A Message From The President

Michael T. Victor, J.D., LL.D.
President

We are off to another great start of the fall semester at Lake Erie College. I wish to share three observations from my view.

First, what is different this fall? As you will read in this issue, there are 24 students enrolled in our new physician assistant program. They began their 27-month journey to prepare for a career in medicine earlier this year. Our faculty and staff have worked very hard for the last four years to bring this program to life. This is the first of many new health and science related initiatives we hope to launch in the future. Garb and gear are badges of honor among our students. We now see the physician assistant students in scrubs with stethoscopes in the Holden Center and throughout the campus. They are now part of the LEC mosaic that includes and complements the riding boots of equestrian students, the jerseys of our student athletes and the rolling backpacks of our future educators.

Second, there is a lasting “wow” factor among the traditions of Lake Erie College. We continue with events such as Mountain Day, Founders Day, the Tiberius Ceremony and others to create a sense of place and belonging among our students. It is enjoyable to see them appreciate our history, have fun and bond more with each other. I am in awe by the lasting impact of these events as alumni share their stories and experiences with me. During Alumni Weekend in September, an alumnus gave us a copy of the Founders Day program from November, 1914 that he purchased on Ebay for the price of $1.00. Remarkably, the format has not changed much at all. The 100-year old program will be reproduced and shared with all students at our Founders Day ceremony on November 6 and placed in the LEC archives, thereafter.

Third, the Lake Erie College experience has positive outcomes for our current students and recent graduates. A recent study involving our students who graduated in the last year showed that the average percentage of students working in a position within their major was 71 percent. From this group, of those who graduated from the school of equine studies, 90 percent were working within their majors; of those who graduated from the school of business and entrepreneurship, 85 percent were working within their majors. 52 percent of those who participated in this study planned to further their education in graduate school. There is strong evidence that shows Lake Erie College can provide a degree that helps students a) get a job and b) get one in a field that is important to them even in a difficult economy.

I know you will enjoy the stories of our students, faculty, staff and alumni in this issue. We are grateful for your continued interest and support of Lake Erie College.

Sincerely,

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Physician Assistant Program

Physician assistant program emphasizes the heart of medicine

by Holly Menzie MBA ’06

“As a physician assistant student, I solemnly promise [that] I will serve humanity, I will care for the sick, I will promote good health, [and] I will alleviate pain and suffering. As a physician assistant student, I will practice with integrity, I will practice with humility, I will practice with honesty, [and] I will practice with compassion.”

These are some of the words in the Physician Assistant Professional Oath of Honor, an oath that was taken May 15 by the 24 students in the inaugural class of the Lake Erie College Master of Physician Assistant Studies program. When the students recited this oath, they began a lifetime journey of service in the medical community.

Physician assistants are nationally certified and state-licensed medical professionals who practice medicine on healthcare teams with physicians and other providers. Physician assistants provide patient counseling, conduct medical examinations, order and interpret medical tests, prescribe treatments and medications and assist in surgery.

From Vision to Reality

The matriculation of Lake Erie’s physician assistant program has been a journey in itself. It began three years ago with the vision of President Michael T. Victor and members of the College administration and faculty and was brought to fruition through the hard work of many dedicated individuals. Richard Hanson, member of the Lake Erie College Board of Directors and the president of University Hospitals Community Hospitals and Ambulatory Network, was a major driving force behind the program.

Kosnosky believes that physician assistants are vitally important in medicine today. “Patient care now has to be an integrated team approach,” he said. “No one can do it alone.”

The physician assistant suite in the Garfield Center, which was dedicated on April 24, represents the transformation of an empty wing of classrooms into a state-of-the-art training center. The suite includes a fully equipped clinic with an Anatomage virtual cadaver and other diagnostic and teaching tools, classroom, conference room, offices and reception area.

In addition to University Hospitals, other donors who made the program and suite a reality are Ed and Anna Dunlap and the Edward B. Dunlap Foundation, Dana A. Dennis, the estate of Fred W. Fields, the Lake-Geauga Fund of the Cleveland Foundation, John P. Murphy Foundation, Parker Hannifin Corporation, Steris Corporation and Richard W. Wilson.

“Transforming the space was the easy part,” Weber said during the dedication ceremony. “We also worked on the transformation of a culture.”

Under the leadership of David Kosnosky, D.O., chief medical officer for University Hospitals Geauga, who serves as medical director for the program, and Joseph Weber, MPAS, PA-C, program director, the Lake Erie College Master of Physician Assistant Studies program is now a reality.
Program Description

Not only was the space created, but the program itself was also developed, and the faculty and initial class of students were recruited. In addition to Kosnosky and Weber, other faculty members who helped in the structure of the program were Jennifer Sample, MPAS, PA-C, Sean Kramer, MSHS, PA-C, and Ray Wawrowski, DHSc, PA-C. Sample and Kramer are still teaching in the program, while Wawrowski has returned to full-time work as a physician assistant.

Weber said the program is like medical school jammed into 27 months. “The students will learn 1,073 diseases and over 700 drugs. They will spend 288 days in the classroom and 1,800 hours in clinical practice.”

Students will take 19 courses totaling 67 semester hours during the didactic phase of the program and will complete nine rotations in all phases of medicine during the clinical phase. These rotations will be completed in hospitals, physicians’ offices, outpatient clinics, rehabilitation centers and other settings. At the end of the 27 months of preparation, students must pass the Physician Assistant National Certifying Exam (PANCE) in order to become licensed to practice as physician assistants.

Weber said that the heart of medicine is the over-arching theme of the entire program. “Technical skills are teachable; core values and morals must be ingrained in a person,” he said.

Inaugural Class

The 24 students accepted into the first class were selected from 458 students who applied from throughout the United States. They were chosen based on a variety of factors, including the completion of 250 hours of observation or participation in a clinical environment, at least 50 hours of which must have been from direct shadowing of a licensed physician assistant. Another factor that was given careful consideration was each applicant’s commitment to service as shown by volunteer and co-curricular activities.

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Two of the students – Julie Stupi and Morgan Williams – were among the eight PA students who volunteered at the Special Girls Pageant held this summer at the Metzenbaum Center. Along with other volunteers and staff members at the Center, these students helped to create a special night for 25 girls and women with special needs. They shopped for dresses, decorated the Center gym, assisted with hair and makeup, served refreshments and helped make the evening a night to remember.

“It’s a win-win situation when you volunteer because you end up taking away so much,” Stupi said. “Additionally, service projects help us develop empathy as future caregivers.”

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Looking Ahead

Lake Erie College offered an undergraduate physician assistant program in the 1970s and 1980s in conjunction with the Cleveland Clinic. The 129 graduates of this program received a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in physician assistant studies and went on to have successful careers in medical settings throughout the United States; many are still practicing as physician assistants today.

Today’s Master of Physician Assistant Studies program is the first master’s-level program in the area of health sciences ever to be offered at the College. The Accreditation Review Committee on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA) has granted Accreditation-Provisional status to the program, which is also accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and Ohio Board of Regents.

“We are laying the foundation for additional programs including a three-year accelerated chemistry program and a School of Health Sciences to include additional bachelor’s and master’s programs in health science fields. Eventually, we are planning on offering doctoral degrees while expanding partnerships with other colleges and universities,” President Victor said.

Physician assistant student Carrie Lockard expressed the feelings of the entire class at the completion of their first semester of classes. “All of us will be able to accomplish great things [both] as a group and as individuals,” she said.

The physician assistant students, standing out on campus in their green scrubs, have become an important part of the Lake Erie College community and will continue to make a difference in the medical world and beyond for many years to come.
Lake Erie College held its 156th commencement ceremony on Sunday, May 11, 2014 in the Jerome T. Osborne Family Athletic & Wellness Center.

A graduating class of 148 students received bachelor of arts, bachelor of fine arts, bachelor of science, master of business administration and master of education degrees as the culmination of their college careers.

In his introductory remarks, President Victor said that life represents a series of comings and goings, combined with new experiences. “My strongest hope is that you will always see Lake Erie College as one of the key elements that builds your life,” he said. “May you take with you from your time here something so sound and enduring that you will always want to be a part of it.”

Joe Lopez presented a legacy from the Class of 2014, reminding his fellow classmates that life doesn’t end at graduation. “We have an overabundance of opportunities before us if we only search for them,” he said. “With support, purpose and opportunity, there is nothing that can restrict your success. As my friend Jennifer, who died tragically two years ago, often told me, ‘There is always, always, always something to be thankful for.’”

Lopez and President Victor also remembered two students who were originally part of the class but who died far too young – Danielle Ohler and Reid Rizzo. “Although both Dani and Reid are gone, they will always remain a part of this class. We remember them today for their laughter and the friendships they made here. They will forever be members of the Lake Erie Green and White,” President Victor said.

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Dr. Robert Benz, professor of physics, gave the charge from the faculty, providing four words of advice to the graduates: “Travel; save money; get in shape, and stay in shape; if possible, travel with somebody,” he said.

Congressman David P. Joyce, who represents the 14th district of Ohio, delivered the commencement address, encouraging the graduates to be optimistic, remain true to themselves, surround themselves with good people, including their families, and adapt to their surroundings.

“Take time to laugh. Find joy in little things. Look out for great opportunities,” Joyce said. “God bless you all, and God bless America.”

Janeane Cappara, president of the National Alumni Board, said in her welcome to the new alumni, “Graduates, celebrate your success with us – let us know your accomplishments, your milestones and your life-changing experiences that will continue to define who you are. Let us know how your success has changed the world.”

We welcome the Class of 2014 to the ranks of Lake Erie College alumni, ready to begin life’s journey and make a difference by doing great things!
Congressman David P. Joyce awarded honorary doctorate

David P. Joyce was presented an honorary doctor of humane letters degree during the College’s May 2014 commencement ceremony. In November 2012, Joyce was elected to the 113th Congress to represent the 14th district of Ohio, consisting of Lake, Geauga, Cuyahoga, Ashtabula, Trumbull, Portage and Summit counties. In Congress, he serves on the influential House Committee on Appropriations where he makes it a priority to reduce the scope and size of government and protect American tax dollars.

Joyce has fought to get Washington on a budget, repeal the affordable care act and improve the economy with the goal of bringing more jobs back to northeast Ohio. He has also fought for continued funding for the Great Lakes, this area’s greatest economic and environmental resource. He works toward making America more competitive, more innovative and more productive.

He built a reputation as being a protector of Geauga County families and taxpayers through his service as the Geauga County Prosecuting Attorney, and he has also assisted in numerous counties throughout Ohio as a special prosecutor. Some of his case and trial work has been featured on national shows such as CBS’s 48 Hours.

Joyce received a B.A. in accounting and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Dayton and is a lifelong resident of northeast Ohio.
Graduating seniors recognized at Honors Convocation

Seniors who achieved exemplary success in their academic work and co-curricular activities were recognized at the traditional Honors Convocation held May 9 in Morley Music Building.

Dr. Steven Reynolds, associate professor of biology, gave the convocation address, comparing obstacles students will face in their lives to the challenges encountered by the crew in the original Star Trek series.

“Choose your words wisely for maximum impact. Pay attention to what you say, for people might be listening. Be cognizant of the impact of your choices,” Reynolds said.

Academic excellence awards were presented to the following students: Natascia Zullo, School of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences; Stefan Stojanovic, School of Business; Bethany Sattler, School of Equine Studies; Paige Nemec, School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics; and Emily Abbott, School of Education and Professional Studies. Athletes of the Year were Ashriel West (female) and Brendan Gallagher (male).

