developed a collaboration with University Hospitals (UH) that will not only provide options for the College, but also opportunities for the students. UH has provided $210,000 in funding that will support key programs and positions. In addition, an agreement has been reached to assist in the formation of the advisory committee and we have worked together to develop clinical sites for the students that may be explored at an appropriate time,” said Vice President for Institutional Advancement Scott Evans.

Lake Erie College has received a grant from the John P. Murphy Foundation for the purchase of chemistry equipment for the proposed physician assistant program. This equipment will be used in the state-of-the-art Austin Hall of Science that was opened in January 2011. The building is home to the College’s academic programs in the natural sciences and pre-health professions.

The advisory committee for the program was selected during the fall 2011 semester. Members include Dr. Steve Reynolds, associate professor of biology and dean of science and mathematics at the College; Joe Weber, adjunct faculty member; Dale Sheptak, assistant professor of sport management; and Dr. Jana Holwick, vice president of academic affairs and chief academic officer. Rita McMahon, Painesville city manager; Dr. Jamie Landis, professor of biology at Lakeland Community College; and Steve Jones, president of University Hospital’s Geauga Medical Center, will also serve on the committee.
Parker MBA program continues to be successful

by Susan Licate ’05, MBA ’08

“This is a fantastic time to be entering the business world, because business is going to change more in the next 10 years than it has in the last 50.” — Bill Gates

In step with the demands of an ever-changing business environment, the College concluded the academic year with a multitude of initiatives in place to begin with the fall 2011 semester.

The College announced its partnership with Lakeland Community College’s Holden University Center, a multi-million dollar, 40,000-square foot learning facility. Holden University Center features the latest in technology and spacious classrooms designed to enhance group learning through its layout and interchangeable configurations.

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Students in the program began the fall semester at the Holden University Center, which is conveniently located and easily accessible from I-90 and Rt. 2. “Our students have commented on the convenience of the location; we are only 15 minutes from downtown Cleveland and 20 minutes from the I-480 business corridor. We are in touch with the need to accommodate today’s busy professional and understand the student’s need to juggle work and family while embarking on an advanced degree. The location, our personalized attention, variety of formats and a rolling admission process makes this a very unique model,” said Robert Trebar, Dean of the School of Business.

As the Parker MBA continues to be a sought-after and well-respected degree in the marketplace, it was only fitting to relocate the program to a more centralized location. This makes it convenient and beneficial for students who wish a seamless progression as they embark on their two-year degree, transition into their four-year degree and then have the ability to continue into the MBA program with the utmost convenience.

The success of the program has also been evidenced with the continued growth in enrollment. This fall reflected the largest student enrollment in the program’s history. In addition to the core MBA program at the Holden Center, corporate partnership classes are held on-site at University Hospitals, Parker Hannifin and First Energy Corporation.

Augmenting the good news, the program also celebrated its 30th anniversary. Begun in 1981, the program trained students to be leaders and strategists through its broad and deep curriculum. Today, students have the opportunity to concentrate their MBA in healthcare administration or business management; many finish their studies in as little as 11 months, giving them the competitive edge in the workplace and augmenting their ability to reach or exceed their career goals.

“I am continually amazed at the commitment and dedication of our Lake Erie MBA student body. As the College continues its commitment to academic excellence in its undergraduate and graduate degree programs, our momentum grows. Our students continue to excel in their careers. I can’t wait to see what the next 30 years brings to the Parker MBA program and our successful alumni,” Trebar said.

Learn more about how you can take your career to the next level with the Parker MBA. Contact lec.edu/parkerMBA or Donna Bares, program director, at dbares@lec.edu or 440.375.7075 for information, open house dates and admission criteria.
Sad stories that bring happy endings don’t occur often enough, especially when they involve horses. Such a story did take place this spring and summer, however, at the George M. Humphrey Equestrian Center and the farm of Pamela A. Hess, D.V.M., associate professor of equine studies.

A new foal was due to be born at the equestrian center on Feb. 21, with the mother-to-be, T-Kal, determined to set a record for the most sleep deprivation for the student foal watchers. On March 20, T-Kal went into labor during a horse show, which was highly unusual because daytime foaling rarely takes place during busy times. The foal was unresponsive when born and, despite efforts to resuscitate, did not survive.

Prissy, a mare belonging to Hess, had died of colic 12 days earlier and had left a five-week old foal without a mother. Hess brought the young filly, “Prissy’s Kauai Penny,” to the equestrian center, where she was immediately adopted by T-Kal. Hess described the scenario as follows:

“It was an event of tremendous sadness to me and my husband when Prissy died while we were away from our home and barn. It is always so sad to lose a horse, but to have this beautiful and sweet-tempered foal so saddened by the loss of her mother was one of the most depressing and emotional events in my horse-owning career.

Six-week old Penny had a 24-year old gelding to babysit her, but everyone could see that the simple joy of life was gone from her. We breed foals because we love to watch them run and buck and play with their mothers. After Prissy died, Penny did not play, did not run and buck, and often walked her stall in circles.

She was existing, eating and drinking but nothing much more than that.

When Penny met T-Kal and they called for each other, I was so hopeful that they would accept each other. Then when Penny began to nurse, tears welled in my eyes. As she nursed and nursed and bonded with her new mom, it was a very emotional moment for me.”

T-Kal and her adopted daughter, Penny, spent the summer together on Hess’s farm. Here they ran and played in the sunshine, enjoying each other’s company. Penny was weaned from T-Kal shortly after the fourth of July, and T-Kal was returned home to Lake Erie College prior to her departure to a retirement home out of state.

Hess describes the weanling Penny as follows: “Penny is growing up to be probably the best quality Haflinger we have ever raised. We are very happy with her superior size and great conformation as she grows up. Best of all, she has retained that wonderful temperament, exhibiting a wonderful ability to cope with new challenges, and learn her lessons well.”

Penny was a star in Hess’s barn at the Great Geauga County Fair from Sept. 1-5, 2011, where everyone could come up and pet her, fuss over her and read about her story on the front of her stall.

The story of the loss of her mother Prissy at five weeks of age, her wonderful adoption by T-Kal, and the successful raising of this purebred Haflinger filly Penny by her Swedish Warmblood dam – this is the kind of happy ending we all enjoy. We know Penny will continue to be a star, and we look forward to hearing about her future successes.
With endless opportunities and a high chance for success, working for the federal government provides immediate responsibility and the ability to develop key leadership skills. Lake Erie College 2009 alumna Angela Bethel was presented with the opportunity to work at the Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL), formed in 1997 at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio. “I interned for the AFRL in 2007, and I enjoyed my time there so much that after graduation I applied for a position. I was immediately contacted and offered a finance position and enrollment into the graduate program at Wright State University,” Bethel said.

AFRL is dedicated to the discovery, development and integration of war-fighting technology. Bethel was brought on as the single financial point of contact for the technical division, executing a $32 million yearly budget and managing a wide range of customer funds, including production and working capital funds.

Bethel’s responsibilities are varied, and she feels blessed to be given so much responsibility. At AFRL, she ensures critical technical efforts such as the high-visibility, cutting-edge congressional interest item alternative energy projects (converting waste to fuel), as well as budget execution and regulatory compliance.

One of her major responsibilities is assisting with the funding for the Coatings Technology Integration Office (CTIO). CTIO performs testing and evaluation using different paints on materials in different climates, temperature and air pressure. For example, CTIO helps determine the paints used on NASA shuttle crafts.

“I am very active with the Junior Force in AFRL. I traveled to Seattle last summer to tour Boeing Headquarters; it was a great experience,” Bethel said.

In addition to her AFRL tasks, Bethel assists with the funding for the Rain Corrosion test site, where rain drops are sent at supersonic speeds into different materials and coatings. She also oversees the Adhesives and Composites branch and Environment and Energy branch.

“I hope to continue my professional career with the federal government. I can’t see myself anywhere else; this is a perfect fit for me,” Bethel said.

Bethel received a nationwide recognition in 2010 as the Financial Analyst Civilian of the Year at AFRL.

During her graduate studies at Wright State University, Bethel served on the Dean’s Student Advisory Board for Raj Soin School of Business. She graduated with her MBA in November 2010 with a concentration in project management. After graduation, she became the key organizer in a humanitarian initiative to support Afghanistan children by fundraising and building campus-wide support and awareness to ultimately provide needy children in war zones with school supplies.
Snags, vegemite, couscous, kangaroo, crocodile and rissoles doesn’t sound much like American food. That’s because it’s not at all similar to what Americans eat on a daily basis. Yet, this is what Lake Erie College 2011 alumna Victoria Fedor ate regularly on the year she spent studying abroad in Australia.

After 33 hours of travel, Fedor felt the adrenaline rush of knowing that she was arriving in the opposite side of the world, by herself, not knowing anyone.

“The airline lost my luggage in New Zealand, so I was living off one change of clothes, a camera and my lap top,” Fedor said. “My first and only thought was to hit the ground running and start my adventures at the local shops!”

In Australia, Fedor lived in an apartment at Cairns Student Lodge, which housed study-abroad students from all over the world. Her roommate, Lency, was a Torres Straight Islander, one of the two indigenous groups in Australia. She spoke “Pidgin,” a native language passed down through the family. It was Lency who introduced Fedor to the local community and indigenous festivals filled with traditional tribal dancing, singing and Australian cuisine.

The next adventure led Fedor to take a class with world-leading invertebrate scientist and close friend of Steve Erwin, Dr. Jamie Seymour. The class, “Venomous Australian Animals,” was based on research of all Australia’s venomous creatures.

Fedor participated in the first research and surgery ever conducted on Cane toads. The experiment involved using ECG machines to monitor heart rates of the toads after injecting them with different snake venoms to determine the best way to slow their heart beats. Fedor and her class then used this research to see if there is something that can be injected into humans after they are stung or bitten to regulate their heart beat.

“I spent long hours in Dr. Seymour’s laboratory studying mortality rates on Irukandji jellyfish (one of the most deadly in the world),” Fedor said.

Snorkeling in the Great Barrier Reef, cliff diving at Crystal Cascades from two-story waterfalls, hiking in the rainforest, taking road trips through the outback and conducting research on wallabies were just a few of the unique opportunities Fedor experienced.

“I had a six-month internship at Cairns Tropical Zoo working as a zookeeper in the mammal, bird and reptile departments,” said Fedor. “I learned how to handle koalas, and the proper nutrition and care for dingoes, Eastern Grey and Red Kangaroos and Napalese Red Pandas.”

Like many other study-abroad students, physical and mental preparation is key to approaching such an expedition. Fedor was forced to think outside the box but yet it was a challenge she accepted not because she had to, but because she was willing.

“A year abroad changed my life for the better. It allowed me to know and understand issues of the global community. I would recommend studying abroad to anyone considering it; an experience of a lifetime should never be overlooked,” Fedor said.

