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A Message From The President

Michael T. Victor, J.D., LL.D.
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Though the sport has origins in Native American history centuries ago, it has only been in the last decade or so that the game of lacrosse has spread nationwide. Through increased visibility in the media and the growth of college, high school and youth programs, lacrosse has gone from a regional sport centered on the East Coast to one that is played in towns across the United States by a rapidly increasing number of participants and is currently the fastest growing sport in the Midwest.

“Players are drawn to the pace of game; the speed is something they like,” said men’s head coach and 2013 ECAC Division II Coach of the Year Greg Stocks. “Lacrosse takes a lot of aspects of different sports. It has speed, it’s got intensity, it’s got hitting, it’s got goals. It brings a lot of different sports together. You don’t have to be the biggest or fastest, but if you work hard at it you can be a good player and have success.”

Both Stocks and women’s head coach Jillian Howley grew up in areas where lacrosse was prevalent, and both began playing the game as children. At that time, the game was regionally celebrated in their home towns in British Columbia and on Long Island, N.Y., respectively, but a number of factors have contributed to its recent broader appeal.

“I think some of the recent popularity has to do with media,” said Stocks. “Lacrosse is something you see on TV more now. There are publications out there and internet sites that strictly cover lacrosse. It’s an exciting game that gives participants something to do in the spring. Before, their options were basically just baseball and track. It gives them a third option, often a really exciting and better-fitting one, and that’s why it is starting to grow not only in Ohio but throughout the Midwest.”

No place is that rapid growth more evident than here on the campus of Lake Erie College, where in just four short years, the Storm men’s and women’s lacrosse
programs have grown from fledgling start-ups to among the conference, regional and even national elite. The 2013 teams combined for 25 victories, 13 all-conference players, multiple national awards and the school’s first NCAA Division II Tournament berth.

“A lot of the little things we didn’t do very well in the past started to come together this year, and we worked hard to clean up a lot of those little mistakes that young programs make,” said Stocks. “The team members who had been here for a few years grew up and took care of business both on and off the field, working in the weight room and on their conditioning. Being a new program, we didn’t have the leadership that other teams had. We didn’t have the upperclassmen to show them how to do the right things, so they had to learn to do it on their own. Once our players learned that, to realize what it takes to be a successful Division II lacrosse team, they were able to become pretty successful players.”

Hired in December of 2007 to build a program from the bottom up, Stocks was faced with the daunting task of recruiting student-athletes to a team that didn’t exist in a region that was relatively unfamiliar to the sport. The program’s next move made the hill a little harder to climb when Lake Erie was accepted as a member of the nation’s premier Division II lacrosse league, the East Coast Conference (ECC), for the teams’ inaugural seasons of 2009.

“The most challenging part (recruiting for a new team) was location – it just wasn’t an area people look to when they talk about lacrosse,” said Stocks. “Getting students to jump on board to a new program in Painesville, Ohio wasn’t the easiest. When you look back and see how far we’ve come as a program and the success we had this year, that is the most gratifying thing.”

The women’s team faced those same challenges. But both Stocks and then women’s head coach Laura Maness worked to recruit quality players who may have been overlooked by bigger schools, but were talented at the game, good students and strong fits for the College, to build their programs.

“You turn over every rock because finding the right students is the key,” Stocks said. “I think I lucked out and got a bunch of really good players to jump on board early who wanted to be part of the start of something, guys who were competitive and eager for playing time. They wanted to play against the top teams, and coming to Lake Erie, they know we’re going to play the best teams every year. That first year we played five or six top-10 teams and took our lumps, but we got the type of player we wanted.”

Howley, who just completed her second year at Lake Erie, added, “Students are attracted to Lake Erie because they enjoy the people they meet and how friendly everyone is. People are genuinely making an effort to help recruits feel comfortable here – asking how their visit is going, where they’re from, what they are going to study, etc. Also I think a lot of student-athletes are comforted by the fact that there are a bunch of different sports here and a lot of other students who are like them with similar interests. That gets them excited about being here. And as a young program we offer an ample amount of playing time for team members – that’s a big interest for them, probably the biggest selling point for a new team. All those factors together, in addition to working hard to uncover hidden gems or diamonds in the rough, have led us to attract quality student-athletes.”
Early season struggles

The Storm men certainly did take their lumps that rookie year, winning just three games and finishing with a 3-11 overall record and 1-9 conference mark. But by year two, the team had improved to .500 with a 7-7 record.

In 2012, the Lake Erie men again posted 7-7 overall and 4-6 conference marks, highlighted by upsets over nationally ranked Pfeiffer and C.W. Post early in the season. After three years, the Storm was on the cusp of breaking through.

Meanwhile, the Storm women had a more immediate impact, winning four of their first five games played in their first season and finishing with a 7-7 record. An expanded and stronger ECC and challenging nonconference slate dropped the Storm to just three wins the following year and also brought about a coaching change when Maness moved on to a position with another school.

Howley came on board prior to 2012 and led the Storm women to a bounce-back year. LEC went 7-10 overall that season and were also on the verge of a big year.

Breaking through

With popularity of the sport growing in the region and more colleges adding lacrosse to their varsity offerings, the GLIAC – the conference home of 21 of Lake Erie’s sports – announced it would sponsor women’s lacrosse as a conference sport beginning in 2013.

The Storm flourished in its new home, posting a 7-1 league mark and a 13-5 overall record in 2013. Both win totals set single-season school records, and six players earned all-conference honors including three first-team selections in seniors Julia Kudla ’13 and Meredith Howley noted.

“From a recruiting standpoint, the ability to blend athletic and academic success has been a huge asset for our teams,” Howley noted.

Howe ’13 and junior Alex Freeman ’14. The team earned the number two seed in the conference tournament, where it lost to Tiffin University in the semifinals.

The Storm faced off again against Mercyhurst on May 11 in Erie and tried hard to put an end to that team’s then 17-game winning streak. Although the Storm had a 9-7 lead with less than nine

member of the ECAA Division II Lacrosse League. The Storm began its season in the league with an 8-2 overall record before losing in the final seconds to top-ranked Mercyhurst University.

The team’s strong early play and its showing even in defeat against Mercyhurst started to get the Storm noticed nationally, and Lake Erie made the United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association (USILA) Coaches’ Poll Top 12 in April 2013. The team finished the season with three straight victories and earned a place in the ECAC Playoffs behind Mercyhurst and second-seed Seton Hill.

Lake Erie would finally take a spot on the national stage with a 12-10 in the tournament semifinals over Seton Hill. Senior Keegan Bal ’13, the 2013 ECAC Offensive Player of the Year, and fellow first-team all-conference selection sophomore Reagan Harding ’15 scored three goals apiece while freshman goalkeeper Tom Lipomi ’16 turned away several Griffin scoring opportunities in the closing minutes to give the Storm the win and put them into the tournament championship game.

Although the team lost to Mercyhurst in the final tournament game, their win in the semifinals over Seton Hill and their strong regular season record earned LEC the fourth and final spot in the NCAA Tournament South Region field. In just its fourth year, the Storm was one of eight teams that would compete for the national title.
minutes left in regulation, Mercyhurst tied the game and eventually won in overtime 10-9 and advanced to the championship.

Accolades

While the contest against Mercyhurst didn’t have the outcome the team and fans had hoped for, it also didn’t overshadow the outstanding accomplishments and heights the program had reached. Seven players earned all-conference honors and three – Bal, Harding and sophomore defenseman Justin Goodwin ’15 – became the program’s first All-Americans when they were named to the USILA Coaches’ All-America Division II Team. Stocks was recognized by his peers as the 2013 ECAC Coach of the Year and by the media as the national Division II Coach of the Year by Jac Coyne and Lacrosse Magazine.

As successful on the field as 2013 was, it was just as successful off it. The Storm men placed 15 on the ECAC All-Academic Team while the women picked up 10 academic All-GLIAC selections, including five Academic Excellence picks. The LEC women also continued their dominance as an Intercollegiate Women’ Lacrosse Association (IWLCA) Academic Squad for the third straight year. The Storm are two-time IWLCA Merit Squads, achieving the nation’s highest team GPA in 2011.

The strength of the teams’ academic performance is just a draw to prospective student-athletes as the on-field success.

“From a recruiting standpoint, the ability to blend athletic and academic success has been a huge asset for our teams,” Howley noted. “We take great pride in those accomplishments and it’s a tradition we want to keep going. Parents and recruits are impressed by that, and they know that we aren’t just a ‘jock campus,’ but that they will get great support and direction that can lead to a great experience both as a student and as a player.”

Despite the heartbreaking playoff losses that put an end to their respective seasons, both Storm coaches focus on the positives from the most successful campaigns in school history and use them as building blocks to take the programs even higher.

“Losing the way we did was tough,” Howley said. “We had our goals set on reaching that tournament final and playing for a trophy. Tiffin was a team we handled earlier in the season, but we didn’t play well enough to beat them that day. Coming up short like that keeps our returners hungry and wanting to get to that point of playing for a championship and not coming up short. That focus allows us to not look ahead or take anything for granted.”

Stocks agreed. “Having a season like that, where we were so close to arguably one of the best programs in the country on two separate occasions, it gets guys staying hungry. It’s important for our younger guys, who maybe didn’t play as much because we had a veteran team, taking what they learned and building on it. As a team we now know we now have a target on our back, that we are a team others are coming after. That mentality, to continue to work and do what we are doing, having that attitude makes success sustainable."

Lake Erie College is proud of the achievements, both on and off the field, of our women’ and men’s lacrosse teams, and we look forward to future successes.
The 154th commencement of Lake Erie College took place on Sunday, May 12 in the Jerome T. Osborne Family Athletic & Wellness Center. Over 200 students were awarded bachelor of arts, bachelor of fine arts, bachelor of science, master of business administration and master of education degrees for 2012-13 during the ceremony.

George B. Milbourn, chairman and president of the board of the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation, delivered the commencement address. He offered some simple, yet relevant, advice to the graduates, encouraging them, among other things, to develop their own moral compass. “You need to look at the person in the mirror and feel good about who you see,” he said.

He also encouraged the graduates to be philanthropists, persons who have a genuine concern for human welfare. “Leave Lake Erie with an attitude of gratitude. You are a much better person for having received the LEC experience,” he said.

Milbourn ended his address with a story of going undercover at the College’s Homecoming football game in October 2012. He wore blue jeans, a sweatshirt and a Jack Daniels baseball cap, which he pulled out from the podium and wore for the last part of his speech.

Milbourn said that after each quarter of the game he changed seats and eavesdropped on many of the students’ conversations. “I learned that you are a terrific conglomeration of smart, energetic and enthusiastic young people. I’m in the fourth quarter of my life, and you are just beginning the second quarter of yours. I doubt if I’ve said anything today that you haven’t heard before, but perhaps there may be something in this presentation that will resonate as you play out the rest of your game. I wish each of you good health. I wish you happiness and fulfillment in whatever you pursue along your journey.”

In the Charge from the Faculty, Dr. Mark Bell, Associate Professor of German and French, based his remarks on the 2000 movie, “The Legend of Bagger Vance.” Bell tied this on-the-surface golf movie to the “golf course” we call Lake Erie College. He urged students to continue to play the game of life, looking for the occasional holes in one. “These rare total successes can, and will, keep happening to all of us when we walk away from here today. From now until your time is up, click on the Ruby Slippers three times, once a month, and think about it: Lake Erie College has hard wired every one of you for these occasional holes in one,” Bell said.

Mary Walter, in the Legacy from the Class of 2013, also spoke about living life to its fullest. “This is our life to live and, if we do it right, once is enough. Face your fears. Chase your dreams. Stay true to yourself. . . Whatever our path may be, we can take comfort in the knowledge that we are wholly prepared to meet any obstacle that life may put in our way and be confident that at the end of the day we will know that it is conquered,” she said.

President Victor encouraged the graduates to return often to their alma mater, to retrace the paths that became so familiar to them during their time on campus. “With all the comings and goings that make up your lives, 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,” he said.

The graduates of the Class of 2013 are well prepared to take the next step in their lives, and they will continue to make us proud.
“You need to look at the person in the mirror and feel good about who you see”
Ed Dunlap awarded honorary doctorate

Edward B. Dunlap was presented an honorary doctor of humane letters degree during the 2013 commencement ceremony. Dunlap is chairman and CEO of CentiMark Corporation, the largest commercial roofing contractor in North America. He is the owner of 40 diverse businesses, including a successful commercial real estate business that he began in 1988 in Ohio, Pennsylvania and Florida.

He has been a friend of Lake Erie College for many years and served on the Board of Directors from 1990 to 1993. Realizing that first impressions of the campus are important for students and visitors, Dunlap gave generously to create the Anna and Ed Dunlap Family Courtyard, the new front entrance to the campus.

He also made a significant contribution toward the construction of a specialized learning suite for the College’s physician assistant program, scheduled to begin in summer 2014.

George Milbourn presented honorary doctorate

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He is chairman and president of the board of the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation, where he has been a member since 1992. He was an original board member of Hospice of the Western Reserve, a 10-year trustee of the Lake County Foundation, 33-year member and past president of the Painesville Rotary Club, 10-year member of the Lake-Geauga Fund of the Cleveland Foundation, and member and past president of the Gyro Club of the Western Reserve.

He has served as a trustee and chairman of the development committee of the Lake County YMCA; trustee, moderator and Heritage Fund chairman of First Church Congregational; and 2002 campaign chairperson of United Way of Lake County. He was a former board member of the Ohio Foundation of Independent Colleges and was general chairman of the campaign to construct the Arthur S. Holden Center on the Lake Erie College campus.
Graduating seniors were recognized for their academic achievements throughout their years at Lake Erie College at Honors Convocation on May 10, 2013. The convocation, held in Morley Music Building, drew a large audience of faculty, staff and family members. “These are the future leaders of the 21st century,” said Dr. Jana Holwick, vice president for academic affairs and chief academic officer.

In her convocation address, Dr. Jennifer A. Swartz, assistant professor of English and communication and director of the Writing Center, spoke about the intertwining of truth and grace. She based her remarks on a sermon given by the Rev. Paul A. Gaug, minister at Champion Presbyterian Church in Warren, Ohio.

“Without truth, we don’t have honesty. We don’t have inquiry. We don’t have intellectual curiosity. Without grace, we don’t have compassion. We don’t have kindness. We don’t have the capacity to truly love others who often need [to be] loved the most when they deserve it the least,” Dr. Swartz said.

“It is essential to constantly remember that truth and grace are inextricably interwoven and that any attempt to separate them will render them meaningless and therefore powerless. But when paired together, truth and grace function as a lodestar and assure you that wherever life takes you, you will prosper and thrive. . . No matter where your physical address might be, you always ‘reside at the corner of truth and grace.’”

During the ceremony, students received Academic Excellence awards, Latin Honors and Scholar Athlete awards and were recognized for their membership in Mortar Board and the Scholars Program.

