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“If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.”

--John Quincy Adams

In this issue of Lake Erie, we pay tribute to John F. (Jack) and Susan Turben, who exemplify the distinctive qualities of leaders in all aspects of their lives.

I have been fortunate to have known the Turbens since my arrival on the Lake Erie College campus seven years ago, and I consider them to be role models, mentors and friends. They have inspired me to lead this historic and progressive institution with the same commitment to greatness that the College's founders brought to Painesville in 1856.

This greatness can be seen in all aspects of the College, from our academic programs to campus life. We are proud of our students and alumni, who exemplify the best and brightest of the world today. This issue of Lake Erie showcases some of this greatness.

Lake Erie College has changed a great deal from the institution our founders envisioned 156 years ago, and even from the women’s college many of our alumnae remember. The changes have been positive ones, however, and the campus again resounds with activity and a fresh spirit of discovery and engagement.

Jack and Susan Turben have been major catalysts in this revitalization. They have given of their time, talent and treasure to lead Lake Erie College through sometimes turbulent times and to make it great. We are indebted to them in countless ways.

Best wishes to all for an abundance of happiness and success throughout the new year.

Sincerely,

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John F. (Jack) and Susan Turben believe in Lake Erie College. Their relationship with the College began over 30 years ago and has remained strong through the many changes that have taken place during this time. In fact, the Turbens have been major catalysts in making these changes possible, through their leadership, service and financial support.

The Turbens have not only given substantial gifts to the College through the Susan and John Turben Foundation and their personal gifts, but they have also established a charitable gift agreement for a million-dollar bequest. They believe in the history, mission and future of Lake Erie College, and they want to help sustain it well into the 21st century and beyond.

Jack and Susan Turben's connection to Lake Erie College began in the early 1980s, when Susan was a teacher and administrator at Garfield Senior College. It was during these years that she introduced her husband to Lake Erie. Jack joined the board of trustees in 1985 and has been involved ever since.

When Jack joined the board, Lake Erie College had for years depended on the generosity of a small group of donors to keep it on sound financial footing. At the end of each year, the president would present a figure to them of how much was needed to balance the books, and they responded by writing checks to cover the gap.

The College had borrowed money from the endowment and was late in the payment of bills. The deferred maintenance on the campus buildings left the campus in a sorry state; the Band-Aid approach that had been used for years was no longer working.

"It was evident the school was in financial crisis," Jack said.

In 1986, it became clear that something needed to be done or Lake Erie College wasn't going to make it through commencement. Jack put together a meeting of prospective donors that took place at the Kirtland Country Club on April 30, 1986. The donors in the room pledged their support, and the financial goal was reached – the College was saved.

Elmer Jagow, who was serving in the capacity of interim president, wrote Jack and Susan the following day. "Yesterday's meeting at the Kirtland Country Club was a thrilling experience for me and I'm sure for all of us – when we added all the numbers, we realized that we had achieved our immediate goal. I want to express my personal thanks with as much enthusiasm as I can without having my feet leave the ground with joy," Jagow wrote.

The names represented in that closed-door meeting at the Kirtland Country Club are still familiar today – Milbourn, Holden, Butler, Jones, Brown, Targett, Dickinson, H. K. Smith, Christman and Osborne. They pulled together in 1986 and have stayed together ever since.

Jack and Al Pike became co-chairmen of the board in 1986, and Jack took over as sole chairman after Pike experienced health problems. Jack served as chairman of the board from 1987 to 1991.

During these important years of change, Jack chaired the successful $10 million capital campaign that was conducted from
1987 to 1991. This, the largest campaign ever conducted by the College up to that time, brought in money for needed upgrades to campus buildings, long-range program development, and capital and operating support. As extraneous assets, Phillips School and the property across Morley Road from the equestrian center were sold. The turnaround had begun.

Clodus Smith was brought in as president in 1986. “He was a businessman, and that was what was needed,” Jack said. “He and I operated effectively together.”

In 1993, Jack left the chairmanship of the board but remained active as chair of the finance committee and member of the executive committee. He delivered the commencement address to the Lake Erie College Class of 1996 and was presented an honorary doctor of laws degree in recognition of his leadership and service. He spoke about the value of a liberal arts education, a theme he has embraced in his own life.

“I believe that a focused liberal arts education gives to society its greatest resource, graduates who develop multiple careers based on logic, creativity and responsibility,” Jack said to the graduates. “A liberal arts education helps you to focus on your career path and to understand your choices. You are better equipped to develop qualities of adaptability, creativity, discipline and sensitivity.”

Jack became an emeritus trustee in 2004 but was not closely involved with the College again until Michael Victor became president in 2006. At that time, Jack resumed his service as an active board member.

“When Michael came on board, it was obvious that he was strong in business, which I knew was what was needed to move the College forward,” Jack said.

That is exactly what has happened under President Victor’s presidency. New academic and athletic programs have been added, campus buildings have been refurbished and rebuilt, community involvement has escalated, giving has gone up and, most important, enrollment has increased. Lake Erie College has again become a leader in the competitive arena of higher education, and Jack Turben has been part of the transformation.

“Jack and Susie Turben have been lifelines for Lake Erie College for many years. I can’t begin to thank them enough for their commitment, leadership and generosity,” President Victor said.

Jack is a graduate of Yale University, and Susan has her Ph.D. from Kent State University. Jack recently retired from Kirtland Capital Partners, where he was a founding partner, and he is mayor of Kirtland Hills, Ohio. Susan, president of Turben Development Services, is a renowned child development consultant and parent educator.

The Turbens are the parents of five children and ten grandchildren. They enjoy travel, with a recent trip being to Africa. They are committed to community involvement and give their time and resources to a variety of non-profit organizations in addition to Lake Erie College.

Both Jack and Susan feel that liberal arts colleges like Lake Erie will face continuing struggles to survive. “Colleges with a unique and unusual story have to have the ability to raise money,” Jack said. “Lake Erie College has been fortunate in having a number of very generous alumni, many of whom are female. That in itself is unusual.”

Both Jack and Susan feel an enormous passion and loyalty to the College. They know that with continued strong leadership, Lake Erie College will continue to thrive, providing a high quality liberal arts education for students for many years ahead.

Thanks in part to the Turbens’ involvement and leadership, Lake Erie College faces a bright future indeed.
In the summer of 2014 Lake Erie College will open its doors to students looking to complete a degree as physician’s assistants. Over the past few months the College has been working on the accreditation process for putting in place a Master of Physician Assistant Studies (MPAS) degree, with a strong community presence and support, and opportunities for prospective students from local and national pools.

“This program is two years in the making,” said Joe Weber, director of the Physician’s Assistant (PA) program, “since the formal proposal was brought before the Board of Directors in Spring 2011 for review and approval.” Weber holds MPAS and MBA degrees, and is currently working on his Doctorate of Health Sciences in Global Health. The application for accreditation will be submitted to the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA) in February of 2013. The next step of the process will be a formal site visit in April 2013, after which the College will be looking to receive feedback by September 2013.

The idea and the initial push for the establishment of the PA program came largely from within the institution. Richard Hanson, member of the Lake Erie College Board of Directors and the president of University Hospitals (UH) Community Hospitals and Ambulatory Networks, has been a major driving force behind the program. He was joined by President Michael T. Victor, Vice President for Academic Affairs Jana Holwick, and Dr. Steven Reynolds, dean of the School of Natural Science and Mathematics. They set up a feasibility study to determine what it would take to launch a PA program at LEC, while at the same time looking at a number of factors relevant to the success of the program, such as local and global trends in PA programs.

Following the initial steps, the College assembled a Steering Committee charged with building the foundations of the program. Among the members of the Committee are a number of local medical professionals, including Steve Jones, president of UH-Geauga and Dr. David Kosnosky, chief medical officer at UH-Geauga, who are taking active roles in planning the initial design. Dr. Kosnosky will also serve as the medical director for the PA program.

“UH has been an extremely valuable partner from day one,” Weber said. “They will not only provide guest lecturers in various specialties, physicians and physicians’ assistants, but also a large number of clinical rotations in emergency medicine, family medicine, internal medicine, women’s health, and surgery. Our students will spend [a considerable amount] of time at UH during the clinical phase.”

There will be another side of the partnership between LEC and UH – there is the potential for utilizing the LEC program as a feeder program for UH. While the LEC students are doing their clinical rotations at UH, the medical professionals there will be able to review and evaluate them, and potentially consider them for positions at UH. For the students, this will be an extraordinary opportunity to learn from some of the best physicians in the country, and possibly to begin their careers at world-class facilities.
Other community supporters of the new program include Dr. Jamie Landis MD/PhD, department chair of biology at Lakeland Community College, and Rita McMahon, city manager for the city of Painesville.

Lake Erie College’s location is proving uniquely beneficial to the design of a PA program. The concentration of health care in Northeast Ohio – with the Cleveland Clinic, University Hospitals, and Tri-Point Medical Center all located in close proximity – provides any student looking to go into the PA field with a variety of career options. Currently, however, the only PA program in the area is the cooperative program between Cuyahoga County Community College (Tri-C) and Cleveland State.

“The physician assistant field is exciting,” Weber said. “From the first day of class, students will be listening to hearts and lungs, and learning how to care for patients. The program will be very hands-on from day one.”

The College expects to receive at least 300-500 applications for the 20 highly sought-after spaces in the initial entering class for Summer 2014. The typical applicants will have a bachelor’s degree in either pre-med, biology or chemistry, but applicants from other disciplines will be considered as well. Since acceptance into the program will be extremely competitive, a strong GPA is very important, especially a strong science GPA. Applicants will be required to have at least 250 hours of shadowing a medical doctor or a physician’s assistant prior to applying to the program.

Once established, the PA program will take students through 27 months continuously, beginning with four semesters of didactic studies in the classroom. The students will take courses in clinical medicine, pharmacology and anatomy & physiology, among others, before continuing on to the clinical phase of the program. During the second stage, they will be going through clinical rotations in area hospitals, participating in roughly nine five-week rotations in various clinical areas.

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Class of 2012 receives degrees

Lake Erie College held its 153rd annual commencement ceremony on Sunday, May 20, 2012 in the Jerome T. Osborne Family Athletic & Wellness Center.

A record 212 graduates participated in the ceremony as the culmination of their academic careers. They received bachelor of arts, bachelor of fine arts, bachelor of science, master of business administration and master of education degrees.

In his introductory remarks, President Victor said that commencement represents a life that is based on a series of comings and goings. “May you take with you from your time at Lake Erie College something so sound and enduring that you will always want to be a part of it. It is a personal honor for me to be a part of your lives,” he said.

Jennifer Kenny presented a legacy from the Class of 2012, recalling many memories of her four years at Lake Erie College and encouraging her classmates to make the most of their futures. “We are beginning a new chapter of our lives. It is up to us to turn the page and write the rest,” she said.

Dr. Zane Johnson, associate professor of biology, gave the charge from the faculty, advocating a lifetime of learning for all the graduates. “The education you received here is just the beginning of the education you will provide yourselves throughout all aspects of your lives,” he said.

Carl Grassi, chairman of the board of directors, offered congratulations from the board and urged the graduates to come back often to their alma mater. Janeane Cappara, president of the National Alumni Board, welcomed the new alumni and stressed the importance of lifelong loyalty to the College.

Thomas F. Zenty III, chief executive officer of University Hospitals, delivered the commencement address, encouraging the graduates to make three major commitments: first, to being optimistic; second, to growing and evolving continuously throughout their lives; and third, to forming and building genuine relationships, basing them on authenticity, honor and gratitude.

“You are at the beginning – the starting point of your adult life,” Zenty said. “Lake Erie College has prepared you for the journey ahead. You will get to be the architects of your own destiny. I wish you the best in this journey we call life.”

We welcome the Class of 2012 to the ranks of Lake Erie College alumni, ready to begin the journey and make a difference in the world!
Richard Kessler awarded honorary doctorate

Richard Kessler was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Lake Erie College during commencement 2012 in recognition of his service to the College and the community.

Kessler has been a member of the Lake Erie College Board of Directors since 2001 and, in that time, has served as chairman, vice chairman and treasurer of the board and as chairman and/or a member of various committees.

He serves as the unpaid executive director of the Society for Rehabilitation in Mentor, Ohio and also gives his time as a volunteer leader with various Northeast Ohio organizations. These include Catholic Big Brothers, the Boys and Girls Club of Cleveland, Notre-Dame Cathedral Latin School, the Lakeland Community College Foundation and Hospice of the Western Reserve.

Kessler was educated as an accountant at the University of Dayton and the Harvard Business School. He served as chief financial officer of Oglebay Norton Company until his retirement in 1999.

Thomas F. Zenty III given honorary doctorate

Thomas F. Zenty III was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Lake Erie College during commencement 2012 in recognition of his hospital and community leadership.