Following her graduation from Lake Erie College in spring 2011 with a major in biology and a minor in chemistry, Fedor planned a trip to Arusha and Moshi, Tanzania. She hopes to engage in volunteer work for HIV/AIDs patients and orphanages through the non-profit organization Cross Cultural Solutions. Fedor is also enrolled in Cleveland State University’s graduate program and will earn a degree in public health. Her ultimate goal is to become a clinical epidemiologist and work for the Centers for Disease Control.
What do you think of when you hear the words “car dealership?” Maybe Honda, a nice suit or zero money down. The average person might consider these words. But how many times do you think Ferrari, Lamborghini or Rolls Royce? These are words that Lake Erie College 2010 alumnus Erik Green speaks every day and cars that he knows like the back of his hand.

Not only has Facebook become a social media phenomenon, but it has also become a popular recruiting tool for many businesses. Chad Gano, owner of Thomas Classics car dealership in Akron, sought to find a young protégé. As he was searching Facebook, he stumbled upon Green’s personal page. Immediately interested, Gano contacted Green and offered him a job.

While attending Lake Erie College, Green became involved in Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE), the student organization that brings together young entrepreneurs and challenges their ideas, helping them to achieve success. SIFE allowed Green to tap into talents he never knew he possessed. Being a part of this organization also influenced him to major in marketing and minor in entrepreneurship.

“The job at Thomas Classics found me. I had started my own event marketing company which attracted Gano to my Facebook page. It’s interesting to see how situations unfold,” Green said.

Thomas Classics is an independent boutique-style dealership that caters to the discerning client. Boutique-style is a term used to show the similarity to a small company or store in Europe that carries a more personable and intimate feel. The company thrives on a “no hassle” environment, providing a connected experience to car purchasing.

Within three months, Green has already sold 15 cars including a BMW, Porsche, three Corvettes, a Shelby and Lamborghini. Gano was able to close out a deal on a Ferrari within six hours from the time of purchase to the arrival of the car at the dealership, a unique level that Green is determined to reach soon.

Typical clients of Thomas Classics are high net-worth, affluent individuals; however, the business attracts all types of clients. “To be a great sales person at Thomas Classics, one must understand the art of making a deal. It’s important to listen to the clients and fulfill their needs,” Green said.

Green’s immediate goal is to thoroughly learn the business and one day earn partial ownership of Thomas Classics. He also plans to continue working on his event marketing company.

“The skills in this industry are ongoing – time management, customer service, organization, patience and gaining the trust of your client are just some of the skills needed. I’ve learned that all you really have is your word, something that your clients rely heavily on,” Green said.
New friends, new cuisine, new times. For most people, studying abroad is more about having fun than a new learning experience. But for Lake Erie College senior Kaitlyne Perrill, becoming immersed in Italian culture was one of her most valuable and life changing experiences to date.

While on vacation, Perrill fell in love with Rome and knew this was something she wanted to continue to explore. She ran with her intuition and, with the help of Jonathan Klein, Lake Erie’s coordinator of international studies, she was able to find the perfect American school in Rome, John Cabot University. After sending a letter of recommendation and her transcripts, Perrill was accepted into the school and left for Italy on May 17, 2011 for a six-week trip.

From swimming in underwater caves in the Amalfi Coast in southern Italy to diving off 45-foot cliffs into the Mediterranean Sea, Perrill truly learned the meaning of conquering your fears. Terrified of heights, she never thought she would even consider cliff diving. Nevertheless, with a final prayer and a scream, she swallowed her fears and plunged into the sea, a metaphor that can be applied to her entire experience studying abroad.

“I’ve never been the type of person who would jump into a sea of water filled with sharks, giant fish and unknown areas,” said Perrill. “Experiences like this needed to be taken advantage of even if it meant feeling uncomfortable.”

Perrill lived in an apartment in Trastevere, Rome with four other girls from Ukraine, New Jersey, Boston and Connecticut. Learning how different people live allowed her to apply the lessons she learned to her own life. School was difficult at times, but her experience in Italian studies allowed Perrill to communicate with her professor and classmates.

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The demand for physical therapists is expected to grow in 2012 due in part to the increasing elderly population that requires therapeutic services. Physical therapists (PT) promote the best possible physical health for patients through treatments such as movement exercises, stretching, strength training and mobility. Whether it’s helping a stroke victim learn to walk again or an athlete finish out the season, a PT becomes the main ingredient in a full recovery.

Senior Krista O’Connor learned what it takes to become a physical therapist in this demanding economy. As a requirement for graduate school, O’Connor fulfilled her two-credit hour clinical observation course at the College. She began volunteering at Lake Health Physical Therapy in December 2010 and completed 50 observation hours.

“I applied as a volunteer on the Lake Health website. As I thought about it, I knew that I had to mentally prepare for the daily challenges. Without the mental and physical focus, I would have not been able to dedicate my full capabilities to the patients I assisted,” O’Connor said.

During her shadowing experience, O’Connor would tend to patients’ small, but vital, needs in the steps towards recovery, such as changing and folding linens and providing icepacks and other necessary items. The reality of this career can be intimidating; however, the benefits outweigh any struggles that physical therapists might face.

While working at Lake Health, O’Connor learned the different variations of certain exercises that will still work the same muscles, since one way may work for one person but not work for another. “It takes a very passionate and focused person to work in this career and I learned this through my mentors,” O’Connor said.

Motivating yourself is one thing, but motivating patients as a PT can be a challenge. “I wanted to leave this experience knowing that I chose the right field of work. These expectations were met, and I look forward to moving on with this as a profession,” she said.

O’Connor also shadowed at the Cleveland Clinic sport and orthopedic outpatient clinic for 75 hours (also part of her clinical observation credits at Lake Erie College) and the Metro Health Senior Health and Wellness Center for 50 hours. Metro Health is an inpatient, sub-acute care facility that focuses mainly on increasing strength in the elderly.

At Lake Erie College, O’Connor is captain of the volleyball team, member of Students Making a Difference, secretary and community service representative for the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and president of Mortar Board. She will graduate in May 2012 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology with a concentration in pre-physical therapy and a minor in psychology.
Tough love: Internship at global leader guides student’s future

by Katie Staats ’09, MBA ’11

Headquartered in Mentor, Ohio, Cardinal Commerce has become a global mobile and e-commerce leader in implementing authentication initiatives and securing transactions and alternative payment brands. With a developed market background and expertise in the industry, Cardinal Commerce continues to expand their business globally and strives to be a major player in the international market.

Senior Gus Armbruster first arrived at Cardinal Commerce with another intern, Michael Lechner. Armbruster and Lechner began training for three weeks together until Lechner was brought on board as a full-time employee in the merchant services department. Training was grueling because the content was new, but it helped Armbruster learn about Centinel, a product based on credit card authentication.

At Cardinal Commerce, Armbruster worked closely with Vice President of Merchant Services Mary Ballard, as well as the sales and marketing departments. Maggie O’Neil, sales support coordinator, also was instrumental in Armbruster’s learning, teaching him the internal and external components of the business.

Cardinal Commerce is a young and fast-growing company. For two weeks, Armbruster was charged with researching major competitors in the Australian market. The strategy was to partner with these players in order to get Cardinal Commerce’s name out in this particular market.

Although he enjoyed his research of Australian competitors, Armbruster was faced with a few challenges while at Cardinal Commerce. “My greatest challenge was learning about the company itself. I was unfamiliar with credit card authentication (verified by Visa & MasterCard SecureCode) and alternative payment brands online such as PayPal, Google Checkout, Amazon Payments and Bill Me Later. I had to learn a lot of new terms and acronyms,” Armbruster said.

The importance of internships is to gain insight into networking and receive real job experience. In a successful company such as Cardinal Commerce, Armbruster was able to learn from CEO Michael E. Keresman III, also a member of the Lake Erie College Board of Directors.

“At company meetings, Keresman would acknowledge all employees, no matter their rank in the company,” Armbruster said. “I felt special even though I was an intern.”

Not only has Cardinal Commerce acted as a stepping stone and foundation for Armbruster’s professional career, but Lake Erie College has done so as well. Armbruster was shy when he first came to the College, but he learned how to build relationships through his classmates and professors.

“These were one of the many skills I needed to succeed at Cardinal Commerce. I felt comfortable speaking with vice presidents, which helped me complete my assigned projects,” Armbruster said.

As a linebacker on Lake Erie’s football team, Armbruster contributed to the September 2011 win over top rival Gannon University.

Double majoring in business administration and human resources management, Armbruster will graduate in May 2012. He hopes to continue his career at Cardinal Commerce or join in his family’s business.
Excellence in Teaching award

As a higher education institution, Lake Erie College encourages teachers to take their skills to new heights. To reward those who go above and beyond, the College presents the “Excellence in Teaching” award each school year. The 2010-2011 recipient, Dr. Zane Johnson, associate professor of biology, came to Lake Erie in May of 2006 after teaching at the College of the Southwest. At Lake Erie, Dr. Johnson has earned the reputation of being a fun and reliable role-model teacher. Johnson is known to be enthusiastic and strives for student success, and he has helped students find jobs. Lake Erie College is proud to have Dr. Johnson as its 2010-2011 Excellence in Teaching award winner.

Holwick appointed vice president for academic affairs

Lake Erie College has appointed Dr. Jana Holwick as the vice president for academic affairs and chief academic officer. Dr. Holwick began her career with the College in January 2007 as the vice president for administration and finance. She received her Ph.D. in Education from Capella University in December 2009 and has since served as the associate vice president for academic planning & research and interim dean of education.

President Victor is Leader of the Year

Michael T. Victor, president of Lake Erie College, was named the 2010-2011 Leader of the Year by Leadership Lake County. This prestigious award was presented to Victor at a dinner held June 8 at Pine Haven Country Club in Willoughby, Ohio. A large crowd was present for the event, which also recognized graduates of the 2010-2011 Leadership Lake County class. Members of Victor’s family as well as a number of trustees and staff members from the College were also in attendance.

Victor was selected for the award in recognition of his leadership contributions to Lake Erie College and the Lake County community. Since taking over as Lake Erie College president in 2006, he has steered the College into a new era of vigorous growth and prosperity in academics, athletics, student body, facilities and funding. During Victor’s tenure, the College has more than doubled in enrollment, expanded its academic major offerings, added athletic programs and increased its operating budget, a testament to the vision and resolve he exudes and his infectious passion that inspires those around him.

In addition to the award from Leadership Lake County, Victor also received proclamations from the Board of Lake County Commissioners, Tim Grendell of the Ohio Senate and Congressman Steven C. LaTourette.

Christine Mastandrea, a member of the Lake Erie College Board of Directors since 2002, rang the opening bell on the New York Stock Exchange representing her company, Whitestone REIT, on March 9, 2011. Mastandrea is fourth from right in the photo.
Lake Erie College has successfully completed all phases of its capital campaign and surpassed the goal of $30 million with more than $31,304,311 in contributions and commitments. This is the largest and most successful fundraising effort in the history of the 155-year old liberal arts college.

“We are grateful for the generosity of our alumni, friends, foundations, corporations and parents for helping us reach our goal ahead of schedule,” said President Michael T. Victor. “With their tremendous support, we can accommodate the growth in enrollment that we have experienced over the last five years and prepare for the future,” he said.