Dean of Students Billie Dunn presented the Jane White Lincoln Dean’s Award to Sarah Wojciechowski, who excelled in academics, on the basketball court and in campus activities. “One thing that stood out about this year’s recipient is the respect she has from her peers,” Dean Dunn said. “Their nominations spoke of her solid character, dedication to campus involvement, bright smile and cheery hello. . . Her mature and insightful leadership has contributed to leaving Lake Erie College in a better place.”

Wojciechowski majored in chemistry and is pursuing a Ph.D. in clinical bioanalytical chemistry at Cleveland State University.

President Victor presented the prestigious President’s Award to Julia Kudla, an exemplary student in the classroom, on the lacrosse field and in co-curricular activities. “There are few students whose dedication, commitment and support of Lake Erie College can match that of Julia. She represents the best of a LEC student – she has utilized her LEC experience to its fullest and has left LEC better than she found it. She symbolizes the type of student in deed and attitude that any college/university would be proud to call an alumna,” President Victor said.

Kudla completed a double major in marketing and sport management and entered a graduate program in marketing at the University of Toledo in fall 2013.

Congratulations to all of the students who were recognized during Honors Convocation.
Seniors unwind during Senior Week

After the last classes are done and the last finals have been taken, there is only one thing left to do for Lake Erie College seniors before their graduation—experience the tradition that is Senior Week.

This year’s Senior Week began with a wine tasting tour in Ashtabula County on Monday, May 6. Three vans provided the transportation for about 40 LEC seniors, whose first stop was the South River Winery in Geneva—a renovated old church turned into a winery. The tour then continued to Debonne Vineyards, also in Geneva, where the students had the opportunity to tour the winery and see the business side of grape farming. They also visited the distillery and sampled some of the excellent local wines and food. The last stop of the tour was at Old Firehouse Winery in Geneva on the Lake, where the group stopped for dinner and also spent time on the beach watching the sunset over Lake Erie.

Tuesday saw the annual Senior Week All-Campus Picnic, hosted by Metz Dining Services at the campus pavilion. Good food complemented the great mood, as faculty, staff and current students came together for a send-off for the graduating class. Participants enjoyed games of cornhole, volleyball, Frisbee and basketball to the background of music played by a DJ.
On Wednesday the seniors headed back out of campus for a scavenger hunt tour of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland, followed by dinner at the R&R Café.

A commencement rehearsal and black-tie reception took place on Thursday. The reception and cocktail hour were hosted by President and Mrs. Victor, and featured a four-piece band as well as heavy hors d’oeuvres and a carving station. Traditionally this formal affair is an opportunity for the entire campus community to come together once again to celebrate the achievements of our seniors, and to send them off while also welcoming them into the adult world of official receptions.
After Honors Convocation on Friday, Mrs. Victor hosted the Ladies’ Tea—another Lake Erie tradition dating back to the late 1800’s. During Ladies’ Tea, officially the last Senior Week event on the schedule before Commencement, the female senior students and their guests—mothers, grandmothers or female faculty members who have been especially influential in their college careers—experience a traditional tea party ceremony, with tea, sherry and wine served alongside scones and fancy sandwiches.
The Forgotten Houses of Lake Erie College

by Milena Velez

Since its founding in 1856, the campus of Lake Erie College has undergone many transformations. College Hall still proudly stands at the entrance of the campus from West Washington Street, and Kilcawley Hall, former library and currently the home of all of the vice presidents, the PR and HR offices, keeps it company. Some of the other buildings, however, have changed appearance, like Mathews House, or are new arrivals to the main campus. And yet many more, like the Steele Mansion, Knox House and Austin House, are no longer a part of the campus, and some are even forgotten.

The Lake Erie College of long ago looked very different from the campus that students and recent alumni know and love. While the College was still establishing itself as an institution of higher education for young women, and later men, the campus was changing rapidly with local and nationally recognized architects participating in the shaping of its face. One of the architects who contributed in many ways to the Lake Erie College we know today was Jonathan Goldsmith, the architect who designed Mathews House.

Goldsmith was born in 1783 in New Haven, Conn., and originally apprenticed with a shoemaker, but quickly changed his choice of future career. At age 17 he apprenticed with a local carpenter-joiner, and in 1804 he moved to Hinsdale, Mass. where he built his first house. A few years later, in 1808, he and his wife, Abigail, decided to make a move west to the Western Reserve area. While the young couple settled themselves in Lake County, Goldsmith began working to establish himself as one of the most prominent architects of his time in the area.

During his lifetime, Goldsmith designed and built about 30 homes and commercial buildings in the Painesville area, including the Fairport Harbor Lighthouse and Riders Tavern in Painesville, a number of other buildings in Lake County, and ten houses in Cleveland, all of them mansions built for prominent citizens between 1830-1837 on Euclid Avenue. During this time Goldsmith also educated his son-in-law, Charles W. Heard, in the art of architecture, and Heard took over for Goldsmith, also creating a number of buildings in Lake County, including LEC’s own College Hall in 1859.

Mathews House

Given Goldsmith’s fame at the time, it was no surprise that when Dr. John Henry Mathews, Painesville’s pioneer physician, decided to build a house for himself and his wife in 1829, he chose Jonathan Goldsmith. The house is, in fact, often considered to be one of Goldsmith’s finest creations. The design was for a stately home in Classic Greek Revival style, erected on State Street in Painesville, with two wings flanking the center section. Little did Goldsmith and Dr. Mathews know that the Mathews family would occupy the home for the next 120 years, but even less they could have predicted the unusual fate of the house.

The original house held ten rooms and was decorated with hand carved medallions or acanthus leaves and pineapple pattern ornaments, many of them probably carved by Goldsmith himself. From 1829 until 1949 the family of Dr. Mathews, first his daughter and her husband, and then his son and his wife, and later on his granddaughter and her family, lived in the house. Dr. Samuel Huntington Mathews, the son of the original Dr. Mathews, and his second wife, Maria R. Dean, even ran a preparatory school for young ladies in the house, and they trained the students for acceptance into Lake Erie Seminary. An additional room was added to the house just for this
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purpose; however, when the house was moved to the Lake Erie campus in the 20th century, that room was razed because it was not a part of the original design. Mrs. Mathews trained more than 350 young ladies over a period of 25 years.

The last Mathews family members to live in the house were the son of Samuel Huntington and his wife, Helen Buchan, and their children. In 1949, however, six years after Dean Mathews, Dr. John Henry Mathews’ grandson, passed away, his wife Helen found herself facing a difficult decision—the traffic on State Street was becoming too much for her and her desire for privacy. So she decided to sell the house for commercial development, which meant that the historic 120-year-old home would be torn down to free up the land for a new building. The citizens of Painesville, however, did not agree.

Under the leadership of a select group of Lake County citizens, a committee was formed to discuss the future of the historic home. They found a new, more private location for the house—on the campus of Lake Erie College on West Washington Street. Moving a house, however, was not a cheap endeavor, so the committee had to launch a fundraising campaign that solicited contributions of more than $15,000 from all over northeastern Ohio. Once the funding was secured, it was time to move the building. The home was dismantled and moved in three different sections over a period of three months, to its current location on the Lake Erie College campus. An agreement was formed between Mrs. Dean Mathews and the College—she could remain living there until her death, and after her death the house would become a property of the College.

Today Mathews House serves as the home of the LEC Alumni Office and also as a guest house for alumni and guests of the College.

Wilcox Place

Another property built by Jonathan Goldsmith that eventually found its way to Lake Erie College was Wilcox Place. Built in 1824 on a hilltop at Liberty and High Street in Painesville, this house was originally known as the Highland House, and was designed for David Hull, a real estate entrepreneur who, it is said, cheated the Village of Painesville out of large sums of money. Hull lost the house to Aaron Wilcox, the then-owner of Lake County Bank and one of the founders of Lake Erie Seminary, who paid $1,101 for it in 1851 at a sheriff’s sale.

In this same house Wilcox and his wife Eliza Jane Morley raised their five daughters, all of whom went on to graduate from Lake Erie. One of their daughters, Sarah Jane Wilcox, even chose the parlor in her father’s house as the location for her wedding to Peter M. Hitchcock, the son of another one of Lake Erie’s founders, once Peter had returned from fighting in the War of the Rebellion—this was the name often used in the Northern states for the American Civil War during and immediately after the war.

The home, with its winding stairs in the front hall and eight fireplaces, remained in the family until 1924, when the ten grandchildren of Aaron and Eliza Jane gifted it to the College. It was then turned into three faculty apartments, and it remained in use in this way until 1964 when it was sold. The home has since been demolished.

Austin/Knox Houses

A number of other properties were also given to the College as gifts or sold with the intent of being used as a part of the campus. Such were the twin houses, Austin and Knox, both designed and built by Charles Heard, the architect of College Hall and Jonathan Goldsmith’s son-in-law. Knox and Austin Houses were built for two sisters, Jane and Mary Gillett, and they were located on the grounds of the Gillett farm just east of the Lake Erie College campus. The Austin house was commissioned for Jane Gillett Wilkes, and the Knox House for Mary Gillett Child, whose husband, Carlos O. Child, was the treasurer of Lake Erie Seminary from 1884-1904. Both houses became the property of the College in 1938-39, but whether they were donated to Lake Erie or the College purchased them is not entirely clear.
In fact, some litigation became necessary in the transfer of the Knox House to Lake Erie from the heirs of Mr. Child. According to an article in the Alumnae Bulletin of July 1938, “After a great deal of legal work on behalf of Mr. Garfield and other members of his firm, the tax question was settled for the benefit of the college and negotiations were resumed for the purchase of the Knox property adjoining the college on the east. (…) The former home of Beulah Knox McIlwrath [LEC Class of 1918] has been leased by the college for the past ten years and used as a residence for faculty and students, entirely for faculty in [the] later years. The property includes a strip of woodland at the east of a rail fence along the edge of the athletic field through Walnut Street.”

The tax problem this excerpt is referring to was regarding a ruling that a college residence such as this house was taxable. However, Mr. Garfield and his firm had this issue resolved, and the property successfully became a part of the Lake Erie campus.

As for the Austin House, at this time of its transfer to the College, whether through purchase or as a donation, it was also still owned by its original family – the Austin House owner was Flora Louise Wiles Austin.

Both houses were used for many years as both faculty and student housing. In the 1950s an addition was built to the Knox House, giving it a total of six bedrooms and even more room to house Lake Erie community members. However, soon after that both houses began deteriorating. In the late 1980s it was time for the College to say goodbye to them, once it became clear that Knox House’s older section, prior to the renovation in the 1950s, had sustained serious amount of water damage. The College asked an expert to produce a report on what it would take to bring the house back by repairing and preserving it, but the expert’s report came back recommending repairs that totaled over $200,000. Even though a private donation of $60,000 was made to the College specifically for the renovation of the house, the expenses were too much, and a decision was made that Knox House was not worth the cost of its repair. The Western Reserve Historical Society was contacted and invited to come in and claim most of the valuables, from antique furniture to precious pieces of sculpture, which were later sold, with the profit split equally between the Society and Lake Erie College. The house was then provided to the Painesville Fire Department as a learning ground for practice drills, as it burned to the ground. Austin House met a similar fate a short while later.
At first, however, it was the home of the Lake Erie president. The house may have been designed by Charles Heard, but sources are not certain of this. Either way, however, the home was constructed with seven white marble fireplaces by Doran and Co. of Painesville, and two-inch thick doors with silver-plated hinges. The stylish mansion held many events for the College throughout the years: the elegant third floor ballroom was the scene of the junior-senior prom for many years as well as, some sources say, sometimes for gym classes. Later on the house was divided into student rooms, and the basement contained two large recreation rooms known as the Hatchway, or Hatch, and the first indoor smoking area for Lake Erie girls.

An undated clipping from around 1933 describes the Hatch and the way the students were introduced to it—through a treasure hunt organized by Miss Small, followed by tea. The clipping described the room as the “last word in design, inviting relaxation as well as the lighter forms of recreation.” The Hatch contained bridge tables and chairs, ping pong sets, typewriter stand, and a radio, but also a small kitchenette, “fully equipped, which [could be] used for breakfast or light supper parties as well as fudge-making and perhaps a cup of coffee on the night before a final examination or term paper is due.”

In 1958 President Paul Weaver moved the president’s residence to the Manor House on the Morley Estate and the Steele Mansion, or as it was known back then, the Mentor House, was devoted to use by students and faculty. The house was converted to a dormitory for 29 students, and it remained so until it was purchased from the College by a Cleveland condominium developer and turned into residential apartments.

The Mentor House is the third of the forgotten house to fight a fiery fight—in January of 2001 the house burned almost to the ground after a fire started on the third floor when a contractor was attempting to melt a 6- to 8-foot icicle by using the heat gun too strongly. Firefighters from five Lake County fire departments responded to the call and battled the blaze in below-freezing temperatures in the northeast Ohio winter for more than six hours, but they still barely managed to save some, but not a lot of the building.

After the fire, the owners Christina and Clyde Dubensky could not afford to renovate and restore the mansion once again, so they sold it to Marous Bros. Construction of Painesville, who in turn sold it to Painesville resident Timothy Herron in 2006. Mr. Herron had great ideas for the house—he considered using it as a movie set, turning it into a single-family home, offering the house as place for foster children, or even following his wife’s dream of starting a bed and breakfast. Unfortunately, none of these ideas came to fruition—in 2009, in the midst of renovations, a severe windstorm knocked down one of the mansion’s chimneys, which destroyed the floors inside while also falling to the basement and damaging the boiler system. The city came in, responding to the incident, and ended up knocking down two more chimneys.

Facing this terrible luck, and a growing financial responsibility for the house, Herron decided to sell it at a progressive auction. This is how the mansion’s current owner, Arthur Shamakian, came to purchase it in 2010, knowing that the demolition decree had been issued for March 2011 due to the many problems the house had. Shamakian and his wife are determined to restore the house to its former glory as a historic inn of Painesville, while also including the building on the National Historic Registry, so that it can never again be in danger of destruction.

Overall many houses and properties have intertwined their stories with Lake Erie College—some of them forgotten, some of them a strong part of the College’s own history. Yet one way or another they have carried, and still carry, the stories of students and faculty, of presidents and alumni, of friends of Lake Erie College and of the College community as a whole. In a strange way buildings retain these memories, and sometimes they just wait for someone to come in and ask them to reveal everything they know.
Paul Gothard III was a composer, pianist, conductor, Studebaker enthusiast and restorer, private pilot, motorcyclist, fisherman and hunter. Most of all, however, he was a music professor at Lake Erie College when he died of cancer on Sept. 18, 2013 at age 61. With his passing, the College lost a passionate, creative and caring educator, and his wife Sunni, associate registrar, lost her cherished husband.

Gothard began teaching at Lake Erie during Winter Term 1973-74 shortly after receiving his Bachelor of Fine Arts degree with a major in music from the College in 1973. He was put on the tenure track after he received his master’s degree in music theory and composition from Cleveland State University in 1982. He credited his long-time teacher and mentor, Dr. Harold Fink, as one of greatest influences on his career and his life, and he considered it an honor that the office from which he retired was the same one that Dr. Fink once occupied in Morley Music Building.