Zenty serves as chief executive officer of University Hospitals (UH), a position he has held since 2003. The comprehensive health system, with 16,000 employees and physicians, is comprised of seven owned and two joint-venture medical centers, 19 outpatient health centers and more than 160 primary care and specialty physician offices across Northeast Ohio.

Zenty holds a bachelor of science in health planning and administration from Pennsylvania State University, a master of public administration from New York University and a master of health administration from Xavier University. He is a member of the board of trustees of the American Hospital Association and chair of the Coalition to Protect America’s Health Care.

Among other honors, he has been inducted into the Northeast Ohio Business Hall of Fame, named to the Power 100 Leaders in Northeast Ohio and recognized in Modern Healthcare magazine’s 2011 list of the 100 Most Influential People in Healthcare.
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.

Craige Victor, wife of President Michael T. Victor, kept the tradition alive by again hosting the Senior Ladies’ Tea at the Victor Manor House the afternoon of May 18.

In the elegance of this stately home, graduating senior ladies and their mothers or other special women in their lives were treated to a variety of teas, wine, sherry, party sandwiches and special desserts.

The ladies of the Class of 2012 will long remember this afternoon of celebrating, reminiscing and anticipating a world away from their alma mater.
Seniors who achieved exemplary success in their academic work and co-curricular activities were recognized at the traditional Honors Convocation held May 18 in Morley Music Building.

Dr. Deborah Schulman, assistant professor of biology, gave the convocation address, encouraging the listeners to live in the moment. She spoke about the college experience as being a unique kind of opportunity and encouraged the graduates to fondly notice and remember the past four years as an integral part of their lives. She urged them to never stop learning and never stop observing.

“Keep in touch, be well, be happy, only wear comfortable shoes, and keep learning!” Schulman said.

Academic excellence awards were presented to the following seniors: Christina Greenslade, School of Arts, Humanities and Social Science; Richard Volante, School of Business; Claire Oestreich, School of Equine Studies; Allison Pavkov, School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics; Amber Cipkus, School of Professional and Innovative Studies; and Melissa Schaller, Legal Studies. Nicole Sauer received the Equine Leadership Council award.

Billie Dunn, dean of students, presented the Jane White Lincoln Dean’s Award to Nicole Sauer. Sauer was selected for the award for her academic achievement and outstanding service to the College community. “Sauer’s mature and insightful leadership has contributed to leaving Lake Erie College in a better place,” Dunn said.

President Michael T. Victor presented the prestigious President’s Award to Allison Heming. In addition to graduating in the Scholars Program, Heming was a four-year student-athlete, member of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee, resident assistant, member of student government, orientation leader, Ambassador, member of Mortar Board and the 2011 Homecoming Queen. She also implemented a variety of on-campus programs on civility and anti-bullying, a cause she is passionate about.

“How represents the best of a LEC student,” Victor said. “She has utilized her LEC experience to its fullest and has left the College better than she found it. She symbolizes the type of student in deed and attitude that any college would be proud to call an alumna.”

Students who had achieved Latin honors, Mortar Board members, Scholars Program participants and scholar athletes were also recognized.

President Victor added some final words to inspire the students. “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,” he said.
Graduating seniors celebrated at reception

Graduating seniors donned formal attire the evening of May 17 for the black-tie reception at the Victor Manor House.

President and Mrs. Victor hosted the popular event, which is an annual tradition brought back in recent years. On this special evening, the students mingled, danced and enjoyed one another’s company while sampling a wide assortment of 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 give the students an opportunity to join together as a class in the beautiful home of the College president.
Senior Week
College community joins together at year-end picnic

Senior Week takes place each year just prior to commencement. One of the popular activities during this week is the all-College picnic, which brings together faculty, staff and students in an informal setting.

At this year’s picnic, held on May 14, the staff of Metz Dining Services prepared a delicious picnic lunch for all to enjoy. Yard games like sand volleyball, corn hole and pick-up basketball engaged students and staff members in friendly competition. Animated conversations with friends gave students an opportunity to reflect on their college years.

Mostly, the picnic was a time for all members of the College community to celebrate the conclusion of another successful year.
Stefan Stojanovic is not only a junior at Lake Erie College, but he is also an international ambassador for the College in his home country of Serbia.

Stojanovic and his girlfriend, Jodie Jindra, who is also a junior at LEC, spent three months this summer in Serbia, Turkey and Montenegro. While abroad, they were more than tourists – they were representatives of the United States, and especially Lake Erie College.

Stojanovic and Jindra stayed with Stojanovic’s family at his home in Nis, Serbia. They traveled to Istanbul, Turkey, and Budva, Montenegro, becoming immersed in the customs and culture of the areas.

“So many things are different in Serbia, including religion,” Stefan said. “The country is more than 1200 years old, and many of the churches were built in the 12th and 13th centuries. The sole religion is Christian Orthodox.”

Another difference between Serbia and the United States is the way marriages are celebrated. “In Serbia, the groom goes to the bride’s home to escort her to the church,” Stefan said. “Also, the groom purchases the bride by providing a dowry.”

Jindra observed that Serbians are much more laid back than Americans. “They are not so critical of things,” she said.

The high point of Stojanovic’s and Jindra’s summer came when they met personally with Crown Prince Alexander II of Serbia and his wife, Katherine, in The Royal Palace in Belgrade. Crown Prince Alexander is an ardent defender of democracy and human rights and believes strongly in the value of higher education.

Last spring, Stojanovic wrote the Crown Prince Alexander II Foundation for Education, desiring to establish a connection that would benefit both the College and the Foundation. He was originally linked to the Foundation when he took part in a competition it sponsored for a scholarship at Eastern Tennessee State University. Although Stefan was one of the students selected for the scholarship, he decided instead to attend Lake Erie College.

The meeting at the Royal Palace will ultimately result in more students from Serbia attending Lake Erie College in the future. This will possibly be facilitated by meetings between President Victor and Crown Prince Alexander II, both in Belgrade and Painesville. Thanks to Stefan’s initiative, the link has been established, and the door has been opened.

“This is a wonderful opportunity for the College to recruit more international students,” President Victor said. “We are grateful to Stefan for making the connection, and we look forward to welcoming Prince Alexander II to campus sometime soon.”
Many Lake Erie College students truly embody the idea of what it means to be a student-athlete. Allison Heming ’12 is one of those students.

In a March 2012 article by the “New York Times,” the National Collegiate Athletic Association refers to student-athletes as “all enrolled students who play college sports and are engaged in secondary or extra-curricular activities that enhance their education. Their status suggests that they are essentially the same as members of a debate team or marching band. Student-athletes must, therefore, be students first.” This definition applies to all Lake Erie College student-athletes, including Heming.

“As soon as I came to campus, I knew this was the place for me,” said Heming, a Cincinnati native who was recruited to play softball. “At orientation I met Dean of Students Billie Dunn and one of the orientation leaders, Sam Kramer ’10, and that really sealed the deal. I was also blessed to be accepted into the Honors Program,” said Heming.

While at Lake Erie College, Heming amassed an impressive resume. She not only played softball, but she was also the athletic representative for the Student Government Association, treasurer for Mortar Board, vice president of Gammi Phi Beta, president and co-founder of the gay-straight alliance Skittles, a resident assistant, orientation leader, and president and treasurer of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. This involvement did not go unrecognized. She won over six top awards including the highest honor, the President’s Award.

“My most rewarding experience at the College was my involvement with the Student Life Department. This department helped me navigate through adversity and diversity,” said Heming.

Assistant Professor of Mathematics Betty Clifford was also influential in helping Heming achieve success. Clifford encouraged Heming to follow her heart, pushed her to be an exemplary student-athlete and influenced her decision to achieve her doctoral degree.

“A student-athlete is a leader and role model. You are representing the name on the front of your jersey (Lake Erie College) so much more than the name on the back,” said Heming.

After graduation, Heming completed the Intensive Mathematics: a Mentoring, Education and Research Summer experience (IMMERSE) program at the University of Nebraska. The summer program consisted of working with 22 students and two professors from around the U.S. to complete work that would contribute to graduate study. The majority of the students were from liberal arts colleges with plans to attend larger institutions to earn their graduate degree.

Heming received her bachelor of science degree with a major in mathematics and a minor in finance in May 2012. She began the Ph.D. mathematics program with a concentration in applied mathematics on August 22 at the University of Tennessee.
Lake Erie College is fortunate to have outstanding and accomplished students in all areas of academics. Senior Zachary Hamelinck was among the seven talented students who were honored by the Northeast Ohio Chapter of Financial Executives International (FEI) at their annual awards ceremony on April 10. Hamelinck received the “Outstanding Finance Graduate” award.

FEI is a professional association for corporate finance executives with chapters located across the United States and Canada. FEI members are senior financial officers committed to supporting outstanding local talent who share an interest in the finance and accounting professions.

Many of Cleveland’s top senior-level financial executives were present at the FEI awards ceremony that took place in the historic Union Club in downtown Cleveland. Hamelinck was accompanied to the ceremony by his parents and by Dean of the School of Business Robert Trebar.

Hamelinck was nominated for the award by Assistant Professor of Accounting Julie Ziemak. “The School of Business is very excited that Zach was recognized by FEI for his academic work in the field of finance. I am always thrilled when students receive outside recognition for their hard work. I am impressed that during Zach’s academic career he carried a full load of classes, was captain of the lacrosse team and interned with three different investment/research firms while always maintaining a strong grade point average,” Ziemak said.

The ceremony began with each award winner receiving recognition of his/her educational feats, extracurricular accomplishments and community contributions. Hamelinck, a stellar student and consistent starter on the Storm lacrosse team, was presented with a plaque, an elegant FEI paperweight and other gifts for his efforts.

“This award showed that all my hard work over the years hasn’t gone unnoticed. It lets me know that anything can be accomplished as long as you have the right mind-set,” Hamelinck said. “I am very much appreciative to the entire faculty at Lake Erie College for always being there and helping in every way possible. This is something I’ll never forget.”

While at Lake Erie College, Hamelinck played on the men’s lacrosse team. His most rewarding experience was on April 7, 2012 when the Storm lacrosse team beat C.W. Post by a score of 8-7. C.W. Post is a private institution in Brookville, N.Y. and winner of the NCAA Division II National Championship in 2009 and 2010.

“Zach transferred in and started all three years for us. He is a leader on field and one of our top defensemen. He is a hard worker who all of the underclassmen look up to,” said Greg Stocks, head men’s lacrosse coach.

Hamelinck has been offered a full-time position at Boyd Watterson Asset Management in Cleveland. Boyd Watterson specializes in providing fixed income and equity investment services such as endowments, foundations and pension funds to private investors and institutions. He will graduate in December 2012 with a bachelor of science degree with a major in finance.
Non-traditional student aims for success in the fashion industry

by Katie Staats ’09, MBA ’11

Tina Greenslade ’12 was a non-traditional student who earned her bachelor of fine arts (BFA) degree at Lake Erie College. Along the way she learned the importance of self-exploration and development of creativity.

Greenslade initially lived and worked in New York City as a costume design intern for Anti-Gravity Productions, painting and constructing costumes for the Broadway show, “Crash Test Dummies.” While in New York City, Greenslade also participated in an extensive acting program focusing on the famous “Meisner” technique, under the direction of a former student of American actor Sanford Meisner.

She attended the Columbus College of Art and Design, completing the foundation studies program in 2001. She also received an associate’s degree in graphic design from Lakeland Community College.

Greenslade worked as an intern at One Pet’s Company in Fairport Harbor, Ohio. The internship became a full-time graphic designer position. She grew professionally and creatively and was able to save money and return to Lake Erie College to complete her degree.

“You can imagine the discipline it takes to keep going when the mountain of credits to fulfill graduation requirements is so steep to climb. The first steps to any journey are always difficult,” said Greenslade.

While at Lake Erie College, Greenslade became involved in the fine arts department, participating in theatre productions such as “Ophelia,” “Maskerade” and “Jet of Blood.” She took additional dance classes and performed in the 2011 and 2012 spring dance concerts. Greenslade also choreographed a tango duet with another student.

To fulfill the requirements for her BFA degree, Greenslade created an original body of work and hosted a senior exhibition art show which she called “Eye for Design.”

“I extended my skill in order to accomplish this goal of creating an original line of fashion garments using my own digital art on the fabrics,” said Greenslade.

To create her collection, Greenslade carefully selected, blended and printed each fabric using computer design software and marketing research. She then created a detailed sketch for each piece in order to focus on continuity of style. With the help of a professional fashion designer who constructed the pieces, she was able to learn the basics of pattern drafting.

Greenslade currently works at Blue Star Design in Cleveland creating pieces for a number of other reputable Cleveland companies. In five years she hopes to be working in a creative department as a graphic designer, creating fabrics and styles for fashion and home décor products. She also plans to work on mass producing her work and expanding her line as an independent label, selling to specialty boutiques and apparel vendors.

She credits her success to members of the Lake Erie College fine arts department and other faculty and staff members, who helped to make her BFA presentation possible. She is also especially grateful to her family, who supported her throughout all the years of her schooling.