Lake Erie College received numerous major gifts since the capital campaign began when President Victor took the reins in July 2006. These include a $4 million gift from an anonymous donor and a $3.5 million gift from Gretchen Reed that included the Pheasant Run Airport located in Leroy, Ohio, 18 historic aircraft and supporting funds. These represent two of the largest gifts in the history of the College. There were also several other gifts in excess of $1 million.

Gifts from the campaign have enabled the College to complete the $8 million construction project of the new Austin Hall of Science, construct a new $3 million learning center at the George M. Humphrey Equestrian Center, acquire the former Phillips Osborne Academy property adjacent to the Painesville campus, place artificial grass on the athletic field at Jack Britt Stadium and improve other facilities and the grounds of campus.

Students will continue to benefit from the campaign with new scholarships, academic programs such as the creation of the Center for Entrepreneurship and physician assistant program planned for 2013, and sports program enhancements in order to accommodate Lake Erie College’s increasing presence in NCAA Division II athletics. Approximately $4 million in unrestricted support from the annual fund over the last five years is included in the $31.3 million capital campaign.

“This was an incredibly successful campaign and we are fortunate to complete it in just 60 months from the start of President Michael Victor’s administration and during these challenging economic times. We finished strong with approximately $7 million this past year which allowed us to exceed our goal,” said Scott Evans, vice president for institutional advancement.

“The next campaign is already underway as of July 1. We will focus on capital funds for a new library, scholarships, academic program support and endowments to sustain the College well into the future. We thank all of our donors for their contributions and their efforts to advance the institution and meet our strategic goals,” Evans said.

Lake Erie College maintains a beautiful campus and an excellent staff, which creates a fresh and unique environment. When a maintenance or housekeeping need arises on campus, Kelly Knauf, assistant director of the physical plant, often already has the problem solved. Knauf and her staff ensure that faculty, staff and students are all provided with a clean, safe and comfortable environment 24 hours a day, seven days a week. She is a dedicated and loyal employee with a wonderful sense of humor, and she performs her duties efficiently and effectively. Lake Erie College is privileged to have Kelly Knauf as part of the College community and honored her with the Outstanding Staff Employee of the Year award this past spring.
You can support Lake Erie through your will

Lake Erie College has been fortunate to have received a large number of gifts over the years from alumni and friends who wished to leave a legacy for future generations of students. These persons have become members of the College’s prestigious Reuben Hitchcock Society, named in honor of one of the influential founders of Lake Erie Female Seminary.

You, too, can leave a legacy, and one of the easiest ways to do this is through your will. A will is a statement about what matters most in your life. By making a will, you can ensure that your intentions are clearly expressed and will be followed by those administering your estate. After providing for your family, friends and others, you can continue your support by including a gift to Lake Erie College. These gifts take many forms:

An outright bequest, in which you give Lake Erie College a specified dollar amount or specified assets, such as securities, real estate or tangible personal property.

A residual bequest, in which you give Lake Erie College all or a percentage of the remainder of your estate after specific amounts bequeathed to other beneficiaries are distributed and estate-related expenses are paid.

A contingent bequest, which provides for Lake Erie College upon the occurrence of a certain event – if, for example, your primary beneficiary does not survive you.

A testamentary trust, in which you establish a trust through your will. Beneficiaries receive income for life or a term of years and, at the end of the trust term, Lake Erie College receives the remainder.

You can make a bequest by creating a new will or by adding a codicil to your existing will. Such bequests will be considered unrestricted – if you wish to support a specific department or program at Lake Erie College, be sure to specify this when you draft your will or codicil, and your gift will be used as designated.

For further information about making a gift by will or any aspects of estate planning, please contact Scott Evans, vice president for institutional advancement, at 440.375.7255 or sevans@lec.edu.

Col. Arville Hickerson establishes scholarship fund

In spring 2011, Col. Arville Hickerson established the Hickerson Scholars Fund, an incremental scholarship for a graduate of Harvey High School who is attending Lake Erie College. The scholarship is designed to encourage students from Harvey to enroll at Lake Erie and to motivate the recipient to remain at the College for all four years. It provides a $1,000 scholarship for the student the first year, $2,000 the second, $3,000 the third and $4,000 the fourth.

Arville Hickerson grew up on Levan Drive in the shadows of Lake Erie College. His father, William Hickerson, was professor of English on the Mary Evans Foundation from 1926 to 1976 and his mother, Hazel, was assistant librarian and advisor for the Classes of 1942 and 1962.

Hickerson graduated from Harvey High School in 1952 and went on to receive a bachelor’s degree in engineering sciences and a master’s degree in mechanical engineering from Dartmouth.

He spent his entire career in the Army, serving in Berlin, Vietnam and Korea. He first served with the 82nd Airborne Division, and later as a Company Commander in the 2nd Battle Group, 6th Infantry when the Berlin Wall was built. He also served with Special Forces and as an instructor at the U.S. Army Infantry School. He was in combat in the USMACV and 1st Air Cavalry Division for 27 consecutive months that encompassed eight designated campaigns and the TET Offensives of 1968 and 1969.

He was Battalion Commander of the 23rd Infantry, 2nd Infantry Division in Korea during the 1973 oil crisis and later served on the staffs of the Army Chief of Staff and Inspector General, and he graduated from the National War College. He was promoted to Colonel in 1977 and was retired in 1983.

The first recipient of this scholarship is Ericka Colon, who graduated from Harvey in 2011. She is majoring in biology, with the hopes of someday becoming a physician.
Lake Erie College honored Karen Reinberger Hooser, Ellen Stirn Mavec and Nancy McCann as recipients of the Distinguished Citizens of the Western Reserve Award on May 24, 2011.

Initiated in 2007 by Lake Erie College president Michael T. Victor, the award is a way of recognizing community leaders and change-agents outside Lake Erie who mirror the three pillars and principles of the College: excellence, tradition and service. Designees must work or reside in the Western Reserve, make a notable contribution to the community or region in the areas of service, philanthropy, business, education, arts or healthcare, and uphold high moral standards.

“Lake Erie College is pleased to recognize three outstanding women who demonstrate the commitment and dedication to their philanthropic foundations that ultimately serve the good of all people,” Victor said.

Karen Reinberger Hooser is the youngest of three daughters of William and Mary Ann Reinberger. A lover of horses beginning in childhood, Karen selected Lake Erie College because of its strong equestrian program. In 1978, she graduated from Lake Erie cum laude with a degree in equine studies. In 1992, Karen joined her father, William C. Reinberger, as a trustee of The Reinberger Foundation, which was begun in 1968 by Clarence T. Reinberger; she became president in 2009. Over the past 40-plus years, the Foundation has given over $90 million in support of nonprofits in the Cleveland and Columbus areas. Karen serves on the Northeast Ohio Advisory Board for the Children’s Hunger Alliance.

Ellen Stirn Mavec is a native Cleveland who has become one of the city’s most successful businesswomen and board-level volunteers. In 1982, Ellen joined the board of The Kelvin and Eleanor Smith Foundation that was established by her grandfather, Kelvin Smith, in 1955; she was elected president in 1997. In recognition of its outstanding financial and inspirational commitment to the Cleveland community, the Foundation has received numerous awards. Ellen is vice president of the Board of Trustees of the Cleveland Museum of Art, a life trustee of the Great Lakes Theater Festival, a director of Cleveland State University’s Foundation Board, and a member of the board of the Evergreen Cooperative Development Fund.

Nancy McCann is an inspirational leader in the business and nonprofit worlds. She is president, treasurer and trustee of the J. P. Murphy and Kulas foundations, which provide grants for charitable, educational, musical and performing arts causes in Northeast Ohio. Nancy began her marketing career at Higbee’s department store, went on to become senior vice president with Forest City Commercial Development and currently is president of her own marketing firm. She serves on the boards of Cleveland State University, the Musical Arts Association, the Generation Foundation, the Cleveland Film Society and University Circle Inc. and is a member of the Junior League.
Social Parlor dedicated to Louise Price

The Louise Price Social Parlor was dedicated during Alumni Weekend 2010 in memory of a woman who had influenced Lake Erie students for many years. Louise Price was director of residence in College Hall from 1956 through 1972. She ruled College Hall with grace, dignity and an iron fist, but she was dearly beloved by all of “her” students.

Leaders of the fundraising effort were 1960 alumnae Joan (Blanchard) Gay, Kathie (Stamm) Havener and Delores (Persichitti) Saada. These ladies were instrumental in encouraging their classmates to donate to the fund, and the College thanks them for their special efforts.

The Class of 1960 led an initiative as part of Lake Erie’s Sesquicentennial Celebration in 2006 to renovate and rename Social Parlor in Mrs. Price’s honor. Eighty-three alumnae who had lived in College Hall under the leadership of Louise Price donated to the fund, which was a wonderful tribute to a remarkable woman.

The Louise Price Social Parlor was renovated in fall 2006 and has become again a fitting setting for the priceless antiques and collections that are housed there. It is almost possible to feel the spirit of the students, faculty and guests who have studied and socialized there since the early days of the Seminary. Mrs. Price would be pleased indeed.

Class of 1960 endows scholarship fund

The Class of 1960 has reached their goal of raising $50,000 to establish an endowed scholarship fund; this is the largest gift ever given by a Lake Erie College class. Fifty-six members and friends contributed to the scholarship.

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“We are touched by the generosity of the Class of 1960. Their commitment to their alma mater, their respect for their fellow classmates and their legacy to those who will benefit reminds us of the three pillars of the College: Excellence. Tradition. Service,” President Victor said.

The Class of 1960 established this Endowed Memorial Scholarship Fund during Homecoming/Alumni Weekend 2010 in honor of their 50th anniversary and in memory of their deceased classmates. The scholarship will be awarded beginning in 2012 to students demonstrating financial need, with preference given to students who have shown a high level of commitment to their classmates and/or the College through their individual or group efforts and activities.
Honors Colloquium

The Scholars Program’s Annual Research Colloquium featured presentations by Lake Erie College students Brittany Hammonds, Rachel Hanzak, Robin Kopplin, Rachel Riley, Erin Byler, Melanie Landers, Melanie Snyder and Linnea Swanson. Topics included linear algebraic expression, equine muscle anatomy, changing nature of eventing, stimulus taxes, a business proposal, and the value of experience in teaching education.

Human Trafficking awareness

Dr. Jeff Barrows, founder of Gracehaven, a rehabilitation facility for females in central Ohio, visited Lake Erie College to speak about the risks and impact of human trafficking.

Dance program

The Dance Program at Lake Erie College is composed of talented professionals who dedicate their time to educate dancers through high levels of creative energy. The Spring 2011 dance concert featured works of contemporary guest artists Joe Booth, Lynn Deering, Marissa Glorioso, Howard Washington II ’08 and award-winning choreographer Helanius J. Wilkins, artistic director of the Washington, D.C.-based EDGEWORKS Dance Theater. The College also welcomed guest appearances by members of the Cleveland State University Dance Company.
Academic Decathlon

Lake Erie College hosted the State Finals of the Academic Decathlon. Over 110 students from 14 different high schools from all over Ohio competed.