The extent to which Gothard’s career and his love for teaching impacted the lives of hundreds of students over his tenure at LEC was apparent at the tribute concert dedicated to him and his work, which took place March 23, 2013 in Morley Music Building. Organized by the LEC music department; Gothard’s friend and artistic associate, baritone Andrew White; the Lake Erie College Community Chorus, of which Gothard was the director; and Judith Elias, the director of the Lake Erie College Flute Choir, the concert included many of Gothard’s own compositions, as well as performances by renowned organist Todd Wilson and LEC’s College organist, Dr. Mark Bell.

“I’ve virtually spent my entire life at LEC,” Gothard said at the end of the concert. “I suppose it is to be assumed that ‘things’ will change over that length of time – and they have. In fact, most every ‘thing’ has changed! At this point, at the end of my time at LEC, my favorite ‘thing’ is the collection of great memories I have of which great, regular LEC people are a major part!”

At the faculty and staff reception held May 8, 2013 in Social Parlor, Gothard was recognized as the first recipient of the new Deans’ Pillar Award, presented to the faculty member who best represents the three pillars of the College – excellence, tradition and service. For 40 years, Gothard epitomized all three pillars, and he will long be remembered for his influence on the students, faculty and staff of Lake Erie College. He enriched the many lives he touched over the years, and he is missed.
When May Collacott Targett played the part of “The Spirit of Lake Erie College Future” in a pageant held on the front lawn of the College in 1935, little did she know that her involvement with Lake Erie would last into two centuries.

In fact, three generations of Targett’s family have had a close association with Lake Erie College. Her grandmother, May Lockwood Oliver, graduated from Lake Erie Seminary in 1890. Oliver was closely involved with the effort to make Lake Erie an accredited college and became a trustee in 1922, a position she held until her death in 1941. Targett’s father, Robert Hover Collacott, joined the board of Lake Erie in 1953 and remained a trustee until his death in 1976.

When Targett graduated from Smith College in 1952, Lake Erie College had just welcomed its new president, Paul Weaver. Weaver brought about many changes to the then all-women’s college, among which was to put together a community theatre. Targett, who had been active in local theatre during summers when she was in college, was asked to be head of this new endeavor. As a result, she was on campus a great deal through the early 1950s. Wardrobe was her passion, and she was very involved in creating costumes for the theatre productions.

Desiring to pursue a degree in economics, Targett entered the University of Cambridge in the United Kingdom in 1956. Her wardrobe experience granted her membership in the highly selective Amateur Dramatic Club, and she was active in this group until she received her degree in 1958.

Targett said the structure of college at Cambridge is very different from that in the U.S. “You don’t take formal courses – you attend lectures that would help in your field of study and, at the end of the year, you take exams,” she said. And yes, students do wear academic robes to the lectures. In fact, the hood Targett wears during today’s academic processions, which is trimmed in ermine, is a remnant of her days at Cambridge.

It was while she was at Cambridge that she met her husband of 53 years, Robert Targett; the couple married in 1960. Bob was a foreign correspondent and, as a result, the family traveled a great deal. May went as a bride to Africa and had two children in tow when the family moved to Trinidad. The children, Jonathan and Susan, grew up in London but attended college in the United States; both now live overseas.

In 1980, the couple moved back to the U.S., and shortly afterwards Targett began again to be involved with Lake Erie College. She chaired the antique show that took place for several years in the Jane White Lincoln Center for Physical Education and Recreation. “This was not a College event, but it brought attention to the College,” she said.
Student involvement, internships and studying abroad while at Lake Erie College led 2007 alumna Lola (Judy) Gibson to her position at Fives Group, a 200-year-old company founded in Lille, France and now headquartered in Paris. Fives designs and supplies process equipment, production lines and plant facilities on a turnkey basis for major industrial players all over the world.

Gibson’s career began at Lake Erie College after she enrolled in the post-secondary option through Madison High School in Madison, Ohio, while only 16 years of age. While at LEC, Gibson had quite the resume. She was a cheerleader for the men’s basketball team, attended a business club trip to New York City with Professor of Finance Dr. Rabi Hasan, traveled to China for her senior trip and studied abroad in France. Gibson also successfully completed an internship with Stock Equipment Company and an independent study with Dean of the School of Business Robert Trebar.

“I was fortunate enough to have an all-encompassing international business course with Dean Trebar. In this course, one assignment as I recall was the task of evaluating a particular product and market of my choice to expand successfully internationally. I created a business and marketing plan to evaluate acceptance and saturation of the new product in the current market. The project was so intriguing to me at the time and sparked my career interest of today,” said Gibson.

Dean Trebar’s personal experience inspired Gibson to pursue her dream of working internationally in a marketing profession. “He was my mentor,” said Gibson.

After graduating with a degree in international business and modern foreign languages, Gibson stacked her resume with management experience where she then landed a job as a senior product specialist for a local commercial printing, design house and card game manufacturer. She also introduced and created an internship program at the company where she had the opportunity to hire a LEC student, working with the College and its marketing students, to create a business and marketing plan for the company’s products.

These experiences led Gibson to her current position at Fives Group, starting as a marketing specialist for one of the group’s affiliates, Fives Cinetic, based in Concord, Ohio, where she managed activities for three group companies. She was quickly promoted to a corporate level position as the U.S. marketing and communications coordinator, where her responsibilities are to aid and maintain current marketing functions and lead the U.S. affiliates’ teams to accomplish their marketing goals. Gibson currently reports to the North American country manager, group marketing and communications director and group communications director.

When I was offered this position, I was excited and thrilled! My dream to work in Paris had come true. As the U.S. marketing and communications coordinator my responsibilities are quite heavy; I currently oversee the marketing functions of 11 operations and branches in the U.S. and am responsible for ensuring the company’s guidelines and visible presence is implemented in all marketing aspects of the company operations,” Gibson explained. “I am also co-piloting our new strategic branding efforts in the U.S. as well as assisting aspects of recent acquisitions alongside group directors.”

Gibson proceeded to pursue her master of business administration at LEC knowing that she would obtain a quality education. She valued her education as an undergraduate and knew that the professors’ real-life work experience would bring credibility to her education in the graduate program.

Like many LEC graduates, Gibson gives current students some valuable advice.

“I advise current LEC students to learn from the professors and use them as their mentors and resources. Set forth major long-term goals. Your future is what you choose, not what others choose for you, so aim high and you will achieve greatness,” said Gibson.
Since its founding in 1856, Lake Erie College has been the home of over 10,000 students, women and men, who have gone out into the world as proud alumnae and alumni. Some of the LEC families, however, keep coming back to their alma mater, generation after generation, like the family of current student Darcy Valente.

Darcy is originally from Chardon, Ohio, and she is pursuing a double degree at Lake Erie College—a bachelor of arts with majors in communication and biology, and bachelor of science with a major in human resource management and minor in business administration. Darcy is also a third-generation LEC student.

It all began in the 1960s, when Darcy’s maternal grandmother, Joan McDermitt, attended Lake Erie College. “I was originally in the class of 1963,” Joan said, “but actually got my bachelor of arts from Lake Erie in 1967 due to marriage and starting a family in the middle, including [having] Darcy’s mother, Deborah.” At the time when she attended LEC, the College was still an all-female institution, and it would remain so for another two decades.

“I went to Lake Erie for several reasons,” Joan said, “convenience, the small size, and [the] focus on women’s leadership. I learned that women can be professionals and leaders.” After she graduated in 1967 with a major in social science and minors in English and education, Joan went into education herself and taught high school for 16 years before deciding to make another career move. “I wanted to develop more skills and a new career,” she said. She had already completed her master’s degree in history from Cleveland State University while still teaching, so it was time for something completely different.

In 1981 Lake Erie College established the Parker Master of Business Administration (MBA) Program, named in 2010 in memory of the late Patrick S. Parker, chairman emeritus of Parker Hannifin Corporation. The program soon became one of the fastest-growing MBA programs in the state of Ohio. Following her successful experience as an undergraduate student at LEC, Joan McDermitt decided to join the inaugural class of Lake Erie’s MBA program.

She graduated with her MBA degree in 1983 and a few years afterwards became a labor relations consultant with the Ohio Education Association. She remained on that post for 22 years, and is currently “happily retired.” However, apart from her graduate degree, she also received another family member from her second trip to LEC—a son-in-law.

George Valente was also in that first MBA class. The Cleveland native had just graduated from Kent State University in 1978 and had begun working at a local bank in a management position. He decided to further his education as a part of the inaugural class of the Parker MBA program. “I interviewed with professor Irwin Weiss,” George said, “visited the beautiful campus, and LEC offered an international experience.” He was sold. He was not aware, however, that his
choice to attend Lake Erie would change his life in a different way as well—he met Joan there.

“It was then that I introduced him to my daughter,” Joan said, “and I guess the rest is history.” Deborah, Joan’s daughter, was at the time attending Ohio State University’s School of Veterinary Medicine. After Deborah graduated, she and George got married and together they had three children—Tony, Darcy and Rosie.

George and Joan also graduated from the Lake Erie MBA program in October of 1983. “It was a family graduation,” George said. He had acquired valuable knowledge while at LEC, including international experience in Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong and China. “With the education and experience gained at LEC I have started multiple businesses, taking one business public and recently selling [another],” he added.

The history was just beginning, though. Because about two decades after Joan and George completed their graduate degrees, another member of their family was just joining Lake Erie’s community—Darcy. She had just finished a PSEO program through Lakeland Community College, so she started at LEC with a junior status due to transfer credit. Now, after only a year on the LEC campus, she is already a senior and set to graduate in Spring 2014.

However, in the short time she has spent at LEC, Darcy has taken an advantage of great many opportunities—she was a member of the IHSA team, and she is also involved in the local equine community as a 4-H advisor to the Lake County 4-H club, while also being a member of the Northcoast K9s, and an active member of the Irish Setter Club of Ohio, Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club of the Western Reserve, and the Irish Setter Club of America. She also works part-time at a local vet clinic.

While an avid animal lover, Darcy also has a competitive side. “I enjoy spending time and competing on the local hunter/jumper circuit with my horse, Reggie,” she said. This year she also had the opportunity to attend the prestigious Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show with her Irish setter, Glimmer.

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For Joan it was the opportunity to be a part of a brand-new graduate program that rapidly developed into one of the most highly regarded programs in Ohio. “My favorite memories [include] socializing with fellow MBA students [and] professors,” he said. “Through my daughter I have stayed connected to the equestrian team.” George is also a big supporter of the Storm wrestling team.

And for Darcy?

Darcy decided to attend LEC in part because of the family connection, and also because she had gotten to know the campus pretty well growing up in the area, and in part because of the great opportunities that the College could offer her. She also enjoys the comfort and availability of everything on a small residential campus. “The fitness center is a 5-10 minute walking distance from all the class buildings, security is always available—with catchy phone number, easy to remember! Everything you could ever need is within reach, plus I could not live/move away with all my family and connections here in the heartland.”

It is understandable that Darcy didn’t want to go too far from home, considering how close she is to her family. However, in choosing to become a third-generation LEC student she did more than stay close to her home—she continued a family tradition by becoming a part of Lake Erie’s family.
Many alumni of Lake Erie College continue on to seek career paths in the areas they dedicated four years of their lives studying while on the LEC campus. Others, however, incorporate other parts of their LEC experience into their future plans. This was the case for Brett Vana, LEC Class of 1995 graduate and as of recently women’s basketball coach for Weber State University in Ogden, Utah.

Raised in Cleveland, Vana arrived at Lake Erie in 1991, recruited to be a part of the College’s men’s basketball program. “I looked at a lot of other schools,” he said, “but Lake Erie’s coach at the time had a lot of interest in me, and [the College] seemed like a good fit at the time.” Upon arrival, Vana became a part of the basketball team, and continued to play with them for the duration of his career at Lake Erie. He was even inducted into the Lake Erie Athletic Hall of Fame five years after his graduation, in 2000. “My face is probably somewhere on a wall,” he laughs.

Majoring in chemistry, Vana did not plan on going into the world of sports. In fact, his first employment after LEC was in education. “I started teaching at the Environmental Education Center in Lake Wylie, S.C., a YMCA-run program,” he said. “A former friend of mine and [a fellow] LEC alum, Carol Ward, was working there, and she told me about the position.” While at the Center, Vana worked with students from elementary to high school level, teaching them classes in forestry, aquatics, water ecology, orientation, zoology and plant biology. “It was more using my science background,” he said.

Shortly afterwards, however, he moved on to teaching in the public school system, teaching 7th and 8th grade science and math at Wilson Middle School. During that time he also began coaching men’s basketball at Providence Day High School, and ended up winning the state championship with the team in 1998, only three years after he graduated from Lake Erie College.

“Between teaching and [the] coaching job [at Providence High School] I met some people at the Division I level,” Vana said, “and ended up doing some work with them over the years.” His connections in that area paid off – soon after winning the state championship in 1998 he was offered an assistant coaching position in Western Kentucky University’s men’s basketball program. While this was a great opportunity and opened the doors for him in coaching at the college level, Vana did not stick around in Kentucky for long. “I was [at WKU] only for one year, 1998-1999; shortly after that I went overseas and started coaching professionally.

“I had a friend who coached [professional teams] in Austria, who invited me over to speak as a lecturer for Nike,” Vana said. “While I was over there I gave a clinic which went so well that a bunch of teams came to me and said, ‘We would like you to coach one of our teams.’ That was [when I was] at age 25.”

Over the next decade Vana coached a number of different professional teams in Western Europe, among them BC Wetzikon and Navyboat Zurich Basketball in Switzerland, TV-Lich in Germany and The Bakken Bears in Denmark. When it was time to return stateside, Vana joined the Louisburg College Hurricanes in Louisburg, N.C. as their women’s basketball head coach, going 63-5 in the past two seasons there, including a 31-2 record in 2011-2012, when the team went to the final four and finished third in the country. In the 2012-2013 season, however, the team topped those results with 32-3, going back to the final four, and this time coming back with the national championship title for the National Junior College Athletic Association’s Division II.

When he is not busy coaching in Europe and winning state and national titles in the U.S., Vana takes time to travel around the world. “I have been on five different continents,” he said, listing South and North America, Asia, Africa and Europe, as well as the country of New Zealand. His favorite place? “South America, New Zealand and Africa - all the places in the southern hemisphere,” he said, explaining that he likes the culture there.

“Culture has always been something that interested me, and it’s something that Lake Erie started [in] me.” Vana participated in two study abroad experiences while at LEC - one was a study abroad trip to Italy with Dr. Lunardi, and the other a marine science-specific trip to the Bahamas with professors Paul and Sue Belanger. “Lake Erie was small, [but] it gave me the opportunity to make myself into the person that I am. [I had] a lot of wonderful professors – Dr. Lunardi, Dr. McQuaid, Dr. Benz, Dr. Walther – and many others who helped out and taught me different things about life, and opened avenues and opportunities to many places.”