“My success is attributed to their success as well,” said Greenslade.
Adele Dodge ’87 came to Lake Erie College to embark on a journey filled with opportunities. After a suggestion from Linelle Smith ’84, Dodge decided to apply for a job at the Columbus Zoo in Powell, Ohio, as she thought it would be fun for the summer. This summer job turned into a career.

Dodge started at the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium in the summer of 1985. She traveled to Australia for her academic term abroad from August 1985-June 1986. Before going back to Lake Erie College for her senior year, she worked at the zoo again. In 1993, Dodge became head keeper in the Australian area and has been there ever since.

At the Columbus Zoo, Dodge supervises a department of nine full-time keepers, various seasonal keepers and interns. There is a wide variety of animals; three aviaries including an African Forest, an Australasian and a Lorikeet walk-thru; and a nocturnal building with kiwi birds, fishing cats, tiger quolls, feathertail gliders; koalas, kangaroos, small-clawed otters, gibbons and Siamangs, just to name a few.

Dodge’s main responsibilities include feeding, cleaning, training, enrichment, contrafeeding (providing different means of feeding animals), hand-rearing (raised by the keepers instead of the mother), horticulture work, keeper talks and observations. Dodge and her department work closely with the veterinarians to prevent any problems since animals react differently in certain situations. The veterinarians rely heavily on the keepers to inform them if an animal is not reacting normally. Interactions with the public and bystanders occur quite often.

A typical day consists of checking all the animals first. Medications are given, the viewing and public areas are cleaned. The animals must be back in their areas by the time the zoo opens. Much time is spent giving enrichment and contrafeeding. People skills are a must, as Dodge spends a lot of time interacting with the public.

Life at the zoo is constantly busy for Dodge, but there are many rewarding experiences. Her most memorable moment was working with the gorillas. Bridget, a female gorilla, raised an infant with her mate Bongo. Bridget died from peritonitis (inflammation of the abdomen), and Bongo raised the infant Fossey, who was only seven months old at the time. Bongo was very gentle and nurturing with Fossey, which he didn’t have to be when Bridget was around. Fossey is now a well-adjusted silverback gorilla with a family of his own.

In the Australasia area, Dodge’s department raised its first koala joeys (newborns) and hand-raised fishing cat kittens.

“We also helped with kiwi chicks. We had three chicks from one pair of adults last year, which was a first for a North American zoo,” said Dodge.

Dodge’s experience at Lake Erie College was a memorable one. She was secretary of the Student Government Association, member of the women’s basketball and softball teams, part of the stage crew for a play and competitor in the Prix de Villes. Dodge also had an internship with the Cleveland Museum of Natural History and worked on campus. She graduated with a bachelor of arts degree with a major in biology.
As a young high school PSEO student taking community college courses, James Gargas ’04 knew only that he wanted to go to college. He didn’t have a charted course, but he knew once he took Principles of Accounting that the world of assets and liabilities came to him quite easily. Gargas enrolled at Lake Erie as a transfer commuter student and majored in accounting.

Once he completed his bachelor’s degree, he entered graduate school at Miami University, where he interned with one of the Big Four accounting firms, landing in the U.S. corporate and tax services group with a three-month assignment in London. “That was in the spring of 2005; even though I was being challenged in the dynamic environment that is public accounting, which I enjoyed, I realized tax just wasn’t for me,” he said.

Gargas, who became a Certified Public Accountant at the end of graduate school, also assisted multi-national U.S.-based companies with investments in Europe, the Middle East and Africa. This gave him the depth of knowledge he was hungry for and the experience to work as an independent contractor to teach “layers” of accounting to non-accounting professionals, such as attorneys. During this time, he discovered the ever-growing issues surrounding white-collar crime.

With the rapid growth in technology, cyber-crime has become the breeding ground for corporate fraud, which has not only opened the front door, but also rolled out the welcome mat for criminal intent. As billion-dollar companies work to streamline processes and modernize methods, sometimes they also, unfortunately, become prime targets for fraud due to gaps in their internal controls.

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Gargas found the field of forensic accounting fascinating and laden with opportunities. According to the Occupational Outlook Handbook, the accounting field is expected to grow by 16 percent by 2016, due in part to the demand for forensic accountants. He soon dove in and landed in Washington D.C. hired by another Big Four firm, PwC, and has since been poised for career growth, personal advancement and global adventure.

At PwC, Gargas was assigned to advise clients who had been victimized by bribery and corruption. He has worked on cases in more than forty countries. World travel, he discovered, would be his commute to the office. Gargas has since developed deep experience as a specialist in anti-bribery and anti-corruption projects.

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Assignments can range from two days to two months, and Gargas frequently travels from country to country for weeks at a time. In the first half of 2012, he worked in Brazil, Argentina, China, Japan, Kenya.
Alumnus creates music video

by Katie Staats ’09, MBA ’11

It was considered to be the deadliest shooting in a public high school in the United States since 2005. On February 27, 2012 at 7:38 a.m., 17-year old Thomas “T.J.” Lane walked into Chardon High School and opened fire in the school’s cafeteria. Five students were hospitalized, three of whom later died. Daniel Parmertor, Russell King and Demetrius Hewlin were pronounced dead within 48 hours of the shooting.

Lake Erie College 2008 alumnus and aspiring artist Howard Washington II and people from across the nation were filled with tears and hurt as they watched, listened and experienced the tragedy of the Chardon High School shooting.

Being an artist (known as “H”) and dancer, Washington knew this was an opportunity to create something meaningful. The tragedy was also particularly touching since Washington has taught several Chardon students and many of them still had ties to the school.

“The shooting was an instant dagger to my heart. I could only imagine the rollercoaster of emotions and thoughts the parents, students and administrators were experiencing. I started to reflect, and the song ‘Pardon Me Chardon’ came to mind. It was my way of saying, ‘Excuse me, Chardon; someone cares and has not forgotten about you,’” said Washington.

To honor the tragedy, Washington decided to create a live music video of “Pardon Me Chardon.” Over 70 Chardon residents and visitors and those who knew Washington came out to watch or participate in the video, which was filmed by the Chardon company, Lake Erie Film. The concept of the video was to unite as “one heartbeat” and honor the victims who lost their lives.

“I think the song is really powerful,” said Evan Lach, who played the guitar in the video and is a junior at Chardon High School.

Washington said the song was not only a way for him to address the overall problem of violence in schools, but he is also working on a program called the “Avengers” in conjunction with the College. The program will choose a small group of students who will watch out for peers experiencing bullying at their high school.

Considering himself a “conscious” rapper, Washington is inspired by life, children, family, his loyal inner circle and the thought of being limitless and eternal. Lake Erie College also inspired him by helping him become an entrepreneur of life and a rationalist.

Washington graduated from Lake Erie College with a bachelor of fine arts degree with a major in dance and a minor in entrepreneurship. He taught the hip hop class at the College for several years, which included performing in the annual spring dance concerts.

Washington is currently the director of school culture at Cleveland College Preparatory School, one of four schools in the I Can Schools network. I Can Schools is a non-profit, charter school located in Cleveland. Washington also teaches dance classes at Lakeshore Dance and Gymnastics in Mayfield Village, Ohio.
Excellence in Teaching Award
Lake Erie College presents the Excellence in Teaching award each academic year to a faculty member who exemplifies distinction in all areas of teaching. Students nominate faculty members who have taught at the College for at least two years. The final selection is made by a committee composed of students and faculty and approved by the President’s Cabinet.

Dr. Ritu Sharma, assistant professor of English, received the 2011-2012 Excellence in Teaching award at a reception held in Social Parlor on May 16. The award, which was presented by President Victor, consists of a carved replica of the College Hall tower and a monetary gift.

Sharma has taught at the College since 2008. Her teaching style makes a lasting impact on her students, and she challenges them to think critically and to thirst for knowledge. She demonstrates a passion for success that is highly contagious, and she is always readily available to help and guide her students on their academic journeys.

Outstanding Staff Employee of the Year
Susan Wovrosh, program coordinator for the department of education, was presented the Outstanding Staff Employee of the Year award at the faculty/staff reception held in Social Parlor on May 16.

This award, consisting of a carved replica of the College Hall tower and a cash gift, is presented to the employee who has made superior contributions to the College during the current academic year. Nominations are accepted from faculty, staff and students, and the recipient is selected by a committee composed of representatives from all these constituents.

Colleagues described Wovrosh as “dedicated, caring and extremely valued by the College. She deals with multiple personalities, situations and dilemmas in a positive, cheerful manner and is a wonderful representation of all that is good,” said one nominee.

Wovrosh, who has worked at the College for nine years, most enjoys her interactions with students. “It is an important time in their lives with decisions related to their careers and their futures, and it is rewarding to be able to help them in whatever way possible during their time with us,” Wovrosh said.
Calendar showcases Pheasant Run Airport

The Lake Erie College Center for Entrepreneurship has made available a full-color 2013 calendar that shows 12 of the vintage aircraft housed at the College’s Pheasant Run Airport.

The College’s digital art, graphic design and photography students designed the calendar under the direction of Steven Gutierrez, assistant professor of integrated media, digital art and technology, and Ruta Greiner, director of public relations and creative services. Student Jamie Castle was especially influential in making the calendar a reality.

The College received Pheasant Run Airport in December 2010 as part of a generous gift from Gretchen Reed, a retired teacher, private pilot and lifetime Lake County resident. The airport, located on 128 acres in Madison, Ohio, features 18 aircraft, four hangars and an extensive collection of aircraft-related items that are displayed in a small museum on the property.

One of the aircraft pictured in the calendar is an Interstate L-6 that was used by General Patton in World War II Southern maneuvers. A biplane used in the movie “The Misfits” starring Clark Gable and Marilyn Monroe is also shown, as is a rare Barnard D-31. The majority of the planes shown are still flyable.

The calendar is available for purchase for $14.99. Please contact Ruta Greiner at rgreiner@lec.edu or 440.375.7253 to order.

Staff Retirement

Sharon Pratt, bursar, retired in summer 2012 after 14 years of service to the College. Pratt was recognized at the faculty/staff reception held in Social Parlor on May 16.

Richard Eplawy, vice president for administration and finance, presented the award to Pratt. “Sharon brought a special quality to the position not always found in a bursar,” Eplawy said. “She was very student-centered, keeping students’ best interests in the forefront.”

Students considered Pratt to be very approachable, and they were relieved knowing that their financial concerns would be addressed quickly and fairly.

Faculty and staff members described Pratt as professional, loyal, compassionate, generous, dedicated, capable and having a great sense of humor.

We thank Sharon Pratt for her invaluable contributions and wish her the best for future success.
On June 2, 2012, close to 200 guests rekindled the memory of Cleveland’s famous Theatrical Grill during an evening of food, fellowship and dancing at the Innovators Ball. The setting for this formal event was the Union Club in downtown Cleveland, located not too far from the location of the Theatrical, which closed in 1990. Proceeds from the ball will be used for the rebuilding of the Lincoln Library on the Lake Erie College campus.

The Theatrical, a jazz club that was opened by Mushy Wexler in 1937, was Cleveland’s best known and most colorful meeting, eating and drinking spot for more than half a century. The Theatrical was the anchor of Short Vincent, a street of nightclubs located in the heart of the city. Short Vincent was known as “the street that never went to sleep.”

The Theatrical was a family-operated business that offered top-notch entertainment, delicious homemade food and an atmosphere of elegance. It was a place frequented by people of all backgrounds, occupations and personality types, including famous musicians and entertainers.

A disastrous fire on Sept. 13, 1960 destroyed The Theatrical. Wexler rebuilt the club, with the new version opening a year later. After Wexler’s death in 1979, The Theatrical was kept alive by his son-in-law, Buddy Spitz, and later by his grandson, Jeffrey Spitz. Nightlife in Cleveland in the 1980s had begun moving away from downtown, and soon The Theatrical was the only nightclub left on Short Vincent. In 1990 the club stopped presenting live jazz and closed shortly after.

The Innovators Ball was planned by a committee chaired by Cathy Lincoln, the granddaughter of James F. Lincoln, for whom the present Lincoln Library was named. The ball kicked off fundraising activities for the rebuilding of the present building to create a 21st century library that will meet the needs of students and faculty for many decades to come.

The James F. Lincoln Library rebuilding project will be a priority for the College in upcoming years. Alumni and friends will be able to learn more about it by attending events and by reading updates in College publications.
Gift creates new “front door” to campus

An impressive new front entrance now welcomes visitors to the Lake Erie College campus. Ground was broken in May, and the Anna and Ed Dunlap Family Courtyard was dedicated on Oct. 10, 2012.

Edward B. Dunlap, chairman and CEO of Centimark Corporation, funded the entire construction project, which creates a new “front door” for Lake Erie College. Two curved brick gates topped with stone pineapples convey the universal symbol of welcome, and a lighted brick walkway leads students, alumni and community members to the campus.