Billie Dunn, vice president for student affairs, presented the Jane White Lincoln Dean’s Award to Joseph López. Lopez worked in the athletic department for four years, served as an Italian tutor, interned with the College’s accounting department, was a member of the Campus Activities Board, was a community leader for the Arts, Culture and Humanities Learning Community, and served as Mortar Board treasurer. He also impacted many students as a resident assistant and president of the student body.

“Joe has truly taken advantage of the opportunities he was provided and continually challenged himself to break out of the quiet shell he once embraced,” Dunn said. “His determination, sense of humor and love for Lake Erie will be missed most of all.”

President Michael T. Victor presented the prestigious President’s Award to Jared Merritt. Merritt was an orientation leader, member of Mortar Board, admissions tour guide, three-year resident assistant, four-year student athlete as a founding member of the wrestling team....
and member of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. He also served as the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference representative on the National Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

“His experiences and free-spirited nature could take him anywhere after graduation; however, the impact Jared has left on Lake Erie College will never go away,” President Victor said. “He symbolizes everything a LEC student should be, combining all of his interests into an entire package. I am extremely proud he will be a Lake Erie alumnus.”

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

President Victor added some final words to inspire the students. “Your ideas, and your actions, will produce the continuous change we all need . . . and that will be a dream come true for all of us,” he said. “I know you will make us all proud when you find and make your way as productive and responsible citizens of the world.”
Graduating seniors celebrate at reception

Graduating seniors donned formal attire the evening of May 8 for the black-tie reception held this year at the Kirtland Country Club. The venue for this popular event changed because of repairs being made to the Victor Manor House.

President Victor hosted the reception, which is an annual tradition brought back during his presidency. On this special evening, the students mingled, danced and enjoyed one another’s company while sampling an assortment of cocktails and hors d’oeuvres.

The reception gives the graduating seniors one last time to gather together in an informal setting before they begin their new lives away from Lake Erie College.
Senior Ladies’ Tea carries on tradition

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

Craige Victor, wife of President Michael T. Victor, kept the tradition alive by again hosting the Senior Ladies’ Tea in Social Parlor the afternoon of May 9. In the elegance of this historic setting, graduating senior ladies and the special women in their lives were treated to a variety of teas, wine, sherry, party sandwiches and special desserts.

The ladies of the Class of 2014 will long remember this afternoon of celebrating, reminiscing and anticipating a world away from their alma mater.

Tiberius has guarded campus for over a century

by Milena Velez MBA ’14

Think back on the first time you stepped foot on the Lake Erie College campus. It may have been five years ago, ten, twenty, or even fifty or more. Many things have changed since then—buildings have come and gone, majors have been added, new programs have excited new generations of LEC students. However, one of the things that had remained constant for over a century now has been the presence of a certain dog. Yes, you know the one, a large black lab by the name of Tiberius, the College’s unofficial mascot and campus sentinel.

The story behind the statue of Tiberius is known to everyone who has been on the LEC campus, whether as a visitor, a faculty or staff member, or especially a student. The statue represents a real dog, Tiberius, who once belonged to a dean of the College. Or maybe a professor. Or maybe even one of the early presidents—I have heard it told many ways. Either way, the story continues, he was a real dog, a real black lab, beloved by all the students on campus. He spent most of his days with the girls who attended Lake Erie Seminary in the end of the 19th century—he went to classes with them, had meals
with them, played with them, and peacefully napped in their rooms while they slept. Time moved on, however, and Tiberius grew old and eventually passed on. The students were upset and missed their constant guardian, so Tiberius’s owner commissioned a statue of the dog to be cast in bronze and donated to the College.

Decades passed under the watchful eye of the new guardian. Tiberius proudly stood in the middle of campus, as students filed by him daily on their way to class or their residence hall. In the early morning of April 13, 1957, two students woke up suddenly to a frantic dog barking outside Memorial Hall, where they lived. The two girls went outside in search of the dog, but once they stepped out of the building they realized that Memorial Hall had been engulfed in flames.

They rushed back in, and woke up the seventeen other girls who lived in the dorm at the time. All nineteen of them then stood outside in only their night clothes and light coats, watching as Memorial Hall and all their possessions burned to the ground. When the two girls who originally woke up to the sound of barking decided to look around, they could find no signs of any dog being anywhere around, except the statue of Tiberius nearby. The faithful guardian had once again come back to save his beloved students.

This wonderful story is one that some students repeat every day, as they take prospective students and their families on a tour of campus, stopping by for quick photo op by the current statue of Tiberius. He still stands, a proud guardian of a long-standing tradition. Every winter he ends up with a Christmas hat on his head, and every fall, before their first home game, the entire LEC Storm football team lines up in front of him for the Tiberius ceremony—one by one the players walk by the dog, pat him on the head for good luck, and then move on to shake the hand of the president and all the deans, then finishing off the ceremony with a performance of the LEC Alma Mater. The Lake Erie Ambassadors are also inducted into the Order of Tiberius, and they proudly wear their Tiberius pins to all College events.

Yet how much of the original story is true? How did this magnificent statue end up on the Lake Erie grounds, and is the dog represented truly a hero? To answer this, we have to dig deeper into the history of Lake Erie, but also into the history of Tiberius himself. To start off, the statue of Tiberius that all of our current students are used to seeing every day, is not actually the original Tiberius. This is Tiberius the Fourth.

Tiberius the First appeared on the LEC campus some time before 1910—records are incomplete on the exact date. He was very popular among the students, who loved to paint him in different colors. However, the members of a Western Reserve University fraternity, coming from an all-male institution were very fond of playing pranks on the Lake Erie campus, then still an all-female institution. One of their favorite pranks was to “take Tiberius for a walk,” and the dog would disappear for days until finally, one day in 1955, he just didn’t come back. Despite the many search parties dispatched to look for him, Tiberius the First never returned to Lake Erie College.

Fast forward about twenty years, to 1973. Two staff members decided to follow some rumors that Tiberius might have been hiding at the Riverside cemetery, and set out looking for him. They drove around the cemetery several times, when on their last trip around one of them exclaimed, “Look, isn’t that the dog?” They drove closer to see a statue of a dog lurking behind the trees. Sadly, it was not the one for which they had been looking. Determined not to give up, the two then sought out the cemetery office, where they once again inquired about Tiberius. The caretaker was taken a back, but told them they had not been the first ones to look for the “lost dog.” They drove closer to see a statue of a dog lurking behind the trees. Sadly, it was not the one for which they had been looking. Determined not to give up, the two then sought out the cemetery office, where they once again inquired about Tiberius. The caretaker was taken a back, but told them they had not been the first ones to look for the “lost dog.” He explained that many a times he had been forced to venture into the night himself to retrieve the statue of the dog others had assumed was Tiberius. But no, he could not tell them anything more about the statue. The staff members returned empty handed to a campus that from that point on assumed that Tiberius the First must be resting at the bottom of Lake Erie.

Yet, he was not lost forever. Soon afterwards Mrs. Jane White Lincoln, a professor of physical education and later dean at Lake Erie, while browsing through an antique shop in upstate New York, happened to discover an exact replica of Tiberius the First. It was Tiberius the Second! Then and there, Mrs. Lincoln decided that Lake Erie College should have its mascot back, and she purchased the statue on the spot. After paying the enormous transportation cost to ship the heavy bronze dog to Ohio,
Tiberius the Second spent some time in the maintenance department where he was given a necessary addition—a brand new concrete base to prevent any future wanderings. Finally, in June of 1974 Tiberius the Second was unveiled and placed on the lawn between the Commons and College Hall.

For the next decade, Tiberius the Second enjoyed just as much love and attention from the campus community as his predecessor. He was given many a new coats of paint, props such as cigarettes, cookies and diapers, and was sat on so many times that his original tail wore out and had to be replaced. Yet, this was not the end of his adventures as a campus guardian.

In the late hours of one April evening in 1984, sometime between the routine security campus checks at 11:30 p.m. Friday and 12:30 a.m. Saturday, vandals attacked Tiberius the Second in what was this time far more than a simple prank. It was an all-out act of violence. The statue was found on the next morning smashed and the head was missing. The entire campus community was in mourning, and the College President Dr. Charles E.P. Simmons called upon everyone to join the College in discovering the identity of the vandals who destroyed Tiberius. He even offered a generous award for any information relating to the crime. When asked for a comment by the News Herald, a switchboard operator for the College simply replied with, “Tell them we’re just sick about it.” Yet no further information was ever found, and for a second time the College was left without its guardian dog.

The students were devastated for months. In October 1984 ten Mortar Board members staged a sit-in at the former site of Tiberius the Second from 8 a.m. until 10 p.m. as a fundraising initiative. “We want to put the statue back on the marble platform,” one of them said for The Lake County Telegraph. “We also want to increase the awareness to the Lake Erie College community that the statue was destroyed and we are asking for its return.”

For more than two decades, the LEC campus had to survive without its faithful guardian, until another donation brought Tiberius the Third and Fourth to the campus. In 2004, Tiberius the Third, a statue of a sitting black lab, was given to the College by the graduating class, and was placed by a small gazebo behind College Hall. Then, in 2008, another donation, a larger bronze statue of a black lab, was placed on the original base and serves as the current Tiberius.

The statue, one version of it or another, has been present on the LEC campus for more than a century now. Yet, the most amazing thing about Tiberius is the story of him saving the students from the fire—how did that story begin when during the time of the fire, in 1957, there was no statue of Tiberius on campus?
In its 157-year history, Lake Erie College has been the home of many students who have later on continued to become experts in their fields, and who have been recognized for their accomplishments all around the world. Sometimes, however, the recognition could take a little longer. This was the case of Elizabeth Bartlett Grannis, who attended LEC from 1859 to 1862 as one of its first students.

In 2011, a then-Ph.D. candidate in American history at the Texas Christian University Brite Divinity School in Fort Worth, Tex. by the name of Lisa Barnett was looking for a topic for a research paper she had to write for a women’s history class. One of her professors, an instructor of church history, mentioned to her the story of one Elizabeth Bartlett Grannis, a story his wife had encountered recently in the New York Times while doing research on something else. Ms. Barnett took the suggestion, and started digging deeper. Soon, she recognized the potential in the story.

Lisa Barnett uncovered the incredible story of a woman well ahead of her time, “an editor, social reformer, humanitarian, and pioneer woman suffragist,” as she later describes Elizabeth in her award-winning work “Piety and Power: The Life and Work of Elizabeth B. Grannis.” Thanks to Ms. Barnett’s work, the name of a woman committed to social reform and her community was brought back into the light after more than a century.

In April 1906, Mrs. Grannis was separated from the church she had attended for decades, the First Church of Disciples of Christ, currently located in a new location at Manhattan, New
York and under the name Park Avenue Christian Church, often referred to simply as The Park. It was not until her story was uncovered by Ms. Barnett that the community of The Park had the opportunity to recognize everything that Elizabeth Grannis had done for their community. But who was Elizabeth Bartlett Grannis, and what happened in 1906 that prompted her congregation to separate themselves from this so-called progressive-thinking woman?

Born Elizabeth Coggeshall Bartlett on March 27, 1840, in Hartford, Conn., young Elizabeth spent majority of her childhood in Windsor, Ohio where her family relocated after the death of her father. It was in Windsor that she first became involved with the Christian Church, after joining the local congregation and being baptized at age fourteen.