His advice to the current and future students of Lake Erie College? “Lake Erie provided me with the opportunity to do many things in my life. Through basketball I was able to get an education, travel the world, succeed in coaching and raise a family. The biggest advice today is [to] experience things – get work experiences, get cultural experiences. It’s not about how many degrees you have; it’s about life experiences – those nobody can take from you, and they prepare you for the world.”
Learning Communities

foster growth in the liberal arts

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Last year Lake Erie College launched a new academic initiative – learning communities, which offer first-year students the opportunity to get involved in events and activities that correspond to an academic interest they might have, regardless of their major. The students were able to choose between four different learning communities: business and entrepreneurship; science, health and the environment; art, culture and humanities; and service, policy and the law.

To gain admission into the learning communities, students were invited to apply after they had completed their general application for admission to the College, and they were selected based on their interests, their level of motivation and the credentials they submitted. The very first class to enter the learning communities flourished spectacularly, and some of the students from this inaugural class were invited to come back as student-leaders for the incoming learning community participants for the 2012-2013 academic year.

The programming available to each learning community included a fall semester first-year seminar experience focusing on topics specific to each community and ranging from the pursuit of happiness to Superman’s influence on modern culture, and a spring semester course that allowed students to complete and perfect an e-Portfolio of their experience at Lake Erie. At the end of the spring semester all participating students presented their e-Portfolios before a faculty and administration panel, and the top e-Portfolios were rewarded with brand-new iPads.
But the value of the learning communities experience reached far beyond the immediate benefits such as additional classes and new technology. The students attended a number of events specific to their learning communities, and met and got to know new friends and classmates who shared their interests in science or art or business.

The year kicked off in the beginning of the fall semester with an opening reception hosted by President and Mrs. Victor at the Manor House. During the reception, President Victor gave the students from all learning communities a brief College history lesson, including stories about the resident ghosts on the College property, and also took them on a tour of the Manor House. Later in the fall, in November, the participants in all the learning communities also had the chance to spend an evening with Woodrow Wilson Fellow Stuart Diamond, cofounder and president of Empowered Media, during his visit to the College as a Founders Day speaker. At the end of the academic year, after two semesters of adventures, the members of all learning communities came together again for a trip to Cleveland, where the students explored cultural landmarks such as the West Side Market, Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Little Italy.

During the academic year, however, each learning community followed its own distinct path. In the fall, members of each learning community attended a different HU125 class, a seminar-style class that focused on different issues pertaining to the interests specific to the communities.

**Arts, Culture and Humanities**

The Arts, Culture and Humanities students were involved in a class called “Up, Up and Away: The Superheroes’ Influence on Modern Culture.” Led by Assistant Professor of English and Communication Dr. Jenny Swartz, the class examined the roots of superheroes in philosophy and explored how our modern depictions of superheroes have evolved since their inception. The class looked specifically at the character of Superman, who was not only one of the first superheroes, but also happened to be born in Lake Erie’s backyard – Superman’s creators Joe Siegel and Jerry Shuster lived in Cleveland.

The students and Dr. Swartz also investigated how other superheroes developed as a result of Superman’s influence – they discussed phenomena such as Spiderman, Batman, the X-Men, Wonderwoman, Dr. Horrible’s Sing Along Blog, The Watchmen and many others. To take their discussions even further, the class took a trip to the Superman House in Cleveland, and to the Superman Exhibition in the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage in Beachwood, Ohio. They also organized a superhero movie night in Ritter, one of LEC’s residence halls – after all, what better way to see how superheroes have developed in modern culture than to observe the transformations for yourself.
Science, Health and the Environment

The Science, Health and the Environment learning community also made a trip to Cleveland, but instead of seeking out the city’s superheroes, they visited the Cleveland Art Museum. The topic of the HU125 for this group was “The Beauty in Mathematics and Science,” and under the guidance of math professor Betty Clifford the students explored applications in the real world, finding math in unusual places, and delving into mathematical history and philosophy. They studied the structure of fractals, why sequences are important to nature and science, the use of graphic design, the geometry of life as presented in plant geometric growth, crystal structures and living spirals, and the applications of math in art and architecture.

The visit to Cleveland’s renowned museum of art was actually a part of the mid-term for the class, but in this case the trip wasn’t just about the destination, but also about the journey. On the drive to the museum downtown students were given the task of observing their surroundings, including the architecture on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard in Cleveland. After all, part of the class was about finding beauty all around us in our daily lives. At the end of their visit downtown, the group stopped by for dinner at an Italian restaurant in Cleveland’s historic Little Italy.

Business and Entrepreneurship

The Business and Entrepreneurship Learning Community also focused on a positive topic when they took a class on “The Pursuit of Happiness.” Led by Robert Trebar, dean of the School of Business, the students explored the topic of happiness through the lenses of multiple academic disciplines, looking at what the humanistic tradition, ancient philosophy and contemporary physical and social science have to say about happiness.

The students had the chance to engage in personal reflection on happiness, while also applying the concepts of the course to weekly viewings of segments of the 1997 film “Tuesdays with Morrie” – a popular work that looks at the lessons learned by a dying professor and one of his former students with whom he shares his final months. The students in this learning community also took some trips – they visited a local church where they listened to the presiding minister encourage his congregation to pursue their own happiness, and they also attended a meeting of “The Laughing Club.”

The students in the Business and Entrepreneurship Learning Community also had the opportunity to participate in Idea Lab, an annual entrepreneurship competition. The winners of the LEC Idea Lab are awarded monetary prizes and also have the opportunity to continue on to represent Lake Erie at the regional Idea Lab competitions. Later on in the semester, the students in this learning community took a trip to a local whiskey distillery, co-founded by LEC’s former professor of entrepreneurship Tom Lix, and learned more about Lix’s groundbreaking new technology of aging bourbon.
Service, Policy and the Law
The fourth LEC learning community, focused on service, policy and the law, also had an eventful semester. Their HU125 class, titled “Life in 144 Characters or Less,” explored the role social media plays in modern life. Using social media as a foundation, the students learned to think critically and creatively, to speak up and to form and express thoughtful opinion. As a part of the course, students visited the Lake County Juvenile Detention Center and the Lake County Crime Lab. Eric Johnson, an attorney with Walter and Haverfield LLP, participated as a guest speaker when he came to campus to talk about legal issues associated with social media.

Value of Learning Communities
“[Learning communities] made it easy to make friends and feel involved in college,” one student wrote in his course evaluation at the end of his fall semester. Others expressed similar sentiments. “By letting us choose a particular community to join, the College gave us an opportunity as freshmen to meet like-minded people,” another participant added. “[My] learning community expanded my horizons unbelievably,” a third student responded.

At the end of their Fall semester the students were just half way through their learning community experience. During the second semester they had the chance to begin work on their e-Portfolios, a cumulative digital project that reflects their experience at LEC not just during their first year, but during the years to follow as well. The students received assistance from Assistant Professor of Integrated Media Dr. Steven Gutierrez and other staff members, and the most creative and polished e-Portfolios were rewarded.

In its second year the learning communities program proved that it is a successful academic project, one that has and will continue to provide students with unique learning opportunities in many different areas. Whether there was a biology major with an interest in the arts, or a music major with a passion for business, the students participating in the communities represented diverse groups within LEC’s student population, ones who chose to take their education further than the classroom and framework of their academic majors. We can only look forward to what the next group of students participating in the learning communities will discover and contribute to the campus.
John F. Turben honored for his trustee service

John F. Turben received the Earl F. Morris Trustee Award from the Ohio Foundation of Independent Colleges at the Evening of Excellence held April 10, 2013 at The Westin Columbus. The award was established to recognize trustees of OFIC member colleges and universities who have gone above and beyond the norm for the guidance and betterment of the institution and its students.

Turben, a founding partner of Kirtland Capital, a private equity firm, is Chairman of China Centric Associates and mayor of Kirtland Hills Village. He joined the Lake Erie College Board of Directors in 1985, serving as chairman from 1986 through 1993. In 2004 he became an emeritus trustee but resumed his service in 2006, providing leadership instrumental in the transformation that has occurred at the College since then.

In addition to lending his expertise, Turben has provided financial support both through personal gifts and through the Susan and John Turben Foundation.

Innovators Ball supports library campaign

The Union Club in Cleveland was the setting for Lake Erie College’s formal Innovators Ball the evening of Aug. 3, 2013. The ball celebrated Cleveland’s famous Hippodrome Theatre, which was the setting for many operas, musicals, vaudeville acts and movies through much of the 20th century until it was demolished in 1975. Guests feasted on dinner prepared by the Union Club chefs and then danced the night away to the music of Special Blend. Proceeds from this event will benefit the rebuilding of the College’s James F. Lincoln Library.
Development Briefs

The Lake Erie College Class of 1962 has begun fundraising for a Class of 1962 Endowed Scholarship Fund at their alma mater. They have received gifts and commitments totaling over $29,000 for the fund, which will assist future Lake Erie College students in paying for their education. Deborah (Bryant) Hirschey and Peggy (Weisner) Pontious are leading efforts to secure the $50,000 needed for the fund to be endowed. For further information, please contact Ed Mayer, director of development, at emayer1@lec.edu or 440.375.7223.

The Lincoln Library Press’s full-service, digital resource FactCite was named “Best Overall Reference, K-12” by Library Media Connection and American Reference Books Annual in their first “Best of Reference Awards” at the American Library Association convention in Chicago on June 29, 2013. FactCite is a fully searchable collection of seven databases that uses a clean, distraction-free screen design to enable student researchers of all abilities to easily navigate a vast amount of information. The Lincoln Library Press is owned by Tim and Susan (Bevan) Gall ‘73, a member of the Lake Erie College Board of Directors.

The upstairs office he occupied in Kilcawley Hall has been named for Donald L. Purtill, CPA, MBA in recognition of his significant contributions as dean of Garfield Senior College. Purtill held this position from 1971 through 1978 and was instrumental in the development of the College’s successful business administration program.

You can support Lake Erie through a planned gift

Lake Erie College has been fortunate throughout its history to have received a large number of gifts from alumni and friends who wished to leave a legacy for future generations of students. These persons have become members of the College’s prestigious Reuben Hitchcock Society, named in honor of one of the influential founders of Lake Erie Female Seminary in 1856.

During the past year, the College gratefully received gifts from the estates of Helen A. Hutt ‘34, Catherine F. Shaw (faculty emerita), Margaret M. Solomon (friend), Bette Wallach ’37 and Sarah (Moon) Walters ’52. These gifts were used for general purposes and scholarships as designated by the donors during their lifetimes. Today’s Lake Erie College students are thus able to benefit from the generosity of persons who came before them.

You, too, can leave a legacy for future generations by making a planned gift to Lake Erie College. After providing for your family, friends and others, you can continue your support by including a gift to Lake Erie College. These gifts take many forms:

Charitable Bequest. A charitable bequest is the easiest way to provide the “ultimate gift” to Lake Erie College. By making a provision in your will to leave a financial gift or a gift of property or goods to Lake Erie, you can continue your interests well beyond your lifetime. A bequest can also be made by simply adding a codicil to an existing will.

A Life Income Gift. You transfer assets to Lake Erie College, and we agree to provide you (and a survivor of your choice) with a fixed amount of income annually for your lifetime.

Gifts of Life Insurance. You can make Lake Erie College the owner and beneficiary of a new or existing life insurance policy, and your estate will receive an estate tax deduction for the gift.

Gifts of Retirement Plans. You can designate Lake Erie College as a beneficiary of an IRA, 401(k), 403(b) or other pension or retirement plan. By naming Lake Erie College, you will ensure that your estate will receive an estate tax charitable deduction. You can designate a specific amount or percentage of the death benefit, and you can restrict your gift to a specific purpose or make a general contribution to the College.

Gifts of Real Estate. You may give your home or vacation home to Lake Erie College as a life estate, receive a tax deduction for the property, and continue to occupy the house for as long as you live.

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2013-13 Athletics Recap

Storm Athletics capped arguably the most successful year in school history with its highest finish in the Learfield Sports Division II Directors’ Cup final standings released in mid-June. Lake Erie ranked 95th overall, accumulating 212 total points.

Lake Erie, which had a total of 10 individual national qualifiers and saw the men’s lacrosse team qualify for the NCAA Division II tournament for the first time this year, scored 81 points in the spring in men’s track and field and lacrosse. With a 17th-place finish in outdoor track and field, the Storm garnered 56 points. The lacrosse team’s fifth-place finish was good for 25 points. The Storm picked up 131 points in the winter for top-30 finishes in men’s indoor track and field, men’s swimming and wrestling.

Among schools in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC), Lake Erie ranked seventh of the 16 league programs.

Complete standings and the scoring structure can be found on NACDA’s website at www.directorscup.org.

Volleyball

The highlight of the Storm’s 2012 campaign came in the form of two victories, including a thrilling five-set win on the road against rival Notre Dame College. Junior Jamie Hoppe ’14 was named an All-GLIAC Honorable Mention. New head coach Andy Riesenberg, who joined the Storm staff in December, looks to elevate the program to new heights in 2013.

Women’s Soccer

Senior Kaitlyn Hollland ’13 emerged as an offensive threat for the Storm en route to an All-GLIAC Honorable Mention while Junior Lauren Gaitsch ’14 was named to the Capital One Academic All-District Team. Overall, 13 members of the team were named GLIAC All-Academic teams.

Men’s Soccer

The men’s soccer team exhibited solid teamwork as they competed against some of the toughest competition in country in conference play. Freshman Ryan Gibson ’16 was named an All-GLIAC Honorable Mention while he and sophomore Willy Cognee ’15 were named Division II All-Ohio Second Team. Six players also earned GLIAC All-Academic Honors.

Football

After a highly competitive season, the Storm football team had five members named All-GLIAC Honorable Mentions – senior offensive linemen Mike McElligott ’13 and Bryant Loparo ’13, defensive end Taylor Leppla ’13 and kicker/punter Sam Marcotte ’13 along with sophomore linebacker Tanner Wells ’15. Not only did the Storm excel on the field, they also excelled in the classroom where 19 players earned All-GLIAC Academic selections in the fall and had 46 players with a GPA of 3.0 or higher in the spring.
Women’s Tennis
Freshman All-GLIAC Honorable Mention Cristina Suarez ’16 led the Storm on the court throughout the season. In the classroom, senior Emily Rose-Gray ’13 and junior Jordyn Parrigan ’14 earned spots on the All-GLIAC Academic Team.

Women’s Golf
The highlight of the Lake Erie women’s golf season came in the Battle of Northeast Ohio. Megan Lundblad ’13 earned a sixth-place finish in the tournament, the highest finish of the season for the local senior.

Men’s Golf
The Lake Erie men’s golf team saw contributions from numerous golfers throughout the year. Six different golfers finished in the top-32 of an event, highlighted by freshman Jimmy Wild’s 14th-place finish at the Wayne State Motor City Invitational. Junior Tyler Walters ’14 and sophomore Ryan Chaloupka ’15 earned All-GLIAC Academic honors.

