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A Message From The President

SPRING HAS ARRIVED
AT LAKE ERIE COLLEGE!

To add to the notions of Twain, the college, rather than the weather, has been “attending strictly to business” and we may count more ways than “one hundred and thirty-six” that we are making progress.

First, Lake Erie College now has approximately 1,300 undergraduate and graduate students, not to mention all the students who participate in professional development courses on our campus. Second, our academic programs continue to flourish through the establishment of learning communities, our efforts to bring back the physician assistant program in the next two years, the creation of an adult degree completion program that commences in May, new collaborations with groups like Apollo’s Fire (the Cleveland Baroque Orchestra) and the addition of new faculty and staff.

Third, our transition from NCAA Division III athletics to Division II is now complete, and we are a full-fledged member of the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletics Conference (GLIAC). The women’s lacrosse team had the highest team grade point average among all Division II women’s lacrosse teams in the country with an astounding 3.4 team GPA. Finally, the national profile and rankings of the College continues to improve, awareness throughout the region and nation continues to grow and the philanthropic support from our alumni and friends has reached an unprecedented milestone – $30 million since July 1, 2006. Thank you!

Although there are many more ways to demonstrate our progress and show that our plans, projects and people are working toward a common goal of making Lake Erie College even stronger, I will close with just one more. On the cover of this issue, you will find a picture of Deborah Goodrich Royce, an alumna from the Class of 1980. During Homecoming/Alumni Weekend in October of last year, the College dedicated Royce Hall for the Fine and Performing Arts in recognition of a $1 million gift presented by Deborah Goodrich Royce and her husband, Charles M. Royce.

Beyond the financial enormity of this gift, Deborah has provided a tremendous example for the students, parents, alumni, faculty, staff and friends of this college community of a life well-lived and the importance of giving back. To this end, Twain said, “Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see.”

— Mark (Samuel Langhorne Clemens) Twain, (Speech at dinner of New England Society. New York, Dec. 22, 1876)

There is a sumptuous variety about the New England weather that compels the stranger’s admiration—and regret. The weather is always doing something there; always attending strictly to business; always getting up new designs and trying them on people to see how they will go. But it gets through more business in Spring than in any other season. In the Spring I have counted one hundred and thirty-six different kinds of weather inside of twenty-four hours.

— Mark (Samuel Langhorne Clemens) Twain, (Speech at dinner of New England Society. New York, Dec. 22, 1876)
President Victor welcomed alumni and friends back to campus October 1 - 3 to celebrate the many events and festivities during Homecoming/Alumni Weekend 2010. The weekend began Friday morning with interactive workshops and lectures to celebrate the arts and featured the midday dedication of Royce Hall for the Fine and Performing Arts, in honor of Deborah Goodrich Royce ’80.

Four accomplished Lake Erie College arts alumni were featured workshop presenters and guest panelists. Migdalia Cruz ’80, working as a playwright in New York City; Peter Davis ’80, a theater management professional; national-touring comedian Ric Barr ’75; and Lake Erie College dance professors Chris DiCello ’80 and Lisa DeCato ’80 addressed audiences of current students, alumni and faculty members on their respected disciplines within the arts industry.

“The focus on the arts and art education as part of our alumni reunion festivities allowed us to introduce all students and alumni to the importance of art as part of everyday life. No matter where your career has taken you, it is certain to have had some form of artistic influence,” said Susan Licate, director of alumni and public relations.
Lake Erie’s own star shone brightly as President Michael T. Victor recognized the $1 million philanthropic gift of Dr. Deborah Goodrich Royce ’80 and Charles Morgan Royce. “We are thrilled the Royces have demonstrated their passion for the arts through their giving to Lake Erie College. Deborah, who as a student took many of her classes in the building, and Charles, a long-time supporter of the arts on a national level, embody the spirit of the College. The Royces’ transformational gift will complement our ability to bring quality liberal arts education to the students of today and many generations to come,” said Victor.

The dedication, held at the entrance to Royce Hall, was attended by College trustees, county officials, area CEOs, alumni and students. The dedication was followed by a private luncheon in the B.K. Smith Gallery.
Fine Arts reception brings back old friends to create new memories

Revelers continued the merriment into the late-night hours with cocktails and snacks at Royce Hall. Alumni shared stories of their collegiate days, enjoyed a surprise performance (arranged by LeeAnn (Martin) Geneve) by Sandra Hughes and Michael Hickey of Mask Theatre, who had entertained audiences on campus 25 years earlier. Alumni also visited with arts faculty and poured over scrapbooks, photo albums and mementos brought to the event by many.