“Ed and Anna Dunlap have been good friends of the College for many years,” said President Victor. “We’re grateful for their vision and generosity, which made the project possible.”
Scholarship fund reaches goal

Dr. Lynde C. Steckle was a beloved professor of psychology at Lake Erie College from 1963 through 1976. In 2007, four of his former students began an endowed scholarship fund as a tribute to a remarkable man. We are pleased to announce that this fund has now exceeded the $50,000 minimum needed to be fully endowed.

During the past five years, 49 alumni and friends have contributed to the Dr. Lynde C. Steckle Endowed Scholarship Fund. Scholarships from this fund will be awarded to students who are majoring in psychology and plan to pursue careers in this field. The first scholarship will be awarded for fall 2013.

The College extends its gratitude to all those who contributed to the fund, with special accolades to Susan Alexander Cammock ’66 and Susan Vanderwal Cowling ’67, who spearheaded the idea and led the fundraising efforts; Jane Tumpson ’69, who carried out a successful challenge to her class; and Elizabeth (Bette) Havens Abraham ’68, who gave several major gifts to put the fund over the top.

Gifts can still be made to the fund, which will help to increase the amount of the scholarships that are awarded. For further information or questions, contact Holly Menzie, director of advancement services, at 440.375.7240 or hmenzie@lec.edu.

College welcomes new vice president

Marc R. Barbeau is the new vice president for institutional advancement at Lake Erie College, effective Sept. 17. He brings more than 18 years of experience in development, non-profit management, institutional leadership and marketing to this important administrative position.

Barbeau received his bachelor of arts degree with a major in business administration from Carroll College in Waukesha, Wis. He led advancement efforts in various leadership capacities at Carroll College, the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater and Northland College in Ashland, Wis. Previous to his career in advancement, he worked as regional marketing director for Up with People, Inc.

Barbeau looks forward to being part of the Lake Erie College administration. “I am honored to join President Victor’s team as he continues to lead the College into its next prosperous stages,” he said.

President Victor extends a warm welcome to Barbeau. “I am pleased Marc is joining our administrative team. He possesses all the skills and talents necessary for the position. I eagerly anticipate his smooth transition into his new role,” said Victor.

Barbeau succeeds Scott Evans, who served as vice president for institutional advancement for six years. Sue Dreitzler, who was interim president of the College from 2005-2006, served as interim vice president for institutional advancement after Evans’ departure and assisted in the transition.
Jamil Dudley Wins Division II High Jump to Become Storm’s First NCAA Champion

Sophomore Jamil Dudley became Lake Erie’s first varsity national champion when he won the high jump at the NCAA Division II Outdoor Track and Field Championships on May 25 at Colorado State University.

Dudley, who already had three career All-American credits to his name heading into the Outdoor Championships, opened the event by clearing his first five attempts – the only competitor to do so. After missing his first chance at 7’ 4 ½” (2.25 meters), he cleared it on his second attempt to match his career high. That height is also the ninth best in the history of NCAA Division II.

Dudley’s winning jump matched his B Standard jump from earlier this season and sent him to Eugene, Ore., in June for a shot at the U.S. Olympic team during the Olympic Trials. His 2011-12 season also included a pair of Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) championships.

“We felt coming in that he had a really good shot to win a championship, maybe expected him to do it,” said head coach Bryan Harmon. “He’s put a lot of work in to get better at his craft and we are both very excited for Jamil and proud of his accomplishments. Our (track and field) program is still relatively young, but guys like Jamil are quickly putting us on the map.”

Following the Olympic Trials, Dudley was honored by the Lake County Captains minor league baseball team in August with enshrinement on their Wall of Champions. Dudley was introduced to the crowd, presented with a plaque and had the honor of throwing out the ceremonial first pitch.

“It’s a tremendous honor, for sure,” Dudley said about becoming the first national champion at Lake Erie. “I’ve been working towards this and waiting for this for a while now. It’s a great honor, but I know with the way our program is going – and all of our teams as well – that I definitely won’t be the last (national champion).”
Women’s Basketball, Lacrosse and Track Honored for Academic Success

A successful season on the court by the Lake Erie College women’s basketball team in 2011-12 was surpassed off the court as the Storm was recognized on the WBCA Academic Top 25 Team Honor Roll by the Women’s Basketball Coaches Association. Lake Erie was ranked third in NCAA Division II with a cumulative team grade point average of 3.684.

“This is a tremendous accomplishment for the young women in our program,” said head coach Bob Booher. “Our student-athletes realize the importance of education and strive to reach their full potential in both basketball and in the classroom. This serves as a great reminder of the quality student-athletes we are attracting to the College and the successes we are having athletically and academically.”

The Storm’s team GPA was not only the third highest in Division II, but the fourth best overall, trailing just Drury University (II), King College (II), and Northland College (III). Lake Erie is the highest ranked team in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC), which had a total of four schools make the Honor Roll.

In 2011-12, the Storm posted a 16-11 overall record and finished fifth in the GLIAC with a 10-9 league mark, qualifying for the conference tournament for the first time.

Meanwhile, the women’s lacrosse team was named an Intercollegiate Women’s Lacrosse Coaches Association (IWLCA) Academic Team for the 2012 season. Each year the IWLCA has recognized schools across each NCAA division with a team GPA of 3.0 or higher. Lake Erie was one of 19 schools in Division II earning Academic Squad honors for the 2012 season.

“For to be named an Academic Squad for the third consecutive year really shows how committed our student-athletes are to working hard both in the classroom and on the field,” said second-year head coach Jillian Howley. “Our program has achieved this recognition every year of its existence, and our goal is to continue this trend going forward.”

Twelve of the 16 student-athletes posted GPAs higher than 3.0, including seven over 3.5. Current seniors Meredith Howe, Julia Kudla and Allison Trombetti were among 82 Division II student-athletes nationally included in the 2012 Academic Honor Roll by the Intercollegiate Women’s Lacrosse Coaches Association. The Storm had four players listed, including former student-athlete Aerielle Smith.

During the season, the Storm matched its single-season record win total of seven (7-10 overall) in its final season in the East Coast Conference (ECC). This year, Lake Erie will compete in the inaugural season of women’s lacrosse in the GLIAC.

Also for the third consecutive year, the Storm women’s track and field team was honored by the United States Track and Field Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) as a Division II All-Academic Team, highlighted by Destiny Prusky earning individual All-Academic honors.

As a team, the Lake Erie women posted a cumulative grade point average of 3.06. Lake Erie was one of 83 NCAA Division II teams to earn the designation, including 11 schools from the GLIAC.

Prusky, a current sophomore who is also a member of the volleyball team, competed in the high jump for the Storm and was an NCAA Division II Championships provisional qualifier in the event. To qualify for the USTFCCCA All-Academic Track and Field Team, student-athletes must have compiled a cumulative grade point average of 3.25 and have reached a provisional or automatic qualifying standard for the NCAA Championships in either indoor or outdoor seasons.

For the most up-to-date information and schedules on all 23 varsity sports teams, plus videos, blogs, photos, live broadcasts, a new Fan Shop and more, log onto the official website of LEC Athletics at www.LakeErieStorm.com.
The Lake Erie Department of Athletics officially put a wrap up on the 2011-12 academic year with the announcement of the department's annual award winners. The five student-athletes are nominated and selected by the department coaches and administrative staff.

Senior women’s basketball player Stephanie Rogers was named the Jane White Lincoln Female Athlete of the Year, and sophomore men’s basketball and track and field standout Jamil Dudley was the Male Athlete of the Year. Women’s basketball player Britt Busson received the Gloria A. Heaney Award for Athletic and Academic Excellence. Women’s lacrosse player Hana Abu-Kwiek and men’s swimmer Ivan Cizmar were the Female and Male Rookies of the Year, respectively.

“This past year was truly a banner year for Lake Erie College Athletics, with an individual national champion, several All-American performances at national meets, teams qualifying for the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) postseason for the first time and over 100 student-athletes earning all-conference and academic all-conference honors,” said Director of Athletics Griz Zimmermann. “We are proud to recognize not just these five outstanding student-athletes, but every member of the Storm for a great year.”

Rogers capped her outstanding athletic career by being named first-team All-GLIAC and All-GLIAC Defensive Team – the second straight year she received all-conference and all-league defensive honors - after helping the Storm women to a 16-11 overall record and their first appearance in the GLIAC Tournament. The four-year starting center led the team in scoring (15.6 ppg.), rebounding (8.0 rpg.) and blocked shots (2.9/game) for the second straight season, ranking in the top eight in all three categories in the conference. Her 77 blocked shots were second in the league and her 56 steals were fifth most in the conference and second on the team. She was also named GLIAC All-Academic Excellence and earned a spot on the Capital One Academic All-District IV First Team. Rogers ends her career ranked second on the school’s all-time scoring list and is Lake Erie’s all-time leading shot blocker. She also ranks fifth in steals and sixth in rebounds. The award is the department’s oldest award and is named in honor of former Lake Erie College professor of physical education and dean of students, Jane D. White Lincoln.

Dudley was stellar for two Storm teams this past year, but really made his mark in track and field, becoming the school’s first individual NCAA national champion when he won the high jump at the 2012 NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships in late May. That capped a scholastic season in which he was the GLIAC Champion in the high jump at both indoor and...
outdoor championships, claiming his second indoor title and his first outdoor crown. He placed fifth at the NCAA Indoor Championships, his third career All-American honor and he had the DII-best outdoor jump of 2.25 meters (7’ 4 ½”) during the season (twice). That jump qualified him for US Olympic Trials B Standards in mid-June. On the court, Dudley played in 25 games for the men’s basketball team and tied for fourth on the team in scoring (7.0 ppg.) and was second in blocked shots. He scored in double figures five times, including a career-high 24 points twice. One of those 24-point games came one day before hitting the NCAA indoor automatic qualifying standard for the high jump at the University of Akron.

In addition to receiving the Gloria A. Heaney Award for Academic and Athletic Excellence (formerly the Scholar-Athlete of the Year), Busson was also the recipient of the Senior Scholar Athlete Award at Commencement. Carrying a better than 3.90 GPA in the classroom, Busson was a Capital One Academic All-District IV First Team selection and was twice a GLIAC All-Academic Excellence honoree. She ranks among the school career leaders in steals, assists and three-pointers made. This season, she averaged 7.7 points and 1.7 rebounds per game with a team-high 73 assists. Busson finished third on squad with 42 steals and was second with 45 made three-pointers. This year she helped lead the team to 16-11 record and a spot in the GLIAC Tournament for the first time.

Abu-Kwiek started all 17 games as a freshman for the Storm women’s lacrosse team, leading the squad in caused turnovers and helping LEC to tie its school mark for most victories in a season (7). She finished second on the team in draw controls (42) and ground balls (28) while ranking fifth in goals (24) and sixth in points (27). She was named East Coast Conference Rookie of the Week during the season and had three games with four goals scored and four games with at least four points or more.

Cizmar emerged as the Male Rookie of the Year in a very competitive vote after earning All-American status in the 200-yard backstroke, becoming Lake Erie’s first swimming All-American honoree. He qualified for two other events at the NCAA Championships (400-yard individual medley and 100-yard backstroke) and was an honorable mention All-American in the 400 IM. Cizmar was a third-team All-GLIAC selection at the conference meet and twice was the GLIAC Swimmer of the Week during the season.
Tiberius statue represents beloved traditions
by Holly Menzie MBA ’06

Tiberius, an impressive statue of a black Labrador retriever, has been an important part of Lake Erie College culture and lore since the early 1900s, when it was moved from the property of former dean Harriet Young to campus.

The statue originally stood on the lawn east of College Hall, where it welcomed students, faculty and visitors to the College. This statue of Tiberius was stolen, presumably by members of a Case Western Reserve fraternity, and was never seen again. The following poem, originally published in the 1957 “Tiber,” describes the demise of Tiberius I (side panel).

Tiberius II appeared on campus in 1975, thanks to Jane White Lincoln, who found a duplicate of the original statue in an antique shop in upstate New York. This statue stood on the College Green between Lincoln Commons (where the Holden Center is now) and College Hall, where it stood guard until it was destroyed in 1984.

Tiberius was only a memory until a new statue (a sitting-down version) was presented as a commencement gift from the Class of 2004. The class was proud to bring back the tradition of Tiberius and wished all who looked upon him many good luck blessings. This statue still sits next to the gazebo on the College Green.

Before the first football game of the 2008 season, another new Tiberius, a gift of President Victor and Deborah (Blanchard) Remington ’74, was dedicated. Tiberius IV now stands on the original base, which has been recovered and placed again on the Campus Green between College Hall and the Holden Center. It has become a new tradition that all members of the Storm football team pat the head of Tiberius for good luck throughout the season.

Tiberius also serves as the symbol for the Lake Erie College Ambassadors. Student leaders who become members of the Ambassadors are accepted into the Order of Tiberius as a prelude to their roles as official greeters and event hosts.