Cross Country
The men’s and women’s cross country teams set new school records throughout the season. On the men’s side, freshmen Nick Hall ’16 set a school-record for a 10,000-meter course as the Storm concluded their season with a 19th-place finish in the NCAA Midwest Regional. On the women’s side, junior Shanita Fluker ’14 became the first Storm runner to break the 25-minute in a 6,000-meter course.

Indoor Track and Field
Junior Jamil Dudley ’14 earned his fifth career All-American honor with a second place finish in the high jump at the 2013 NCAA Division II Track and Field Indoor Championships. Sophomore Joe Postwaite ’15 earned his second career All-American honor by finishing fourth in the triple jump at the Indoor Championships. Classmate Destiny Prusky ’15 earned All-GLIAC with a third-place finish in the high jump at the GLIAC Championships.

Wrestling
The Storm wrestling program had its most successful season to date, capped off with a second-place finish by junior Zak Vargo ’14 in the 157-pound weight class at the NCAA Division II Championships. Sophomores Dylan Zivcic ’15 and Ian Ross ’15 also qualified for the National Championships. Super 2 Regional Coach of the Year Kevin Hoogenboom kept the team disciplined on the mat and in the classroom, where numerous wrestlers earned All-Academic awards.

Swimming
The Storm men, who cracked the national Top-25 rankings for the
first time in school history, sent sophomore Ivan Cizmar ’15 and junior Julian Minlinkovskiy ’14 to the NCAA Division II National Championships for a second straight year, where Cizmar earned an All-American Honorable Mention nod for his performance in the 200-yard backstroke. The men’s and women’s squads were outstanding in the classroom as well, as both were named College Swimming Coaches Association of America Scholar All-America Teams and seven swimmers were named to GLIAC All-Academic teams.

Women’s Basketball
The Storm women’s basketball team featured a roster of 12 freshmen that stayed competitive with some of the highest caliber of competition in the nation under the helm of veteran head coach Bob Booher. Off the court, five members earned All-GLIAC Academic honors while redshirt junior Chloe Irish ’13 was chosen to participate in the NCAA Career in Sports Forum held in Indianapolis.

Men’s Basketball
The men’s basketball team faced some of the toughest competition in all of Division II and stayed step-by-step with them throughout the season under the leadership of head coach Cliff Hunt. Senior Jordan Baker ’13 and redshirt sophomore Tyler Walters ’14 earned their spot on the GLIAC All-Academic team with their effort in the classroom.

Outdoor Track and Field
A trio of Storm men earned All-American status while Lake Erie saw its first female qualifier at the NCAA Division II National Championships. Jamil Dudley and Joe Postwaite repeated their performance from the Indoor Championships, earning All-American honors in the high jump and triple jump, respectively, while redshirt junior Ethan Snyder ’13 earned his third overall All-American honors for his fifth-place finish in the 400-meter hurdles. Destiny Prusky became the first female in Lake Erie history to qualify for the National Championships, earning a 16th-place finish in the high jump.

Softball
The Storm softball team performed well on and off the field. Junior Jeniffer Gratz ’14 and freshman Mackenzie Quinn ’16 earned All-GLIAC Honorable Mention nods. Five members of the team earned GLIAC All-Academic honors. Newly hired head coach Stephanie Smith looks to take the team to new heights in 2014.

Women’s Lacrosse
The women’s lacrosse team had their best season to date, posting a 13-5 record and a trip to the GLIAC playoffs. Seniors Julia Kudla ’13 and Meredith Howe ’13 set several offensive school records as they were named All-GLIAC along with junior Alex Freeman ’14, sophomores Hana Abu-Kwiek ’15 and Samantha Gryba ’15 and freshman Katie Holden ’16. The team performed just as well in the classroom, as 10 members earned GLIAC Academic honors.
Men’s Lacrosse

The men’s lacrosse team brought excitement to Painesville, as the Storm cracked the Top-10 ranking in the country and qualified for their first NCAA Division II National Playoffs, narrowly falling in overtime to top-ranked Mercyhurst University in the quarterfinals. Several players earned national and conference honors under the leadership of 2013 East Coast Athletic Conference and Lacrosse Magazine Coach of the Year Greg Stocks. Senior Keegan Bal ’13 and sophomore Reagan Harding ’15 and Justin Goodwin ’15 earned All-American honors while seniors Josh Becker ’13 and Bill Desiderio ’13, junior Trevor Tarte ’14 and freshman Tom Lipomi ’16 joined the trio in earning All-ECAC honors. Off the field, 15 players were named to All-ECAC Academic squads.

Men’s Tennis

Talented freshman Liam Goldberg ’16 led the Storm squad with a First Team All-GLIAC selection while redshirt freshman Juan Roggia ’15 earned an All-GLIAC Honorable Mention. In the classroom, Roggia sophomore Dimitrije Spasic ’15 and junior Kyle O’Dell ’14 earned GLIAC All-Academic honors.

Baseball

The Lake Erie baseball team qualified for the GLIAC playoffs for the second straight year following a late-season surge. Senior third-baseman Cody Blood ’13 and sophomore outfielder Aaron Lindgren ’15 were named All-GLIAC Second Team selections while junior pitcher Brad Raley ’14 and freshman first-baseman Zak Decamp ’16 were named honorable mention selections. Off the diamond, 16 players earned GLIAC All-Academic honors.

Reid Guarnieri named new athletic director

Reid Guarnieri began his tenure as Lake Erie’s new Director of Athletics on July 1. Guarnieri, most recently the Assistant Athletic Director for Compliance at Notre Dame College, is the eighth athletic director at Lake Erie since the advent of intercollegiate sports at the college in 1978.

In addition to his four years at Notre Dame, Guarnieri worked in both the Baseball and Ballpark Operations departments with the Cleveland Indians from 1999-2006.

A double graduate of Cleveland State University, Guarnieri earned a bachelor’s degree with majors in communications and liberal studies. In 2006, he graduated from the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law where he worked as Compliance Assistant in the CSU Athletics Department and served as Vice President of the Entertainment and Sports Law Association.

Guarnieri is an avid basketball, tennis and beach volleyball player. He and his wife, Amanda, and daughter, Olivia, reside in Mentor.
New Look for LakeErieStorm.com

Lake Erie Athletics, in partnership with PrestoSports, relaunched a redesigned LakeErieStorm.com this summer with an improved visual presence to better serve Storm fans, followers, families, visitors and prospective student-athletes.

The redesigned site will offer expanded event live streaming radio and video coverage and new features like an expanded Hall of Fame section, better photo galleries, student-athlete and staff features and easier access to links with fewer clicks. Fans will also be able to connect and interact with the site and one another via Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, UStream and other social sites.

Student Athlete Appreciation Night

Former Harlem Globetrotter and motivational speaker Melvin Adams was the featured speaker at the College’s Student-Athlete Appreciation Night on April 22 in the Jerome T. Osborne Family Athletic & Wellness Center. During the event, the Storm Department of Athletics recognized over 220 student-athletes who earned cumulative grade point averages of 3.0 or higher and announced its winter all-conference honorees.

Coach Booher Inducted into Captains Crow’s Nest Hall of Fame

Lake Erie women’s basketball coach Bob Booher was enshrined in the Lake County Captain’s “Crow’s Nest” Hall of Fame at Classic Park in Eastlake, Ohio on June 9. The Hall of Fame was launched in 2011 to honor long-time coaches and administrators who have impacted the sports scene in Northeast Ohio. Booher, who is the winningest coach in Storm women’s basketball history, was recognized for his over 500 career coaching victories at both Lake Erie and Lakeland Community College.
Around Campus

Entrepreneurship Immersion Week

Five Lake Erie College undergraduate students recently completed Entrepreneurship Immersion Week at Hiram College along with teams from eight other colleges and universities in northeast Ohio.

Nickolas Garcia, Alexis Mayer, Kelsey McCormick, John Melendez and Stefan Stojanovic worked as a team to come up with an innovative product or service idea, validate its value by talking to potential users, develop a prototype and present their findings to a panel of business professionals. The team focused on a consumer product that offers both convenience and safety to automobile drivers. They believe their idea represents intellectual property that they could commercialize, but they are cautious about disclosing too many details about it.

Immersion Week is the kick-off to a year of activities about creative thinking and action sponsored by the College’s Center for Entrepreneurship. Jeffrey Eakin, former entrepreneur-in-residence, is director of the Center.

Christmas Concert

On the last Sunday of classes prior to the Fall semester exam week, the College traditionally holds its annual holiday celebration. This year the celebration took place on December 2, 2012, beginning in the afternoon and going on through an evening filled with events and holiday cheer.

A number of student organizations, including Skittles, the International Club, Gamma Phi Sorority, Kappa Sigma Fraternity, and the Spanish Club prepared decorated mini-Christmas trees for an inaugural Christmas Tree Auction held at the Arthur S. Holden Center stage area. Students, faculty and staff bid on the decorated trees and the winners had the honor of taking them home, while all proceeds went to the student organizations.

In the evening the Lake Erie College Glee Club presented a holiday concert, followed by a Winter Musical Arts concert with piano, flute and voice performances by a number of students, as well as an organ performance by Associate Professor of German and French Dr. Mark Bell on the Skinner organ.

The concert and the evening concluded with the annual outside tree-lighting ceremony, led by President Victor at the Dana and Sharon Dennis Fountain in front of Kilcawley Hall. Afterwards students, faculty, staff and guests were treated to a holiday mock-cocktail hour, followed by a formal holiday dinner hosted by President and Mrs. Victor and catered and served by the staff of Metz Dining Services.
Founders Day

Stuart Diamond was the keynote speaker for the annual Founders Day celebration held on November 8, 2012. Founders Day is the celebration of the beginning of Lake Erie College. Diamond is the co-founder of Empowered Media, an Internet company creating original media, distribution strategies and proprietary software. His presentation, titled “The Dream, the Reality...and the Value of the Liberal Arts,” focused on learning the skill of adopting other perspectives. Diamond is also an established composer and musician and shared samples of his various concert works.

Apollo’s Fire Concert

Cleveland’s Baroque Orchestra Apollo’s Fire performed “Come to the River: An Early American Gathering” on Feb. 28, 2013. Debuted in the Billboard Top 10, “Come to the River” is considered a “vibrant American sampler...one of the most joyous releases, intoxicating by the sheer joy of being alive” by American Record Guide. From the spiritual heights of an old American revival to the driving rhythms of New England barn dances, Jeannette Sorrell and her crossover artists brought to life the rich American tradition of shape-note singing and Southern harmony.
Recycled Fashion Show

Lake Erie College and Bella Donna Salon & Spa hosted the 2nd Annual Recycled Fashion Show on April 7, 2013. Participating models, wearing fashions that were designed from recyclables, were from A-Tech and Auburn Career Center. Fashions. One hundred percent of ticket sales were donated to Global Water project and the Cleveland Sierra Club.

Claire McMillan Lecture

Local author and Lake Erie College Board of Directors member Claire McMillan spoke about her novel “Gilded Age,” inspired by Edith Wharton’s “House of Mirth,” on March 13, 2013. McMillan’s lecture, titled “Cleveland and the New Millennium Gilded Age,” talked about Wharton’s life, Cleveland, obsession, societal constraint and Gilded Ages both old and new. During her time on campus, McMillan visited with the Learning Communities students and an American literature class, taught by Assistant Professor of English and Communications Dr. Jennifer Swartz.

Craig Maxwell Lecture

Lake Erie College welcomed Parker Hannafin Corporation executive Craig Maxwell for a lunchtime lecture titled “Think Big: Innovation in a Large Multinational Company” on April 8, 2013. Maxwell is corporate vice president of technology and innovation at Parker Hannafin Corporation, a global Fortune 250 corporation and the worldwide leader in motion and control technologies. His key responsibilities at Parker include helping divisions implement the Win Strategy, specifically in the areas of innovative products and expanding systems solution expertise worldwide.
Lantern Festival

Lake Erie College visual arts students, faculty and alumni led a lantern procession at the Winter Lights Lantern Festival/Holiday CircleFest at the Cleveland Museum of Art on Dec. 2, 2012. Associate Professor of Visual Arts Nancy Prudic and Assistant Professor of Integrated Media Steven Gutierrez, along with students Cheryl Andrews, Alexander DelaMotte, Dina Derby, Christina Greenslade, Jodi Jindra, Stefan Stojanovich and Valerie Urbanik had their lanterns displayed in the art museum.

“Good Night Sweetheart”

“Good Night Sweetheart,” an original piece written and staged by bachelor of fine arts candidate Hilary Barnett, was performed Feb. 22-24, 2013. Based on a short story written by Barnett, the piece followed the story of four of the most elite vigilantes human history has ever known, meeting for the first time under the auspices of an unknown authority to debate the future of the world. The cast included students Jessica Drake, Connor McCarthy and Brandon Stroud and alumnus Brian Schweikert ’09.

“Measure for Measure” Theatre Production

The theatre department presented an original adaptation of William Shakespeare’s “Measure for Measure.” The play, directed by Assistant Professor of Theatre Dr. Jerry Jaffe, was held Oct. 25-28 and Nov. 1-3, 2012. This was the second time this play was performed on campus – in 1964, the LEC Community Theatre produced “Measure for Measure” under the direction of Dorothy Silver, the late Dr. Harold Fink and Professor Emeritus of Theater Arts Jake Ruflı.
Two One-Acts Plays: “Rats” and “Stage Directions”

The department of theatre opened its spring season with two one-act plays, “Rats” and “Stage Directions,” by famous American writer Israel Horovitz. The plays were presented Feb. 1-3, 2013. Directed by Instructor of Education Matt Thiesen, “Rats” depicts two rats engaged in a power struggle, where young and old are pitted in a fight for their very survival. Actors in this play included students Emily Ingle, Addy Fraser and Cole Leonberg. “Stage Directions” told the story of three siblings in mourning for a lost parent and depicted their eccentric way of communicating. The play was directed by senior Richard Keay and included 2011 alumnus Joseph Fath and community actors Sarah Parker and Sarah Mzik.

Mountain Day

Mountain Day is one of the College’s oldest traditions, beginning in the early days of the Seminary. Today’s students eagerly await the sounds of bagpipes and drums waking them up on a cool autumn morning during the Fall semester. In 2012 it was the morning of Wednesday, September 25 that marked the beginning of the annual Mountain Day celebrations.

After being awakened at 7 a.m. with the news that classes have been cancelled and the day full of fun activities is about to commence, the students were greeted by a hearty breakfast before the beginning of the annual Mountain Day Treasure Hunt. Soon afterwards, the 36 teams of four students each were running all over campus and into various offices seeking clues based on Lake Erie College history that would lead them to the treasure chest in Mathews House, and hopefully to one of the grand prizes.