Kirtland Country Club provides scenic backdrop for timeless hellos

The weekend festivities continued into the evening with a cocktail reception and dinner gala at the beautifully appointed Kirtland Country Club. President and Mrs. Victor greeted alumni and their guests as deeply-rooted friendships proved the test of time and distance. The class of 1960 enjoyed a 50th reunion celebration together on the west porch, with commemorative memory books designed by public relations student worker, Kaitlyne Perril ’12, and nametags with their College photo created by Linda Fulton Johnson. Each class member also received a specially engraved Lake Erie College frame, a rose from Vice President for Institutional Advancement, Scott Evans, and a Golden Diploma from President Victor.

Migdalia Cruz ’80 gave a moving tribute to her father as she received her Distinguished Alumni award. The award held special meaning – Cruz was unable to attend and accept her award in 2006 as her father had passed away during that weekend.
Alumni Piped in at Homecoming Game

Drops of rain couldn’t dampen the spirit of LEC alumni during the pregame tailgate cookout or the energetic march led by bagpipers as the ladies from the Class of 1960 were ushered around Jack Britt stadium field and to their seats to watch the NCAA Division II Storm take on Ferris State. Many alumni sported their class beanies in support of their alma mater, and game-watchers weathered the rain to witness Lauren Johnson ’11 and Jeremy Bilancione ’11 become 2010 LEC Homecoming Queen and King.

A Dwan Club open-swim and College tours were an option for those not attending the game. College Ambassadors guided alumni across campus and through residence halls, buildings and classrooms.
The events continued with the Saturday evening gathering at the home of President Victor. Guests dined on bountiful appetizers and hors d’oeuvres while they renewed friendships and celebrated the success of Lake Erie College. President Victor introduced the “Learning Communities,” shared news of successful philanthropic progress and, together with National Alumni Board President Janeane Cappara, introduced new Lake Erie College Distinguished Alumna, Barbara Gould Pelowski.

**MORLEY MUSIC BUILDING COMES ALIVE WITH EXTRAORDINARY MUSICAL CONCERT**

From the bellowing pipes of the majestic Skinner organ to the finely tuned keys of the Steinway piano, alumni and guests enjoyed a standing-room only musical delight. The concert began with the traditional singing of the College Hymn, accompanied by College organist and Professor of French and German Studies Dr. Mark Bell. Bell took many audience members back in time with his masterful playing of several selections on the restored organ.

Joe Augustine, Steinway artist and Lake Erie College artist-in-residence, took the stage to perform music from The Great American Songbook. Accompanied by Dr. Glen Schaft and Dr. David Morgan, Augustine presented a toe-tapping montage of jazz favorites, culminating with a specially prepared piece entitled “Inspired,” which was influenced by the spirit of the Lake Erie College alumni and the philanthropic gift of Dr. Deborah Goodrich Royce.
Dr. Barbara (Gould) Pelowski ’64 returned to the campus of Lake Erie College for Homecoming and Alumni Weekend. She celebrated her 47th class reunion and the receipt of the Distinguished Alumni Award in the company of alumni, faculty, family and friends, including her college roommate, Ana Gelabert, who traveled from Alicante, Spain.

Initiated in 1976, the Distinguished Alumni Award is the highest honor the Lake Erie College Alumni Association bestows on a graduate. It is given to a graduate who has made outstanding contributions in her field and/or has performed extraordinary service in her community, state or nation.

Dr. Pelowski, an undergraduate major in English literature and Spanish, was active on campus in a number of organizations and leadership positions. She was awarded an internship at United Nations Headquarters in New York City for two consecutive summers.

Seven years following her graduation, Barbara returned to the LEC campus as dean of students with a master’s degree in student personnel administration from Syracuse University. She earned her Ph.D. in higher education administration from Michigan State University in 1981. Dean Pelowski’s husband, Dr. James F. (Jim) Pelowski served as vice president of the College and together, they served the student body for seven years.

Dr. Pelowski has extensive administrative experience spanning more than 30 years in higher education, secondary and elementary schools. Often the creator of innovative educational programs, she credits Lake Erie College for expanding her perception of possibilities. She confidently led an adolescent leadership development program for Quest International; designed a college counseling program for grades 8-12 at Cairo American College in Cairo, Egypt; and, most recently, shaped a program for new member ministries at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Cleveland Heights, Ohio. She also served as director of the upper school at Laurel School in Shaker Heights and head of school at Phillips-Osborne School, then located on the Lake Erie campus.