Through the years, there have been many stories of Tiberius taking midnight walks, smoking cigarettes, eating cookies, and even barking. He has been sat on, dressed up, painted and revered by all. Tiberius represents the pride the College community has in this institution. His loyalty symbolizes everyone’s steadfast faithfulness to Lake Erie College – its mission, traditions and students. He serves as the guardian of the campus and the entire Lake Erie family.

Tiberius has long survived as a symbol of longevity, protection and school spirit. The traditions associated with this beloved statue of a black Labrador retriever will live forever.
Nigeria, Ghana, Angola, England, France, Germany, Mexico and Venezuela. He feels the most challenging aspect of his travel is managing the demands on his time, because he can never predict what he will uncover.

“Whether a corporate giant or a smaller business, all businesses have corruption and fraud risk,” he continued.

“Today, you’ll hear news ranging from a school PTA treasurer to the CEO of a leading global company found involved in various types of fraud,” he said.

“As U.S.-based companies increasingly rely on the world as their oyster and emerging markets as drivers of growth, their exposure to bribery risk and foreign government officials continues to be a concern.”

Gargas has already experienced much in his eight years since leaving Lake Erie. He said, “It’s really delightful to see my career unfold at an exponential pace. The future in forensic accounting is bright as a whole. PwC has a lot to offer motivated people, and that shows inasmuch as most of PwC’s interns accept full-time positions upon graduation. My long-term goal is to make partner and become that trusted advisor to clients while delivering excellent service. Lake Erie College has really prepared me to be an asset to my clients.”
Equestrian students turn tragedy into a learning experience

by Katie Staats '09, MBA '11

During the spring 2011 semester, students in the Lake Erie College equestrian department participated in a class that involved raising a foal. As weeks went by, the students were faced with a difficult situation when the foal was stillborn. This tragedy was turned into a learning experience close to a year later as students in the equine studies program decided to reconstruct the bones of the skeleton.

The students received the bones of the foal this past January and were tasked with reconstructing the skeleton. This hands-on experience presented a clearer understanding of the makeup of horse anatomy. Students were challenged to use their problem-solving and teamwork skills.

Materials used to assemble the spinal bones included hard foam pieces, wire and thick, flexible cabling. The pieces were held together with glue, but this wasn’t always a simple task. If a bone broke, it needed to be reconstructed before it could be attached to another bone. Close to 300 individual pieces were used in the reconstruction.

An additional challenge with the project included finding the most efficient way to fill some of the gaps between the bones. One student suggested using the modeling compound Play-Doh, but it would dry out over time. The next proposed idea was poster putty used for mounting objects, which seemed to work best.

“My experience with the project showed how important it is for students to have an internship in their field and be involved with something that can be applied to their degree. I have gained a deep-rooted respect for animals I’m around every day,” said sophomore Madeline Weiman.

In a related project, Professor of Equine Studies Elisabeth Giedt brought in bones from a miniature horse fetus for the students to reconstruct. The two skeletons were different in size, which helped the students to learn more. Both skeletons are displayed in the classroom where they were assembled and will remain there for the time being.
The transnational war against terrorism began as a response to the attacks of September 11, 2001 and continues today. Former CIA and FBI agent David Martine spoke about this important war during a lunchtime lecture in Morley Music Building on March 8, 2012.

After the 9/11 attacks, Martine completed 60 separate assignments to the Middle East region. During these assignments, he conducted security counterintelligence interviews and behavioral assessments of target agents and terrorist and insurgent suspects. He worked undercover with Inter-Services Intelligence in Pakistan.

Martine prefaced his remarks to the Lake Erie College audience by saying that he formed his opinions based on his personal experiences. “You are hearing this information from someone who was there. It is the truth as it is known,” he said.

“The United States took a significant attack on 9/11,” Martine said. “It was a brilliant strategy and plan because of the impact it had on the world. “

Martine said the reason the U.S. went to Iraq in the first place was because we believed Saddam Hussein had nuclear weapons. “The weapons did not exist – our intelligence was wrong,” he said. The conflict continued, however, about oil.

“[The conflict’s continuation] presents moral, ethical and political questions,” Martine said. “When do you engage, and how far do you go? How long do we invest our resources and our lives?”

These questions are still being considered today and will take time to be resolved. In the meantime, however, we can feel safe because of the service of people like David Martine.
Apollo’s Fire Concert

The Cleveland Baroque Orchestra Apollo’s Fire performed its widely-acclaimed Brandenburg concertos on May 2 in Morley Music Building. Bach’s Brandenburg concertos are a collection of six instrumental works presented by Bach to Christian Ludwig, Margrave of Brandenburg-Schwedt, in 1721. Apollo’s Fire was founded in 1992 by Jeannette Sorrell, and since that time, the 13-member ensemble has toured Europe and released 17 commercial CDs for the British label, AVIE. The College looks forward to hosting Apollo’s Fire again this year.
“Are You Sure?” Theatre Production

The Lake Erie College Theatre Department presented “Are You Sure?,” a murder mystery comedy by award-winning writer Sam Bobrick, on April 19-22. Directed by Assistant Professor of Theatre Dr. Jerry Jaffe, the story follows a love-hate relationship between Caroline, played by community actress Addy Frazer, and David, played by Lake Erie College junior Richard Keay, who seemingly plot to torture and murder each other. Other cast members included senior Haley Carter, Instructor of Education and Director of Clinical Experiences and Partnerships Matt Theisen and junior Jessica Drake.

Spring Musical Arts Concert

The music department’s annual Spring Musical Arts Concert in May featured the College’s Community Chorus, Flute Choir and faculty and student soloists.

The Community Chorus and Flute Choir presented an adaptation of “Shenandoah” arranged by flautist Judith Elias. College organist and Associate Professor of German and French Dr. Mark Bell played “Andante with Variations in D Major” by Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy on the Skinner organ. Professor of Music Paul Gothard II played “Charmes,” a set of piano miniatures by Federico Mompou, and Junior Patrick Shelby played the famous “Moonlight Sonata” by Beethoven.
BSU Fashion Show

The Black Student Union presented its annual fashion show on March 30. The theme of the show was “Timeless: A celebration of fashion through the ages – 70s, 80s, 90s, 2000s and 2010s.” Highlights included a tribute to Michael Jackson with the “Thriller” dance and a moment of silence in memory of Whitney Houston. A portion of the proceeds were donated to AIDS Awareness, specifically the AIDS Taskforce of Greater Cleveland.

St. Baldrick’s Fundraiser

On February 29, the College hosted a fundraising event for children battling cancer, where participants secured donations from others to have their heads shaved. All proceeds went to the St. Baldrick’s Foundation, the world’s largest volunteer-driven fundraising organization benefiting childhood cancer research. The event was organized by sophomore Erin Stanford and driven by her own experience of such event while she was a high school student.
Change Management Lecture
On May 3, innovative leader and certified project management professional Toni Bush-Neal presented “Change Management: Project Management as an Agent for Change.” Ms. Bush-Neal has over ten years experience in planning, executing and implementing large-scale projects in the public and private sectors. She is currently a project management leader in Washington, D.C., where she is responsible for instilling a project management culture throughout an agency while leading strategic and enterprise-wide initiatives that impact over four million clients.

Michael Dunlavey Workshop
The Center for Leadership and Professional Development offered a continuing education workshop on March 8 featuring noted intelligence and security professional Judge Michael E. Dunlavey.

Dunlavey, retired U.S. Army Major General, former Deputy Director of the Terrorism Threat Integration Center at the CIA and Assistant to the Director of the National Security Agency, presented “Rule of Law in Modern Society Under the Threat of Terror.” The workshop focused on the legal basis and use of Presidential powers to engage in extra-legal activities, including war throughout history. Topics included separation of powers, suspension of Constitutional rights, actions in time of crisis, classification of U.S. citizens as illegal combatants during time of war (declared or undeclared) civil liberties and use of Military Tribunals for U.S. citizens.

Triathlon
On May 3, the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee hosted the 2nd annual Lake Erie Triathlon. Students, faculty and staff members competed in a rigorous course which included laps in the Ritchie swimming pool, a biking route across campus and a running path, also on campus. Freshman Misty Porter won the women’s competition and junior David Gorogge won the men’s competition.

Short Play Festival
The lake Erie College Department of Theatre presented four ten-minute plays in a “Short Play Festival” that was held March 23-25 in the C.K. Rickel Theatre. “The Myth of the Six Six Six” was directed by junior Richard Keay and “Welcome to the Bomb Shop” by junior Hilary Barnett. “The Talking Bone” and “Eerie and the Hump” were directed by junior Jessica Drake.

The directors were students enrolled in the directing class taught by Assistant Professor of Theatre Dr. Jerry Jaffe. The set and lighting designs were created by members of the technical theatre class, under the leadership of area set designer Michael Breeze.
The Lake Erie College Center for Entrepreneurship held a three-part lecture series during the spring 2012 semester. Manager of Diversity and Inclusion at The Lubrizol Corporation, George Sample visited campus on February 17. His lecture, “Creating Business Innovation Through Diversity” was an interactive discussion on why diversity in the workplace is so important and the specific effects it can have on a business.

President and CEO of Jumpstart, Inc., Ray Leach presented “Entrepreneur Funding and Human Capital” on March 2. As founder of Cleveland-based JumpStart, Inc., Leach has propelled the organization to national recognition for its unique business model and the economic impact it has made in Northeastern Ohio.

Rounding out the series was Andrew J. Passen, executive vice president of human resources of Forest City Enterprises, who presented “Entrepreneur Funding and Human Capital” on April 13. Passen is responsible for developing and implementing the company’s “human capital” strategy, which is focused on attracting, developing and retaining the high caliber of associates and professional talent that have been a hallmark of Forest City throughout its history.

World renowned dancer/musician Habib Iddrisu returned to Lake Erie College on March 24 to teach his award-winning South African step-dance. Iddrisu, named Ghana’s Best Dancer in 1993, received his Ph.D. in Performance Studies from Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill. He is currently a Presidential Fellow teaching dance and African American Studies at the State University of New York, the College at Brockport.
Glee Club Concert

Lake Erie College formed its own Glee Club in November 2011 under the direction of Dan Call ’80. The club, comprised of 18 students, presented a premier performance on May 1, performing music from a diverse palate including musicals, American Song Book and popular hits.

Spring Dance Concert

The Dance Department presented its annual Spring Dance Concert on May 3 and 4. The concert highlighted bachelor of fine arts candidates Kailei Fields, Stephanie Kilper and Maggie Runyon, who presented their senior theses dances.

Fields choreographed “Inundated,” a work that explored the impact of the devastating Grand River flood of 2006 on her family, neighbors and herself. Kilper was inspired by her experiences in Bosnia in 2010 to create “One Tear,” into which she also incorporated personal stories of Lake Erie College students. In “Easy as ABC,” Runyon used the American Sign Language alphabet and several common signs to create a quirky and humorous work.

The concert also highlighted the talents of alumni Hannah Ziegler ’08 and Howard Washington II ’08, who teach, choreograph and perform throughout the area.
Senior Michelle Heinz placed second and earned a $1,500 prize with “Work Horse Brewing Company,” a one-of-a-kind, hands-on experience where Old World meets New World by brewing better beer while creating a smaller carbon footprint.

Sophomore Stefan Stojanovic’s “One World, One Country,” business promotes international studying, creating connections between educational institutions throughout the world, earned third place with a $1,000 prize.
Mortar Board Induction Ceremony

The College held its annual Mortar Board induction ceremony for 25 new members on March 31 in the Morley Music Building. Members of Lake Erie’s Laurel Society Chapter of this honor society uphold the pillars of scholarship, leadership and service through a variety of activities and projects, both on and off campus.

“Voices of Uganda” Presentation

Producer and activist Melissa Fitzgerald visited campus March 26-28 to present “Voices of Uganda,” a poignant production that addressed the humanitarian issues surrounding the Lord’s Resistance Army (LRA). She also shared her perspectives on her life as an actress and ran an interactive on-stage acting class.

The LRA is a rebel movement that has terrorized the people of northern Uganda for years, abducting children to fill its ranks. The Ugandan government’s strategy of moving Northerners into “protected villages” has turned into a displacement nightmare for 1.7 million people, over 80% of the region who, at the height of the insurgency, lived in squalid camps and lacked access to basic resources. During this time, approximately 1,000 people died each week as a result of camp conditions. Children were the primary victims.

Integrating Media and Performance Workshop

The Lake Erie College Dance Department presented an “Integrating Media and Performance” workshop with Lily Skove on March 30 and April 1. In this hands-on workshop, participants explored the essential tools and techniques for drawing out the clearest relationship between the live body and the projected image. Skove is a designer and filmmaker for the Bebe Miller Company and owner of Electric Orange Media, a film production company in Los Angeles. She has presented her own work in venues throughout the U.S. and abroad.