Italian Culture Club – Luca Buvoli

The Italian Culture Club presented works by Luca Buvoli, who is known for his breathtaking depiction of movement and action through animated film and video, art installation, sculpture, painting and drawing.

App winner

The Center for Entrepreneurship held a contest to see who could produce the most revolutionary app for the ever-growing Smartphone market. The winning app, Ballot Tracker, was produced by freshman Joel Velez and alumnus Danny Sulecki.

Center for Ethics events

Lake Erie College hosted a series of bioethics lectures for the spring 2011 semester. The lectures featured speakers from Case Western Reserve University Department of Bioethics and the Cleveland Clinic Foundation Fellowship for Advanced Bioethics. Topics included abortion, stem cell research, direct to consumer advertising of pharmaceuticals, prescription medicine and pregnant women and the exposure of their fetuses to risk. The Center for Ethics was established in December 2009 to promote intellectual appreciation of moral values and critical thinking about ethical practices.
IDA team wins national championship

The Lake Erie College Intercollegiate Dressage Association (IDA) had a very successful 2010-2011 show season. The team kicked off the season by winning the title of champion team at its first two shows, which were hosted by Michigan State University and Albion College. Their success continued through the season and earned the team the title of Regional Champion.

The IDA team had many talented riders, several of whom were Regional Champions and Reserve Champions in their individual divisions. In April, at the IDA National Championships in Florida, the team composed of then graduating senior Amy Ertas, junior Sarah Simmons, sophomore Autumn Harvey and junior Meghan Marcinkewicz, came away with a first-place victory, earning Lake Erie College the title of IDA National Champions.

Stuart Varney speaks on campus

One of the best-known journalists in the world visited the campus in March. Stuart Varney, originally a Fox News Channel anchor, joined the Fox Business Network as an anchor in October 2007, where he served as host of the daily morning show, “Varney & Company.” Formerly the host of CNBC’s broadcast of “The Wall Street Journal Editorial Board with Stuart Varney” and co-host of CNN’s “MoneyLine News Hour” from 1999 to 2001, Varney joined the Fox News network in December 2003 as a contributor to a variety of shows, including “Your World with Neil Cavuto,” “Bulls & Bears,” and “Forbes on Fox.” Varney is also notably a founding member of CNN's award-winning business team and former host of both “Business Day” and “Business Asia.”

Varney spoke in the Morley Music Building and shared some opinions, facts and humor with the capacity crowd. Attendees were delighted with Varney's witiness and opinions of the world economy. Varney also shared stories of being a news anchor and television personality as a whole. Lake Erie College was proud to have Stuart Varney visit the campus and enjoyed his excellent presentation.

Student art show/film festival

Paintings, sculptures, photos and drawings were on display, followed by a screening of the short films produced by students. The students were enrolled in classes taught by Stephen Gutierrez, assistant professor of integrated media; Nancy Prudic, associate professor of visual arts; and Jesse Rhinehart, adjunct instructor of art.
Steven Newman
A large crowd gathered in the newly dedicated Austin Hall of Science for the presentation of former Green Beret and retired Master Sergeant United States Army Special Forces Steven Newman, one of the many soldiers deployed into Afghanistan. Newman spoke about his first novel, “The Night Eagles Soared,” a fictional story about a Special Forces team sergeant who leads the first team of Green Berets into Afghanistan after 9/11.

Deborah Hoffman BFA concert
Lake Erie College alumna Deborah Hoffman, in musical collaboration with guest artists Lisa Wilson, oboe, and Jennifer Brewer, soprano, performed her final work for her BFA degree.

Christina Hannan BFA exhibit
May 2011 BFA candidate Christina Hannan composed the project “Imagination,” an astounding array of multimedia pieces created over the course of her senior year at the College.

Jabali Afrika
Jabali Afrika brought alive its original and traditional African rhythms through a wide variety of instruments, accompanied by vocal harmonies that form the foundation of modern rock, jazz and blues.

IdeaLab
The Center for Entrepreneurship held its IdeaLab event in March, which encouraged students to develop idea and concepts and refine them through workshops. The final event required participants to present their ideas to a panel of judges with the chance of winning $1,000, $1,500 or $2,500. The winner was senior Katie Stockdale, with her concept business, “The Stallion Market.” Second place went to junior Rick Carreira with “Hands First Goalkeeper Academy,” and third place went to “The Gus Bus,” a concept created by Gus Armbruster and Chris Smith. Other finalists were: Andrea Callender, Anne-Marie Morgan, Alexander Palmer, Linnea Swanson and Chelsey Wolterman.
Professional development

Lake Erie College was one of the few higher education institutions invited to participate this summer at Harvard University with professional development courses for science teachers. The class, Lake Erie in My Life, was taught through Lake MetroParks, and two courses, Amazing Plants: Life Cycles, Reproduction and Heredity in the Green World and Bio-Blitz for Teachers: How to Immerse Your Students in Nature, were taught at Holden Arboretum. The opportunity was given as a part of a National Institute of Health-funded project entitled Assessment of Life Science Intermediate School Educators (ALSISE). ALSISE seeks to survey professional development opportunities for middle school life science teachers nationally.

Student-designed book kit

Michael Kurtz, a Lake Erie College student, and his sister, Nicole, a student at the Cleveland Institute of Art, have created a pizza box kit as a learning tool for elementary students. The kit, which looks like a pizza box, is an interactive tool for students in kindergarten through second grade.

The box itself is designed to hold a book so the teacher’s hands are free to manipulate the pieces, which look like pepperoni, onions and other pizza toppings. The kit also contains a delightfully illustrated book containing alliterative phrases like, “Millions of munchy maggots march over the monster’s mush.” Through their interaction with the kit’s pieces, students can learn such important concepts as time, languages, sequence and fractions.

Kurtz worked with his advisor, Dr. Linda Siegel, assistant professor of middle childhood education, on developing the kit. The book was published by Lulu.com and is available for purchase.

Black Student Union fashion show

Lake Erie College’s Black Student Union (BSU) “City of Dreams” showcased custom pieces from local designers and trendy styles donated by neighborhood vendors.

Triathlon

Assistant Professor of Sport Management Dale Sheptak’s Sports Facility Planning, Operations and Management (SA 205) class hosted the College’s first-ever intramural triathlon.

Medieval celebration

Students of Renaissance Literature (EN223) hosted a Medieval Faire, which was celebrated through a universal and theological perspective.
Graduate student conference

Amber Adache shared her senior research project at the University of California Santa Barbara’s 13th Lusophone & Hispanic Graduate Student Conference. Her project was entitled “La vida bajo las sombras: los niños invisibles de los Estados Unidos” (Life Beneath the Shadows: The Invisible Children of the United States).

Spanish Pulsera

Each year, the Lake Erie College Spanish Club hosts many activities, including a fundraiser each semester. Led by president Amber Adache, the Spanish Club held a “Lend a Hand” fundraiser in the fall of 2010, through which the club donated a pair of winter gloves to the Salvation Army for each pair sold.

In the spring, the Spanish Club introduced The Pulsera Project to the campus. The Pulsera Project is a non-profit organization that serves as a vendor to sell friendship bracelets (in Spanish, “Pulsera”) made by Nicaraguan children for the children’s benefit. The bracelets were a hit among the College community, and the Spanish Club raised over $1,000 by selling the five-dollar bracelets. Each bracelet was unique, handmade and tagged with its creator’s name. Many who participated in the fundraiser contacted the bracelets’ creators through social networking sites and made connections that span the Western hemisphere.

Painting city hall

Students Making a Difference (SMAD) students Jennifer and Jessica Kenny, Danny Sulecki and Lauren Johnson and staff member Kathleen Homyock painted Painesville City Hall as one of their service activities.

Theatre productions

The Theatre Department presented It’s Called the Sugarplum by Israel Horovitz; Jet of Blood, a well-known masterpiece of surrealism by Antonin Artaud; and Requiem, a masterpiece of Russian expressionism by Leonid Andreyev.
Jamil Dudley achieves high jump success

by Jason Tirotta

At six-foot, seven-inches tall, Jamil Dudley is easily noticed both around campus and around the track. And while he tries to keep a low profile, often sitting quietly with his headphones on as he mentally focuses on his next attempt, his performance in the high jump has made it virtually impossible for people not to take notice. Plus, it’s very difficult to keep a low profile when you’re a 19-year old with a national championship gold medal.

Dudley capped arguably one of the most impressive first-year seasons in the country as a Lake Erie freshman in 2010-11 in June when he won the high jump at the United States Track and Field Junior National Championships, earning him the distinction as the country’s top jumper under the age of 20.

“It was an incredible experience, being out there on that podium with tens of thousands of people there,” Dudley said of the award ceremony following his victory. “I was trying to hold my emotions in, to act like I’ve been in that situation before. But it was hard, I was really happy. I was smiling ear-to-ear.”

He won the event by clearing 7'-2 ½" and besting a talented field that included Penn’s Maliik Reynolds, a senior event qualifier, Auburn’s D.J. Smith, an All-SEC performer, and several other jumpers from colleges and universities at the Division I level.

“Being in that type of meet, where you aren’t worried about scoring points for your team, it was more relaxing than at any other point during the season,” Dudley said. “I wanted to do well, but wasn’t stressed or worried about how I’d do when I went there, taking a ‘whatever happens, happens’ attitude with me. But when I got close towards the end and had a chance to win, my competitiveness kicked in and I wanted to go after it.”

The gold medal at the Junior Nationals in Eugene, Oregon was the culmination for an exciting year for Dudley.

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It started when he arrived on campus and began working with head coach Bryan Harmon’s staff – most notably jumps coach Nick Decker – to improve his footwork on approach. Dudley had a successful high school career at Massillon, earning a pair of all-state finishes. But the Lake Erie coaches noticed a glitch in his steps and worked to rectify it.

“In high school, I stuttered on my last four steps and when I got here I worked on making it smoother and a more of a run-up and jump off the run,” he said. “It has helped me tremendously. The most important thing to a successful jump is the approach. If you don’t hit it hard enough and come up short of your take off spot, it could be disastrous. It wasn’t an easy change for me, but we kept working on it throughout the year to get it smoother and to the point I was consistently doing it every time.”

The change in footwork proved effective immediately. Dudley hit the national standard for automatic qualification for the NCAA Indoor National Championships in his first intercollegiate meet in December. Then in March he took home the school’s first track and field conference championship trophy by winning the high jump at the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) Championships, a competition where he also was named the league’s Freshman Field Athlete of the Year.

He carried that success to the national indoor championships where he claimed his first All-American honor with a third-place finish in the high jump, helping Lake Erie to a 16th-place team finish.

“He was a freshman and coming into our league, which is so competitive, and then going to the national meet, having such success early was very special.”

Using the experience from the indoor season as a learning tool, Dudley transitioned to the outdoor season in March and continued to dominate the event. The highlight of the season came in mid April at a meet in High Point, N.C.

“At the meet at High Point, I was watching the races and if you won, they gave you flowers and you were introduced to the stadium at the middle of the field,” Dudley recalled. “I really just wanted to be out there and do that.”