Dr. Pelowski attributes much of her adaptability and self-confidence to her undergraduate experience. She rarely hesitates to try something new, such as teaching or consulting. She is a published author, a frequent workshop facilitator, and a committed community and church volunteer. For 10 years, she served as a trustee of Crossroads: Lake County Adolescent Counseling Service, ultimately as president of the board.

Barbara Trainor ’67, who presented the award, said, “Dr. Pelowski is authentic, alive, and responsive to the needs of others. She knows what she believes. She cares deeply for her husband, daughter, Elizabeth, and her grandchildren, as well as a number of others who have benefited from her loving parenting and support. She is passionate about photography, writing, and music, and enjoys kayaking and canoeing. Barbara Gould Pelowski used her education at Lake Erie College to discover herself, and she decided to make a difference in the world.”
HOMECOMING
Alumni Weekend
Class Photos

Class of 1978 with Emeritus Professor of English, George Farrell

Class of 1970
Class of 1975
Class of 1976
Class of 1970
Class of 1960
Class of 1964

Class of 1980
The weekend festivities concluded with a Sunday morning session about the College’s entrepreneurship program. The lecture was held at the newly renovated, eco-conscious Austin Hall of Science, and alumni were treated to tours of the recently renovated building. Fashioned in the Georgian style of architecture, the building is home to the College’s math, science and pre-health classes, reflecting economic trends and workforce demands.

Cliff Somerville, director of the Center for Entrepreneurship, gave a brief overview of the Center. Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) members Victoria Schreiber and Shreyasi Parihar talked about their experience at Immersion Week, a competition made up of students from nine colleges and universities, all members of the Entrepreneurship Education Consortium. Vice President Evans closed the weekend events with heartfelt thanks and wished all a year of prosperity and continued friendships. He extended an invitation to alumni to return for the 2011 Homecoming Alumni Weekend.
The field of forensic anthropology – the study of human remains in a legal context – was brought to life for an audience of students, faculty, staff and friends during an on-campus lunchtime lecture on Sept. 30.

John Williams, who received his bachelor’s degree from Lake Erie College in 1975 and his master’s and doctoral degrees from The Ohio State University, is a board-certified forensic anthropologist. He is the director of the forensic anthropology program at Western Carolina University and the Western Carolina Human Identification Laboratory (WCHIL).

Williams is a member of the Disaster Mortuary Operational Response Team (DMORT) and is an expert in saw-cut analysis. He has provided three decades of consultation and has contributed his expertise to law enforcement agencies across the nation.

After the 9/11 tragedy, Williams was part of a team of professionals called to search through the debris from Ground Zero that had been taken to the Staten Island Fresh Kills Landfill. “We treated the landfill as a crime scene. Our job was to determine if anything that looked human was human,” he said.

Williams also talked about the WCHIL, which he said is a research station, the second facility of only four like it that exist in the nation. “We receive donations of bodies, place them in a protected environment and observe how they decompose in various natural settings,” he said.

Interest in the field of forensic anthropology is high, thanks in part to television shows like “CSI.” Williams’ appearance on campus helped to portray the field in a more realistic way, and attendees appreciated his candid sharing of some of his experiences.
Academic Directions provides new opportunities through Learning Communities

The Learning Communities are:

- **Arts, Culture and Humanities**
- **Business and Entrepreneurship**
- **Science, Health and the Environment**
- **Social Service, Policy and the Law**

Keeping pace with the demands in the academic marketplace, Lake Erie College recently introduced a new concept in its approach to strengthen its liberal arts education. Academic Directions, under the guidance of Dr. Alison Benders, vice president for academic affairs, is home to four Learning Communities, providing students an integrated approach to their college experience. Students will take classes with others in their Learning Community, sharing academic interests and collaborating on projects.

The Learning Communities allow students to explore academics outside of the traditional classroom setting. They’ll discover personal growth while becoming part of a global community that allows them to take ownership of their success; and, they’ll learn how to take action – real action – that will create change in their lives and inspire the lives around them.

Within the Learning Communities are three themes that further connect students with their world:

**INNOVATE**: The application of innovation and creativity is the heart of entrepreneurship. Regardless of the major, an entrepreneurial approach creates confidence in the students and their ability to get the job done.