Fitzgerald prepared the monologues several weeks ago before her visit to Lake Erie and collaborated with Jerry Jaffe, the College’s department of theatre director. Jaffe then recruited actors from both the campus and the community to fill character roles.
Scholars Research Presentations

Lake Erie College celebrated the academic accomplishments of outstanding scholars at the annual Scholars Research Colloquium in May. Rebecca Schmid, Brit Busson, Kaitlin E. Lorman, Allison Heming, Claire Oestreich, Allison Pavkov, Nicole Sauer and Michelle Heinz presented independent studies, business plans or research projects.

Special Education Class Visit

Students in Dr. Catherine Krammer’s EDC 330: Introduction to Exceptionalities class continued a tradition of working first-hand with the exceptional students of The Broadmoor School in Mentor, Ohio.

The Broadmoor School is a school for children ages 6-22 that includes specially designed instruction to meet the unique needs of children and young adults with developmental disabilities.

The Lake Erie class members assisted the Broadmoor students in the friendly competition of a traditional basketball game. The purpose of the game was to help the education students see that students with disabilities are more similar to them than they may think.

New Colts at Equestrian Center

A quarter horse colt was born at the George M. Humphrey Equestrian Center on April 2 and a paint colt on May 2. Students in the College’s stud farm and reproduction classes spent their nights in the barn on “foal watch” for several weeks prior to the births and were present to welcome the foals. Star’s paint colt is shown here just after his birth on May 2.
Returning “home”

I am very pleased to return to the position of alumni director after five years of working with President Victor on college and alumni events and other programs. Although I will continue to wear many “hats” at the College, alumni relations will always be dearest to my heart. (You may even catch me wearing my blue and white beanie at a few alumni events!)

“Engagement” will be my mantra this year, as we reorganize the office and create additional ways our alumni from all over the country can keep in touch with their alma mater. We now have an Alumni Facebook page and an Alumni Twitter account, and we are starting to grow a young alumni and MBA component to our department.

If you wish to assist with admissions in your area, job searches for graduating or current alums, or host an alumni event, please contact me at 440.375.7040 or dremington@lec.edu. Our alumni office can be as dynamic as those who wish to participate in its growth.

Come join me – continue the tradition of support and love for our beloved LEC!

Best regards,

Debra (Blanchard) Remington ’74

Director of Alumni and Community Relations

Greetings from the National Alumni Board!

Everything must have a beginning . . . and that beginning must be linked to something that went before.

--Mary Shelley

Recently, I was walking in downtown Cleveland with my Lake Erie College umbrella in hand. A man standing next to me turned and said, “I hear great things are happening at Lake Erie College.” I couldn’t help but smile, because great things are happening at Lake Erie College.

Lake Erie College is experiencing a modern-day renaissance with record enrollment, impressive capital improvements and increased student and community involvement. However, I think you will be pleased to know that, even with all of these changes, Lake Erie College remains a place where you are trained to think critically, your professors know you by name, and you are challenged to be the best that you can be.

If you are in the area, please make a point to stop and visit the campus for yourself. I think you will be amazed by what you see. Also, be sure to check the LEC website at www.lec.edu and “friend” Lake Erie College on Facebook to learn more about the exciting events that are occurring on campus.

Although graduation marked the beginning of a new phase of your life, you are always linked to your beginnings in this community, and you are always welcome home.

Sincerely,

Janeane Cappara, J.D., ’95, MBA ’04

President, National Alumni Board

Member, Lake Erie College Board of Directors
1949

JANET B. RAMSEY wrote, “It's amazing to me how well and large LEC has grown since our graduation. It still surprises some people that we 49ers of 19 in number were the smallest graduating class in many years. I'm still healthy, and my husband and I still live in Austin, Texas.”

1951

PRISCILLA (ALTHOUSE) KESLAR is an artist and sent an original cartoon drawing of “High Hopes,” which is how she feels students should start their college experience.

1956

Seven members of the Class of 1956 gathered for a mini-reunion in Boston in Sept. 2011. Pictured (left to right) are JENNIFER (FIELD) STOWELL, MARY (LILL) GARDNER LEE, SUZANNE (CONRAD) SELFRIEGE-BOTH, CAROL (DOUGHERTY) HOOD, BETSY (JONES) JOHNSON, BOBBIE (LEDRICH) BREMMER and MARY ANN (HENDLER) HOWARD. SALLY (COTT) SKILLMAN later joined the group in Vermont.

1957

JOAN (ABAJO) COLWELL made a surprise visit to campus on May 15, 2012. She shared memories of her time as a student, including her experiences the night of the Memorial Hall fire, and is delighted with how the College has progressed. She was especially pleased with the appearance of Morley Music Building, which she said looks just as she remembered it.

1958

SARAH (SHELATREE) MAXWELL and JUDY (BERGER) JOHNSON met at Johnson's home on the Delaware River in Shohola, Pa. in September 2011 to laugh, remember and cherish their Winter Term Abroad memories.

1959

BARBARA D’ATRI contacted many of her classmates to notify them of the deaths of JEAN (SWITZER) BEATTY and Don Devney (see In Memoriam). Barbara's granddaughter, Emma Bockius, is a sophomore at Lake Erie College.

JEAN S. (McINDOO) SANDERS sent some photographs from 1957-59 for the College Archives, including a photo of her class's Step Sing.

1960

JOAN (BLANCHARD) GAY has volunteered to be the Class Agent for the Class of 1960. She will share detailed class notes with her classmates by e-mail. If you want to receive these updates, please make sure the College has your e-mail address by sending it to LECalumni@lec.edu.

Joan and her husband, Bill, visited DONNA (ELSLAGER) DAVIS in Erie, Pa.; MARY (SCARRATT) JENKINS and her husband, Gary, in Chicago; and NANCY (PICKETT) SCHULTZ and her husband, Dick, in Minnesota.

LINDA (FULTON) JOHNSON plans to purchase a new home in Arizona, possibly in Sun City West. She got together in the spring with ARLENE (KANE) BEN-HORIN and received updates about CHRISTY (GILLMER) ERDMANN, SUE (WELLS) DEMIDOVICH, CISSY (CURRY) EDEL, CHRIS (LAPP) DONAHOWER, MARIAN (MELLISH) THOMAS and DONNA STONER.

1962

From Apr. 29 to May 3, 2012, six members of the Class of 1962 gathered in Sarasota, Fla. for a mini-reunion. Referring to themselves as The YaYa's, they are DEBBY (BRYANT) HIRSCHHEY, SUSAN (RUCKERT) OWENS, GRETCHEN (BERRY) CLEAVES, PATRICIA (FRINK) McNICKLE, NANCY (SHUTTER) JONES and LINDA (SMITH) HANLON. Their activities included a day at The Ringling Estate, a day in the Venice area and a day at Hirschhey's winter home in Sarasota. At the Ringling, they were also joined for lunch by PEGGY (WISNER) PONTIOUS, who surprised the group with beautiful frosted cookies that were replicas of their 1962 beanies! The members of the Class of 1962 were looking forward to their 50th reunion at Lake Erie College in October.

1965

JANE (ANDERSON) LENTZ and LEILANI (ADAMS) MAGUIRE ‘68
enjoyed lunch together in Honolulu on Feb. 15, 2012. Lentz was visiting Hawaii from Gambier, Ohio; Maguire lives in Honolulu.

1967

JANE (GALLACHER) DeBARBIERI, HOLLY (CONKLIN) FITZGERALD and BOBBI (THOMAS) McGOVERN met for a day together in New York City in January. They spent time at the Museum of Modern Art viewing the Wilhelm deKooning and Diego Rivera exhibit. D Gerald in S. Dartmouth, Mass., and McGovern in Madison, N.J., so NYC is a perfect meeting place. When they get together, they enjoy reminiscing about LEC and the amazing 60s; they were looking forward to their 45th reunion on campus in October.

LUCINDA (SMITH) JOHNSTON and her husband, Gordon “Chip” Johnston, were married on Jan. 24, 1998. She is a coach/trainer in New England for Scholastic Read 180, a reading intervention program for struggling readers. She has three children: Cameron E. Lee (36), who is married with three children; Jessica C. Lee (35); and Taylor J. Lee (32).

DONA (FATIBENO) SINGERMAN is the newsletter editor for the Wildwood Garden Club in Mentor, Ohio. She also belongs to the Mentor Women’s Club, the Fine Arts Women’s Committee and Northeast AAUW. She is listed on the Linked In website.

1971

ALLYAN (WATSON) RIVERA wrote that she enjoyed seeing her classmates’ photo in the spring 2012 magazine. She retired in August 2010 after a fulfilling career for 30 years as a psychotherapist and clinical social worker in Ohio and Long Island, N.Y. She now lives in Salem, Mass., where she enjoys taking courses, gardening and exploring New England. Rivera’s son, Plinio, 35, is a river ranger with the U.S. Forest Service in S. Carolina. Every June they participate in a work weekend at Keewaydin and Songadewin camps on Lake Dunmore in Vermont. Along with other family members, they have been doing to those camps since the 1950s. The work weekend is named after her brother, John Watson, who in retirement was very active at camp and died there in 2006 following an accidental fall. Rivera also travels often to the Dominican Republic while waiting for government change in Cuba so she can return home.

1974

DEBRA (BLANCHARD) REMINGTON was honored with the 2012 Eber Howe Award, presented by the City of Painesville to the person who shares the good news about Painesville and personifies the Painesville spirit. Eber Howe was the founder of the area’s first newspaper.

1975

SUE (CURRY) SHAFFER was at the George M. Humphrey Equestrian Center recently as a judge for the Dressage Derby. She is founder and co-owner of Fairwind Farm in Santa Rosa, Calif. She and her students have competed successfully through the FEI Levels, and many have received top honors. Shaffer is an FEI Para*** Equestrian Judge.

1979

SARAH (DISPENZA) CORPENING has been named executive director of the Toledo Bar Association. A 1999 graduate of the University of Toledo College of Law, Corpening was previously chief executive officer of the Family and Child Abuse Prevention Center in Toledo for 10 years.

GARY SWANSON ’79, MBA ’84 was inducted into the Lakeland Alumni Hall of Fame on Aug. 9, 2012. He is president and CEO of Thermotion in Mentor, Ohio, a company that designs and manufactures electro-thermal actuators for automotive, appliance, HVAC and aviation industries. Swanson has been a member of the College’s Board of Directors since 1997. He is also active with United Way and Boy Scouts of America.

1980

BARBARA (LEHMAN) CHANEY’s family celebrated a trifecta of graduations in May 2010. She graduated from Xavier University with a Master of Science in Nursing-Education and her two children, Justin and Cara, graduated from high school. Since then, she has been teaching as an adjunct at both Xavier University and the University of Cincinnati. She also works as a registered nurse/lactation consultant at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Edgewood, Ky. Her husband, Curtis, is a registered nurse at the...
Veterans Administration Medical Center in Cincinnati. Chaney has remained very close to her dear friend from LEC, DEBBIE RAHAL ’80, who lives just down the street.

1982

DEBBIE (KING) RODRIGUEZ was at the George M. Humphrey Center recently as a judge for the Dressage Prix de Villes. Rodriguez is a USDF Bronze, Silver and Gold Medalist and is a USEF “S’ dressage judge, ‘r’ dressage TD and USEF ‘r’ eventing judge. She is an ISSA personal trainer and has developed the Success in the Saddle core fitness program for equestrians. She is a freelance trainer and instructor in Williamsburg, Va.

1987

ELAINE (HOLLINGER) YILDIZ received her Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies from A.T. Still University’s Arizona School of Health Sciences in Mesa, Ariz., on March 3, 2012. She has a primary care position at the Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center in North Chicago, Ill., where she provides care to veteran and active duty service members. She and her husband, Cemal Yildiz, live in Lake Villa, Ill, and have three children, Lauren, Courtney and Brad.

1991

WERNER BARTHOL ran for election as Lake County Prosecutor. He has been an attorney since 1995 and has owned his own legal practice since 2003. He and his wife, KELLY (CHAFFEE) BARTHOL, live in Concord Township, Ohio, with their two daughters, Ellie and Anna.

1994

AMANDA BERGES of Madison, Ohio, has written a book titled Training Tree for Riders, recently released by Alpine Publications. The book, based on the training scale for horses that was first published in a German training manual in 1912, is targeted instead at riders and their instructors. Berges has been teaching riding for over 25 years and is certified by the American Riding Instructors Association. She taught basic riding to students at Lake Erie College, and many of the photos in the book were taken at the College’s George M. Humphrey Equestrian Center.

1996

ROBERT F. MAYES, MBA was appointed national account manager for the non-profit Musculoskeletal Transplant Foundation, involved in the recovery, processing and distribution of human tissue for transplantation. He and his wife, Diana, live in Pepper Pike, Ohio.

1997

STELLA CAPOCCIA was recently hired as an assistant professor in the Department of Biology at Montana Tech in Butte, Mont. The many steps in between her graduation from Lake Erie College and her new position included serving in the Peace Corps, living in Africa and monitoring endangered species in Arizona.