He was able to get his opportunity after winning the high jump with an incredible jump of 7'-3 ¼”, giving him the best jump of the year in Division II for both indoor and outdoor seasons.

“I was trying to hit the B standard for the USATF national meet, which I hit on my third jump. But then the officials came back and said that they had the measurements wrong and that the height wasn’t accurate. I just kept thinking, ‘Oh no, please don’t take this away from me,’ but then they said that it was inaccurate on the short side and that I had actually cleared 7'-3 ¼.”

“I couldn’t believe it – I was speechless.”

He went on to place third at the GLIAC outdoor meet and then followed that up with a fourth-place finish at the NCAA Outdoor Championships in California, earning his second All-American honor. It was one of seven A-A awards for the Storm men, who tied for 14th place at the national meet out of over 60 scoring schools.

After admittingly just trying to be part of the team and fitting in as a freshman, Dudley has more than made a name for himself both on campus and at the national level. Now, the criminal justice major has several more goals for the rest of his career.

He’ll start with basketball. He’s going to be a member of the Storm men’s team this season and then switch over to track near the end of the indoor season, hoping to join a growing list of two-sport stars at Lake Erie. He’s also gunning for the US National Olympic Trial mark of 7'-4 ½”.

Dudley knows that two sports and keeping up with his studies will be a challenge, but he is going to rely on what has brought him to this point.

“I try to keep a level head and not get ahead of myself,” he said. “I tell myself the same message that my coaches and family tell me: keep working hard, keep trying to improve myself and get better.”

And now, he wants to get noticed for one thing, a ring.

“I want to win a national championship. I was close last year at both meets. I want that gold medal ring.”
## 2011-12 STORM WINTER SPORTS SCHEDULE

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- Home events in **BOLD CAPITALS**
- * indicates Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) contest
- All dates and times are local to site and subject to change
- For the most up to date schedules and information, visit [www.LakeErieStorm.com](http://www.LakeErieStorm.com)
In June, Lake Erie College shortstop Ryan Rua (Amherst, Ohio/Amherst Steele) lived a lifelong dream and became the first player in school history selected in the Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft when the Texas Rangers selected him with the 23rd pick of the 17th round, number 534 overall.

Rua quickly signed a professional contract and was sent to Spokane, Washington and the Rangers’ level A-ball affiliate. He spent a week there filling in for an injured player before being sent to the traditional rookie level affiliate in the Arizona League. There, Rua got off to a monster start and finished the season batting .321 with a .907 OPS, hitting three home runs while driving in 34 runs and scoring 41 in 45 games. His AZL Rangers were crowned division champs.

“We are really proud of the way the hard work Ryan put in for three years here at Lake Erie is paying off for him,” said Lake Erie Head Coach Brian McGee. “He really got off to a great start down there in Arizona and it doesn’t surprise me one bit.”

For the Storm, Rua batted an even .400 for the second straight season in 2011 and set single-season school records with 68 hits and 19 stolen bases. He also led the team with 44 RBI, 42 runs scored and 16 doubles while tying for the team lead with five home runs. Rua slugged a team-high .594 and had a Storm-best 1.031 OPS, starting all 47 games and helping the team set a school record in wins.

The shortstop earned several awards for his superb season including spots on the All-Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference first team, the American Baseball Coaches Association, National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association and Daktronics Inc. All-Region teams and honorable mention honors on the Daktronics All-America team.

For his Lake Erie career, Rua had a .374 average with 27 home runs and 131 RBI. He roped 276 hits and scored 117 runs while swiping 33 bases. He is the school’s career leader in slugging, homers, RBI, total bases and stolen base percentage.

Rua has not forgotten about his Lake Erie ties, visiting on several occasions this September while on break from baseball before he returns to the Rangers’ instructional league team later this fall. The College honored Rua for his accomplishments at halftime of the September 17th football game against Saginaw Valley State University.
The following student-athletes made their mark in the spring sport season, both on the fields of play and in the classroom. Twenty-four Storm players were recognized at the conference level for their play while 39 earned recognition as scholar-athletes from a variety of organizations.

**ATHLETIC AWARDS**

**BASEBALL**
- **Ryan Rua:** First Team All-GLIAC, First Team ABCA All-Region, Honorable Mention Daktronics Division II All-American
- **Brandon James:** First Team All-GLIAC, First Team ABCA All-Region
- **Matt Toth:** Second Team All-GLIAC, ABCA Gold Glove Team
- **Doug Fox:** Honorable Mention All-GLIAC
- **Jae Leeworthy:** Honorable Mention All-GLIAC

**MEN’S TENNIS**
- **Austin Opfer:** Honorable Mention All-GLIAC

**WOMEN’S TENNIS**
- **Jordyn Parrigan:** Honorable Mention All-GLIAC

**SOFBALL**
- **Brittany Sostre:** Honorable Mention All-GLIAC
- **Juliana Brozman:** Honorable Mention All-GLIAC

**MEN’S OUTDOOR TRACK AND FIELD**
- **Shanita Fluker:** Honorable Mention All-GLIAC 400 Hurdles, Honorable Mention All-GLIAC 4x400 Relay
- **Kaitlyn Holland:** USTFCCCA All-Midwest Region 4x100 Relay, First Team All-GLIAC 4x100 Relay
- **Andrea Boyd:** USTFCCCA All-Midwest Region 100 Hurdles, USTFCCCA All-Midwest Region 4x100 Relay, First Team All-GLIAC 4x100 Relay
- **Sammie Smith:** Honorable Mention All-GLIAC 4x400 Relay

**WOMEN’S OUTDOOR TRACK AND FIELD**
- **Chris Burrows:** NCAA Division II All-American 100, NCAA Division II All-American 200, NCAA Division II All-American 4x400 Relay, USTFCCCA All-Midwest Region 100, USTFCCCA All-Midwest Region 200, USTFCCCA All-Midwest Region 400, USTFCCCA All-Midwest Region 4x100 Relay, GLIAC Running Athlete of the Year, First Team All-GLIAC 100, First Team All-GLIAC 200, Second Team All-GLIAC 4x100 Relay, Third Team All-GLIAC 4x400 Relay
- **Jamil Dudley:** NCAA Division II All-American High Jump, USTFCCCA All-Midwest Region High Jump, Third Team All-GLIAC High Jump Quinton Harley: NCAA Division II All-American 4x400 Relay, USTFCCCA All-Midwest Region 400 Hurdles, USTFCCCA All-Midwest Region 4x100 Relay, USTFCCCA All-Midwest Region 4x400 Relay, First Team All-GLIAC 400 Hurdles, Honorable Mention All-GLIAC 110 Hurdles, Second Team All-GLIAC 4x100 Relay
- **Joe Lockard:** USTFCCCA All-Midwest Region 4x100 Relay, Second Team All-GLIAC 4x100 Relay
- **Isaac Reid:** Honorable Mention All-GLIAC Triple Jump

**Cameron Whitten:** USTFCCCA All-Midwest Region 4x100 Relay, Second Team All-GLIAC 4x100 Relay

**ACADEMIC AWARDS**

**CAPITAL ONE/COSIDA ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT IV**
- **First Team:**
  - **Ali Heming:** Softball
  - **Kyle Griffith:** Track and Field/Cross Country
  - **Devin O’Neill:** Track and Field/Cross Country

- **Second Team All-GLIAC:**
  - **Colleen Bednar**
  - **Kaitlyn Holland**

**USTFCCCA ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM – WOMEN’S TRACK AND FIELD**
- **Colleen Bednar**
- **Kaitlyn Holland**

**2011 SPRING GLIAC ALL-ACADEMIC (3.0-3.49 GPA)**

**MEN’S BASEBALL**
- **Tim Birch**
- **Cody Blood**
- **Cameron Castro**
- **Tim Dempsey**
- **J.D. Ingalls**
- **Chris Mason**
- **Zach Mosbarger**
- **Logan Nordquist**
- **Jimmy Shaw**
- **Pat Sinko**
- **Matt Vanni**

**MEN’S TENNIS**
- **Jacob Marsinick**
- **Anthony Nagy**
- **Scott Stuckey**

**MEN’S TRACK & FIELD**
- **Nathan Fox**

**WOMEN’S SOFTBALL**
- **Chelsey Bleck**
- **Megan Foley**
- **Lyndsie Delprato**
- **Lindsey Pennell**

**WOMEN’S TRACK AND FIELD**
- **Alex Ardo**
- **Kaitlyne Perrill**

**2011 SPRING GLIAC ALL-ACADEMIC (3.5+ GPA)**

**BASEBALL**
- **Douglas Fox**
- **Glenn Stewart**

**MEN’S TRACK AND FIELD**
- **Kyle Griffith**
- **Devin O’Neill**
- **Garrett Onudson**

**MEN’S TENNIS**
- **Austin Opfer**

**SOFBALL**
- **Allison Heming**
- **Haley Rathge**
- **Jamie Wodecki**

**WOMEN’S GOLF**
- **Stephanie Morgan**

**WOMEN’S TRACK AND FIELD**
- **Colleen Bednar**
- **Rachel Hanzak**
- **Kaitlyn Holland**
- **Stephanie Rogers**
- **Ember Ryan**
- **Samantha Smith**
Dear Lake Erie College Alumni and Friends,

It is with great pleasure that I offer you an amazing opportunity to connect with your alma mater while discovering the beauty of Europe. You’ve experienced your winter trip abroad as a student. Now, you are invited to join me and other Lake Erie College alumni and friends as we tour Chianti and the Italian Riviera from June 11 to 20, 2012.

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For a full day-by-day itinerary and registration information, visit us online at www.lec.edu/alumni or call the Office of Alumni Relations at 440.375.7253 and we will mail you the complete brochure.

I look forward to seeing you soon and creating another great memory of Lake Erie College.

Arrivederci!

Michael T. Victor, J.D., LL.D.
President
Join us in Italy
Lake Erie College Alumni and Friends Trip
JUNE 11-20, 2012

From the silvery olive groves of Tuscany to the turquoise seas of the Italian Riviera, Italy is a country that always delights. Embrace the best of these two storied regions on a unique travel program that allows you to explore their treasures from your bases in Chianti and Sestri Levante. Travel the Chianti Road and discover the charm of Tuscan hill towns, San Gimignano and Castellina. Embrace the glory of Florence. Wander through historic Siena and Lucca. In Carrara, discover the origin of the beautiful white marble that sculptors have turned into works of art for centuries. Your journey continues on the Italian Riviera, where you'll discover the delightful coastal town of Sestri Levante, the enchanting scenery of Santa Magherita and the impressive architecture of Portofino. Visit Portovenere and Vernazza in the Cinque Terre.

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President
College hosts alumni receptions

Warm hearts and sunny skies greeted President Victor as he and Scott Evans, vice president for institutional advancement, hosted an alumni reception in Naples, Fla. in February 2011. The event was held at the Ritz-Carlton, where friends had an opportunity to reconnect with one another, meet other alumni and learn how Lake Erie College has become a College of Distinction and ranked as one of the “Best in the Midwest” by the Princeton Review.