**ACTIVATE**: Hands-on, project-based learning in every program enables students to apply theory to practice, allowing them to absorb information more effectively and make connections to work and issues in their community.

**COLLABORATE**: When students reflect upon the cultural and social interdependence of their world and practice collaboration with others who can find innovative solutions, they’ll build an enduring foundation for living in our complex and demanding society.

The Learning Community concept reaches beyond grouping majors; it fosters the growth of academic programs, including honors programming, research opportunities and study abroad programs. By focusing on common interests, students, through faculty guidance, are open to a higher level of learning.
The chants of “Rudy! Rudy! Rudy!” swelled throughout Morley Music Building as a capacity audience reacted to the last scene of the movie about Daniel Ruettiger’s experience as a walk-on football player at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana.

Ruettiger was brought to Lake Erie College as the featured speaker for the College’s annual celebration of Founders Day on Nov. 4, 2010. Best known as the subject for the movie, “Rudy,” he now travels across the country from his home in Las Vegas delivering motivational speeches.

Ruettiger talked not only about the one play that made him famous, but also about the experiences leading up to the making of the movie. The theme of his speech – Attitude, Pride, Character, Courage, Commitment, Contribution – radiated throughout his words and persona.

Ruettiger’s life has not been easy. The oldest boy of 14 children in a working-class family in Joliet, Ill., he graduated third from the bottom of his high school class and believed he could never make anything of himself. After graduation, he enlisted in the Navy, where he became a leader in part because of his experiences growing up with so many brothers and sisters. He then sold insurance and worked at a car dealership, two jobs that helped prepare him for what he does today.

It wasn’t until later that he decided to go to college, and thus began the journey that resulted in his graduation from Notre Dame in 1976 at age 27. Ruettiger actually began at Holy Cross Junior College, where he persevered and carried a “B” average. He transferred to Notre Dame in 1974 to join the football team as a walk-on player under the coaching staff of Ara Parseghian.

Ruettiger practiced regularly with the team, giving 100-percent effort at all times because he “wanted to be part of something great.” He never quit, even after the coaching change to Dan Devine, and he earned the respect of his teammates. It was this enthusiasm that resulted in his being on the field for one play, making one tackle and being carried off the field in triumph.

“It took me 10 years to play 27 seconds,” Ruettiger said. “But it was worth every moment – it was the culmination of a dream.”

Ruettiger himself was instrumental in the making of the movie “Rudy.” The events were based on what had actually happened, but the film makers took some artistic license to make the film more interesting and motivational. Some of the characters, such as the janitor, were composites of persons who were important in Ruettiger’s life, and some of the scenes, like that of the team members laying their jerseys on the coach’s desk, were dramatized in order to convey a certain message.

“All because of one tackle, all because of a dream, all because of one person who said, ‘You can do it!’” – this is why Daniel Ruettiger made the movie that has inspired individuals of all ages and backgrounds to follow their dreams.

This, too, is the reason the six founders of Lake Erie College – Charles Avery, Reuben Hitchcock, Silas Ladd, William Perkins, Timothy Rockwell and Aaron Wilcox – began this institution in Painesville in 1856. They, too, followed a dream, a dream that has endured for 155 years and has evolved into the institution of today, with 1,300 students and nearly 300 faculty and staff members.

This history is what the College community celebrated on Founders Day and will continue to celebrate for many years to come.
First Energy Corporation sets new benchmarks with the on-site MBA program

by Robert Trebar, Dean and Instructor of Management Studies

The First Energy Corporation (FENOC) on-site cohort in the Parker MBA program recently graduated. This accomplishment was equally significant for the graduates, FENOC and Lake Erie College.

There was a unique practical feature of the program as well that meant a lot to the First Energy group. From time-to-time, nuclear power plants go through a process called a “refueling shutdown” – this procedure absorbs the time and attention of the entire operation for several weeks. It’s also difficult to precisely predict when this will occur. Under these circumstances, the normal 15-week academic calendar would be severely disrupted and throw the students’ progress toward the degree way off course.

To accommodate FENOC’s special need, Lake Erie College developed a customized schedule – students took each of the 12 courses one-at-a-time in five-week modules, with a special flex period included in the course sequence in case of an unanticipated hiatus due to the refueling shutdown. Obviously, this was quite a rigorous schedule, particularly with the unpredictability of unscheduled outages and sporadic increase in work needs.