This year the prizes included a Keurig Coffee Maker with 64 single-cup servings of coffee, tea and hot cocoa and a storage rack, a 32” flat screen HD TV, an iHome AM/FM stereo alarm clock/docking station, and a Kindle Fire.

After the treasure hunt, students relaxed with an all-campus cookout on the College Green, which included giant inflatables, a DJ, henna and balloon artists, and even a special Mountain Day ice cream. The day ended with a steak dinner served in the Holden Center by Metz Dining Services.

The name of Mountain Day comes from the original title of “Little Mountain Day” because on that surprise day the students would be taken on a trip to a local area called Little Mountain, and a hotel owned by College founder Charles Avery, who always made it available to the students for the holiday.
Megan McKenna, 2013 Staff Employee of the Year

Megan McKenna, director of residence life, was named the 2013 Staff Employee of the Year at the annual faculty and staff reception held May 8 in Social Parlor. McKenna was nominated for the award by her peers and selected by a committee composed of students, faculty and staff.

President Victor read excerpts from the submitted nominations before announcing McKenna as the Staff Employee of the Year. He read, “She is dedicated, caring and student-focused and will hear everyone’s side of the story and consider everyone’s point of view before making a decision. She is passionate about watching students grow into adults and seeing them progress and learn through their years at Lake Erie.”

McKenna was presented a replica of the College Hall tower and a check. Her greatest satisfaction, however, will come from her continued interaction with the students of Lake Erie College.

Award-Winning Photojournalist Visits LEC

Even though a picture is worth a thousand words, sometimes it takes a thousand pictures to send a message around the world. This is what students, faculty, staff and the LEC and Painesville communities found out in September, 2012 during Ron Haviv’s guest lecture on the Lake Erie Campus.

Haviv, an award-winning photo-journalist and co-founder of the photo agency VII that focuses on documenting both violent and non-violent conflicts around the world, presented his lecture “Not in Our Name” on September 19 in the Arthur S. Holden Center. Haviv’s images have made headlines all over the world, published by periodicals such as Newsweek, NY Time Magazine, New Yorker, People, Time, Vanity Fair and others. His works have also been exhibited in numerous museums and galleries.

During his talk at Lake Erie, Haviv interchanged speaking frankly about his experience in battle fields all around the world, while also presenting his audience with a number of short photo documentaries featuring some of the events he had covered over the past two decades. The brief photo-essays also featured audio and some commentary from Haviv, which enhanced the imagery they presented, making it ever so affecting.

Haviv showed images covering major events such as Hurricane Katrina, the earthquake in Haiti, the conflicts in Darfur and on the Balkans, and gang violence in Los Angelis. He also took questions from the audience, and spoke at length about one of the major topics of his presentation—the role of the photojournalist who is at the scene of a conflict. Haviv himself has been the central character in three films, one of which was National Geographic Explorer’s “Freelance in a World of Risk,” which explores the hazards inherent to being a war journalist.

When a member of the audience at LEC asked him about the risks of working in such dangerous regions and situations, Haviv admitted that his mother still disapproves of his job, and that he has been detained and his life has been in serious danger on a number of occasions. However, he emphasized the importance of what he does, by telling the story of when he was invited to the funeral of a young man during the conflict in the Balkans, because the victim’s family wanted Haviv to be a witness and to tell their story to the world.
Scholars Colloquium

The College celebrated the research achievements of the graduating student scholars at the Honors Senior Research colloquium on May 3, 2013. Participants were Julianne Bishop, Matt Conger, Chloe Irish, Roya Mohammadpour, Carrie Roznik, Patrick Shelby, Sarah Wojciechowski and Taylor Yurick. Their research topics included heavy metal uptake in plants, zoonotic disease between horses and humans and the power of blood, among others.

Documentary Film “Speak”

The Lake Erie College Learning Communities hosted the premiere of the documentary film “Speak” by filmmaker Brian Weidling on Nov. 15-16, 2012. “Speak” followed five individuals as they overcame life’s hurdles while participating in the largest speech contest in the world, the Toastmasters World Championship of Public Speaking. Funny, inspiring and moving, “Speak” tells a story about hope, perseverance, faith and transformation.
Spring Dance Concert

The Spring Dance Concert was held April 25-26, 2013 and featured choreography by dance faculty member and artistic director Nick Carlisle. Also participating in the program was DANCEVERT, a Cleveland-based professional dance company under the direction of Tom Evert. Evert is a former member of the renowned Paul Taylor Dance Company. The cast for the concert consisted of a broad range of performers including LEC students and faculty, members of Dancevert, students from the Carlisle School of Dance and community residents. The program included a wide variety of dance styles such as contemporary, hip-hop, dance theatre and the Charleston.

Spring Musical Arts Concert

The music department presented its annual Spring Musical Arts Concert on April 28, 2013. The Community Chorus performed “The Water is Wide” arranged by Roger Folstrom and “My Love Spoke to Me” by Kenneth Rumery. The Flute Choir presented works by J.S. Bach, W.A. Mozart, Anne McGinty and Mack Wilberg. Also, an arrangement of “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” arranged for flute choir, chorus and organ by music faculty member Judith Elias was performed. Music faculty member Roberta Whitely, Elias and senior Patrick Shelby also performed. The program also featured performances from Associate Professor of German and French Dr. Mark Bell and the late Professor of Music Paul Gothard III.
Fantasy Adventure “The Machine Stops”

The Lake Erie College Theatre Department presented “The Machine Stops,” a fantasy adventure by Buffalo-area writer Taylor Doherty, on April 4-7, 2013. Love, intrigue, comedy and stage combat all ensued as the play moved towards a shocking ending. The cast included seniors Jessica Drake, Richard Keay and bachelor of fine arts candidate Hilary Barnett, sophomore Kevin “Gabe” Chavis and freshmen Adrienne Fraser, Emily Ingle and Connor McCarthy. Instructor of Education Matt Theisen handled all of the fight choreography. The play also featured area actress Sarah Parker and actor Gaz.

Student Art Show and Film Festival

In November and December 2012, students in the visual arts and integrated media programs exhibited their work produced during the Fall 2012 semester. Media included drawing, 2D design, photography, animation, graphic design, painting and sculpture.

Student BFA Show

The Student Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) Show on April 11, 2013 featured the work of seniors Tiffanie Johnson and Valerie Urbanik. Johnson took a simplified and abstracted shape of the human face to create her objects, in which she used numerous colors, materials and surface treatments. Urbanik created a self-portrait mosaic using over 4,800 images she has taken throughout her life. “BFA candidates spend an entire academic year producing work for their final exhibition. Students plan the way work will be installed in the gallery space, design their own PR materials, write their artist statements and plan the reception. It is a process that prepares them to function as professional artists after graduation,” said Associate Professor of Visual Arts Nancy Prudic.
Greetings from the National Alumni Board!

This has been an exciting and productive year for the Alumni Association of Lake Erie College.

The National Alumni Board (NAB) recently held a very successful “Midsummer Night’s Feast” fundraiser featuring locally and regionally sourced cuisine prepared by several guest Culinary Institute of America chefs. This delectable food was paired with tastings from South River Winery and Cleveland Whiskey. The night also featured a silent auction and entertainment by well-known jazz pianist and Steinway artist Joe Augustine. It was our main fundraiser of the year and everyone had a wonderful time. Plans are underway to host this event again next year.

The NAB has also been very active with scholarships. The Awards and Recognition Committee recently awarded the Margery Ainsworth and Paul Weaver Scholarships from a pool of several deserving candidates. In addition, the NAB and its members pledged funds in response to the Board of Directors Scholarship Challenge. The NAB also sponsored the Stefanie Arnold “Wonder Woman” 5K run and 1-mile fun walk during Homecoming/Alumni Weekend. One hundred percent of the proceeds benefit the Stefanie Arnold Memorial Scholarship at Lake Erie College.

The NAB has the privilege of attending and supporting several activities during the academic year. These activities include Homecoming/Alumni Weekend, commencement, networking brunches, interviewing and networking clinics, class receptions, the alumni reception in Naples, Florida, young alumni socials, soccer and football games, LEC Alumni Night at the Lake County Captains game, and the Senior Ladies Tea hosted by Mrs. Victor.

All of these activities help us work towards our mission to “reach, serve and engage all alumni and students and to provide the College with goodwill and charitable support.” If you have any suggestions for events or would like to become more active in the Lake Erie College community, please check out the alumni tab on our website at lec.edu, call 440.375.7040 or e-mail us at nab@lec.org.

Sincerely,

Janeane Cappara, J.D., ’95, MBA ’04
President, National Alumni Board
Member, Lake Erie College Board of Directors
We need your help!

Do we have your current information? Have you won awards, changed jobs, moved or married? We really do want to know these things! We have made it very easy for you to keep in touch with us by updating your information!

Go to www.lec.edu/alumni to:

• Update your information on the alumni update form
• Update your athletic information on the athletic alumni update form
• Submit Class Notes
• Let us know if a classmate or friend of the College has passed away
• Nominate a classmate for the Distinguished Alumni Award
• Nominate a young alum (under 35 years of age) for the Young Alumni Award
• Nominate an alum or coach/administrator for the Athletic Hall of Fame.

We are also listing all of the alumni events on our new Events page! Click to find out what events are taking place near you!

President Victor and I would like to visit your area and share all the great news of Lake Erie College! If you would like to host an event in your home, club or local restaurant, please let me know. Our target areas for this year are:

• Boston • Washington DC
• Philadelphia • Florida

Please remember, the alumni office is here to serve YOU! If you are in the area, stop by for a cup of coffee or tea – or have lunch with Marco and me in the Dickinson Dining Hall. Try to attend College and alumni events if you live in the Cleveland area. Volunteer to be a mentor, host one of our 44 international students for a day over the holidays, or become a career resource advocate for our students. Your Alumni Association is only as strong as your involvement!

Best regards,

Debra (Blanchard) Remington ’74
Director of Alumni and Community Relations
The College kicked off Homecoming/Alumni Weekend on Oct. 12, 2012 with a 50th and 60th anniversary class luncheon hosted by President Victor at Rider’s Inn in Painesville. A special recognition for the classes of 1952, 1962 and 1987 was held later that evening at the Kirtland Country Club. Carley (Cumberworth) Hosler ’72 and Deborah (Goodrich) Royce ’80 received Distinguished Alumni awards, and Nick Teriaca ’10 was the first recipient of the Young Alumni award. Friday evening concluded with a young alumni celebration at Harry Buffalo in Mentor which brought together over 150 alumni.

On Saturday, alumni and friends were invited to tailgate before the homecoming football game against Malone University, and alumni were introduced on the field during halftime. The afternoon was also filled with other activities including a science lecture by Assistant Professor of Chemistry Dr. Johnathan Tedesco, social time with sherry and wine, music concert and cocktail reception. Another highlight was a dedication of the beautiful Garfield Senior College Alumni Garden located outside the Garfield Center.

Sunday morning featured an academic update from Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Jana Holwick and an overview of the new Physician Assistant Program by Joe Weber, director of the program. Alumni also were invited to tour the College's Pheasant Run Airport.
HOME COMING Alumni Weekend

Nick Teriaca
Carley Hosler
Garfield Senior College Garden dedicated

Between 1971 and 1985, Garfield Senior College operated on the campus as a non-residential division of Lake Erie College. Designed to enable graduates of two-year colleges to receive baccalaureate degrees, Garfield attracted large numbers of women and men who wished to advance in their careers. Garfield ceased to exist as a separate entity from Lake Erie College when men were admitted as residential students to Lake Erie, but the memories of Garfield still remain strong for the over 1,700 graduates of that important institution.

In summer 2012, a group of grateful Garfield alumni joined together to create a tangible remembrance of their college on the Lake Erie campus. They contributed funds for a beautiful garden, complete with fountain and benches, to be created on the east side of the Garfield Center. The Garfield Senior College Garden was dedicated on Oct. 13, 2012, as an important part of Lake Erie’s Homecoming Alumni Weekend. Keynote speaker at the dedication was Don Purtill, who served as dean of Garfield Senior College from 1971-78.

The administration, faculty, staff and students of Lake Erie College are proud to celebrate and recognize the achievements of all of the graduates of Garfield Senior College – the garden will stand always as a proud reminder of its legacy.
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She was also one of the original members of the Mathews House Committee, which was active from 1951 to 2008 and dedicated to the care and maintenance of this important Jonathan Goldsmith home. The home had been moved to the Lake Erie campus from its original location on North State Street in Painesville in 1949.

Recognizing its historic significance, Targett said, “I wanted to help rescue the home when it needed rescuing.”

May joined the Lake Erie College Board of Directors in 1989, stepping aside in 1997 but still retaining a close association with the College until she rejoined the board again in 2007. Her passion today is two-fold: restoring the collection of books in the Victor Manor House Library to its original state and building a new state-of-the-art learning center on the College campus.

“The libraries are close to my heart now,” she said.

She has spent a great deal of time over the past several years encouraging and collecting donations of books for the Manor House Library. The collection now is close to resembling the one that Charles Morley added to the home in 1921, and Targett takes great pride in its transformation.

“I enjoy spending time in that glorious room which Michael and Craige [Victor] improved out of almost all believing,” she said.

She offers some important advice to current Lake Erie College students. “While not neglecting the importance of your academic work, throw your energy into enjoying all the other aspects a college like Lake Erie has to offer,” she said.

Targett hopes the College will continue to expand while still retaining its commitment to the liberal arts and incisive thinking. She also wants the College to continue to remain active and involved in the Painesville community.

When May Targett portrayed “The Spirit of Lake Erie College Future” in 1935, she could never have predicted that 78 years later, the College would be a coeducational institution leading the way in higher education in the 21st century. Thanks to her leadership and that of the College’s other directors, Lake Erie’s future from this point on stays bright indeed.
1937
MARY (HOSSLER) FEY JENKINS. Hockessin, Del., is 98 years old, writes her daughter, Helen Fey Fischel. Mary encourages the College to continue the great work it does for students.

1950
CHARLOTTE (SHOUL) BACKMAN, Dedham, Mass., writes: “I value my two years at Lake Erie. The Honor Code, small classes and great sports!”

SUZANNE (MOORE) MANDELL, Quakertown, Pa., writes “An airport! Such fun. I remember when...”

1956
MARY E. “BETSY” (JONES) JOHNSON, Holden, Mass., writes that she is enjoying “mini-reunions” with ten other ’56ers.

1959
BARBARA D’ATRI (Peoria, Ariz.), SALLY (FIREBAUGH) DEVNEY (Scottsdale, Ariz.) and PATRICIA (GILLMER) HOWARD (Cazenovia, N.Y.) met for lunch at the Black Angus in Scottsdale, Ariz. in March 2013 and enjoyed reminiscing about their years as students at the College.

LYNN (DONATO) DULA, Twinsburg, Ohio, writes: “How I loved LEC! And College Hall. Dining hall (tea room). The tower. The “hole.” Morley. Music Alley. The pool! The profs and all. I regret not being able to finish my last year. But my heart will always remember LEC. Best to all who walk the paths of joy and loving memories.”