The next Naples alumni reception is set for February 16, 2012 at the Ritz-Carlton, Naples. Watch your mail and the Lake Erie College website for detailed information.

President and Mrs. Victor, Vice President Evans and Susan Licate, director of alumni relations, met with Washington, D.C.-area alumni on March 29, 2011. Over 30 alumni and their guests gathered at the University Club and applauded the completion of the multi-million dollar renovation of the Austin Hall of Science and the philanthropic accomplishments of raising over $30 million in the last five years. President Victor also noted the launch of the Learning Communities, introduced the College’s two newest majors and spoke of the women’s lacrosse team having one of the highest GPAs in the nation.

The Ritz-Carlton, Boston Common will be the host site of a Boston-area alumni and friends reception to be held November 5, 2011. President Victor will greet alumni and their guests from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

An alumni and friends reception will be held Dec. 8 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at the Colony Club on Park Avenue in New York City.

These events are free and reservations can be made by calling John Linsenmeier at 440.375.7235 or jlinsenmeier@lec.edu.
Message from the National Alumni Board President

by Janeane R. Cappara ’95, MBA ’04

The Lake Erie College campus is a very exciting place to be. From the renovation of the Austin Hall of Science and Royce Hall for the Fine and Performing Arts to the impromptu Frisbee games around the Dana and Sharon Dennis Fountain, it is clear that the campus is alive with a vibrant energy.

As an alumna, I am pleased to report that a number of traditions remain. The students continue to be awakened from a sound sleep to participate in Mountain Day, the Ash Grove continues to echo from the tower, and graduates are still welcomed into the Lake Erie College Alumni Association during their class receptions.

In addition, a number of new traditions are being implemented. Greek life is alive and well, the “Lake Erie College Idol” competition continues to reveal a number of talented singers on campus, and the annual fashion show is a “must see” event. In addition, record levels of young alumni returned home for a Young Alumni gathering held during alumni homecoming weekend.

As you can see, this is a very exciting time to be a part of the Lake Erie College community. If you are in the area, please make a point to visit the campus and see all of the wonderful things happening for yourself. Also, please visit the Lake Erie College website and the official alumni webpage on Facebook to stay connected and receive information about upcoming events.

College jewelry

Would you like a beautiful remembrance of your days at Lake Erie College? The National Alumni Board is taking orders for the following pieces of sterling silver jewelry (other metals are also available): Lake Erie College pendant (pictured), tie tack, lady’s ring and gentleman’s ring, all with the College seal, and chains of various lengths. Engraving is available on the pendant and rings. Prices will be market-appropriate. For more information, contact Susan Licate, director of alumni and public relations, at 440.375.7253 or slicate@lec.edu.

Save the Date!

Get ready to shimmy and shake off the winter blues! Join us for a mid-winter beach party on Feb. 18, 2012 in the Royce Hall for the Fine and Performing Arts! The Lake Erie College National Alumni Board invites you to a night of sizzling hot fun, festive foods, a silent auction and music and dancing to tropical rhythms. Preparations are underway – watch your mail or visit lec.edu/alumni for more information.
Graduating seniors recognized at Honors Convocation

Think innovatively, whether it’s at your own company or the largest corporation in the world.”

Academic excellence awards were presented to the following seniors: Rachel Riley, accounting; Anthony Belviso, business; Erin Byler, education; Stephanie Wills, English/communications; Katharine Stockdale, equine studies; Joseph Fath, legal studies; Amber Adache, modern foreign languages; Rachel Hanzak, science and mathematics; and Rachel and Sandra Nypaver, social sciences.

President Michael T. Victor presented the prestigious President’s Award to Steven Abbott. “Steven upholds the three pillars of the College – excellence, tradition and service. He is a natural leader who was active in a number of organizations across campus, and he exemplifies the entrepreneurial spirit that is so important today,” Victor said.

Billie Dunn, dean of students, presented the Dean’s Award to Amber Adache. “Amber has served the College well academically, socially and culturally, including being president of the Spanish Club and membership chair for Mortar Board. She is a bright young woman with a natural call to do for others,” Dunn said.

Students who achieved Latin honors, Mortar Board members, Scholars Program participants, Ohio Foundation of Independent Colleges undergraduate research symposium participants, and scholar athletes were also recognized.

President Victor added some final words to inspire the students. “We often tell young people to follow their dreams. More importantly, act on those dreams. Turn bad into good, and good into great. Your ideas – and your actions – will produce the continuous change we all need. And that will be a dream come true for all of us.”

Lake Erie senior chooses Italy

Studying abroad presents you with the opportunity to experience culture from a non-tourist perspective. You are assimilated into another culture, leaving you with no choice but to embrace it. “I saw things that were startling and intriguing, and I felt feelings that I never did before. You have to be willing to live outside of your comfort zone,” Perrill said.

Along with Rome, Perrill visited Prague in the Czech Republic, specifically the picturesque John Lennon Wall. The Wall is filled with inspirational quotes from local and international artists. Leaving behind her own mark, Perrill painted an inspirational quote, “Don’t gain the world and lose your soul; love is better than silver and gold.”

She also traveled to the cities of Sorrento and Positano and the island of Capri, where she was able to go inside the Blue Grotto, a sea cave filled with natural blue or emerald light.

“Opportunities like this should not be overlooked. These experiences are entirely too valuable. If you’re looking for happiness, truth, a place to allow your soul to search, studying abroad is the perfect option,” Perrill said.

Perrill will graduate in May 2012 with a Bachelor of Science degree in communications and a minor in Italian studies.
1953

**SUSAN (KELLEY) McGEE** sent information about the death of Joan (Tillotson) DeCile ’50 (see In Memoriam). McGee said she had run into Joan in Carpinteria, Calif., several years ago when she was coordinator for an election precinct. She also sent a photo of the Jobapalooza job fair at Lake Erie College that appeared in a newspaper in Santa Barbara, Calif. in May, 2011.

1957

**HELEN (BAKOS) COST** wrote that **LUCIE (DEMAJORIBUS) ABRAHAM, KATHY KANE** and **MARILYN (WISSMAN) MORGENSTERN** had a great get together recently in the Cleveland area. Lucie’s husband passed away Dec. 18, 2010; she sends best wishes to everyone.

1960

**CHRISTINE (LAPP) DONAHOWER** is an artist whose work was on display during summer 2011 at Campbell’s Place in Philadelphia, Pa. Donahower enrolled in the certificate program at the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts when she was 54 and graduated in 1997. Her work has been exhibited at the Philadelphia Museum of Art Dining Room Show, the USArtists American Fine Arts Shows, Woodmere Art Museum Juried Shows, the Main Line Center Fine Arts Show and many others, and she has received numerous awards. She paints the majority of her work in the open air, in a style made famous by Claude Monet – her work features landscapes, paintings of homes and nature scenes all seen during her daily excursions in the area.

1965

**NADIA LEININGER** has lived in Stratford, Ontario, Canada, since 1997 along with most of her family, including one daughter, her daughter’s husband and three children. Now retired, Leininger enjoys a full life of travel, friends, singing in a concert choir, attending plays and musicals, reading and knitting. She has lived in many places in the U.S., including New York City, which was a favorite. At one point, she had a hand-knit sweater business, through which she traveled to China as the designer and business owner and sold the sweaters on television at the Home Shopping Network. She has traveled to many places, including Russia, China, France, Italy and parts of the U.S. Today, most of her travel is to visit her daughter and husband, who live in Paris, France. She maintained contact with her Italian family in Pisa until the death of the mother in 1987 and even returned to Italy for a reunion in 1985.

1973

**SUSAN (BEVAN) GALL** and her husband, Tim, are owners of the Lincoln Library Press, headquartered in Cleveland, Ohio. Lincoln Library Press produces resources for school and public libraries, including the popular 14-volume “Library of Sports Champions.” Gall is a member of the Lake Erie College Board of Directors.

1979

**JANET SPARKER** received her Master of Science degree from Nova Southeastern University in April 2011.

1981

**BARBARA (SNELL) DAVIS, MSEd**, is author of “Roses to Retail,” a book that chronicles her own life and the rise of her hometown of Mentor, Ohio, from a small town with a population of 2,000 known as the Rose Capital of the World to today’s retail city of 50,000. Davis grew up in Mentor and still lives there today. She taught second and fourth grade for 14 years at Headlands Elementary School in Mentor and for 11 years was principal of Center Street School, the same school from which she had graduated 43 years earlier. Davis retired in 1997.

1986

**GENA L. (KELLY) CALLAN** and her husband, John, announce the birth of Gianna Callan on June 29, 2010. Gianna is the eleventh child for the couple, who previously had five girls and five boys. John is VOSHA Health Compliance Officer for the State of Vermont and Gena is a homemaker.

**RUSSELL SCHUTT, MBA**, achieved the status of Recruiter of the Month in the Top Echelon Network for July 2011. Schutt is an executive recruiter for Progressive Executive, Inc.; the Top Echelon Network consists of 1,000 business partners that do split recruiting both nationwide and worldwide.
1987

ROBIN NICHOLS, a certified public accountant, was named chief financial officer of Coshocton Hospital in May 2011. Previously, she was chief financial officer and vice president of finance of Eagle Hospital Physician, LLC, a company that employs more than 250 full- and part-time physicians with operations in 10 states. Prior to joining this Georgia-based firm, she worked as the CFO and vice president of finance for Major Hospital in Shelbyville, Ind. and CFO for Greene Health Partners in Xenia, Ohio.

1990

EVELYN Pfoutz returned to campus to attend the Margaret Freeman clinic co-sponsored by the Northern Ohio Dressage Association and Lake Erie College Equine Studies Department. Pfoutz owns Cool Breeze Dressage in Westminster, Maryland. She was excited to see all the changes that have occurred at the George M. Humphrey Equestrian Center since her graduation, including the new classrooms, refurbished barns and new turn-out paddocks.

1991

LORI ATWOOD competed with her horse, Davey, in Ocala, Fla. for a chance to make the finals for a new reality show on HRTV that is produced by the American Competitive Trail Horse Association. Atwood and Davey made the top 100 riders and horses from competitions held across the country and will appear on the show, “America’s Favorite Trail Horse,” which is running for 13 episodes beginning Sept. 13, 2011.

DONA FILIPS first worked in the animal health field and, after graduation, became an environmental consultant. She is now studying nursing and pursuing the art of styling hair. She is a retail sales consultant for Cosmoprof Beauty Systems in Lakewood, Ohio, and a master colorist/stylist for a salon in Cleveland. During her beauty career she has worked for such prestigious companies as Ann Taylor, Stern Fragrances and Estee Lauder, all of New York.

CHRIStINE (DeCRANE) MAGDA was recently promoted to the IT Systems Education Department at the Cleveland Clinic as an instructional designer.

1992

CHANTAL LADIAS, MBA, graduated with a Ph.D. in International Business Management from ISM International School of Management in Paris, France. She now lives in Dublin, Ireland, with her three children, Alicia, Mathieux and Alexander, and lectures in international marketing at Dublin Business School.