Even before that, however, she had shown interest in many of the issues that would define her later life – while still living in Connecticut, at age eleven, she asked to teach Sunday school, but was declined due to her age. She remedied that by starting her own Sunday school, teaching a young impoverished child she found pulling a box in which she had placed a ragged doll and two other poor children who she found in a haystack. Her passion for teaching continued – at age seventeen she taught public school for a year in Windsor, before moving on with her own education.

Elizabeth Bartlett attended Lake Erie Female Seminary, beginning with the first class to attend in 1859. She stayed at Lake Erie Seminary until 1862, but did not graduate, something common for women in the 19th century since so few professions which would require degrees were open to women. Soon afterwards she moved to Brooklyn, New York, and continued teaching for a few years before meeting and marrying Frederick W. Grannis in 1866. Elizabeth was 26 at the time. It was not to be a smooth sailing for the newly wed couple, however. As Grannis herself writes in a biographical sketch submitted to The Phrenological Journal in 1895, “My husband, after a few years, failed in business, and it became necessary, according to my best judgment, for me to earn money.”

Taking her fate in her own hands, Elizabeth began writing for the Church Union magazine, and soon bought it out in the fall of 1873, when the publication was just a few months old. She would go on to serve as the editor of the nationally published, non-sectarian magazine for 23 years, before selling it in 1896, and the entire time she signed her editorials as E. B. Grannis, thus concealing her gender.

Among the causes dearest to Elizabeth’s heart were women’s suffrage, social reform and gender equality. She was a self-styled “radical” suffragette, and for decades before the passage of the 19th Amendment, giving women in the United States the right to vote, she sought to register to vote annually as a “female man.” She maintained that, as stated in the Bible, God “created man, male and female he created them.” In a newspaper story recording her attempt to register to vote in 1892, she said to a reporter, “I have seen nothing in the Constitution of the United States that forbids me from voting because I am a woman.” When attempting to register, she was always prepared to answer all the questions that were asked of male applicants. “I have in every instance replied that I came not as a woman, but as a fully equipped citizen,” she said.

When these arguments failed to convince the officials, Grannis resorted to a different strategy – voting by proxy. It started with her brother coming with her to the polls, having her fill the ticket and then passing it back to him so he could deposit it. Later on she enlisted other men in her voting practice, including Rev. Joseph R. Wilson, the father of President Woodrow Wilson, who was a close personal friend of hers. “Dr. Wilson called for me in a carriage and escorted me uptown to the polling place,” she said, recalling one instance of voting-by-proxy in 1894. “I entered the booth, prepared my ballot, came out, handed it to him and he dropped it into the box amid the amazed stares of the officials.” She continued voting this way for about 20 years, even though she often said that she would rather be allowed to cast the ballot for herself. “[But] I am willing to do this,” she said. “Influencing politics is not a new thing for women. We have been working for years.”
Her support for women’s rights led her to participate in the National Council of Women in the United States, organized in 1888 in Washington D.C., and also in the World’s Congress of Representative Women, a week-long convention held in May 1893 in conjunction with the World’s Columbian Exposition in Chicago. At these gatherings Elizabeth encountered some of the great women of the time: Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony, Lucretia Mott and Carrie Chapman Catt.

Grannis also undertook a number of other causes that paint her as a progressive activist and thinker and way ahead of her time – she actively spoke and wrote against the sale of tobacco to minors, capital punishment and corporal punishment for students.

In 1886 Elizabeth Grannis established the National Christian League for Christian Purity, an organization that had as a mission to promote the notion of purity, but also to “teach the same standard of social purity for boys and men as ought to be maintained for women and girls” – an idea not often heard during the time when most reformers were focused solely on women’s chastity. “We believe that men and women ought to be associated as co-workers in seeking a higher and equal standard of purity for both sexes in and out of the church,” she said in 1893. “The cooperation of men and women as workers in this cause has accomplished far better and greater results than either men or women could accomplish separately.” Because of her influence, the League actively fought for the right of married women to hold salaried positions, something that they were forbidden by law in many states. Grannis was re-elected as a president of the League from 1887 onwards.

So, with her association with the League and her far-too-progressive-for-the-times views, the stage was set for the events of 1904-1906. At the time Elizabeth had already been a member of the First Church of the Disciples of Christ for a number of decades, and was viewed by many of her admirers as the humanitarian social reformer that she was. Many others, however, did not approve of her opinions and wished she would not be so vocal about them.

Maintaining that she had done nothing wrong but speak the truth, Grannis continued to attend worship at the church, despite the fact that many in the congregation had turned against her. A former pastor even said that instead of the president of the Christian Purity League she would be better described as “president of social nastiness.” It was also not the first time Elizabeth had had run-ins with many in her congregation – they seemed to disagree on the topic of who should be allowed to worship there as well. In 1984 Elizabeth had adopted a three-month-old African-American baby girl she had found in the street with her mother, and once the little girl was old enough she had brought her to the church with her. Elizabeth had named the girl Christian League, after the League she was the president of, and had the girl sit next to her in the pew. Many church members were completely outraged, and accused the child of “rolling her eyes, wriggling, and smiling throughout the service.” Some even asked Grannis to move with the child to the back pew so that “the southern members would not take offense.” She refused.

Tension continued to build up until in April 1906 an ecclesiastic court was convened, in itself a very rare occasion, and
the out-of-town elders who sat as judges were presented with evidence and listened to a variety of witnesses testify against Elizabeth Grannis. It did not take them long to hand down a verdict of “guilty of being a disturber of the peace of the congregation of the First Church of the Disciples of Christ,” and giving Elizabeth two weeks to resign her membership and cease to attend worship at the church with the child Christian. Once again, she refused. On May 13, 1906 the presiding elder J. H. Banton read a notice withdrawing the congregation from Mrs. Grannis. “The communion of the church is open,” he said, “and it will not be denied to Mrs. Grannis, or anyone else. But the members of the church will have nothing to do with her.”

Elizabeth Grannis continued to worship at First Church until her death in 1926, despite being cast out from the congregation. She also continued to care for Christian League and her mother, even helping the girl get formal education. She enrolled her at the Booker T. Washington’s Tuskegee Institute in Alabama, now Tuskegee University.

Elizabeth B. Grannis died in her home on March 22, 1926 at the age of 85, just five days away from her 86th birthday. At her funeral, the then-pastor of the First Church, Rev. Dr. Finis Idleman, remarked, “She belonged to a more vigorous age than ours seems to be. She saw equal suffrage coming and she worked for it and delighted in its coming.” In fact, before her passing, Elizabeth Grannis was able to cast a vote under her own name. At age 80, in 1918 after the state of New York had granted women the right to vote the year before, she went to the polls in a wheelchair to cast her first official ballot.

At the polls she split her ticket, voting for “more than a half a dozen Socialists, three Democrats, one Prohibitionist, and one Republican,” while also scratching the name of a female candidate on the Republican ballot because her given name was in diminutive form. “No woman who pet names herself could possibly have sense enough to hold public office,” she remarked scornfully. Later on, as she was wheeled back to her home, she added, “I have waited long for this day, and I pray that every woman in the land may soon have the same privilege.”

Upon her death, the New York Times ran an obituary that described her as “humanitarian, editor, reformer, pioneer suffragette,” who “never stopped trying to make the world a better place according to her rights.” Thanks to her, the Park Avenue Christian Church, the current address of the First Church of the Disciples of Christ, can claim to have been interracial for more than a century. Yet it was in 2011 that The Park said the final word on the Elizabeth Grannis case – after her story had been unearthed by Lisa Barnett, the congregation made a decision to posthumously readmit her into the church.

“The church is chagrined that this is a part of its history,” said Rev. John Wade Payne, the church’s pastor from 1979 to 1999. He discovered the story of Elizabeth, Christian and Rev. Denham while he had been researching the bicentennial history of the congregation. After Ms. Barnett’s paper was published in 2011, the current congregation found out the full story, which was not to be found in the church chronicles. “There was apparently a consensus of silence,” he added.

Once they had heard it all, however, there was no question on their next action. In March 2012 Elizabeth’s membership was reinstated, and in honor of her achievements the Elizabeth Grannis Award was established, to be given to women in the community and beyond who have made outstanding contributions to church and society. The inaugural Elizabeth B. Grannis awards were given out on March 11, 2012, in celebration of Women’s History Month, and among the first recipients was the very person whose work revived the story of this incredible woman – Ms. Lisa Barnett.

The woman, who fought for equal rights regardless of sex and race, who spoke out her own truth without regards for consequences and who stood by her congregation even after they had abandoned her, will live on forever. She is an alumna every institution would be proud to call its own, and she traces her roots back to a small town in Ohio and Lake Erie College.
Innovators Ball supports student scholarships

by Pamela Palermo

The Victor Manor House provided a beautiful setting for this year’s Innovators Ball. Close to 150 guests gathered to celebrate the Gilded Age of Lake County and enjoy an evening of dining, dancing and fellowship. Proceeds from the ball will be used to support student scholarships at Lake Erie College.

The Gilded Age was a period of economic growth as the United States jumped to the lead in industrialization ahead of Britain. During the Gilded Age, Northeast Ohio produced and welcomed new ideas from elsewhere – attracting talent, skills, ideas, technology, entrepreneurs and capital investment.

During this period, Northeast Ohio produced more millionaires than Cincinnati or Pittsburgh, and more than Buffalo and Milwaukee combined. It was also an era of great philanthropy, when private money created and endowed thousands of colleges, hospitals, museums, academies, schools, opera houses, public libraries and charities.

In this spirit, the Lake Erie College Innovators Ball celebrated creativity, the power of philanthropy and the pursuit of higher education.

The Innovators Ball was planned by a committee chaired by Claire and Sandy McMillan. Claire recently wrote a book entitled Gilded Age where Edith Wharton’s Lily Bart (from The House of Mirth), re-imagined as Ellie Hart in modern-day Cleveland, comes alive. Why Cleveland? McMillan is a resident of the city and with descendants of iron and steel magnates walking the streets, it made the perfect setting.

Other members of the Innovators Ball host committee included Michelle and Michael Bee, Sheila Markley Black and Warren Black, Sherry ’03 and Dana ’76 Dennis, Nancy and Terrell Dillard, Janet MBA ’02 and Paul Havener, Ellen Foley Kessler and Dick Kessler, Nicole and Deej Lincoln, Susan and Jack Turben and Craig and Michael Victor.

Scholarships are the most direct way to help students benefit from the excellence, service and tradition that thrive at Lake Erie College. Scholarships provide a way for students to cross the threshold between the dream of attaining a higher education and experiencing a higher education.
Scott Evans returns to Lake Erie College in new executive role

Scott Evans returned to Lake Erie College in May as senior vice president for institutional advancement and chief of the president’s staff.

Evans initially joined Lake Erie College in 2006 and was Victor’s first hire. He oversaw fundraising, marketing and public relations and government and alumni relations. Evans helped raise a record $40 million, build new programs and facilities, and significantly increase the public awareness and profile of the College through 2012.

“We are delighted to have Scott back,” said President Victor. “He is well-known and respected throughout the College community. I think he gained valuable experience and was very successful during his time away from LEC. Scott is a proven leader, administrator and fundraiser. For these reasons, I have asked him to serve in this increased capacity and be the second in command of the College.”

In 2012, Evans was appointed to serve as a member of the executive team of Youngstown State University. As vice president of university advancement, he oversaw the areas of development, alumni and events, marketing communications, government relations and public radio station WYSU-FM. He and his colleagues raised approximately $15 million, completed capital projects, launched a new branding campaign and significantly improved outreach and engagement efforts.