Of the 24 students who began the program, 23 went on to graduate together. One student needed to relocate mid-stream for personal reasons. Even in that case, the College helped him find additional courses in his new locale that would meet LEC degree requirements. The group gelled early on and developed a real spirit of camaraderie and support for each other’s success. One subgroup became particularly tight-knit – soon, they went by the name of the “Back Row Gang.”
Alumni share memories of MEMORIAL HALL FIRE

by Holly Menzie MBA ’06; Susan Licate ’05, MBA ’08; Katie Staats ’09

When the alarms sounded in the pre-dawn hours of April 13, 1957, students living in College Hall and Memorial Hall reacted calmly. Just as in previous drills, they donned their coats and shoes, shut the doors to their rooms and quickly exited the buildings.

It wasn’t until they gathered together at their meeting point at the east end of College Hall that the students realized this wasn’t a drill. Smoke and flames were pouring out of Memorial Hall and fire engines were arriving with their sirens blaring, destroying the stillness of the early spring morning. Soon, streams of water poured from hoses onto the building in a futile attempt to control the fire.

Four hours later, Memorial Hall, with its valuable Tiffany windows, precious pipe organs and historic records, was only a shell. Smoke and water had also damaged the adjacent College Hall. Students who lived in the rooms in Music Alley (the third floor of Memorial Hall) and those who lived on the west wing of College Hall were temporarily homeless, while all students were affected in some way.

Memories of the Memorial Hall fire remain vivid for many of the students who experienced it. Doris (Roach) Bray ’59, Janet (Kish) Bullinger ’60 and Donna (Elsager) Davis ’60 lived in College Hall – Bray on the second floor, Bullinger on the fourth floor and Davis on the third floor – on that eventful night. Once they were accounted for outside, the students went to Garfield Center where, still dressed in their nightclothes, coats and rubber-soled shoes, they had fled, each carrying only a flashlight and towel.

“We didn’t panic – everything was fast and orderly,” Bray said. “Students acting as fire marshals on each floor had trained us well – we could exit the building in one minute.”

“Immediately, they tried to find what to do with us,” Bullinger said. “The Red Cross even showed up with donuts!”

Because parts of College Hall and Music Alley were no longer livable, the students slept temporarily on cots that were set up in rows in the Ritchie Gymnasium. Eventually, the students were placed with families who had homes close to campus until the end of the academic year.

Lindi (Siegel) Kendal ’60 was sent to live with Mr. and Mrs. Art Freedman and their family, who lived a block away from campus.
on Mentor Avenue. For Kendal, this was a life-changing experience.

“The Freedman family introduced me into the Jewish community of Painesville, and I became one of the teachers of Painesville’s Sunday religious school as well as the only Hebrew teacher for the Jewish community,” Kendal said. “Although a student rabbi was brought in to officiate at this event, I did all the teaching for the single Bar Mitzvah which occurred during the four years I spent in that synagogue, Temple B’Nai Israel of White Oak.”

“I have often wondered if I would have become the perennial adult student of Jewish education without the stimulus I experienced my freshman year,” Kendal said. “That first stepping stone of teaching is what set me on my path of perennial learning.”

Bullinger and her roommate, Beryl (Marksteiner) Horvath ’60, were sent to live with the Fuhrman family on Park Street behind the campus. “I know that Mrs. Fuhrman fed us well, and we never suffered starvation or loss of weight!” Horvath said. “There were also a few amusing times with the Fuhrmans’ children, but I won’t give that away.”

“We shared a room in the Fuhrman home,” Bullinger said. “We were supposed to keep hours, but we were trusted to be responsible.”

“There was a close relationship between the college and community,” Bray said.

Davis agreed. “The community was wonderful. As many as could opened up their homes and took us all in,” she said.

Another result of the fire was that students lost all or some of their clothes and personal possessions. The fire burned everything belonging to the students living in Music Alley, while smoke and water damaged the clothes and room furnishings of students living in College Hall.

“Most of my clothing was of no further use because everything was totally smoke-filled,” Kendal said. “What particularly bothered me was that the single gown I’d owned was now lost to me. It had been my ‘reward’ for finally stopping a life-long terrible habit of biting my nails. The gown had cost several hundred dollars and, in 1955, that was quite a prize.”

Bullinger said she felt especially bad for the girls living in Music Alley who lost everything. “The students who lived there were all elementary education majors who had created beautiful posters for their classes and had saved them to use eventually in their own careers. These posters were the biggest loss to them,” she said.