SHERRILYN “SHERRIE” (MAERLENDER) SUGRUE, Middleburg Hts., Ohio, writes: “After having played dinner music at O’Malley’s Rock Cliff Restaurant, Rocky River, Ohio, for the past nine years, I was given a leave of absence due to the closing of its doors. A new restaurant, Ferris’s Steak House, has taken its place, and I am in the process of looking for another spot with the same ambiance I found at O’Malley’s – a warm neighborhood eatery with a 1950s type of patronage and love of classic pop music. Mostly, I just miss playing the piano and the wonderful friends I made while playing. Wish me luck finding the right spot.”

1960
BERYL (MARKSTEINER) HORVATH says she stays in touch with JANET (KISH) BULLINGER and LINDI (SIEGEL) KENDAL. They hope to attend the 75th birthday celebration of their classmates.

DELORES (PERSICHITTI) SAADA, Chagrin Falls, Ohio, traveled to Europe with her family in June 2013. During this trip she reconnected in Pisa, Italy, with the family she stayed with during her Winter Term Abroad in 1959, including her Italian “sister,” Michela Radogna.

NANCY (PICKETT) SCHULTZ, Madison, Wis., writes: “Hi, classmates! Understand from JOAN (BLANCHARD) GAY that the Class of 1960 will be celebrating again. We have snow for Christmas – about 12 inches – the kind that sticks to all the branches and provides beautiful photos. I have snow shoes this winter and am looking forward to trying them. In March and April we will travel to Japan where our AFS daughter will help us follow the cherry blossom festivals. Should be beautiful!”

1963
JANET KERLEY, Falls Church, Va. writes that she is retired from federal service!

1964
MARGE (SMOLEY) HODGKIN, Gorham, Maine, encourages her classmates to attend their 50th reunion in October 2014 and to update their information for College records. Class members can write to Marge at 62 Deering Road, Gorham, Maine 04038 or e-mail her at mhodgkin@main.rr.com.
BEVERLEY (KENNETT) WHITTEN, Greenville, S.C., writes: “Nothing new. Enjoying serving on boards of arts organizations.”

1967

SUSAN (VANDERWAL) COWLING, Painesville, Ohio, was chosen the 2012 Lake County Master Gardener Volunteer of the Year. Since becoming a Master Gardener Volunteer (MGV) in 2008, Cowling has given countless hours as a speaker, Trellis Project worker, Program Committee chairperson, Advisory Board member and secretary, and Executive Council member. She has played an essential role in the smooth transition of MGV to a volunteer-led organization.

1969

JUDY WICKS, Philadelphia, Pa., is the author of Good Morning, Beautiful Business: the Unexpected Journey of an Activist Entrepreneur and Local Economy Pioneer. The book was published by Chelsea Green in March 2013.

1980

MICHELLE SOKOL’s tie-dye work is featured at Hessler on the Heights, a gift shop and gallery located in Cleveland Heights, Ohio. Sokol, whose main artistic interests are silk painting and tie-dye, has been involved in the arts for most of her life. She was an art major at LEC.

1982

DEL SCHWANKE is retired and living in Trinity, Fla.

1983

SALLY BATTON, Elna, N.H., was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) at the IHSA National Championships held May 2-5, 2013. Batton is in her 23rd season as director of riding and head coach for the Dartmouth College Equestrian Team and has served on the IHSA Board of Directors since 1984 and its executive committee as IHSA National Steward since 2001. She coached Dartmouth to Ivy League equestrian championship titles in 2010, 2007 and 1997, has qualified multiple Dartmouth riders to IHSA Nationals and, in 2008, was named Instructor of the Year by the American Riding Instructors Association. She is a former board member of the American Polocrosse Association and author of Polocrosse: Australian Made, Internationally Played, published in 1990.

1987

LARRY LAMPHIER, Painesville, Ohio, is president of Wintergreen Associates.

CYNTHIA (URBAN) LUNDEEN, Cleveland, Ohio, has been granted a U.S. patent by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for her original work, Cynthia’s Princess Purse – a purse in the figure of a young princess, the skirt being the purse which opens through the bustle in the back. The purse is presented in a keepsake “Castle Hatbox,” inspired by Cynthia’s work as a millinery designer.

AMY (LUDWIG) WALKER, Canton, Ga., has three daughters, Celestia (13), Victoria (9) and Kira (7).

1990

JUDY A. FLAMIK, Rocky River, Ohio, is an adjunct professor at Case Western Reserve University and supervisor of student teachers in the field of secondary art education.

KAREN GARREN, MBA ’96, Boynton Beach, Fla., has been promoted to Vice President, Finance for LexisNexis. She has been with the company since 2005 and Senior Director of Finance since 2010. In her current role, Garren and her team will be responsible for all Master Billing System revenue accounting, as well as the Business Intelligence data warehouse and Essbase reporting tools, which provide analysis and reporting to over 200 end users.

1992

SUSAN PAOLO, MBA ’92, recently joined Wells Fargo Advisors as a financial advisor in the firm’s Chardon, Ohio office. She has more than 25 years of financial industry experience, including eight years with Wells Fargo Home Mortgage and three years with Edward Jones.
1995
**MICHELLE (McWILLIAMS) VIBONESE**. Thompson, Ohio, is territory manager for Northeast Ohio and Northwest Pennsylvania for Henry Schein Animal Health.

**JANICE (LAWRENZ) POCHIRO** and her husband, Anthony, were married on July 1, 2012 at Punderson Manor and State Park in Newbury, Ohio. After graduating from LEC as an equestrian major, she went back to school and now is a certified surgical technologist, working at the main campus of the Cleveland Clinic in the cardiac and thoracic surgery department. She still makes time every day to ride her retired Prix St. George horse, Ensigne, who will be 24 in 2013.

**BRETT VANA**. Louisburg, N.C., has been the head coach for the women’s basketball team at Louisburg College from 2011-2013. This year, he coached the team to a national championship in NJCAA Division II.

1997
**TAMMY (TEMPLIN) KHAN**. Baton Rouge, La., received a master of management information systems degree in 2012. She and her husband, Bilal Tahir Khan, were married in 2003.

1998
**MICHÈLE (PRATT) LEMLEY**. Wooster, Ohio, was recently selected Reserve Deputy of the Year in Wayne County. Since joining the Sheriff’s Office in 2007, Pratt has conducted numerous duties such as visitations and prisoner transports. She is also the office’s representative in the mounted division with her horse, Pete, who is also a certified law enforcement work horse.

1999
**BRIGHAM LAYMAN**. Thompson, Ohio, is a senior salesman at Progressive Insurance. He and his wife, Lani, have two daughters, Ellie and Myla.

2000
**INKA (CAJO) DIDELLA**. Houston, Texas, works as a research assistant for Baylor College of Medicine. She was third coauthor of the publication, “De novo synthesis is the main source of ornithine for citrulline production in neonatal pigs,” that appeared in the American Journal of Physiology – Endocrinology and Metabolism in October 2012.

2001
**LORI FARRAR**. Painesville, Ohio, and her husband, Larry, announce the birth of their son, Lawrence Albert Farrar III, on Jan. 13, 2013.

2002
**JODY (BAYOREK) TUCKER**. Vista, Calif., and her husband, Mike, announce the birth of their daughter, Rose May, on Aug. 14, 2012. Rosie has a big brother, Luke.

2003
**JENNIFER SAMPLE**. Madison, Ohio, is an assistant professor for the physician assistant program at LEC.

2004
**NATALIE CARR**. Hubbard, Ohio, is an outpatient therapist at Community Alternatives Inc.

2006
**MANDI (ALLEN) GEER**. Las Vegas, Nev., and her husband, Chris, announce the birth of their daughter, Evelyne Geer. The couple were married in 2009.

**JENNIFER (SCIBONA) LIMPERT**. Ashtabula, Ohio, and her husband, Norman, announce the birth of Lauren Alyssa Limpert on Sept. 2, 2012. The couple were married in August 2006.

**SHELBY (CHRISTIAN) MAGUIRE**. Laveen, Az., is a teacher in the Tolleson School District. She and her husband, John, announce the birth of their son, John F. Maguire IV.
KERI (CAMERON) PHILLIPS, Mentor, Ohio, is married to Ken Phillips.

RANDY T. WOLAN, Mentor, Ohio, received his CFE license in 2011 and accepted a position at Howard, Wershbale & Co. CPA in September 2012.

2007
MAURA STACK-ODEN, Lone Tree, Colo., is owner of ABA Services of the Front Range.

2009
ANDY MARKELONIS was pictured in an article about Cleveland Whiskey that appeared in the Cleveland Plain Dealer on March 2, 2013. Markelonis, who received a master’s degree in chemistry from the University of Idaho, is a distiller at Cleveland Whiskey.

DARCY (BORNEMANN) MURPHY is a lecturer on the subjects of equine behavior, reproduction, equestrian practice, and management of facilities and horses at Hartpury College near Gloucester, England. She also recruits student volunteers who help with the Blue Chip Show Jumping and NAF 5* Dressage Winter Championships and Mitsubishi Badminton Horse Trial (4*3DE). She received a master’s degree in equine science and postgraduate certificate of education in higher education from the University of the West of England in 2012. She was married in 2012 to her English husband, Chris, who she met while studying abroad. Some of her spare time is spent with her horse, Joker, who she bought in 2005 and brought to live and train at LEC.

CHRIS RICHTER works for a management consulting company in Düsseldorf, Germany. He received his master’s degree in marketing in Leicester, United Kingdom in fall 2012 and plans soon to begin a Ph.D. program in the field of entrepreneurship.

CARI WILLIAMS MBA ’09, Rome, Ohio, is a strategic procurement team leader for Parker Hannifin Corporation in Avon, Ohio. Her son, Ian Hardesty, will be a freshman at LEC in fall 2013, majoring in accounting and playing golf.

2010
ANDREW INDIANO, Chicago, Ill., is an inventory analyst for Sears Holdings Corporation in Hoffman Estates, Ill. and a lieutenant in the Army National Guard.

DANIELLE (BECKER) KINDER and WILLIAM KINDER’09, Willowick, Ohio, married on Oct. 20, 2012 in Akron, Ohio at the Conrad Botzum Farmstead. Danielle was a founding sister of the Gama Phi Beta Eta Alpha chapter, and William was part of the inaugural Storm football team. The couple met at the College in Dr. Katherine Delavan’s class in 2008 and have been in love ever since. They look forward to a long and happy marriage.

RILEY WHITTAKER, Tucson, Ariz., is an aircraft armament specialist in the United States Air Force. He was recently named Airman of the Year for the 355th Maintenance Group.

2012
REBECCA SCHMID, Burton, Ohio, attended the World Dressage Masters competition in West Palm Beach, Fla. in January 2013. The World Dressage Masters Palm Beach is one of the premier dressage competitions in North America and features competitors from the United States, Canada, Sweden, The Netherlands, Denmark and Italy. While at the competition, Schmid dined with noted equestrians Betsy Juliano and George Williams.
IN TOUCH WITH LAKE ERIE COLLEGE

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☐ This is new information. ☐ This is updated information.

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CLASS YEAR

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BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

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Sibling’s Name

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Sibling’s Name

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MY NOMINATION FOR ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME OR DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

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MEMORIAM

1937

JEAN (FAWCETT) HAZZARD, Amherst, Mass., passed away Jan. 22, 2013. She played piano and cello with school and city orchestras during her years as a high school student in Youngstown, Ohio. She graduated from Lake Erie College with a major in organ and received her MA in psychology from St. Lawrence University. When her children were young, she gave piano lessons, played organ, led her church choir and was active in the League of Women Voters. After her children were grown, she pursued her career as a school and child psychologist wherever she lived. She was active in a variety of organizations and continued playing the piano throughout her life.

BETTE WALLACH, Columbus, Ohio, died Nov. 29, 2012. She worked at the Lustron Corporation and then served as the executive assistant for the Ohio Telecommunications Network (PBS) from 1962 until her retirement in 1997. She was a member of the Columbus Foundation Legacy Society and the Women's Board of the Columbus Museum of Art and a former member of the Childhood League and Temple Israel. She enjoyed traveling, gardening, journaling and all kinds of needlework. In her later years, she was an avid birdwatcher.

1941

BARBARA J. (MACKAY) JANSON, Williamsburg, Va., died Jan. 31, 2013. She earned her degree in physical education at Wellesley College. She was a talented athlete and excelled in tennis and golf. She shot two holes in one and came in first in many tournaments. She joined the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority at Lake Erie College and remained an active member for life. After moving to Williamsburg, Janson was active as a bird watcher and in the First Presbyterian Church. Tennis and golf filled her days until she turned 87, and she was nicknamed “Wonder Woman” at the last tournament she won.

1942

BETTY (SONDLES) RODWAY, Akron, Ohio, passed away Jan. 28, 2013. She was a legal and private secretary for many years. She loved playing many sports until age and infirmity restricted her to armchair sports. She will be remembered for her wit and her strength of spirit.

1944

RUTH (KLINGER) MAKER, Lawrence, Mass., passed away Sept. 11, 2012. She was a registered dietician who worked at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital in Boston and Lawrence General Hospital. She was also a teacher of dietary aides at the Greater Lawrence Regional Technical Vocational School. She was a trustee of Stevens Memorial Library, a member of the Board of Directors of the Greater Lawrence YWCA and a long-time member of the Trinitarian Congregational Church in North Andover.

1945

NANCY J. (SNYDER) AUCKLAND, New Market, Va., died Nov. 10, 2012. She graduated from Lake Erie with a major in physical education. After teaching for a few years in public school in Webster, N.Y., she began her lifelong career, teaching mentally handicapped children in Rochester, N.Y.

1949

SUZANNE (CONRAD) HULLIGAN, Aiken, S.C., passed away March 9, 2013. She was a homemaker and in her later years was an accomplished artist in Aiken. She enjoyed home decorating, knitting, sewing and other crafts, as well as playing bridge and swimming. She had a fondness for animals and a great love for her two dogs. She had been a member of Houndslake Country Club and a student artist at the University of SC.

1950

PATRICIA (BARTON) WEIRES, Montgomery, Texas, died March 3, 2013. She was a retired employee of Wheeling Jesuit University and House of the Carpenter. She lived most of her life in Martins Ferry where she was a member of First Presbyterian Church, serving as an accompanist for the youth choirs. She enjoyed music, reading and gardening and was a devoted animal lover.

1951

SLYVIA R. (RUDD) KAHLER, Rome, N.Y., passed away Apr. 1, 2013. Sylvia was a member of the Lake Delta Yacht Club, Teugega Country Club, Wednesday Morning Club and a charter member of the Ming Twig. She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother and an excellent cook and baker. She loved the outdoors, especially sailing on Lake Delta and skiing at Woods Valley.

1952

JANE (DRESSLER) PAGE, Denver, Colo., passed away Dec. 22, 2012. We received notification of her death from her sister, Suzanne Kellar.