1998

AMANDA KINSEY-VINS and her husband of 12 years, Wesley Vins, announce the births of their children, Katherine Irene on Dec. 28, 2009 and Mariska Anne Marie on May 24, 2011. The Vins reside in northeast Ohio on a farm where they raise Swedish Warmbloods, Welsh ponies and longhorn cattle. Amanda is a stay-at-home mother and loving it!

LIZ KOROSEC graduated from Cleveland State University in May 2012 with a Master of Social Work degree and is now certified by the State of Ohio as a Licensed Social Worker. Korosec, who was an equestrian teacher/trainer major at Lake Erie, returned to college for many reasons. Foremost, she wanted to further her education and expand her career opportunities.

She started the MSW program in fall 2009 and managed juggling an independent life, part-time work, field placements and classes. She was awarded a graduate assistantship for a year and a half with Dr. Murali Nair, director of the social work program, and received a field placement at Gaitway High School at Fieldstone Therapeutic Riding Centers. The partnership of Fieldstone Farm and Gaitway is an alternative education program for high school students that combines classroom academics with hands-on work experience in the barn and with horses.

In summer 2011, Korosec spent a month in India with a group of 12 students on a study-abroad class led by Dr. Nair. They stayed in the southwest India state of Kerala, where they were immersed in the culture and traveled off the beaten path to share new experiences.
“I’ve been blessed with many experiences since leaving Lake Erie College. Lake Erie was a launching pad for me to discover life at its fullest. I’ll never forget my time there because it was some of the best times of my life. I’ve so many memories of great horses and great people,” Korosec said.

2003

LAURA (WAGNER) KLECKER has been training dressage horses and teaching adult amateurs in Aiken, S.C. since 2005. She is a USDF Bronze and Silver Medalist and has been working as a tech at Aiken Equine, the oldest veterinary practice in Aiken, since 2008.

2005

JOHN PATRICK SULLIVAN and STEPHANIE LYNN (ACCADI) SULLIVAN have two daughters, Kayliann, born Oct. 5, 2005 and Kelsey, born June 26, 2008, and one son, Kaleb, born Oct. 25, 2011. John is a State Farm Insurance agent in Willoughby, Ohio, and Stephanie is a homemaker.

2006

AMY C. BELLINO married Jacob A. Halusker on Aug. 4, 2012 at St. Michael’s Church in Independence, Ohio. They look forward to living happily ever after with much love and laughter.

2011

JOSEPH FATH is heading the start-up of a new community theatre based at Fairport Harding High School in Fairport, Ohio. The theatre’s first production, Agatha Christie’s “And Then There Were None,” was presented in six performances in June and July 2012.

FRIENDS


Lake Erie Female Seminary Class of 1897

Clothes and hair styles certainly have changed since the photo was taken of the Class of 1897. Pictured in the photo (not in order) are the following students and their hometowns, all in Ohio: Ella Hoyt (Ashtabula), Bessie Burwell (Cleveland), Elizabeth Hurd (Cleveland), Harriet Schofield (Cleveland), Helen Johnson (Michigan City), Evelyn Reese (Cleveland), Elizabeth Williams (Corning), Isabella Mills (Geneva), Giselle McClaran (Cleveland), Susan Hotchkiss (Burton) and Jessie Randall (Cleveland). Also shown are Miss Jane Williams and Miss Martha Lawrence, who were teachers at the Seminary.

This photo was given to DEBBY (BRYANT) HIRSCHHEY ’62 by Gail Keppler, the granddaughter of Ella Hoyt, who is pictured in the center of the photo (the woman holding the hat). Keppler said that after graduation, her grandmother taught high school Latin until she “retired” to domestic life.
IN TOUCH WITH LAKE ERIE COLLEGE

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SPOUSE’S OCCUPATION title  SPOUSE’S EMPLOYER full name

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IN MEMORIAM

RAE (BALLARD) RAGATZ, Denver, Colo., died March 11, 2009 at age 98; the College was only recently notified of her death.

GERTRUDE (GOODRICH) ALLYN, Chardon, Ohio, died Jan. 11, 2011 at age 102; the College was only recently notified of her death. She had attended Lake Erie College for one year before transferring to Western Reserve University, from which she graduated with a degree in education. She taught all eight grades in Chardon’s last one-room schoolhouse.

MARY (ANDERSON) FOPEANO, Kalamazoo, Mich., passed away March 5, 2012 at age 101. She attended Lake Erie College and graduated from Eastern Michigan University. She taught elementary grades in Michigan, Florida and Texas for many years. After WWII, she moved back to Michigan and was active in the Medical Auxiliary, worked at the Blood Bank and, for more than 50 years, volunteered at the Lake Farm for children and was named an honorary member of its board. She also worked with children at the Kalamazoo Child Guidance Clinic and did volunteer work at the Nature Center and for other “green” causes. In later years, she developed the Wyndham Heritage Community Library and volunteered at the St. Luke’s Church Thrift Shop.

She is survived by children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of her second husband, John Fopeano, and many nieces, nephews and cousins on the side of her first husband, Edwin Williamson.


KATHARINE (BROWN) BARNES, Greenville, S.C., died Dec. 9, 2012 at age 96. She was a retired accountant in Atlanta, Ga. and a member of the Christian Science Church, where she served as a practitioner. She is survived by daughters-in-law, Janelle Barnes and Suzanne Barnes; six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

ANNA MARY (CROSIER) SIEGFRIED, Springfield, Ohio, passed away Apr. 28, 2012 at age 96. Anna taught school for 23 years. She was a member of Kadesh Court #19, the Randolph Ladies Cemetery Association, the Randolph Garden Club, Randolph Historical Society, Eastern Star Chapter #46 and the Randolph United Methodist Church. She enjoyed traveling and reading and loved cats. She was preceded in death by her husband, Vernon Siegfried.

NANCY J. (WILLIAMS) WHIPPLE, Canton, Ohio, passed away Aug. 8, 2012 at age 94. She devoted herself to community work with the Junior League and was Woodland School’s first PTA president. She was a long-standing member of Christian Ministries Church. She is survived by daughters, Mary Jane Marmo and Elizabeth Foote; sons, Joe and Ted; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Her husband, Joseph Quinn Whipple, preceded her in death.

NAOMI JANE (GOOD) ANTHONY, Sarasota, Fla., died Apr. 11, 2012. She attended Lake Erie College and graduated from Wittenberg University with a degree in education. She was a member of SaraBay Country Club, Bird Key Yacht Club, Alpha Delta Pi sorority and Whittfield Estates Presbyterian Church. She was a great educator and took great pride in forming the first American Girl Scout troop in France. She is survived by her granddaughter, Heather Anthony; great-granddaughter, Kayla Alexander; and great-grandson, Joseph Papa. She was preceded in death by her husband, Clifford Anthony; a son; and a daughter.

KATHRYN (JOHNS) HALBOWER, Fort Worth, Texas, died May 8, 2012. She was a stewardess for American Airlines from 1945-1950 and was based at Meacham Field in Fort Worth. Halbower was a member of University Christian Church, where she taught Sunday school for many years, was a docent at the Amon Carter Museum for over 30 years, and was an active member of the Kiwis and the Fort Worth chapter of the Delta Gamma alumni sorority. For years she did volunteer eye screening for preschoolers with Prevent Blindness Texas and served as secretary of the board of Pioneer’s Rest Cemetery Association. She also enjoyed tennis and was an enthusiastic patron of the arts. In later years, she and her husband, David, traveled to all parts of the world.

Halbower is survived by her husband, David; daughters, Kathryn, Rebecca and Susan; three grandsons; and a sister.
IN Memoriam

She was preceded in death by her sister, **PAULINE (JOHNS) DEWITT ’42**, Caryl Ann Ritterath, Los Angeles, Calif., passed away July 27, 2011; the College only recently was notified of her death. She received her master’s degree from the University of La Verne and was a teacher in the San Gabriel School District for 41 years. She belonged to Delta Kappa Gamma, New England Women, Daughters of the American Revolution and Daughters of the American Colonists. She is survived by her German cousins and many friends.

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**1947**

**MARJORIE (RIGG) LAMBDIN**, Carlisle, Pa., died July 15, 2012. She is survived by her husband, Rev. Philip Lambdin, and was predeceased by their only child, Marjorie Stewart Lambdin.

**CAROLINE (POMEROY) PETERS**, Bremerton, Wash., passed away Jan. 13, 2012. She and her husband, Kenneth, lived for a time in Fairbanks, Alaska, where she was active in bowling leagues, Bridge clubs, Rebekah Lodge and Daughters of the American Revolution. From 1969 to 2004 she owned a small animal farm in Monroe, Wash., where she tended to a wide variety of animals and sold farm fresh eggs. She was a founding member of the Monroe Historical Society and a member of the Tualco Grange. Later she moved to live with her family in Bremerton, Wash, where she enjoyed many interests and hobbies.

She is survived by her children, Charles, Larry, Becky, Randy, Mickey, and Julia Schuh as well as three generations of grandchildren.

**1950**

**MARY (KAERCHER) SMITH**, Cleveland, Ohio, died Feb. 21, 2012. She worked at Cleveland Public Library, as a secretary for Thomas H. Jones and as a secretary for McDonald & Co. until her retirement in 1985. She was a founding member of the Western Reserve Genealogical Committee at the Western Reserve Historical Society. She is survived by her daughter, Laura Smith Lumbard; her son-in-law, Miles Lumbard; two grandchildren; one brother; and several nieces and nephews.

**1953**

**JANICE (EDGAR) MURPHY**, Woodstock, Va., passed away March 19, 2012. She was a member of Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Friends of the North Fork, Shenandoah County Tree Board and past member of the Shenandoah Garden Club. She was an avid gardener and reader, and she enjoyed quilting, sailing and playing and teaching the mountain dulcimer. She is survived by her daughters, Edith Lallande and Kathryn Boggs, and four grandchildren.

**1957**

**ANNA (BERGEN) REYNOLDS**, Arbor Vitae, Wis., passed away Sept. 8, 2010; the College was only recently notified of her death. She is survived by her husband of 53 years, James, and daughters Winn Eckert and Alicia Winnen. She was preceded in death by her son, Capt. Scott Reynolds, U.S.M.C.

**1959**

**ELIZABETH “JEAN” (SWITZER) BEATTY**, Lewiston, N.Y., died Aug. 30, 2012. She was a kindergarten teacher in Niagara Falls for two years and spent most of her life as a devoted wife and mother. She was a member of the Lewiston Service Guild and was a volunteer with Niagara Hospice and the Heart & Soul Food Pantry. She enjoyed spending her summers at her cottage in Ontario, Canada surrounded by her children, grandchildren and extended family. She is survived by her husband, Paul R. Beatty, Sr.; her children, Karen Ruero, Linda Wise, Paul Beatty, Jr., Charlotte Destino and Steven Beatty; 13 grandchildren; a brother; a sister; and several nieces and nephews.

**1960**

**LILLIAN (THORSEN) TAYLOR**, Greenville, Tenn., died Jan. 28, 2012 at age 90. She attended Queens College in New York City prior to her marriage and later graduated from Lake Erie College with a degree in elementary education. She then taught third and fourth grade for 22 years. She was a member of Peace Links, an organization working to inform the public of the dangers of nuclear testing. She was a founding member and past president, for many years, of the Andrew Johnson Heritage Association. She is survived by her daughter, Diane; her son, Kirman; three grandchildren;
two great-granddaughters; and a sister. She was preceded in death by her husband, Kirman.

**1962**

She received a master’s degree in occupational therapy from Columbia University and worked as an occupational therapist for decades. She spent the last 18 years of her life as a drug and alcohol counselor. She was a member of AA and the Northern Colorado Potters Guild. She enjoyed traveling around the world, snorkeling, tending her flowers and spending time with her grandson. She is survived by daughter, Lisa Metz; grandson, Finn Blay; daughter, Kirsten “Monty” Metz; and daughter-in-law, Julie Martinek.

**1974**

**PETER C. WOZNIAK**, Willoughby, Ohio, passed away Feb. 15, 2012. He was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, serving during the Viet Nam War. He worked as a steel salesman and, in his leisure time, enjoyed working on cars. He is survived by three brothers; an uncle; and his former wife.

**JUNE (HINCKLEY) PEPIN**, Geneva, Ohio, died July 20, 2012 at age 95. She taught in elementary schools in Geneva and Madison, Ohio before her retirement. She was a member of The United Church, where she taught Sunday school and was active in a variety of church activities. She hosted prayer group meetings in her home and at an assisted living facility for many years and, throughout her life, she helped maintain her family’s farm and home. She is survived by her son, Lyle; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and a foster son.

**1975**

**RALPH KLUCHAR, JR.**, Auburn Township, Ohio, died May 7, 2011; the College was only recently notified of his death. He was regional sales director for Rienzi & Sons for 45 years and was proud of his contributions to the grocery industry. He is survived by his wife, Kathy; children, Sara Buck and Andrew Kluchar; three grandchildren; his mother, Joanne Martin; and three siblings.