“I am excited to return home to Lake Erie College and serve with President Victor again.” Evans said. “I look forward to working with the passionate members of the board of trustees, an engaged faculty, a dedicated staff, accomplished alumni and our students who are committed to learning and achieving. The College has been on an amazing trajectory under President Victor despite the challenges in higher education and the economy. I believe we can continue these positive trends over time at Lake Erie.”

Evans earned a master’s degree in accounting from Kent State University and a bachelor’s degree in management from Malone College. He previously was director of development at Northeastern Ohio Medical University (NEOMED) for eight years, where he also was associate director of the NEOMED Foundation. Evans began his career as director of resource development at the United Way of Greater Stark County in Canton. He is a graduate of the National Planned Giving Institute at the College of William and Mary and past member of several boards including Leadership Lake County. Evans has helped raise over $100 million during his career for the last 20-plus years.
Golfers score for Lake Erie College

Despite the soggy weather, 72 golfers teed off for the 25th annual Lake Erie College golf outing held at the picturesque Kirtland Country Club on August 11. Thanks to the many sponsors who made the outing such a success, and congratulations to the winning foursome of Nick Teriaca ’10, Tom Lazar, Alex Royko and Josh Reiner, representing Sun Plum Market, who ended the round with an impressive 22 under par.

Proceeds from the golf outing benefit the campus modernization fund, which is used to maintain the beautiful Lake Erie College campus. Projects that benefit from this fund include building construction and/or renovation, landscaping, athletic field upkeep and more.

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If you are interested in exploring your options about making a planned gift to Lake Erie College, please contact Scott Evans, senior vice president and president’s chief of staff, at 440.375.7255 or sevans@lec.edu or Pam Schlosser-Palermo, director of development, at 440.375.7225 or ppalermo@lec.edu.
Faculty and staff award recipients

Janet Farroni, business office coordinator, was the recipient of the Outstanding Staff Employee of the Year Award for the 2013-14 academic year. She was recognized at the faculty/staff reception held May 8 in the Louise Price Social Parlor. Farroni was nominated by her peers and selected by a committee composed of faculty, staff and students.

President Victor announced Farroni as the award recipient by reading excerpts from some of the nominations that were submitted for her. “She genuinely cares about Lake Erie College and its students and will always figure out a solution if there is a problem,” Victor said. “She can switch gears on a moment’s notice and often goes above and beyond and performs duties outside of her normal workload, including helping out in the mailroom, bookstore and cashier’s office.”

Retiring faculty member Dr. Robert C. Benz, professor of physics, was also recognized at the faculty/staff reception on May 8. Benz began his tenure at Lake Erie College in 1985 and, during those close to 30 years of service, witnessed many changes in all areas. What remained a constant, however, was his commitment to Lake Erie students and the community.

Comments from his students over the years included the following: “Dr. Benz is a great teacher, and we urge him to keep doing what he is doing.” “Dr. Benz is dedicated to the teaching mission of the College.” “Students appreciate Dr. Benz’s relaxed, humorous style and his focus on practical applications.” “Of Dr. Benz’s accomplishments, perhaps his most significant was establishing links with educational institutions and industries in order to secure money, equipment and materials for his students’ lab work.”

One colleague said, “Dr. Benz worked tirelessly to help his students find success in their educational journey and is a constant reminder and example of why we all do what we do, each and every day.”

Dr. Robert C. Benz was granted the title of Emeritus Professor of Physics in recognition of his lifetime of service to Lake Erie College and its students. We wish him many years of happiness and fulfillment in his retirement.

Nancy Prudic, associate professor of visual arts, was recognized at the faculty/staff reception on May 8 as the recipient of the Deans’ Pillar Award for the 2013-14 academic year. This award recognizes a member of the College faculty who best represents the three pillars of the College – Excellence, Tradition and Service. The recipients are dedicated and committed professionals who have worked long and hard to be the best in their particular academic discipline in order to instruct and guide future generations as their life’s work. They are value-centered, passionate, creative and caring.

Excerpts were read from some of Prudic’s course evaluations before she was announced as the award recipient. “This professor is fantastic and has a wealth of knowledge,” “Lectures are visually stimulating,” and “The instructor always made the assignments clear.” Faculty comments included the following: “She works tirelessly in the promotion of the major,” The professor helps students break away from preconceptions about the subject,” and “Her presence at Lake Erie is truly an asset.”
Dr. Paola F. Basile, associate professor of Italian and French, participated in the Languages, Literatures and Cultures Conference at the University of Kentucky in Lexington, Ky. in April 2014. Basile presented her new book project, “Learning a Foreign Language (Italian) Through Acting.” This textbook resulted from her observation that role playing and acting are powerful tools in improving a student’s grasp of a foreign language and culture – students learn better when they have “fun” during the language learning process.

Dr. Amanda K. Curtis, assistant professor of sport management, presented a paper entitled “Sugar Smacked: Women’s Basketball and the Integration of the United States Military Academy, 1976-1980” at the Sport & Society in America conference held in Green Bay, Wis. from May 19-21, 2014.

Billie Dunn, vice president for student affairs, presented the keynote address at the Geneva Rotary Club’s 19th Annual Breakfast of Champions held March 28, 2014 in Geneva-on-the-Lake, Ohio.

Dr. Pamela A. Hess, dean of equine studies and associate professor of equine studies, is a carriage-driving enthusiast who drives and competes with her Haflingers at county fairs and other venues. Hess especially enjoys the challenging Combined Driving Events, which take expertise and practice. “I love carriage driving,” Hess said. “It does take a little more investment in equipment like harness and a carriage and a bigger horse trailer to carry it all, but it is a very rewarding sport.”

Steven Gutierrez, assistant professor of integrated media, participated in the 2nd Cleveland Mini Maker Faire held March 29, 2014 at the Cleveland Public Library. This event, sponsored by ingenuity Cleveland, offered 3D printing demonstrations, soldering workshops, game design seminars and opportunities for hands-on interaction with artists and inventors.

Dr. Mary Kay McManamon, professor of marketing, “retired” in May 2014 after six years of service on the Board of Advisors of Breckenridge Village, a continuing care retirement community located in Willoughby, Ohio. During her tenure on the board, McManamon served on the marketing subcommittee and assisted with marketing materials for an endowment campaign. She also developed and implemented a customized survey relating to residents’ satisfaction, which resulted in better overall marketing results for the retirement community.

Dr. Adam C. Stier, assistant professor of English, spoke at the “Evil Incarnate: Manifestations of Villains and Villainy” conference held at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland from July 11-13, 2014. Stier spoke on the topic, “Big (Bad) Data: Information as Antagonist in Zodiac and Zero Dark Thirty.”

Joseph G. Weber, associate professor of health sciences and director of the physician assistant program, was recently
President Michael T. Victor is chair of the 2014 Campaign of the United Way of Lake County, which funds nearly 70 programs in the areas of children and families, health and wellness, senior care and basic needs. The theme of this year’s campaign is “Stay Connected,” and has an overall goal of $3.6 million. Victor will be assisted by more than 40 community volunteers who make up the campaign cabinet. The kickoff event was held on the Lake Erie College campus on Aug. 21, 2014. “What does United Way of Lake County want us to do?” Victor asked the large crowd in attendance at the kickoff. “The answer is easy – give, give, give!”

Economist James P. Meil has joined the Lake Erie College faculty this fall as an adjunct instructor in the School of Business. He will be teaching managerial economics for master of business administration students. Meil retired in April 2014 after 29 years at Eaton Corporation, where he was responsible for forecasts of economic conditions and various industry markets. While at Eaton, he won first-place recognition in the Wall Street Journal panel of 50 forecasters and was ranked among USA Today’s top 10 economic forecasters.

elected to the Board of Directors of Lifeline, Inc. Lifeline, Lake County’s Community Action Agency, offers programs and opportunities for county residents to achieve self-sufficiency. The board is evenly comprised of representatives from public officials, the private sector and low-income, minority and mentally ill populations.
Dave Grabowski works in accounting

by Lynne Zele

Lake Erie College student-athlete Dave Grabowski has tackled his transition from classroom to career in winning style! The 2014 graduate and four-year Storm football player has already landed a job in his field in sunny Tampa, Fla. The Lodi, Ohio native and accounting major is working for NMS, Inc., an accounting firm headquartered in Northeast Ohio, preparing tax returns and financial statements for both individual and corporate clients.

Grabowski proved his value to his future employer through an internship at NMS, Inc., made possible by one of his professors at the College. “My internship there was fantastic; it taught me much about the world of public accounting. It was a great way to ‘get my feet wet’ in public accounting. I actually found the internship through my auditing professor, who is a partner of the CPA firm.”

The recent grad says he is especially grateful to Assistant Professor of Accounting Julie Ziemak and Lake Erie College Director of Career Services and Internships Sarah Kostiha, for helping him build a strong resume and prepare for career success. “I also credit the accounting career fair that both Kostiha and Ziemak helped organize. This experience definitely helped me learn how to interview, and to talk to professionals.”

Just a few short months after leaving campus, and the gridiron, Grabowski is scoring points toward a bright future, thanks to his winning experience at Lake Erie College!

Lauren Menicucci studies microbiology and immunology

by Lynne Zele

A passion for helping others, especially those who serve our nation’s armed forces, has led 2014 Lake Erie College graduate Lauren Menicucci to New Orleans. The chemistry and biology major is enrolled in a year-long Master of Science program in Microbiology and Immunology at Tulane University. She is one of a select few students accepted into this program, which is taught at the renowned Tulane School of Medicine.

“The program is limited to 15 students, so I will get to experience a little bit of the small school atmosphere that I loved at Lake Erie while still having access to huge resources offered by a larger school,” Menicucci said.

The Reno, Nev. native has an inspirational career goal. “I am very interested in military medicine and I would like to become a military physician specializing in infectious diseases.”

Menicucci, who worked in the College’s chemistry department for four years, says Lake Erie did a great job preparing her for her clinical observation at the hospital. “They were in the process of validating and experimenting with a lot of machines that I was familiarized with in my chemistry classes.”

As Menicucci continues her post-bachelor education, she has some sage advice for those just starting theirs. “Take advantage of the small school at Lake Erie. All of the faculty and staff want to see you reach your goals. You won’t find people as invested in your success anywhere else.”
Paige Nemec studies comparative biomedical sciences

by Lynne Zele

“Lake Erie College gives you all the right tools; you just need to know how to use them and put your thoughts into action.” Paige Nemec has certainly taken her own advice to heart. The 2014 graduate is currently enrolled in a Comparative Biomedical Sciences doctoral program at North Carolina State University.

Nemec, whose hometown is Mantua, Ohio, majored in chemistry and minored in both mathematics and biology at Lake Erie. She credits her teachers for giving her the knowledge base and confidence needed to work in a professional lab setting. “My professors were strong mentors who were always available for any assistance I needed. I am grateful for their high expectations that pushed me to become a better student and prepare me for my future.”

Those preparations also included an internship at Lubrizol Corporation in Lake County. Nemec had the opportunity to work alongside experienced chemists in the company’s analytical and organic chemistry labs.

But Nemec says it wasn’t just her studies that launched her on the path to a Ph.D. It was also the lessons learned through her involvement in a wide range of campus activities. “Being involved as a Lake Erie College Ambassador, a co-president of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee, a member of the Mortar Board and a member of the women’s soccer team, I learned to work with a team and become a better leader.”