Davis said she was amazed at what the firemen were able to salvage from the rooms in College Hall. “Rings, mementoes, etc. were tucked away in the backs of drawers, but the firemen found them,” she said. “There was a soggy mess everywhere.”
Although college life went basically back to normal after the fire, what could never be replaced was Memorial Hall itself.

The building lives on, however, not only in memories, but also in some tangible ways. The lintel that had marked the main entrance to Memorial Hall now lies on the ground in the exact location where it once stood. This stone sign, prominently engraved with the date 1890, is a reminder of all that had happened beyond its welcoming façade.

The bricks and sandstone that once formed the exterior of Memorial Hall also live on today in other places. Polly (Fisk) Sidley ’58 said that her husband’s family’s company, R. W. Sidley, Inc., was hired to excavate the building after the fire.

“My father-in-law was contracted to clean up the debris. He arranged for the bricks to be brought to the company headquarters, where Arthur Sidley (my husband’s brother) was hired to clean the mortar from the bricks for a penny each. Arthur was entrepreneurial enough to hire his buddies to do the work; he paid them half a cent per brick,” Polly said.

Eventually the bricks were sold to be used in other construction projects.

Polly said that huge pieces of sandstone that were once part of the foundation of Memorial Hall were also cleaned up by R. W. Sidley, put on trucks and carried away. “A man building a home in Mentor paid $2,800 for the sandstone, a huge amount in the 1950s,” she said.

One other tangible reminder of the building still exists today, also – a wooden pipe from the three-manual A. B. Felgemaker organ that once dominated the auditorium/chapel in Memorial Hall.

Davis returned this pipe to the College during Alumni Weekend 2010 and said she acquired it at an auction put on many years ago by the National Alumni Board. “It is an important piece of memorabilia and deserves to be back to its original home,” she said.

Memories, a lintel, bricks, sandstone and a wooden organ pipe are reminders today of Memorial Hall, the church-like structure that dominated the Lake Erie College campus from 1890 until 1957. Fire destroyed the building, but it could never destroy its spirit.

A statue of Tiberius still stands guard on the main campus today, just as it did the evening of the fire. Legend has it that Tiberius came to life on April 13, 1957 – his barks, combined with the sounds of the alarms, awoke the sleeping students. Tiberius fulfilled his role as protector of the campus, just as he does today.
Jennifer Bogart earns appointment with federal agency

Jennifer Bogart MBA ’10, always knew she wanted to pursue a career in criminal justice, and she has done exactly that. Most recently a lieutenant in the Lake County (Ohio) Narcotics Agency, she recently received an appointment with a prominent federal law enforcement agency and is moving forward with her dream.

The television show, “Hunter,” which aired from 1984-91 and depicted a female homicide detective named DeeDee McCall, inspired her to pursue this non-traditional path for a female.

“As I got older and learned more about the field, I knew this was what I wanted to do,” Bogart said.

The first person in her family to go to college, Bogart received a bachelor of science degree in criminal justice from Bowling Green State University in 1997. As part of her degree requirements, she completed an internship with the Mentor Police Department.

After graduation, she was hired as a pharmacy division investigator. For 14 months, she investigated prescription forgers, including those who went doctor-shopping.

This led to her work for eight years as an undercover street drug investigator. In this position she encountered some tense situations, but she persevered even in the face of danger and received accolades and promotions – to sergeant in 2007 and lieutenant (second in command) in 2008.

“Drugs are the nucleus of so many crimes – it is important work even if you are not directly affected,” Bogart said.

Eighteen months ago she started pursuing her application to a prominent federal law enforcement agency. A written test was followed by a personal behavioral interview, a comprehensive medical screening including a drug test and polygraph, physical fitness testing, and top security clearance. She could have been eliminated at any step along the way, but she passed all levels. She received her official letter of acceptance late in the fall and started training in February 2011.

Bogart said that working toward her MBA at Lake Erie helped prepare her for all aspects of the application process. “I was taught that I could do anything I thought I could do,” she said. “I was also taught to think on the academic side which, combined with my professional preparation, helped immensely.”

Bogart offers the following advice to others who might be considering a master’s degree: “Ask yourself why you shouldn’t do it,” she said. “Don’t sell yourself short. Recognize it is a commitment and be prepared for it. Stick with it – the feeling at the end is incredible.”
The award is about involvement in other areas of health and wellness as well as school nursing. We want people of all ages to be healthy."