**BARBARA (PAPP) THOMAS SMITH**, Painesville, Ohio, passed away Aug. 19, 2012. She was a caregiver for MRDD clients in Lake County and had also worked as a nurse’s aide for several nursing and assisted living centers. She was a member of Saint Gabriel Catholic Church and was an avid reader.

She is survived by her husband of 18 years, Kenneth Smith; son, Matt Thomas; daughter-in-law, Chris Thomas; two grandchildren; brother, Kenton Papp; two nieces; and three stepchildren as well as her former husband and other relatives.

**1977**

**EDWARD GARRETT STEWART**, Cleveland, Ohio, died Apr. 10, 2011. The College was only recently notified of his death. He retired from Ameritech Services after 38 years. He was an avid reader and among his many interests were history, various cultures, animals, nature and classical music. He is survived by his wife, Maureen; children, Daverlee, John and Edward; and four grandchildren.

**ELLEN JANE (PFAFF) DEACON**, Columbus, Ohio, died June 7, 2012. She taught math in Baltimore, Cleveland and Knox County, Ohio, before joining the Ohio Department of Mental Health, where she was a client rights advocate and manager of the Office of Consumer Advocacy and Protection from 1984-2008. A dedicated champion of people receiving mental health services, she trained clients’ rights advocates in hospitals and community agencies throughout Ohio. She was a member of Ohio’s PAIMI Advisory Council for many years and a founding member of the Ohio Empowerment Coalition.
She is survived by her brother, Frank Pfaff; her nephew and his family; and her husband and his children and grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Brian David.

1979

**Lori (LaBarge) Davenport**, Altamont, N.Y., died Feb 11, 2012. She was employed by Ford Motor from 1987 to 2009. She was also a licensed United States Equestrian Federation Steward from 1992 to 2012. She is survived by her husband, Daniel; daughter, Chantel; parents, Robert and Joan LaBarge; and two brothers.

1982

**Joseph H. Koch**, Madison, Ohio, died May 26, 2012. He received a M.S.E. degree from Lake Erie College and served with the U.S. Army Intelligence Unit during the Korean War. He was a retired teacher, having taught at high schools in Painesville and Ashtabula, Ohio. He is survived by his wife, Marie Koch; daughter, Mary Pike; grandson, Zachary Pike; a brother; and two sisters.

1985

**Robert Harlin Gates**, Eastlake, Ohio, died Dec. 6, 2011. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and in the Coast Guard during the Korean Conflict. He was an electronic engineer at the former Bailey Controls Corporation, retiring in 1991 after 40 years of service. He was a life member of VFW and American Legion posts and a senior center. He is survived by his wife, Juanita; three sons; 10 grandchildren; two siblings; and many nieces and nephews.

1986

**Colleen McGrady**, Bethel Park, Pa., passed away on Aug. 8, 2012. She is survived by son, Todd Marquez; parents, John and Marlene McGrady, Jr.; sisters, Doreen Stratemeier and Kathleen Willard; brothers, John and Michael; six nieces; and six nephews.

**Charles S. Sturniolo**, Mentor, Ohio, died Oct. 4, 2009; the College was only recently notified of his death. He was a computer programmer and loved golf, bowling, fishing and playing bocce. He is survived by his brother; six nieces and nephews; and 10 grand-nieces and nephews.

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**Stefanie Arnold ‘11**

Stefanie Renee (Johnson) Arnold ‘11, died unexpectedly in Toledo, Ohio, on July 21, 2012 at age 27. While at Lake Erie, she was an orientation leader and a member of Gamma Phi Beta Sorority and Mortar Board. A criminal justice major, she worked as a house manager for mentally challenged people at Jewish Family Services in Beachwood, Ohio.

She and her husband, Derek Arnold ‘09, had married June 10, 2011, at Zion Lutheran Church in Painesville. As a tribute to the time the couple had spent together on the Lake Erie campus, a memorial service was held July 26 in the Morley Music Building.

At this celebration of her life, Stefanie was characterized as “Wonder Woman” by her sorority sisters and friends. She was described as a person who exemplified the qualities of love, peace, beauty, strength and moral character and who lived each day to its fullest, focusing on the good. The service ended with the playing of the College alma mater, to the tune of “The Ash Grove.”

“To soon we will leave you, but always remember
The halls of Lake Erie, the green and the white.”

In the notice he sent to the faculty, staff and students announcing Stefanie’s death, President Victor said, “Stefanie will be sorely missed by the entire Lake Erie College community which she loved so much and where she touched so many lives. This event reminds us of the fragility of human life and the fact that it can never be taken for granted. “

In addition to her husband, Stefanie is survived by her father, Philip Johnson; mother, Michele Overfield; brother, Steven Overfield; sister, Marrisa VonGunten; and her Gamma Phi Beta sorority sisters. Her life was cut short far too soon, and she will be greatly missed.

Derek Arnold has established an endowed scholarship fund at Lake Erie College in memory of Stefanie. When endowed with a minimum of $50,000, the Stefanie Arnold ‘11 Endowed Memorial “Wonder Woman” Scholarship Fund will provide scholarship support for students who exemplify the same qualities that Stefanie exemplified throughout her life. To donate to the fund, please contact Marc Barbeau, vice president for institutional advancement, at mbarbeau@lec.edu or 440.375.7255.
Reid Rizzo ‘14

The administration, faculty, staff and students of Lake Erie College extend our deepest sympathy to the family of student Reid Rizzo, who passed away on June 2, 2012 in Madisonville, Ky., where he was playing summer ball for the Tradewater Pirates. Rizzo, who had battled a cardiac condition called cardiomyopathy throughout his life, died peacefully in his sleep at age 21.

Rizzo was a 2010 standout athlete at LaSalle High School in Cincinnati, Ohio, and played baseball for the College during his freshman and sophomore years. He appeared in 82 games in his two seasons with the Storm, batting .253 with 47 runs scored, 22 runs batted in and 14 stolen bases. As a sophomore, he was the team's leadoff hitter and starting shortstop, setting a school record for most fielding assists with 122.

In the death notice distributed throughout campus, President Victor said, “Reid was a beloved member of our baseball team and the Lake Erie community. His presence will be sorely missed on campus, in our classrooms and most especially on the field. We pray that our shared memories of Reid, and his love for baseball and for life, will be a comfort to all who mourn his passing.”

“Our Storm family has sustained a tragic loss, and our family is grieving that loss. We lost a friend and a terrific teammate,” said baseball coach Brian McGee. “Reid was one of those players who just loved baseball. Maybe most importantly to me personally, he bought into our program and what we were trying to do – he believed in what Lake Erie baseball can and will be. And he never wavered from that. We will be here to support Reid’s family in any way we can.”

Our thoughts and prayers remain with Reid’s parents, Tim and Lisa, his sister Nicole, his grandparents, Lee and Mary Ann Schmidlin, and countless other relatives and friends. Reid Rizzo was an important part of the Lake Erie College family, and he is missed.

The Lake Erie College baseball team hosted a tribute to honor the life of Reid Rizzo on Oct. 13. “Reid Rizzo Day” featured the Storm Fall League championship game, a special ceremony honoring Reid during the seventh inning stretch and the program’s annual Family Day picnic.

Reed’s family and friends have established a scholarship fund in his name. For information on the Reid Rizzo Memorial Scholarship Fund and Foundation for Cardiomyopathy Research, visit www.reidrizzofoundation.com.

Dr. Robert L. Nugent

Dr. Robert L. Nugent, professor emeritus of foreign languages at Lake Erie College, passed away at his home in Painesville on Aug. 29, 2012 at age 91. Dr. Nugent will be remembered by generations of students not only for his teaching, but also for his service as head librarian and founding member of Il Convivio, the Italian culture club.

Dr. Nugent received two undergraduate degrees from the University of California and his doctorate from Yale. He was a lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps during World War II. He fought in three campaigns in the Pacific – Cape Gloucester, Peleliu and Okinawa – and was the translator of captured Japanese documents.

Emeritus Professor of History Dr. Kim McQuaid remembers Nugent for his humility in talking about his service during the war. “As a translator, he often landed with the second wave to gather intelligence from the captured prisoners, but even his longtime friend and fellow Marine, Dr. Herman Bodson, did not know about this for over 20 years,” McQuaid said.

Dr. Stephen Yachanin, professor of psychology, remembers Nugent for his fluency in foreign languages and his ability to switch quickly between English, Spanish, Italian and French. “He would be speaking with one faculty member in English, then turn to another and continue in Spanish,” Yachanin said. “He would answer a question in French and begin another conversation in Italian. It was like having lunch at the United Nations,” he said.

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Until the last several years, Dr. Nugent walked to the College to pick up his mail and join his colleagues for lunch in the Dickinson Dining Hall in the Holden Center. He was a soldier, teacher, linguist, gentleman and friend, and he touched many lives in his brilliant, quiet way. He will be missed.
LINDA KAY BUTLER, Chardon, Ohio, passed away March 23, 2012. She was an administrative assistant at First Church Congregational and Fairport Dance, and previously at Lake Erie College. She is survived by her husband, Walter; sons, Scott and Brian; three grandchildren; a sister; and several nieces and nephews.

DOLORES CARSEY, Painesville, Ohio, died April 3, 2012. She was a bookkeeper and did office work for Lake Erie College. She loved music and sang in the Billy Graham crusade in Cleveland in 1994 and the Painesville Women’s Chorus for many years. She is survived by her daughter, Carol Taipale; two grandsons; and nieces and nephews.

NEIL JAMES CONWAY II, Mentor, Ohio, died May 18, 2012. He served during World War II as an Army Air Corps Navigator and received degrees from John Carroll University and Western Reserve University. He was an attorney who co-founded the partnership Conway-O’Laughlin and was the owner and president of Conway Title Company, where he worked until retirement. Conway was a member of the Lake County and Ohio Bar Associations and was on the scholarship committee for the Exchange Club. He taught at Lakeland Community College and Lake Erie College for several years. He is survived by his wife, Jeanne; seven children; 20 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

DON DEVNEY, Scottsdale, Ariz., died Aug. 15, 2012. He was the husband of SALLY (FIREBAUGH) DEVNEY ’59. After the fire that destroyed Memorial Hall on Apr. 13, 1957, the Devneys (who then lived in Painesville) took in several of the displaced students from Lake Erie College and became like a second family to them. He worked in the trade magazine and real estate industries and was a dedicated volunteer for a number of organizations. He also loved fishing, hunting and hiking. He is survived by his wife, Sally; sons, Terry and Michael; two grandsons; and two brothers.

HELEN GROOT, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, died Jan. 19, 2010 at age 97; the College was only recently notified of her death. She had hosted LEC Academic Term Abroad students in Amsterdam in the 1970s and 80s. A pew in Morley Music Building is dedicated to H.A.M. Groot.

ELIZABETH “BOBBIE” HITCHCOCK, Willoughby, Ohio, died June 24, 2012 at age 94. She was the wife of the late Peter S. Hitchcock, who was a descendant of Reuben Hitchcock, one of the founders and early supporters of Lake Erie College. Bobbie was one of the members of her family who attended Founders Day in 2011.

She was an active supporter of local history and researched a number of the oldest homes in Geauga and Lake counties for Century Home plaques. She gave more than 30 years of service to the Lake County Historical Society and served for a time as its president. She was a founder of the Old Mentor Foundation, which restored the old Mentor City Hall, at which President James A. Garfield used to preach. She wrote numerous articles on the area’s history for local newspapers and, at one time, was editor and author for the Lake County Historical Society’s quarterly report. She also gave historical presentations on the history of the Little Mountain Club, which was located near the Hitchcock home.

She is survived by her sons, P. Sterling Hitchcock and Christopher P. Hitchcock; 13 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. Her husband, Peter, and daughter, Bunny, preceded her in death.

MARGARET McCausland, Topeka, Ks., died May 22, 2012. She taught English at Lake Erie College from 1947-1950 and then at Washburn University in Topeka until her retirement. She was preceded in death by her husband, Hugh Glenn McCausland.

JANICE PIKOR, Concord Township, Ohio, passed away June 1, 2012. She was a secretary at Thompson Wood Products, Lake Erie College and Alcoa. She studied classical music as a pianist under Zygmunt Stojowski. She is survived by her husband, Joe; son, William; two grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

JAMES P. STORER, Gates Mills, Ohio, died Feb. 21, 2012. Though blind from age six, he grew up to lead WJW-AM (Storer Comunications’ radio division), Cleveland Sight Center, Grand River Land Conservancy and other organizations. Storer was a graduate, trustee and leading benefactor of Kenyon College, where Storer Hall, Storer Lecture Series, Storer scholarships and an endowed chair in Asian history all carry forth his legacy. For several years through the Storer Foundation he also generously funded scholarships for high-achieving upperclass Lake Erie College students. His name also survives in the Storer Conference Center at the Cleveland Clinic and the Storer Sensory Garden at Lake Hospital Mentor. He is survived by his wife, Dede, and a brother, Robert.