Eventually, Nemec says she hopes to “work in an industrial or governmental lab setting, researching a specific disease and possible drug therapies,” when she completes her biomedical science training. “It’s rewarding to know that my research will benefit others.”

Kelsie Phelps finds success in marketing

by Lynne Zele

Kelsie Phelps has wasted no time putting her Lake Erie College marketing degree to good use. She made the leap from commencement to career track in the very same month. In May, Phelps landed a job as a research assistant with New Heights Research, a boutique business research and consulting firm in Cleveland.

“My week-to-week responsibilities are constantly changing. I like that because I get to learn about a myriad of different industries.” Phelps says she fell in love with market research in school and now she relishes the challenge of sharing her passion with the firm’s consultants and clients.

This recent grad credits the semester-long internship she served at global manufacturer Parker Hannifin, headquartered in Cleveland, for giving her a leg up on her job search.

Phelps advises all students to take advantage of such real world learning, outside of the classroom. “It’s important to have an internship or some form of career experience… to set you apart from others who are graduating with the same degree.”

The Painesville native also has a very refreshing outlook toward her long work road ahead. Don’t put a pay check ahead of your happiness. “It’s not all about the money,” says Phelps. “Find something that energizes you and truly makes you happy that you’re spending your time there.”

Wise words from a young alumna who may have graduated from Lake Erie College, but definitely not from her love of learning. “I’m constantly learning, and that’s how I like it.”
**Spring Sports Recaps**

**Baseball**
In 2014, the Storm reached new heights, reaching the NCAA Midwest Regional for the first time, picking up a victory over the University of Indianapolis in the tournament. The Storm concluded the season with their highest win total in program history – a 33-22 overall record and 22-11 record in GLIAC play – to finish third in the conference for the regular season. In the GLIAC Championships, the Storm made a run and finished as the runner-up – their highest finish in program history. Lucas Raley earned numerous post-season awards, including GLIAC Rookie of the Year honors in addition to two All-Midwest Region and First-Team All-GLIAC selections. Zack DeCamp and Heath Kelley also earned All-GLIAC Honorable Mention honors. Off the field, 10 student-athletes earned GLIAC All-Academic honors.

**Men’s Golf**
The Storm participated in four tournaments in the second-half of their 2013-14 season. Jimmy Wild picked up the best finish for the men in the spring, finishing in a tie for sixth-place at the GLIAC South Event. Nick Bubon, Ian Hardesty and Tyler Walters also had several strong finishes throughout the spring tournaments.

**Women’s Golf**
The Storm concluded the second-half of their 2013-14 schedule with a pair of spring tournaments with freshmen Joan Graziano and Emily Long leading the way. Sophomore Amanda Watts and senior Paige Nemec earned GLIAC All-Academic honors.

**Men’s Lacrosse**
The Storm captured their first ECAC Championship in 2014, besting Seton Hill University 9-7 in the conference championship game, finishing the season with a 10-4 record. Throughout the season, the Storm appeared in the national rankings and defeated multiple nationally ranked schools. Leading the way for the Storm was midfielder Reagan Harding and defensemen Justin Goodwin. Harding and Goodwin earned All-American honors for the second straight season. Harding was also named ECAC Offensive Player of the Year. Trevor Tarte, Rashad Brown, Macgregor Johnston and Adam Bakular joined Harding and Goodwin as All-ECAC selections. Austin Bishop was named ECAC Co-Rookie of the Year, earning a spot on the ECAC All-Rookie Team. Off the field, eight members of the Storm earned ECAC All-Academic Honors.
Outdoor Track and Field

In the Storm track and field team’s outdoor season, five student-athletes qualified for the NCAA Division-II Championships. Leading the way was Jamil Dudley who, for the second straight year, finished runner-up in the high jump to earn All-American honors. Joe Postwaite also earned All-American honors by finishing seventh in the triple jump. Ethan Snyder also qualified for the championships in the 400-meter hurdles. On the women’s side, a pair of student-athletes qualified for the national championships. Junior Destiny Prusky qualified for the high jump, finishing 16th, while freshman Nadia Lee finished 15th in the triple jump.

Softball

Under first-year head coach Stephanie Smith, the Storm saw a vast improvement on the field. Freshmen Lindsay Valvoda, Elizabeth Karako and Darrian Yanek led the Storm on offense, combining for 12 homeruns, 61 RBI and 44 runs. Off the field, six players earned GLIAC All-Academic honors.

Ryan Rua plays for the Texas Rangers

Ryan Rua ’12, who played standout baseball for Lake Erie College from 2009-11, made his major league debut on Aug. 29, starting at third base for the Texas Rangers. Rua played in all three games of the Rangers’ series that weekend against the Houston Astros, ending with three hits, a RBI and a run.

After three stellar seasons at Lake Erie, Rua was selected by the Texas Rangers in the 17th round of the 2011 Major League Baseball June Amateur Draft and, before being called up to the majors, was playing with the Rangers’ Triple-A affiliate, the Round Rock Express. He is the first Lake Erie alumnus to make it to the majors, and we couldn’t be prouder of his accomplishments.

Brian McGee, head coach for Storm baseball, was notified by Rua’s father, Randy, just before the news broke of Ryan’s call to the majors. “Words cannot really explain the feeling you have when one of your own accomplishes their boyhood dream,” McGee said. Congratulations, Ryan!
Fall Sports Previews

Cross Country
The Storm cross country team looks to excel in 2014 under the guidance of first-year head coach Matt Reneker. On the men’s side, several key runners return from last season, including sophomores Jacob Godec, Conor Gordon, Dalton Graham, Vincent Horning and junior David Thorne. Last season, Graham earned USTFCCCA All-Academic Honors. The men add five freshmen to the 2014 team.

On the women’s side, junior Melanie Forget and sophomore Emily Kotfis return to the Storm. Five new members will join the women’s team this fall.

Football
The Storm returns several key players from last season which produced the second most yards per game in all of Division II. Leading the way for the Storm is running back Anthony Bilal who ranked second in the country with 24 rushing touchdowns in 2013. In addition to his touchdowns, Bilal finished ninth in the country with 1,542 rushing yards. He will be joined on the offensive side of the ball by wide receiver Tommy Jackson, who caught 72 passes for 937 yards and nine touchdowns last season. The Storm defense will be anchored by senior linebacker Tanner Wells who led the Storm with 110 total tackles in 2013.

Several Storm players have received preseason honors through various media outlets heading into the season. Wells and defensive end Kyle Herth earned spots on the USA College Football Preseason All-American Third-Team Defense while Bilal, center Corbin Jackimowicz, right guard Ben Miller and wide receiver Shane Van Fleteren earned spots on the Honorable Mention Offensive Team. Bilal also earned a spot on the Football Gameplan Preseason All-American Second Team. Wells and Jackson earned spots on the Beyond Sports Network GLIAC Preseason All-Conference Team.

Men’s Golf
The Storm returns five student-athletes from the 2013-14 squad. Juniors Nick Bubon, Nick Stranman and Jimmy Wild and sophomores Ian Hardesty and Matthew Miller will be joined by two newcomers this year. Last year, Hardesty led the Storm with a 79.15 average per 18 holes.

Men’s Soccer
The Storm qualified for the GLIAC Playoffs for the first-time in program history in 2013, picking up a home victory in the opening round against Northwood before falling in the semi-finals. The Storm returns five players from last year’s squad that earned All-GLIAC honors. Leading the way for the Storm is Alfred Majer. Majer led the Storm with eight goals to go alongside his two assists. In addition to a spot on the All-GLIAC Second-Team, he was an All-Ohio Division II Soccer selection. Nolyn Do Nascimento also returns for the Storm after earning an Honorable Mention selection last year. Do Nascimento made 14 starts as a freshman last season, scoring the winning goal against Northwood on Oct. 20.

A trio of Storm defensive players who also earned All-GLIAC Second-Team honors returns to anchor one of the top defenses in the GLIAC – defenders Joseph Coombs and Ryan Gibson and goalkeeper Filip Ljubevski. Coombs appeared in all 18 games last season, making 17 starts. Gibson, who also earned an All-Ohio Division II Soccer selection, scored two goals and assisted four more last season. Ljubevski was one of the top goalkeepers in the GLIAC last season with a GAA of 1.19. He totaled 83 saves, including five or more in nine games, and had four shutouts.
Women’s Soccer

The Storm, under first-year head coach Valerie Prause, returns several starters from last year’s team, including leading goal scorer Elizabeth Awuah. In her freshman year, Awuah scored six goals and assisted on seven more to tally 19 points. Against Malone, Awuah had her first multi-goal game. Marlena Lesniowski returns for her third season for the Storm as the quarterback of the midfield. At the midfield, the Storm also returns senior Payten Biskupski and sophomores Bethany Haramis, Abigail O’Hair and Elizabeth Roesch, all of whom saw significant playing time as freshmen last season.

Senior Grace Ferut will anchor the Storm on defense this season after starting all 17 games last year. She will be joined by returning sophomore Emma Miller, who appeared in every game last season. Ferut and Miller will lead the front line of the defense with senior Sara Stroope returning to her role as the goal keeper. Stroope totaled 106 saves last season, including eight games with eight or more saves. Against Grand Valley State University last year, Stroope made 18 saves, holding the top-ranked team in the country to just one goal.

Women’s Golf

Sophomores Joan Graziano, Emily Long and Taylor Pitts return for their second-year with the Storm. All three saw action during the 2013-14 season. Graziano led the Storm last year with an 88.15 stroke average per 18 holes.

Volleyball

The Storm returns seven members from last year’s team. Sara Aultz will lead the Storm’s offense after a successful junior season as a middle hitter. Aultz was third on the team in kills last year with 145 while leading the Storm with 32 blocks. The Storm also returns setter Samantha Knepley. Knepley totaled 615 assists last season (6.76 per set) while tallying 117 digs. Defensively, junior Kathryn Ferry will anchor the Storm from the defensive specialist spot. Last season, Ferry was second on the team with 209 digs. In addition to Aultz, Knepley and Ferry, setter and defensive specialist Mallory Gustincic, defensive specialist Jamie Riley, outside hitter Mikaela Lengal and middle hitter Brittany Lucas return for the Storm.

The Storm adds six freshmen to the team this season. Asya Hobbs, Bethany Fisher, Mackenzie Honn and Madison Russell look to improve the Storm’s offensive barrage as middle and outside hitters. Sidney Fletcher and Graesyn Engler join the Storm as defensive specialists, adding depth to the Storm’s defensive front.
Northeast Normal University Art Troupe performance

Lake Erie College and the Confucius Institute hosted a performance of the Northeast Normal University Art Troupe from the People’s Republic of China in the C. K. Rickel Theatre on Feb. 11. The performance included amazing demonstrations of Chinese art, dance and culture in a special partnership between nations.

Spring Musical Arts Concert

The annual Spring Musical Arts Concert took place in Morley Music Building on April 27. The concert included performances by the Lake Erie College Student and Community Chorus, under the direction of Roberta Whitely; the Lake Erie College Flute Choir, under the direction of Judith Elias; Robert Godfrey, bass/baritone; Dr. Mark Bell, College organist; student soloists; and guest trumpeter Erik Svoboda. Dr. Jerry Jaffe, associate professor of theatre, presented a reading from Shakespeare.
“Crave”

Four actors told the audience about their deepest, darkest fears and desires – about what they “crave” – in performances taking place April 10 through 13 in the C. K. Rickel Theatre. Connor McCarthy, James Blanchard, Jessi Gobel and Sarah Packer made up the cast for this play that was written by Sarah Kane and directed by Associate Professor of Theatre Dr. Jerry C. Jaffe. The hour-long play was presented in a close setting that involved the audience on the stage with the actors.