Heidi Steiner

Heidi Steiner named Ohio School Nurse of the Year

by Holly Menzie MBA ’06

For Heidi (Arn) Steiner ’74, there is no such thing as a typical day. Steiner, who is school nurse for a middle school, two elementary schools and a residential treatment facility for boys, thrives on the diversity.

She was recently named the 2010-2011 Ohio School Nurse of the Year by the Ohio Association of School Nurses, a credit not only to the work she does in the schools she serves, but also to her contributions to the community. She received her award at the association’s annual convention in Dayton in March.

When Steiner graduated from Lake Erie College in 1974 with a major in art, she knew she would have to pursue something else as a career. As a married mother with two children, she continued her education at the University of Akron and received her bachelor of science degree in nursing in 1986.

Originally, she thought she wanted a position either in post-partum care or pediatrics, but a short tenure on third shift at Akron General Medical Center convinced her otherwise. At that time, her children were in second grade and kindergarten, and she wanted to work while they were at school.

Steiner answered an ad for a school nurse in a district that was 50 percent Amish. She was hired and worked there part-time for two years. Two years later, she changed to a larger district, added hours and received her licensure as a school nurse from the University of Akron. In 1998, she received her master of science degree in education with a concentration in school guidance and counseling, also from Akron.

She became a school nurse in the Wooster City Schools when her children were in high school, and she has been there for 16 years. During that time, Steiner has been an integral part of the Wooster schools and community. As some of her responsibilities, she runs in-school clinics, handles day-to-day illnesses and injuries, works with students with chronic health issues, develops programs focused on wellness and disease prevention, collaborates with service agencies, works with parents, identifies children who have educational issues and writes policy guides. She also teaches classes at Ashland University and mentors students who are obtaining their licensure as school nurses.

“That’s the beauty of school nursing – it is boundless,” Steiner said.

She is also active in the community, serving on the board of directors for the Viola Startzman Free Clinic, women’s advisory board of the College of Wooster, Wayne County Citizens Impacting Relationships Creating Lasting Effect (CIRCLE) Coalition and the Salvation Army women’s auxiliary. She is a CPR/AED first aid instructor for the American Red Cross, a member of the Wayne Center for the Arts, and a weekly volunteer at the free clinic during the school year.
Great Feats

For Joseph Humpolick ’74 and Rachel and Sandi Nypaver ’11, to compare their day-to-day and stages of life would reflect polar opposites. Humpolick, born and raised in Painesville and a resident of Geneva, Ohio, spends his days in the courtrooms of the Ashtabula County Courthouse, defending civil rights as a public defender, a position he has held since 1979. For the Nypavers, 22 year-old twins from Parma, day-to-day includes looking ahead to graduation day and developing their careers as social science majors. Sandi, who completed her degree in December and Rachel, who will finish in May, are consumed with class schedules, quizzes, mid-terms and College activities.

It is their commonality of a passion for distance running, however, that brings these three together in a unique way. While many run for a hobby, Joe, Sandi and Rachel run for a purpose. Inspired to do good for others through their love of running, each has been inspired – and wishes to inspire – others along the way.

Joseph Humpolick, #63-498

Joseph Humpolick has been on ‘fast-forward’ all his life. A 1974 LEC graduate, he pursued his career in law and learned to unwind through running. Humpolick has participated in many marathons and proudly became competitor #63-498 wearing his “Lake Erie College” singlet in the recent New York City Marathon.

Joe chronicles his run and reflects on the journey to the journey. It was at mile 25.5 that Joe shares his thoughts, his motivation and his raw emotion. “My mind raced with lots of thoughts. I thought about a grandmother who got me turned on to history; a fourth grade teacher who taught me to dream big and go for it; a football coach who taught me that hard work and perseverance always pay off; a handicapped brother who inspired me to prove that his life had value; an American literature teacher whose positive thoughts were at my back the entire race; two parents who always had faith in me and believe that I would accomplish everything I set out to do; a girlfriend who was patient with me and so many other people...the race was as much about them and their work as it was about me.” (Read the whole story at www.lec.edu/alumni/Humpolick.)

Double Good

If the persuasion for volunteerism could be this easy for everyone... Only one year ago, Rachel and Sandi Nypaver graced the cover of this magazine (Spring 2010 issue) when deciding to embark on their first run for humanity. It has been said that doing for others provides an inner satisfaction; for Rachel and Sandi, it was that and something uniquely different. The girls realized there was more they could do – and should do – to benefit more than one or two people at a time. It wasn’t long before they discovered a natural physical aptitude for distance running and decided to run across Ohio – twice, from Cincinnati to Cleveland – all for the greater good of helping others.