2003

MAGAN (PLANTS) CORBETT and her husband, Joshua, announce the birth of their son, Ethan James Corbett, on May 10, 2011. Magan is a marketing coordinator for Cardinal Community Credit Union and Joshua an engineer for Core-Tech, Inc. in Mentor, Ohio; they live in Madison, Ohio.

KRISTEN (DAVIS) SWOPE is riding school director for Equest Farm in New Orleans, La. She also coaches the Tulane University Equestrian Team; one of her students made it to Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) Nationals and finished 12th in competition.

2006

MELISSA ROSE NYE and Brad Adkins announce the birth of their daughter, Azrael Victoria Nye Adkins, on June 12, 2011. Azrael joins half brother, Devon Weak Adkins. Melissa is working as an administrative assistant at Heidelberg University in Tiffin, Ohio.

M THERESE WEREb was appointed by the Ohio Department of Mental Health as a member of the Ashtabula County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board. Her term will run from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2014.
UPCOMING COLLEGE EVENTS

November 2
“HANDEL & VIVALDI FIREWORKS,” APOLLO’S FIRE
CONCERT, 7:30 p.m., Morley Music Building

November 5
BOSTON ALUMNI AND FRIENDS RECEPTION,
6:00 p.m., Ritz Carlton, Boston Common

November 10-12, 17-19, 7:30 p.m. and
November 13 and 20, 4:00 p.m.
“THE PHILADELPHIA STORY,” C. K. Rickel Theatre,
Royce Hall for the Fine and Performing Arts

November 10
DINNER THEATRE, “Philadelphia Story,” 5:30 p.m.,
Royce Hall for the Fine and Performing Arts

November 14
FOUNDERS DAY, 2:00 p.m., Morley Music Building.
Celebration of College history. Bob Ballard, discoverer of the
Titanic, guest speaker

December 1
ART & DESIGN SHOW, 5:00 p.m.,
Royce Hall for the Fine and Performing Arts

December 1
DANCE BFA WORKS IN PROGRESS, 7:00 p.m.,
Royce Hall for the Fine and Performing Arts

December 1 and 2
“RHYTHM TAP,” Lunchtime fine arts event, 12:00 noon,
Royce Hall for the Fine and Performing Arts

December 4
VESPERS and TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY,
4:30 p.m., Morley Music Building

December 8
NEW YORK CITY ALUMNI AND FRIENDS RECEPTION,
6:00 p.m., Colony Club, New York City

February 16, 2012
NAPLES ALUMNI AND FRIENDS RECEPTION,
5:30 p.m., Ritz-Carlton, Naples

June 11-20, 2012
ALUMNI TRIP TO ITALY

Visit the Lake Erie College website, www.lec.edu for detailed
information about these and other College events.

2008
SEBASTIAN HOFFMANN manages strategy and
operational development in the office of the managing
partner of tax at Ernst & Young in Germany, Switzerland,
Austria and the U.S. He also manages a variety of
operations on a leadership level, including human
resources, thought leadership and marketing, and he is
responsible for internal communications.

2009
JOHN SHAPOSKA is director of tax at Kolita and
Company, Certified Public Accountants, in Mentor, Ohio.

2010
JENNIFER JOHNSON is teaching sixth grade writing
at Entrepreneurship Preparatory School, a Breakthrough
Charter School in Cleveland. She is promoting Lake Erie
College through displays in her classroom.

BRIDGET LOGUE is developing with a lesson program on
a farm in Bunn, N.C. The farm is owned by friends who are
funding the development of the program.

2011
RACHEL AND SANDI NYPAVER were honored with the
American Red Cross of Greater Cleveland Hero Awards at a
breakfast held May 5, 2011 in Concord, Ohio. The Nypavers
were praised for their volunteer work at the
College and in the community at this
annual event that recognizes citizens of Geauga and
Lake counties.
**IN TOUCH WITH LAKE ERIE COLLEGE**

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- [ ] This is updated information

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- Last name/first/middle/maiden

**CLASS YEAR**
- (if from LEC)

**DEGREE**
- (if from LEC)

**BIRTH DATE**
- (if from LEC)

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**SPouse**
- Last name/first/middle/maiden

**CLASS YEAR**
- (if from LEC)

**DEGREE**
- (if from LEC)

**BIRTH DATE**
- (if from LEC)

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**HOME ADDRESS**
- Number/street/apartment/city/state/zip

**TELEPHONE**

**E-MAIL ADDRESS**

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**OCCUPATION**
- Title

**EMPLOYER**
- Full name

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**ADDRESS**
- Number/street/apartment/city/state/zip

**TELEPHONE/E-MAIL ADDRESS**

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**Spouse’s OCCUPATION**
- Title

**Spouse’s EMPLOYER**
- Full name

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**Spouse’s ADDRESS**
- Number/street/apartment/city/state/zip

**Spouse’s TELEPHONE/E-MAIL ADDRESS**

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**BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT**

- Male
- Female
- DOB: month/day/year

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**MARRIAGE ANNOUNCEMENT**

- Date of Marriage

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**HONOR OR ACHIEVEMENT**

- Recent Honor or Achievement

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**ALUMNI RECOGNITION**

- My Nomination for National Alumni Board

- My Nomination for Athletic Hall of Fame or Distinguished Alumni Award

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Pictures are welcome!

They will be used at the discretion of the magazine staff, if space allows. Pictures can also be sent via email to LECalumni@lec.edu
IN Memoriam

1932

HARRIET N. CRESSY, Smithfield, R.I., passed away Nov. 15, 2010 at age 99. She graduated in the first master’s in nursing class from Yale University in 1937. Her nursing career began in pediatrics and included positions in community health and nursing education. She was instrumental in the development of the first home health aid program in the country and participated in the design of the first nursing program at Mohegan Community College, Norwich, Conn. She remained a lifelong learner, mastering e-mail and Facebook in her 98th year in order to remain engaged in the lives of her family and friends.

Cressy is survived by six children; one niece; 17 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and two grand nephews.

1933

HELEN (WICK) GEORGE, Schenectady, N.Y., passed away Aug. 24, 2011 at age 99. She served as a case worker, board member, president of the board and president of the Family Foundation of Family & Child Services of Schenectady. During the war years, George volunteered for a number of organizations, including the rationing boards and the Block Plan, of which she was chairman of a county-wide organization for communication. Throughout her life, she served on a number of community boards, among which were the Chamber of Commerce, United Way, Y.W.C.A., Boys & Girls Club, Traveler’s Aid, Girl Scouts, Child Guidance, Hospice Foundation, Junior League, Proctor’s Theatre, Human Services Planning Council, Ellis Hospital Foundation, Niskayuna Foundation, League of Schenectady Symphony, Schenectady Community College Foundation, Schenectady Theatre for Children and Day Nursery. She participated in a number of capital campaigns and, in 1987, she was named a “Patroon” by the then mayor, Karen Johnson. For 25 years, she wrote a daily column, “Social Notes,” under the pen name, Gretchen Dorp, for the Schenectady Gazette and was a realtor associate with Veronica Lynch, Inc.

George is survived by a daughter, Elizabeth Cummiskey and her husband, J. Eugene Cummiskey; grandsons, William Wick Jenkins and Thornton Jenkins III and his wife, Marianne; and four great-grandchildren.

1934

FRANCES (GAINES) ALSBERG, Glenview, Ill., died Sept. 29, 2010.

MARY KATHRYN (STEWARD) WELLS, Oklahoma City, Okla., died Feb. 8, 2011 at age 98. After graduation, she taught high school mathematics for several years and then became a homemaker, stay-at-home mother and corporate wife, who supported her husband, Virgil’s, 40-year career as an executive with Union Carbide Corporation. She was a golfer and bridge player and had lived in Florida for 30 years before moving to Oklahoma City to be near her eldest son.

Wells is survived by her children, Jim, Robert and Margaret Shaw; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and seven step great-grandchildren.

1937

ALICE (HALL) MOISIO, St. Louis, Mo., died Sept. 4, 2009; the College was only recently notified of her death. She was retired from Vertex Chemical Company, St. Louis, Mo., and had been a member of St. Paul United Church of Christ and the Columbia Women’s Club.

She is survived by children, Jo Ann Lancaster, Mary Moisio, Patricia Ciapciak, Martha Roberts, Michael, Patrick and Peter Moisio; grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and one sister.

1942

ALICE (ROTH) KLIVANS, Shaker Hts., Ohio, died May 14, 2010. She was employed by the Red Cross as a social worker during World War II and then married Norman R. Klivans in 1946. She was a long-time member of Oakwood Club and The Temple, both in Cleveland.

She is survived by her sons, Norman R. Klivans Jr. and Charles A. Klivans; and four grandchildren.

JANE PEASE, Westlake, Ohio, died March 3, 2011 at age 90. She was an outstanding athlete at Lake Erie, setting the American Collegiate track records for the 60-yard low hurdles. After graduation, she became the first woman in the physical education department at Fenn College,
which became Cleveland State University. At Cleveland State, Pease was associate professor of health and physical education until her retirement in 1982. She initiated and coached women’s basketball and women’s tennis at Cleveland State and was active as a field hockey player and official. In 1984, she became the first woman elected to the Cleveland State University Athletic Hall of Fame. She was also a member of the Lake Erie College Athletic Hall of Fame, having been inducted in 1990.

Pease is survived by many great and great-great nieces and nephews as well as many friends and former students.

1944

GLORIA (CHAPMAN) IRWIN, Port Angeles, Wash., died Feb. 4, 2011. She received a master’s degree from Western Reserve University and spent her professional career as an educator, ultimately becoming librarian at Lakewood (Ohio) High School. She and her husband, George, retired to Sequim, Wash. in 1987, where they became active in the Sequim Presbyterian Church. Gloria served the church as an elder, deacon and choir member. She was also chair of the congregational life and missions committee, president of the women’s association and a facilitator for many Bible study groups.

She is survived by her daughter, Sandra Irwin; her son, George Irwin III; one grandson; four great-grandchildren; and two nieces.

1945

Marilyn (Davies) Lucas, Salem, Mass., died Jan. 22, 2011. She taught chemistry at Lake Erie College, Notre Dame Academy and Euclid High School. She was a driving force in science education in the Cleveland area and was honored as Science Teacher of the Year by President Carter.

She is survived by her daughter, Anne Lucas, Lake Erie College Class of 1972; three grandchildren; a sister; and many nieces and nephews.

1947

Patricia (Talbott) Andrews, Hodgenville, Ky., died Aug. 14, 2011. After spending time in a number of different states around the country, she and her husband, Robert, lived for 35 years on a farm in Hodgenville, Ky. She enjoyed listening to the weekly broadcasts of the Metropolitan Opera on radio and watching PGA golf on television. She was an avid reader and a lover of nature, birds, animals and the simple country life. She was a member of Hodgenville United Methodist Church, where she was active in adult Sunday school, and she worked and volunteered for many years at Sunrise Manor Nursing Home in Hodgenville.

She is survived by her children, Robert and Peter Andrews and Carrie Stith-Webster; four grandchildren; a great-grandchild; and many nieces and nephews.