1954

ELIZABETH (ILG) MOWERY, Lorain, Ohio, died March 27, 2013. She was a lifetime member of St. John United Church of Christ in Lorain and was a homemaker. She was a member of the Lakeland Women’s Club and was a life member of Lorain Community Hospital Auxiliary and the American Association of University Women. Her life was centered around her family, and she enjoyed gardening, growing orchids and singing/playing the piano.

1955

NANCY (KALLAY) CARNEY, Rancho Mirage, Calif., passed away Oct. 18, 2012. She received her MA from Columbia University and also studied abroad at the University of Grenoble. Carney served on the boards of the Monterey California Symphony League, the San Jose Civic Light Opera and the Saratoga California Safety Commission. She sang in the Chorale of the prestigious Carmel Bach Festival for 15 years, appeared regularly with the Monterey Symphony Chorus and performed in numerous community theater musical stage productions in Fresno, San Jose and Monterey.

1956

BETTY JEAN (BILLIE) CHAMBERS, Mentor, Ohio, passed away May 12, 2013. She was an owner and teacher of The Village Day Nursery School in Mentor for over 20 years, and she also taught in the Euclid School System. She was a longtime member of St. Mary of the Assumption Church, where she volunteered for the Perpetual Adoration Program.

1958

MARLYN (BEAZLEY) MACKAY GILLIS, Wayland, Mass., died May 5, 2013. She was an accountant and businesswoman, an Emerita Professor of Management at Simmons College, a golf champion and pianist. She
earned multiple graduate degrees, including an MBA from Babson College. She was a member of the Woodland Country Club, the American Institute of Certified Professional Accountants and the Massachusetts Society of Certified Professional Accountants.

**SUSAN (HALL) MIMS, NORTON**, Mass., died Dec. 14, 2012. She majored in French and received a Fulbright Scholarship to teach in France. As a resident of Norton for 47 years, she served as the CFO for her husband’s former business, Bryan Manufacturing Inc. She played active roles in the Norton Land Preservation Society, the Norton Historical Society and the Canoe River Aquifer Committee and as a member of the board at Norton Easton Savings Bank. Mims’ interests included attending the symphony, bird watching, gardening, listening to classical music, crossword puzzles, reading and vacationing in St. Kitts, West Indies. She considered raising her three daughters as her greatest accomplishment.

**DONNA (ELSLAGER) DAVIS**, Erie, Pa., passed away Apr. 24, 2013. She taught music in Erie, Pa. and Madison, Wis. and then worked as office manager for two surgical practices in Erie. She was choir director and served on the altar guild and vestry at St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church in Fairview, Pa. She was an officer of the Presque Isle Garden Club, a life member of the Bird, Tree and Garden Club of Chautauqua and a member of Ingomar Garden Club. She held offices with the Erie County Council of Garden Clubs, served at the District VIII level and was on the board of the Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania. She was a Master Flower Show Judge and served as Council Chair for the Erie Area and Pittsburgh Judges Councils. She also served as president of the Erie Guild of Floral Art.

**SARAH “SALLY” SHANNON**, Rochester, N.Y., died Apr. 30, 2013. She was the retired house manager for the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra and Rochester Broadway Theatre League and was beloved by the children at Margaret House, where she was a longtime volunteer.

**MELODY JO PERKES**, Kirtland, Ohio, passed away Jan. 19, 2013. She was a 40-year career educator, counselor and chair of the guidance department at Willoughby South High School and held various certifications as a cognitive behavior therapist, addiction specialist and domestic violence counselor. Perkes was an adult counselor and academic advisor for the Lake Erie Consortium for Manpower Development Training, honorary admissions officer for the U.S. Coast Guard and Gold Bar recruiter for the U.S. Army/ West Point Academy. Outside of the educational field, she worked as a model for Saks Fifth Avenue, acted in various television commercials and did professional voiceovers. She was an avid animal rights supporter and traveled throughout the world with the many friends she made there. She was an elementary teacher at North Madison and Redbird Elementary Schools. After her retirement, she helped at Perry Center and Craft Club

**JUNE (MELCHE) KORT**, Madison, Ohio, passed away March 21, 2013.

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**FAITH (ARO) ST. CLAIR**, Columbus, Ohio, passed away Dec. 1, 2012. Her husband, Jeffrey St. Clair, notified us of her death.

**HILDA (LARSON) NIKKILA**, Chardon, Ohio, passed away March 9, 2013. She began her career at University Hospitals as a secretary to the director of nursing. Through the years, she led an active life in church and as a Girl Scout leader. She served on various committees, was a Sunday school teacher and a behind-the-scenes minister to women.

**SHIRLEY (CROOMS) NORTON BOYD**, Ashtabula, Ohio, died Jan. 28, 2013. She taught in the Ashtabula Area City School System for 23 years, retiring in 1985. She was a life member of the Ohio Retired Teachers Association and in 1968 was initiated into the Alpha Alpha Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, a national teachers’ honorary society. She enjoyed traveling, sewing, gardening and reading and was active in her church.

**DONNA (EVANS) BRUNSVOLD**, Topeka, Kan., died Apr. 1, 2013. She worked for AT&T for 17 years and embraced the role of a farmer’s wife. She was a longtime member of Topeka Bible Church, where she was active in the Koinonia class. Her biggest role was as a wife, mother, grandmother and friend.

**JUDITH E. LORE**, Santa Rosa, Calif., died Dec. 3, 2012. She worked in social services in Ohio prior to moving to the Sebastopol area in 1978, where she worked for over 30 years with mental health services in Sonoma County before retiring. She took great pleasure in gardening, traveling and being a part of the Poyntless Sistars, a complete show band.

**MARY (HUMPHREY) MCPPHERSON**, Amity, Ore., passed away Feb. 17, 2013. She taught school for 13 years in Ashtabula, Ohio; where she received the “Teacher of the Year” award for Ohio. After moving to Tampa, Fla. in 1971, she continued to teach and became a reading specialist in various schools throughout Hillsborough County for 23 years. She was a longtime member and active in the Delta Kappa Gamma Society, an international honorary society of women educators. She was a resident of the Marina Club of Tampa, where she was social director for many years, and she traveled throughout the world with the many friends she made there.

**EDITH (HIETANEN) WILDE**, Asheville, N.C., died Feb. 27, 2013. She taught first and second grades for 25 years in Madison, Ohio. She was a faithful member of Central Congregational Church in Madison and St. Mark’s Lutheran Church after moving to Asheville in 1991.

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and was a member of the Madison Historical Society. She was a member of Perry United Methodist Church, where she sang in the Wesley Choir for almost 60 years. She also helped with Comfort Meals for many years. She was active in sports and was an avid Cleveland sports fan who never missed a game. Two of her grandchildren, Laura Bruening and Joshua Korth, are students at LEC.

**1973**

**VIRGINIA MAE (Carrather) Muehlhauser**, Painesville, Ohio, died Apr. 28, 2013. She was a teacher for 25 years in elementary schools including St. Mary of the Assumption in Mentor and Assumption School in Geneva. She was a member of both St. Mary’s and Immaculate Conception Church in Willoughby, where she served as a eucharistic minister and was a member of the Christ Child Society and Legion of Mary.

**1974**

**CYNTHIA (NADDDR) WALTERS**, Ashtabula, Ohio, died Feb. 21, 2013. After graduating from Lake Erie, she received her M.Ed. in curriculum and instruction from Kent State University and did post-graduate instruction at Youngstown State, Kent State and Harvard universities. She taught English at Ashtabula High School for 31 years, served as coordinator of gifted programs at Lakeside High School and was the English and Language Arts Department facilitator for grades 7-12. In 1997 she was named the Wal-Mart “Teacher of the Year.” She enjoyed traveling with her husband, most recently visiting Great Britain, Scotland and Ireland.

**1975**

**LEE (WICK) DENNISON**, Chevy Chase, Md., died Aug. 31, 2012. She received her BA in music history from Oxford University and her MA in accounting from Georgetown University. She was a certified public accountant and served in a variety of important positions with the National Endowment of the Arts including grants officer, assistant director of the challenge and advancement programs and director, organizational capacity. She received the Distinguished Service Award, the highest award offered by the NEA, in 1988 and 1999. In 1991 she was named a Senior Executive Fellow at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University. She was a member of the Class of 1998, Leadership America, a national women’s leadership organization. Dennison served on the boards of the Religious Society of Friends in Bethesda, Md., the MARPAT Foundation and Interlochen Center for the Arts. She enjoyed world travel and home renovation and supported a variety of causes.

**1976**

**HARRIET M. HECKARD**, Mentor, Ohio, passed away March 28, 2013. She worked as an accountant for the law firm of Gallagher, Sharp Fulton & Norman in downtown Cleveland before moving to Elon, N.C., where she worked for SouthEastern Chemical Corp. until she retired in 1998. While living in Willoughby, Ohio, she was a member of the Willoughby Eastern Star.

**1979**

**JERRY W. BURNS**, Dallas, Texas, passed away Jan. 1, 2013. He earned his MBA from Amber University and was a CPA for Diamond Shamrock/Occidental Chemical for 43 years. He served as a medic in Germany during the Vietnam War and enjoyed golfing, gardening and traveling.

**1980**

**ROBERT F. ILKANICH**, Mentor, Ohio, died July 3, 2012. A graduate of the class of 1966, he served his country in the Navy during the Vietnam War era.

**1981**

**DENISE J. EARLEY**, Mentor, Ohio, died June 28, 2013. She loved interior decorating and helping friends with their projects at home or business. She was a lifelong fan of the Cleveland Indians.

**1984**

**ROBERT C. ROLL JR., MBA ’84**, Chardon, Ohio, passed away Feb. 22, 2013. He was vice president of sales and product manager at Hubbell Industrial Controls from 1976 until his retirement in 2004 and was an Air Force captain of Air Defense Command 771st Radar Squadron, Cape Charles, Va., from 1956-1959. Roll was a board member of Moveable Structures Engineering Society of Lift Bridges from 2004-2010 and belonged to various country clubs. An avid sports fan, he was a season ticket holder for the Cleveland Browns and Indians and Ohio State football.

**1997**

**DENOVA (VANCE) BROWN**, Painesville, Ohio, passed away June 14, 2006. The College was only recently notified of her death.

**2005**


**2010**

**JENNIFER A. TOMER**, Akron, Ohio, passed away Feb. 9, 2013. She graduated with a major in biology. A lover of music, she was a member of the band and the choir while at Lake Erie. She also loved horses, especially her beloved horse Hank the Tank, and rode often. She was devoted to her family, especially her sister, and her many friends.

**2014**

**MICAH DEMARCUS WILSON**, Morgantown, W.Va., died Jan. 10, 2013. He was active in sports – especially basketball and football – throughout his life and entered Lake Erie College as a member of the football team. A resident of Ritter Hall for two years, Micah enjoyed hanging out with his many friends. He was often seen around campus wearing his tie-dye t-shirt and an infectious smile. He was employed by Pizza Hut for over a year, which took up much of his time when he was not in class pursuing a major in sport management.
JOHN P. HANNA, Leroy Twp., Ohio, died March 17, 2013. He was the technical director in the LEC Theatre Department for many years from the early 1960s through late 1970s. He designed and built sets, hung lights, and did the sound and any other technical magic that was needed, for the shows first in the Bentley Theatre and later in the C.K. Rickel Theatre. He left the College to pursue a career in designer custom woodworking.

LOUISE IRELAND HUMPHREY, Tallahassee, Fla., passed away March 18, 2012. She was an emeritus trustee of Lake Erie College and throughout her life was a philanthropic civic leader and enthusiastic sportswoman. Louise had a passion for the opera and served as the first woman president of the Metropolitan Opera from 1986 through 1991. Animals and fox hunting were also important to her, and from 1954 to 1972 she was the first woman Joint Master of the Chagrin Valley Hunt. She bred and raised Labrador retrievers who competed at the national level in field trials, and she also successfully bred and raced thoroughbred horses. She was appointed by three consecutive governors to the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, on which she served from 1984 to 1999 and in 2001 she was inducted into the Florida Wildlife Federation Hall of Fame.

GWEN KING, Ludington, Mich., passed away Sept. 10, 2012. She was a speech pathologist in the Willoughby-Eastlake School district for many years. She founded and operated the Indian Museum of Lake County, which for many years was located in the lower level of Kilcawley Hall.

Patricia LaMuth, Avon, Ohio, died Apr. 27, 2013. She was a dedicated volunteer in the president’s office at Lake Erie College for over 10 years and was honored by the College as a Sesquicentennial Fellow in 2004. She was secretary/treasurer of the Roddick Fund, which provides scholarships for local students attending Lake Erie College, for many years.

ELIZABETH “BETTY” HITCHCOCK ROSE, Cleveland, Ohio, died in February 2013. She was the great-great granddaughter of Reuben Hitchcock, one of the founders of Lake Erie College. A graduate of Wellesley College, she was vice-chairman of the Red Cross Nurse’s Aide Corps in Washington, D.C. during World War II. She designed equipment for the chronically ill as a hobby; her shampoo device for bedridden patients, the Rinsette, has been on the market since the early sixties and is used in hospitals and care centers nationwide. She was known for her work as a civic activist and inventor.

JOYCE D. XIONG, Tallahassee, Fla., died March 22, 2013. She was an emeritus trustee of Lake Erie College and throughout her life was a philanthropic civic leader and enthusiastic sportswoman. Joyce was a long-time resident of Tallahassee, Florida, and was a dedicated volunteer at both the Tallahassee Symphony Orchestra and the Tallahassee Symphony Orchestra League. She had a passion for the opera and served as the first woman president of the Metropolitan Opera from 1986 through 1991. Animals and fox hunting were also important to her, and from 1954 to 1972 she was the first woman Joint Master of the Chagrin Valley Hunt. She bred and raised Labrador retrievers who competed at the national level in field trials, and she also successfully bred and raced thoroughbred horses. She was appointed by three consecutive governors to the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, on which she served from 1984 to 1999 and in 2001 she was inducted into the Florida Wildlife Federation Hall of Fame.

ALEXIS HANNA, director of human resources at the College, passed away Aug. 2, 2013. Hanna had retired at the end of June after devoting 24 years of her life to Lake Erie. She was recognized for this important milestone at the annual faculty and staff reception held May 8 in Social Parlor.

Rick Eplawy, special assistant to the president, introduced Hanna at the reception. He said, “During the past 24 years, Alexis has become an actual part of the very fabric which makes up Lake Erie College. We thank her for all the many positive things she has done for so many folks, past and present, who have called LEC their home away from home.”

Eplawy also read some thoughts about Hanna that were written by Billie Dunn, dean of students. Dunn wrote, “Alexis is a kind, gentle soul who brings out the best in people. Her dedication to the College and most importantly, to the people, has contributed significantly to the success of Lake Erie over the years.”

Many present and past LEC faculty and staff members paid tribute to Alexis Hanna at her visitation and funeral mass. She had indeed touched many lives through her years of dedication to the College, and she is missed.
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