Film fest in Rosarito, Mexico

Two Lake Erie College students, Sarah Escandon and Zachary Vargo, worked over summer 2014 in Los Angeles and Rosario, Mexico on the Rediscover Rosarito film project. They worked with students from Emerson College (Boston) and Elmira College (Elmira, N.Y.), including three students from China and a student from Venezuela. Along with 22 Mexican students, the group produced eight short films about life in Rosarito. Escandon and Vargo’s experience was made possible by Bob and Carol (Lewis) Morris ’67.

“It was incredible working with such a diverse group of change agents, and experiencing the uniqueness of all of our cultures meshing very productively as a team,” Vargo said.

Dance showcase

Students from Lake Erie College dance classes, dancers from Hardcore Edge Dance Company and students from the Carlisle School of Dance presented a dance showcase in the C. K. Rickel Theatre on April 24. Special guests were Tom Evert from Cleveland’s DANCEVERT and Lake Erie College faculty member Nick Carlisle, who directed the showcase.
Entrepreneurship Immersion Week

Team Lake Erie finished in third place out of 11 schools at Entrepreneurship Immersion Week held in August 2014 at the University of Akron. Seniors Taylor Graham and Tracey L. Lynch, sophomores Brian Havrilla and Jeremy Wei, and Alison Biro represented the Lake Erie College Center for Entrepreneurship during this intense week of competition. The team won $1,000 for their idea, a hospital patient device that would increase comfort, improve outcomes and reduce hospital costs.

Immersion is a six-day residential program of classes and speakers focused on the development of a team-inspired idea. In addition to Lake Erie College, other participating schools are Ashland University, Baldwin-Wallace University, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland State University, Hiram College, John Carroll University, Kent State University, Lorain County Community College, the University of Akron and the University of Mount Union.

“\text{It was a great week of teamwork, plus Team Lake Erie has a fabulous idea,} \text{ said Peter Apicella, Lake Erie College entrepreneur-in-residence. “Jeff Eakin, [director of the Center for Entrepreneurship], and I are so proud of your hard work and how well you performed as a cohesive and supportive team for each other.”}

BFA exhibition

Cheryl Andrews ’14 and Michelle Householder ’14 displayed their original artwork in an exhibition titled “Exquisite Bodies” as their final projects in preparation for their Bachelor of Fine Arts degrees. The opening reception and artist talks took place April 10 in the B. K. Smith Gallery.

Andrews’ work was centered on the human body, the structure of which permits the way persons exist. She became fascinated with this subject while walking through the Catacombs in Paris, where she observed the bones as being organized in patterns and designs.

Householder’s work was inspired by contrasts, varying from the soft and subtle to the unsettling and gory. Her recent work showcased her non-dominant left hand, which she feels harbors a previously unknown beauty all its own. She used digital and watercolor mediums to create her paintings.

Chris Jerry Lecture

Chris Jerry, father of a young girl who was killed by a medical error caused by a pharmacy technician in a hospital, spoke in the Morley Music Building on July 8 in a lecture entitled “The Emily Jerry Story: One Life is Too Many.” The lecture was arranged by the College’s Master of Physician Assistant Studies program. Jerry is founder and president of the Emily Jerry Foundation, which advocates around the U.S. for patient safety. The mission of the Foundation is to make the nation’s world-renowned medical facilities safer for everyone, beginning with children.
IMDAT Lock-in

Several Lake Erie College students participated in the integrated media, digital arts and technology (IMDAT) app/game lock-in that began at 6 p.m. on May 2 and ended 24 hours later. Participants were challenged to develop an application or game in the College’s Mac lab that addressed the general theme of health.

Emily Skinner won the challenge with her creation of “Immunity,” a game that focuses inside the human body where the “bad guy” is the ebola virus and the “good guy” is a healthy cell that fires antibodies at the virus. Second place went to Chas Frisch and his exercise run that measures success in calories. The team of Alexander DelaMotte and Kyle Johnson captured third with “Mental Wealth,” an app that helps the user set and attain weekly goals in four areas of mental health. A special award was given to Keith Hemphill for his “Plague,” a depiction of the 17th century disease that devastated London by its transmission through the infested sewers.

The event was a joint effort of the College’s IMDAT department led by Assistant Professor of Integrated Media Steven Gutierrez and assisted by Joel Velez ’14 and the Center for Entrepreneurship’s Jeff Eakin and Peter Apicella. Cash awards were funded by a grant from the Burton D. Morgan Foundation.

Huda Lutfi lecture

Acclaimed Egyptian artist Huda Lutfi presented a lecture in the C. K. Rickel Theatre on April 17. Lutfi finds and uses icons and recognizable objects, such as plastic dolls, broken chair legs and crystals from broken chandeliers, and re-contextualizes them. In so doing, she revisits the passing of time and reinvents cultural identity in Egypt. Her lecture was sponsored in conjunction with Cleveland’s SPACES, an artist-run gallery, and Art House, an arts center providing instruction and facilities, and was arranged by Nancy Prudic, associate professor of visual arts.

ideaLabs 2014

Claire Arnold ’14 and senior Barbara Payson took first place in the Entrepreneurship Education Consortium (EEC) ideaLabs 2014 competition held April 3, 2014 at Ashland University and sponsored by the Burton D. Morgan Foundation. The pair finished first among 11 teams from Ashland University, Baldwin-Wallace University, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland State University, Hiram College, John Carroll University, Kent State University, Lorain County Community College, the University of Akron and the University of Mount Union. They won a cash award for their idea, an equine bridal control and comfort device.

The pair initially took first place from among six competitors in the Lake Erie College ideaLabs competition and thus were eligible to compete in the regional competition.

“The judges were more than enthusiastic about their idea, research and knowledge of the industry and their presentation in front of approximately 100 attendees,” said Peter Apicella, Lake Erie College entrepreneur-in-residence.
Last Lecture

Dr. Johnathan Tedesco, assistant professor of chemistry, was the first speaker in the newly created Last Lecture Series at the College. Dr. Tedesco’s April 9th lecture, titled “An Exploration of the Intertwinings of Science, Religion, Mysticism and the Occult,” was arranged by the College’s Laurel Society Chapter of Mortar Board, the senior honor society.

“The Last Lecture is intended to recognize a professor with distinct character and commemorate the end of another school year for the LEC student body – especially the senior graduates of May 2014,” said Eric Wiedenfeld ’14, president of Mortar Board during the 2013-14 academic year.

In his lecture, Dr. Tedesco explored the varying roles that religion (including mysticism and the occult in some cases) has played in the history of science. From science’s beginnings in Egyptian religion through its journeys in Greece, the early middle ages in Europe and ultimately modern times, it has become increasingly complex and misunderstood.

“As we become more and more advanced, it is more and more difficult to actually follow what is happening,” Dr. Tedesco said. “As a result, we have science being done by a select educated few and then relayed to the masses by media outlets.”

Honors Senior Research Colloquium

As part of their participation in the Lake Erie College Honors program, senior Scholars are required to present summaries of their senior research project or another project of their choosing. Participants in the Senior Research Colloquium on May 2, 2014 were Lauren Menicucci (Atomic Absorption Spectrometry Detection of Heavy Metals), Joseph Lopez (Made in Italy), Eric Wiedenfeld (Influenza: A Side Unseen), Emily Eckhart (Osteochondrosis in Equines: An Obscure Disease and Its Effect on the Performance Horse Industry), Bethany Sattler (After the Finish Line: A Comparison of International Thoroughbred Aftercare Practices) and Claire Arnold (Freeing the Brave: The Benefits of Equine Assisted Therapy for Veterans).

Dr. Deborah Schulman, assistant professor of biology, is director of the Lake Erie College Honors program. Other Lake Erie College faculty members – Dr. Johnathan Tedesco, Dr. Paola Basile, Dr. Steven Reynolds, Dr. Pamela Hess and Dr. Susan Culotta – served as project advisors.

St. Baldrick’s Day fundraising event

Students, staff members and friends from the community volunteered to have their heads shaved in the second Lake Erie College St. Baldrick’s Day event held Apr. 10 in the Holden Center. St. Baldrick’s head-shaving events began as a challenge between businessmen and have grown from one event in 2000 to over 1,300 events in 2013, raising critical funds for childhood cancer research. More children are lost to cancer in the U.S. than any other disease.
Accounting students’ recognition

David M. Bojalad and Taylor R. Ritchie were recognized on Apr. 8, 2014 as Outstanding Finance and Accounting Students by the Northeast Ohio Chapter of Financial Executives International (FEI). FEI is a professional association for corporate finance executives with chapters located across the U.S. and Canada. Students eligible for this award must major in finance or accounting, have achieved academic excellence and have career goals as financial executives.

As part of their recognition, Bojalad and Ritchie each received a check for $100.00, a certificate of achievement, a year’s digital subscription to the “Financial Executive,” the monthly magazine published by FEI, and a complimentary one-year subscription to the “Financial Executive Research Foundation” (FERF), a knowledge base of current and emerging issues in finance and accounting.

Bojalad and Ritchie were nominated for the award by Assistant Professor of Accounting Julie Ziemak.
Greetings from the National Alumni Board!

I never thought I would write these words: I finished my very first 5K! The Downtown Willoughby 5K was envisioned and created by Lake Erie College alumnus Craig Rowe ‘98, MBA ’04. Craig approached the city of Willoughby about organizing the event, procured sponsors and literally turned downtown Willoughby into a jovial street party to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Seventeen hundred runners and walkers registered and nearly $20,000 was raised to sponsor the wishes of two children. This is the second year for this sold-out event. This is another example of how our alums are doing extraordinary things in the community and a reminder that you never know where your Lake Erie College connections will take you!

If you are up for an adventure, you should visit the Lake Erie College website and Facebook pages, and follow Lake Erie College on Twitter. There are a number of exciting programs and events planned by Lake Erie College, the Alumni Office and the National Alumni Board. These events range from educational, cultural and artistic programs to sporting, networking and social events. I encourage you to take advantage of these opportunities to connect with fellow Lake Erie College alums, share our common past and maintain a connection to the College.

If you know of an alum who has demonstrated extraordinary service to his or her community, like Craig, please let me know. Similarly, if you have any suggestions for alumni events, please contact the Alumni Office, any member of the National Alumni Board or me. We love to hear from you!

Sincerely,

Janeane Cappara, J.D., ’95, MBA ’04
President, National Alumni Board • Member, Lake Erie College Board of Directors
Alumni Director’s Message

As I sit here writing this message to you, I am eagerly anticipating my 40th reunion from Lake Erie College! When talking to my classmates, I can’t believe the years have passed so quickly – it seems like yesterday we all arrived on campus to start our “college experience.” I arrived from Elmira, N.Y. with parents in tow, waiting to see what residence hall I would live in – and who my roommate would be.

My four years at Lake Erie were some of the best years of my life! They helped define me as an independent woman, prepared me to take a liberal arts approach to learning and taught me to appreciate cultural differences among people of the world. (They also taught me how to identify a properly picked grapefruit!) The friendships I made during those years continue today, stronger than ever! We share in our personal successes, hold on to one another in times of despair and allow us to share in the joys of family and friends. I can’t imagine my life without my LEC family!