1949

Jeanne (Cook) Swanson, Columbus, Ohio, passed away Feb. 25, 2011. She was a charter member of the Ohio Modern Dance Association and the first elected president of the New York State Director of Volunteers Association. She was executive director of the Massillon YWCA and director of volunteers at St. Ann’s and Elizabeth’s Hospital in Louisville, Ky. and at St. Clair’s Hospital in Schenectady, N.Y. She was a singer and dancer and performed with the Bucyrus Little Theatre, Canton Civic Opera and La Petite Opera in Lakeside.

She is survived by her husband, Lee Gordon Swanson; daughter, Thea Coons; sons, Pete and Kurt Swanson; and six grandchildren.

1950

Joan (Tillotson) Decile, Carpenteria, Calif., died May 14, 2011. She was an accomplished artist and supported the arts in Carpenteria financially and by volunteering her time. She was devoted to her family and often traveled with her husband, Anthony, a golf professional.

Decile was survived by her husband, who died shortly after her; three children, Jeffrey, Stephen and Constance; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

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Henrietta (Hathaway) Townsend, Painesville, Ohio, died July 7, 2011. She was a special education teacher and curriculum director at Broadmoor School.
in Mentor for many years. She was a member of the Painesville United Methodist Church, the Music and Drama Club, Monday Literary Club and Western Reserve Junior Service League. Townsend was a member of the Lake Erie College Alumni Association and was active in the Morley Music Preservation Committee, which helped renovate and preserve the Skinner organ in Morley Music Building. Her memorial service was held in Morley Music Building, where Mark Bell, College organist, played the restored Skinner organ in her memory.

She is survived by her sons, Joseph “Jeff” Townsend and James “Jim” Townsend; daughter, Sandra “Sandy” Berta; and sister, Patricia Goodman. She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph, in 2001.

1951

Marilyn (Schur) Howard, Chapel Hill, N.C., died March 12, 2009; the College was only recently notified of her death.

1952

Rosemary (Argyle) Hippsley, Walnut Creek, Ohio, died Sept. 16, 2010. She lived for 52 years in Brecksville, Ohio. She was due to celebrate her 81st birthday on Oct. 8 and her 57th wedding anniversary on Oct. 16.

She is survived by her husband, Roger; daughters, Heather Hippsley and Catherine Hogan; son, R. Hadden Hippsley; and four grandchildren.

1953

E. Marvelle Thompson, Easton, Md., died July 3, 2011. She was a homemaker for most of her life. She volunteered at the Robin Shop through the Dorchester General Hospital Auxiliary and was a member of the Cambridge Women’s Club and St. Paul’s United Methodist Church.

Thompson is survived by two cousins; four great-nieces and great-nephews; and several other family members.

1955

Margaret C. Lutze, New Paltz, N.Y., died Feb. 17, 2011. She was professor emerita in the department of health and physical education of SUNY at New Paltz, retiring in 1992. At SUNY she was women’s athletic director and coached women’s basketball and field hockey. She was active in women’s athletics during the enactment of Title IX legislation, the transformational period which provided equity in collegiate sports programs for women. She enjoyed her years at Lake Erie College and always had a special place in her heart for her alma mater.

The College was notified of Lutze’s death by her sister, Jeanne A. Lutze, who survives her. She is also survived by her sister-in-law, Jeanne S. Lutze, and several dear friends.

1959

Mary Elizabeth Gale, West Palm Beach, Fla., died Feb. 6, 2011. She had attended Lake Erie College but did not graduate. She was an author, philanthropist and avid domino player. She was the author of “Mountain Boy in the City” and loved to travel throughout the southeastern United States doing research for the articles she wrote for southern travel magazines. She was a devoted and long-time supporter of the Florida Open International Wheelchair Tennis Championship and was an environmental activist in helping to preserve the Everglades.

She is survived by her stepmother, Mrs. Ellen T. Gale; four brothers and one sister; 11 nieces and nephews; and six great nieces and nephews.

1963

Mary (McGuire) Schmidt, Mayfield, Ohio, passed away Feb. 3, 2011. She received her master’s degree from Western Reserve University. She retired from Euclid City Schools as a teacher in 1986; she had also taught at Reynolds School and was a secretary at Willoughby-Eastlake Board of Education. She was a member and past president of Sigma Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. She loved to needlepoint and knit and enjoyed playing pinochle and traveling.

Schmidt is survived by her daughter, Sharon Jensen; sisters, Donna Stephen and Esther Bivens; 12 nieces and nephews; many great-nieces and nephews and great-great-nieces and nephews.

1966

Clarissa (Newman) Steakley, Saint Petersburg,
Fla., died Feb. 10, 2011 at age 95. She taught at several schools in Ashtabula County and was librarian at Ashtabula Public Library. She was active in the Fine Arts Society and was a volunteer for the Red Cross.

Steakley is survived by a brother, Dr. Linn Newman; a son, Dr. Steven Steakley; and two grandchildren.

1969

**JANET WHITE BATTAILLE**, New York, N.Y., died Feb. 18, 2011. She worked for more than 25 years as an editor for The New York Times in its Washington bureau and earlier for its news service. She oversaw national news coverage through parts of four presidential administrations, from Ronald Reagan’s through George W. Bush’s, and edited countless Page One articles of legislative battles in Congress over domestic issues as well as those on wars, terrorism and numerous scandals. After her retirement from The New York Times in 2005, she wrote and edited for Politics Daily, the website that is part of AOL.

She is survived by her husband, Jerry Knight; their three children, Jesse, Erin and Marc; her siblings, Jeannie, John and Lawrence Battaile; and eight grandchildren.

1970

**MARGARET SUSAN (WATSON) GILMOUR**, Glendale, Ariz., passed away Feb. 11, 2011. She spent much of her life in the Phoenix, Ariz. area doing the two things she held dear – raising a family and teaching music. She also taught school in the Austin, Texas area and, after moving to San Jose, Calif., started her own talent agency for aspiring musicians. She enjoyed teaching private piano lessons and sharing her passions of cooking, baseball and music with her friends and family.

She is survived by her children, Katie Kueck and Eric Gilmour; their families; son-in-law, John, and grandchildren, Connor and Asa; daughter-in-law, Allison, and grand-

children, Alex and Ava; sister, Diane, and her husband, Dale; former husband, Peter; and many nieces and nephews.

The College was notified of Gilmour’s death by her sister, Diane (Watson) Anders, Class of 1960.

1972

**MARGARET (SCHABEL) GARDIS**, Riverside, Calif., passed away March 12, 2011. She taught for several years in parochial and public schools in Lake County, Ohio, prior to retiring to the southern California area in the early 1980s.

She is survived by her sons, David, Neil and Warren Gardis; and two granddaughters.

1973

**JEAN M. ESCH**, Painesville, Ohio, died Aug. 13, 2009; the College was only recently notified of her death. She taught for 30 years in the Painesville City Local Schools. She is survived by her daughter, Susan Esch; son, Jeffrey Esch; three grandchildren; one brother; and a sister-in-law.

1976

**MAVIS (EVANS) THORNTON**, Concord Twp., Ohio, died July 12, 2011. She was a retired teacher, administrator and author. She wrote three fictional novels, including the historical fiction epic, “Three Tries for a Welshman,” under the name Mavis Evans Thornton, as well as short stories and poems included in newspapers and compilations. Her work in education spanned all grades and culminated in the successful operation of her own school and day care center. She loved to read, play bridge, do crossword puzzles, bird watch and walk, especially on the beach. She was known for the one-woman comedic shows she put on to raise funds at area colleges and schools and for her public speaking.

She is survived by her husband of 59 years, Bryce G. Thornton; daughter, Linda A. Darling; son, David Thornton; three grandchildren; one great-grandson; one sister; and many nieces and nephews.

1986

**ROBERT R. KLEIN**, Mentor, Ohio, died Jan. 25, 2011. He received his M.B.A. from Lake Erie College. He was a
computer programmer for 40 years and also taught computer programming for several years. He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Willoughby, where he taught Sunday school and served as president of the congregation. He was an avid Cleveland Browns and Ohio State University Buckeyes fan.

Klein is survived by his wife of 50 years, Anita; daughter, Debbie Krainz; son, Walter Klein; three grandchildren; a brother; a brother-in-law; a sister-in-law; and many nieces and nephews and their families.

TERRY (CLAYMAN) LONG, Lynchburg, Va., died Oct. 27, 2010. She is survived by her stepfather, James Patrick; husband, Jeff Long; son, Brandon; twin brother, Barry Clayman; sister, Cynthia Wright-Banks; three nieces; a nephew; an uncle; and many cousins.

HERBERT RANSOM JR., Mentor, Ohio, died June 28, 2011. He was a small business owner and worked many years in sales and training. He served his country as a U.S. Marine. He had battled ALS for 25 years and, although wheelchair-bound and with limited mobility, he received his bachelor's degree from Lake Erie College.

He is survived by his sons, Conor and Eugene Brett Ransom; sister, Cindy Simons; and mother, Helen Lister.

DANIELLE MARIE OHLER, Painesville, Ohio, died tragically in an automobile accident Aug. 10, 2011. Danielle was entering her sophomore year at Lake Erie College, where she was a member of the Spanish Club. She was a member of Willo-Hill Baptist Church and enjoyed music, Facebooking, four-wheeling and spending time with her friends. She was employed by the Winking Lizard in Mentor, Ohio.

Ohler is survived by her mother, Jonea Shultz; father, Tim Ohler; sister, Sara Ohler; grandparents, Albert and Joan Adache, Mary Lou Luhta and Carl Gray Jr., and Richard and Mary Ohler; seven uncles; one aunt; and 10 cousins.

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ISABELLE HENRIETTA KLEIN, Riverton, Wyo., died March 25, 2011 at age 91. Early in her career, she taught classes in ornithology at Lake Erie College. Later, she and her husband settled on Sawdust Tract in Ashtabula County, Ohio, which was the focus for their many studies about the flora and fauna of Northeastern Ohio. Isabelle was the author of several books about the natural history of this area. She then lived in Wyoming for 27 years, where she continued as a birder and natural history researcher.

She is survived by her son, Richard Klein; daughter, Milcey Scott; sister, Sally Hohnhorst; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

DOROTHY MADSEN, Madison, Ohio, passed away March 10, 2011. She worked for many years as a nurses’ aide and later in the cafeteria at Lake Erie College. She was a member of Park Street Christian Church, a past member of the AMVETS Perry Chapter and a member of the Sands Retirement Community Tenants Association. She was a volunteer for the children of Mexican parents who were learning to speak English.

Madsen is survived by her daughter, Marsha Wade; sons, Loring, Michael and Joseph; and six grandchildren.

HELEN WAGNER, Painesville, Ohio, died Feb. 15, 2011. She was emeritus professor of physical education at Lake Erie College, where she had taught for 30 years beginning in 1954. Wagner was a patron of the arts and had attended over 300 performances at Blossom Music Center. She greatly enjoyed the Cleveland Orchestra and the Cleveland Chamber Music Society.
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