Lake Erie College has remained in my blood for the past 44 years. I love it as much today as I did in the fall of 1970 – maybe more. I can see the impact it continues to make on our current students and young alums . . . bright, enthusiastic and passionate young men and women who come to Lake Erie College for the same reasons as my friends and me – to experience an exceptional education steeped in history and traditions, while meeting lifelong friends who will always be there for you through life’s journey.

By staying connected with Lake Erie, you are also staying connected to memories and experiences made while you were a student here. Please remember to share your life stories with us – we want to be the conduit to your classmates and the memory keeper of your time here.

Cheers!
Debra (Blanchard) Remington ’74
Director of Alumni and Community Relations

NASCAR racing comes alive for Tracy Dickinson

Move over, Dale Junior, Jimmie Johnson, Carl Edwards and Jeff Gordon! Tracy Dickinson ’78 has joined your ranks as a NASCAR driver! In February of this year Dickinson experienced the thrill of a lifetime when she drove a real stock racecar at the Charlotte Motor Speedway.

As a participant in the NASCAR Racing Experience, Dickinson earned bragging rights for speeding around the 1.5-mile oval track, complete with banked turns and imposing straightaways. Along with 14 other participants, she watched a video in NASCAR school and then was suited up in a jumpsuit and helmet, and ear pods were taped in her ear.

After Dickinson was called to the track, her pit crew selected a green car embellished with Ninja Turtles for her driving adventure. The pit crew helped her into the car through the driver’s window, handed her the steering wheel to place on the steering column and fastened the netting. After the crew turned on the engine, she received word from the spotter above that it was time to race.

“You do whatever they tell you to do – they’re your eyes and your lifeline,” Dickinson said. “If you drive recklessly on the track, they can even stop your engine.”

After her experience driving around the track alone, during which she reached speeds of over 90 miles an hour, Dickinson transferred to another car, where she was the passenger. A professional driver spun her six times around the track, at speeds that reached 185 miles per hour.

“The momentum thrusts you into the side of the car, like you’re temporarily weightless,” Dickinson said.

Overall, Tracy Dickinson loved the experience and would highly recommend it for others who have the opportunity to try it. “It was an adrenalin rush!” she said.
1944

**VIRGINIA (SLOCUM) MATTICE**, Medford, N.J., was a member of the aviation club at Lake Erie College. It was her interest in flying that drew her to Lake Erie College and eventually to enlist as an Air Women's Army Corp private, where she served during WWII. Recently, Virginia had another “military experience” when she came into possession of a Mellophone E-flat alto horn. She discovered an inscription showing the horn had been issued by the Army Quartermaster Corps and subsequently donated it to the Quartermaster Corp Museum in Fort Lee, Va.

1954

**MARLENE (BIELICH) ALEXOFF**, Haddonfield, N.J., earned her teaching certificate and taught students in the gifted and talented program at Brooklawn Public School District in Camden County, N.J. She says this experience was one of the most rewarding things she has ever done. Marlene, 81, practices yoga 5 days a week and stays busy volunteering in a variety of ways.

1957

**GINA (EVAUL) KING**, Harrisonburg, Va., moved to Sunnyside Retirement Community in August, 2013, with her husband, Bob. Their daughter, Marybeth, and her husband, Ken, live nearby.

1960

**JANET (KISH) BULLINGER**, Washington, D.C., serves as a docent for the United States Supreme Court, answering questions from visitors about the function, history, art and architecture of the Court as well as its ongoing exhibits. Janet is also very involved in Village to Village, a national peer-to-peer network that helps establish and continuously improve the management of villages, whether in large metropolitan areas, rural towns or suburban settings. The network enables communities to establish and effectively manage aging in community organizations initiated and inspired by their members.

1962

**BARBARA (SLATCHER) NUSSLE**, Cape May, N.J., and her husband, Warren, own and manage Bay Spring Farms, the oldest and largest alpaca breeder in Cape May County. The couple has a farm store open to the public every Saturday and Sunday, year round. For more information visit www.bayspringsalpacas.com.

1965

**FRANCES (JORDAN) ZIELSDORF**, Vero Beach, Fla., writes: “My husband, Bob Zielsdorf, recently published ‘Sealed With a Kiss—An American Love Story in Letters.’ The book, a memoir, will be of special interest to Lake Erie College alumnas since it chronicles, in part, my years there from 1961 to 1965. ‘Sealed With a Kiss’ is based on letters he and I wrote to each other from the time we met after eighth grade until we married right after college graduation. To provide additional female point-of-view, I contributed the final section titled ‘The Last Word.’ The book hit number one in its category on Amazon.com when it was released in January. Readers can learn more and even read an excerpt on the book’s website, www.bobzielsdorf.com. It is available from Amazon in both trade paperback and Kindle editions.”

1969


1973

**GENE F. SHERWOOD DPM**, Cincinnati, Ohio, is retiring after 30 years in practice as a podiatrist. He writes: “My time at LEC was very influential on my continued education, especially the motivation provided by the late Dr. Lynde Steckle.”
1974

PEGGY (POSTEMA) MOHR is retired and lives with her husband, Robert Mohr, in Bloomington, Ill.

1975

MARGIE (STANLEY, formerly Klemola) HAINES. Benton, Tenn., is mother to six children and 10 grandchildren. Margie remarried in 2007 to her husband, Allen Haines. In 2010, her eldest son, Zachary, died from a brain tumor at age 24. Margie moved to southeast Tennessee in 2011 where she now spends her time beekeeping, gardening, caring for a small orchard and vineyard, growing shitake mushrooms and tending to chickens.

1980


1981

DEBORAH (DANDY) HALL-KAYLER. Houston, Texas, writes: “My term abroad, Oxford, created a life-long friendship. The family I lived with, The Kingsmans, and I have kept in very close touch. We’ve visited each other many times. They made me the Godmother of the son they gave birth to that summer after graduation. I hope you still offer that program.”

1982

WILLIAM NIEMI lives in Ashtabula, Ohio with his wife, Susan. William is a controller at Allpass Corporation.

1997

CHRISTINE (WALLER) VENALECK, Concord Twp., Ohio, recently made a career change following more than sixteen years of service as the Director of Advertising at Process Technology in Mentor, Ohio. Christine is now the Director of Marketing with Goldberg Companies and GCI Residential, a real estate development and management firm headquartered in Beachwood, Ohio.

2001

ALLISON (ALLBAUGH) CINO, Benton City, Wash., and her husband, Nicholas, have one child, Parker J Cino. Allison was recently honored as a USDF “L” judge graduate “with distinction.”

2006

ALISON (WAKELEE) MAGYARI. Mentor, Ohio, represented Lake County in the 2014 Mrs. Ohio Pageant this past June. Lake Erie College was a proud sponsor of her participation.

PAUL FULLERMAN, CPA, CVA. New Albany, Ohio, of Rea & Associates in Dublin, Ohio, recently completed the certification process with the National Association of Certified Valuators and Analysts (NACVA) to earn the Certified Valuation Analyst (CVA) credential. Rea & Associates, Inc. is a regional CPA and consulting firm with 11 offices throughout Ohio.

2007

CHRISTINA GRIFFETH lives in South Glens Falls, N.Y. with her spouse, Mikaela, and their children, Jaxon James Griffeth and Easton Michael Griffeth. Christina is a financial analyst at TD Ameritrade in Albany, N.Y.

DEMETRIUS WILLIAMS. Poland, Ohio, and his wife, Julie, were married June 9, 2012. Demetrius is a therapist at D&E Counseling Center in Youngstown, Ohio, and coauthored a book entitled, “The Art and Science of Quality Learning.”
THERESA (HUNTER) HARTMAN, Girard, Ohio, and her husband, Eric, were married May 7, 2011. The couple has one child, James Ryan Hartman. Theresa works in law enforcement.

DARCY (BORNEMANN) MURPHY, Gloucestershire, United Kingdom, is a program manager in the Equine University Department at Hartpury College, and she teaches classes covering a wide range of topics such as behavior, management, anatomy and physiology. She also tutors up to 70 students each year, supervises student research projects and recruits for a variety of national and international equine events. She scribes dressage tests for top judges, attends international equine forums, speaks with leading veterinarians and helps students become involved with all aspects of the equine industry.

RILEY WHITTAKER, Tuscon, Ariz., his wife, Ashley, and their young daughter, Morgan, say hello to President Victor.

BRITTANY HAMMONDS, Greenfield, Ohio, is a middle school math teacher at Greenfield Exempted Village Schools.

CAITLIN MALAY, Pittsburgh, Pa., has climbed the ranks at American Eagle Outfitters (AEO) central offices, where she began as an unpaid intern following her graduation from LEC. Caitlin now directs all of the online marketing for the company.

HEATHER (GRECO) KURTZ, Berea, Ohio, was honored with two teaching awards from Pinnacle Academy in Berea, Ohio. Heather received the Pinnacle Academy Teacher of the Year award, as well as the Outstanding Fourth Grade Teacher award.

MELANIE LANDERS, Poland, Ohio, is an account executive at Landers-Lewis Insurance Agency & Consulting Services in Boardman, Ohio.

MITCHELL (MITCH) BROWN, Mentor, Ohio, earned his master’s degree in social psychology from the University of Dayton.

ZACHARY (ZACH) HAMELINCK, Richmond, Va., is an internal wholesaler on the fixed annuities team at Genworth Financial. Zach is currently earning his series licenses while training for his position, and has plans to apply to VCU’s graduate program.

MEGAN LUNDBLAD, Mentor, Ohio, is the marketing and communications assistant/coordinate at Libra Industries/The Alliance for Working Together.

ROYA MOHAMMADPOUR, Columbus, Ohio, is attending veterinary school at The Ohio State University (OSU). OSU’s College of Veterinary Medicine is currently the fifth-ranked American Veterinary Medical Association accredited program.

SCOTT FLETCHER, Madison, Ohio, is the Director of Research at ECM Biofilms, INC, in Painesville, Ohio.

JESSICA MEYER, Versailles, Ky., is working as an intern at Kentucky Equine Research where she cares for all the horses that are used for research. Her role allows her to participate in planning, as well as implementing the goals of a research project.
**MARRIAGE ANNOUNCEMENT**

- **NAME**
  - Last name/first/middle/maiden
- **CLASS YEAR**
  - From LEC
- **DEGREE**
  - From LEC
- **BIRTH DATE**

- **SPOUSE**
  - Last name/first/middle/maiden
- **CLASS YEAR**
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  - From LEC
- **BIRTH DATE**

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

- **TELEPHONE**
- **E-MAIL ADDRESS**

- **OCCUPATION**
  - Title
- **EMPLOYER**
  - Full name

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

- **TELEPHONE/E-MAIL ADDRESS**

- **SPOUSE'S OCCUPATION**
  - Title
- **SPOUSE'S EMPLOYER**
  - Full name

- **SPOUSE'S ADDRESS**
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**BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT**

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- **Male**
- **Female**
- **DOB:**

- **Sibling's Name**
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- **Female**
- **DOB:**

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- **Male**
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- **DOB:**

**MARRIAGE ANNOUNCEMENT**

- **DATE OF MARRIAGE**

**HONOR OR ACHIEVEMENT**

- **RECENT HONOR OR ACHIEVEMENT**

**ALUMNI RECOGNITION**

- **MY NOMINATION FOR NATIONAL ALUMNI BOARD**

- **MY NOMINATION FOR A PUBLIC HALL OF FAME OR DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD**

If you need additional space attach more pages.
We extend our deepest sympathy to the families and friends of the following persons.

**1939**

**Beatrice (Strickler) Sanger**, Falls Church, Va., died May 23, 2014. She gifted a charitable bequest of $5,000 to her alma mater, Lake Erie College.

**Phoebe Ann (Ford) Hamlin**, Highland, Ill., died July 13, 2014. Originally attending Lake Erie College for its flying program, Hamlin graduated with a B.A. and Fifth Year Certificate in Physical Education. She was a high school physical education assistant, water safety instructor, swim program manager and substitute teacher, and she created the Hamlin Water Safety Fund with the Highland Area Community Foundation. A political activist and avid bridge player, she also enjoyed hunting, fly-fishing, camping, canoeing and scouting activities. She was a long-time member of the 99'ers, the original women's pilot organization, and she piloted aircrafts into the 1950s.

**Mary Elizabeth (Warner) Reed**, Scottsdale, Ariz., passed away April 24, 2014. A longtime resident of Warren, Ohio, Reed was active in parent-teacher organizations, the Women's Auxiliary of Trumbull Memorial Hospital and the American Cancer Society, herself being a two-time cancer survivor. She was a parishioner of two Catholic churches and was a member of the Trumbull Country Club and the Youngstown Club. She enjoyed playing bridge, bowling, entertaining guests, and spending her summers on Lake Erie at Conneaut. After her husband's death in 1973, Reed began spending winters with her daughter, Nancy, and family in Scottsdale, moving there permanently in 1986.

**Mary (Nicholl) Burnham**, Chapel Hill, N.C., died Dec. 29, 2013. After graduating from Lake Erie College, Burnham completed a course of study in art as applied to medicine at Johns Hopkins University. She worked for several years in the Ophthalmology Department at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, making detailed drawings of surgical procedures for publication. She was married to Charles J Burnham, MD, for 49 years, a devotred member of St. Luke’s Episcopal Church in Crestline. She was a devoted member of St. Luke’s Episcopal Church in Crestline.

**Idyllie (Mclaughlin) Murphy**, Mentor, Ohio, died April 8, 2014. After meeting her first husband, William, while working for General Electric in Chicago, Murphy became a longtime resident of Willoughby. A very involved mother of four, she contributed enormously to her church and the community. Following William’s death, Murphy rekindled the flame of her WWII romance, Michael. She loved to learn and attended the Illinois Institute of Technology, Lake Erie College and John Carroll University. She worked as a special education teacher in the Willoughby-Eastlake system. Murphy

**1942**

**Betty Jean (Culley) Chandler**, Albuquerque, N.M., died Jan. 14, 2014. Betty was a member of Phi Mu sorority at Lake Erie College.

**Delaurice (Hauer) Fraylick**, Needham Heights, Mass., died April 8, 2014. An honor graduate of Lake Erie College, Fraylick completed graduate work at Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, before teaching at schools in Michigan, Ohio and Massachusetts. After retiring in 1990, she continued to teach for two years at the American Community School in Athens, Greece, before returning to work in the Wellesley, Mass. school system. Fraylick and her husband, James, were avid travelers.

**Mary Elizabeth (Zangerle) Marmolya**, Rocky River, Ohio, died March 26, 2014. In her youth, Marmolya was an equestrian and a strong swimmer. She was a valedictorian of her high school class and president of Kappa Alpha Sigma, the honor society at Lake Erie College. Following college, Marmolya worked for Woolworth, married her husband, Boris, and later worked in his medical office. She was an avid golfer at Westwood Country Club and a proud mother of two sons.

**Joann (Haussmann) Copeland**, Atlantic Beach, Fla., passed away March 6, 2014. Her son, Jeff Copeland, notified us of her passing.
loved painting, writing, reading, and gardening, as well as gathering people together for all types of occasions.

MARGARET (NEWCOMB) PYLE, Grand Rapids, Mich., passed away Feb. 22, 2014. After receiving a B.A. in education from Lake Erie College, Pyle pursued a lifelong passion for teaching that led her to Michigan, New York and Kentucky. After moving to Grand Rapids in 1974, she became a full-time mother and lifelong volunteer committed to improving her community. She founded the Children’s Workshop in 1978, was a member of the Junior League of Grand Rapids, past president and board member of the East Grand Rapids Schools Foundation, PTA president and board member in East Grand Rapids, member of Kent Country Club, board member of Mary Free Bed Hospital Guild and former chairman of the WGVU/WGVK Public Television Auction. Pyle was also a tutor in the Grand Rapids Public Schools and enjoyed spending time with her Birthday Club, Book Club, and Winner$ (later Winers) Stock Club. She will be remembered for her immense love, humor, compassion and wit. She was married to her husband, Owen, for 45 years.

PAMELA SEARS, Cleveland, Ohio, died March 1, 2014. She was the director of education at Sea World of Ohio for over 17 years, the director of education at the Maritime Aquarium in Norwall, Conn., and a member of the National Marine Educators Association. Sears also served as a long-time consulting genealogist and researcher of Eastern Seaboard Families.

EDNA (DECHURCH) CANDELA, Ashtabula, Ohio, died July 6, 2014. She taught at Mother of Sorrows and Mount Carmel Schools and later substituted in the Buckeye and Ashtabula school districts. She was a long-time member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, the Alter and Rosary Society, The Sons of Italy of America Anita Garibaldi Woman’s Lodge and a Hospice volunteer. Candela enjoyed cooking, baking and sewing.

NANCY MARIE (VALERIO) SABATINE, Painesville, Ohio, passed away March 8, 2014. She was an elementary/special education teacher for 30 years, teaching at Mt. Carmel Elementary and in the Ashtabula Area City Schools. A devoted wife, mother, sister, aunt and grandmother, Sabatine loved to cook, bake and spend time with her family. She and her husband, James, had recently celebrated 70 years together.

SALLY ANN STEUK, Columbus, Ohio, died March 14, 2014. Her passing came unexpectedly just months after her retirement. Following her graduation from Lake Erie College, Steuk attended Southwestern University School of Law and interned for the University of Amsterdam, in Amsterdam, Netherlands, and Congressman Charles A. Mosher Jr. of Ohio in Washington, D.C. Known for her dedication to the legal profession, she served as an assistant attorney general and formerly worked for the Disciplinary Counsel, where she had the honor of arguing cases before the Supreme Court of Ohio. Earlier in her career, she served as assistant prosecuting attorney for both Delaware and Marion counties and as the legal and professional consultant for Shire Classics, in London, England and Exeter, N.H. Steuk was fiercely independent and generous, often serving in soup kitchens on holidays and volunteering at the Columbus Zoo. She loved animals.

SISTER ALTHEA AUGUSTINE KING, Cincinnati, Ohio, died April 10, 2014. Following her confirmation in Christ Church, the Episcopal Cathedral in 1951, she became a postulant at the Community of the Transfiguration, an Episcopal religious order. She was life professed in the Community on January 25, 1955. After graduating from Lake Erie College, Sister Althea did graduate work in counseling at East Texas State College before earning a Master of Arts in Pastoral Psychological Counseling from Ashland Theological Seminary in 1976. She served in a variety of ministries and places over the course of her life, touching the lives of people wherever she went.

SUSAN A. ERSTED, Sharon, Mass., passed away Feb. 1, 2014. She had retired from the Minnesota Department of Health where she was the communications manager of immunization and international health. She is survived by family and friends who miss her dearly.

IMRA CASANOVA MARTIN, Tucson, Ariz., passed away Feb. 10, 2014. She was beloved by family and friends and will be carried in their hearts always.

ROBERTA (YATES) PHIPPS, Greensboro, N.C., died July 10, 2014. After graduating from Lake Erie College with her B.A. in French, Phipps moved to Conneaut, Ohio and served as a secretary at Amboy Methodist Church. She taught Sunday school at Centenary Methodist Church in Greensboro, N.C., where she also played in the hand bell choir. She was a part of many groups including Urban Ministries, the Out of the Garden Project and Peck Elementary School. Her interests included music, reading, puzzles, games, needlework, gardening and vacationing with her family.

ARTHUR P. LAGERSTEDT, SR., Fairport Harbor, Ohio, passed away May 8, 2014. A graduate of Ohio University, he received his master’s degree in education from Lake Erie College and took his first teaching job in Las Vegas. He then taught in Painesville for several years before spending 27 years as a teacher at Garfield Elementary School in Mentor, Ohio. Lagerstedt was an avid and talented golfer who held a PGA card, won the Senior Championship at Madison Country Club and served as the assistant manager at Blackbrook Country Club for many years. He ran the...
Junior League at Blackbrook and gave many lessons. He was known for his wonderful sense of humor and his singing.

1977

CYNTHIA M. (RING) SUHONEN, Warrenton, Va., passed away April 26, 2014. After earning her degree in equestrian studies at Lake Erie College, Suhonen began her professional career in Hockley, Texas as a farm manager. She gave riding lessons while working on her own dressage mare, Boston Pops “Bopper.” In 1981, Suhonen earned the title of Texas State Dressage Champion astride Bopper. She then worked at Katy Equine Clinic and later the Piedmont Equine Practice (PEP). The people at the PEP became her very close friends. She was married to her husband, Alan, for 25 years.

1978

PETER MARTIN WISE, ESQ., Euclid, Ohio, died March 30, 2014. After earning a bachelor's degree in business and marketing from Lake Erie College, Wise earned his J.D. from Cleveland Marshall College of Law. He had a successful career in the insurance industry, eventually running his own company. He was a talented photographer and recently exhibited his works at a gallery show in Cleveland. Wise enjoyed sailing, running, cycling and walking his dog, Sam. He was passionate about art, reading, politics and travel. Wise loved a good debate and never back down from his beliefs. He traveled all over the world and was most proud of being father to his daughter, Laura.

1991

SHERRY L. (MILLER) KIRCHENBAUER, Mentor, Ohio, died Sept. 5, 2009. She loved animals and the Internet, and found her joy in giving to others. Kirchenbauer worked as an accountant and created a home-based internet business.
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JULIA BAYER, Concord, Ohio, passed away July 2, 2014. Bayer began her career as a secretary for Thomas W. Harvey High School. She was an executive secretary to the Lake Erie College presidents for 23 years. A member of St. Mary Church, the Altar and Rosary Society of St. Mary’s, Bayer enjoyed reading, crossword puzzles, playing the lottery, shopping and cooking for her friends and family.

DR. SUSAN BORCHERT, Rocky River, Ohio and St. Petersburg, Fla., died August 9, 2014 after a long battle with bronchiectasis (COPD). Borchert began teaching sociology as an assistant professor at Lake Erie College in 1984 and retired as professor emeritus due to disability in 2005. She was committed to bridging the gap between academic study and community experience. She and the late business professor Dick Szorady organized and co-taught their initial course on Habitat for Humanity that involved classroom study of housing issues and finance as well as field work helping to build Habitat houses in the Painesville area. She sponsored students in a wide variety of community internships and teamed up with former math professor, Sipra Saha, to serve as mentors at Catholic Charities. Susan earned her bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral degrees in sociology from Ohio State University. In addition to teaching at Lake Erie College (1984-2005), she taught at Youngstown State, Adrian College, Ursuline College and California’s Soledad State Prison in conjunction with San Jose State University. She authored several publications and was actively involved in social justice efforts. Borchert had an indomitable spirit and adopted the motto, “I cough; therefore I am.”

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