The Nypavers’ latest effort was held just a week before Christmas, 2010. With sights on their 252-mile trek, the sisters braved 10-degree weather, snow, rain, heavy winds and traffic. Rachel was forced to stop due to an IT band injury, Sandi continued, logging 230 miles – just under 20 miles from reaching the planned finish in Cleveland. The girls finished their run on Jan. 29, 2011. In a symbolic gesture of triumph, they touched the frozen waters of Lake Erie in Cleveland’s Edgewater Park. Rachel and Sandi not only helped to raise awareness for the United Way and the individuals and families it serves in Ohio, but they also achieved the goal they had set for themselves a year ago. Read the Nypavers’ blog entries on twitter@RunAcrossOhio to share in the struggles, emotions and accomplishments of their selfless, kind-hearted act and how it nurtures the human spirit.
Stephanie Kilper, a Lake Erie College student, took her dancing experience on a recent mission trip to Bosnia. The purpose of the Transform 2010 trip was to “bring hope to a place where there is none.” The trip involved over 400 college students and adults from places such as Australia, Finland, and Holland.

Kilper has always believed in God. She traveled to Atlanta, Ga. in 2009 to learn more about mission trips and their benefits. She had found information about the Bosnia trip at rightnow.org, through which she spoke with several mission coaches who assisted her in finding the perfect trip. “God wanted me to use my passion to help others,” said Kilper.

The week-long training began in Rome. Kilper then traveled to Bosnia the second week, which was spent listening to speakers, attending worship twice a day, and rehearsing dance routines.

Bosnia is separated and divided among several different groups, including Croatians and Serbians. Kilper experienced this separation, as Croatians were on one side of the street and Serbians on the other side.

While in Bosnia, Kilper discovered a beauty about the country when many of the natives saw only destruction. A large building covered with bullet holes caught her eye and became one of the most memorable sights of the trip.

“It was interesting to see that many of the buildings were covered with bullet holes from war in the 1990s; however, the one building that especially attracted me was one that had beautiful flowers displayed on its balconies. It reminded me that there can still be beauty in the midst of chaos,” she said.

One specific experience captured her, which was meeting a single father with eight children living in a bombed-out shelter. One little girl in the family felt comfortable snuggling in Kilper’s lap. “Most Roma children are sad and beggars, but these children were different,” said Kilper.

Kilper used this mission trip for her Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) project at Lake Erie College. While in the town of Sarajevo, the capital and largest city of Bosnia, Kilper and others in her group designed two murals symbolizing the positive change that has already begun in Bosnia. The first mural incorporated the volunteers’ thumbprints and handprints, and the second mural portrayed the beauty and peace that is now found in Bosnia with a painting of mountains and flowers.

In Bosnia, Kilper was able to exercise her love for dance by performing at International Night. In this program, each of the five main performers talked about their own home country and then performed a dance. Throughout the trip, the team of artists also taught at music, art, and dance workshops.

As a senior at Lake Erie College, Kilper plans to travel on several more mission trips, possibly ones that require a long-term commitment.
Endurance, strength and a willingness to empower others enabled Lake Erie College junior Bridget Beury to explore the Amazon rainforest in Brazil. The trek, which took place in October 2010, lasted about nine days. It required walking for nearly 200 kilometers, equating to about 125 miles through the Tapajos National Forest across the Amazon Basin.

In order to be considered for the trip, Beury had to apply with the Canadian non-profit organization Impossible2Possible, which works to inspire, educate and empower youths to reach beyond their limits to make positive changes in the global community. Those considered must be athletic and interested in biodiversity and indigenous people. Beury and four other youth ambassadors were selected.

Beury and her group walked many miles each day through the jungle, meeting different tribes and communicating with them through a Portuguese translator.

The purpose of the trek was to communicate live from the Amazon to students and teachers around the world who would ask questions to the group by means of internet technology. The group’s i2P computer was equipped with education modules, blogs, topical questions and class exercises.

“This time in the day was called a Bgan call, similar to Skype. We would hike and then stop to chat with students around the world, answering a variety of questions,” said Beury.

The Bgan calls included communicating with over 15,506 students in 116 schools and six countries with topics such as “The Year of Biodiversity” and “Deforestation.” Beury initially was worried about communicating with people she never met; however, she learned the essence of how to talk to students and teachers by experiencing the issues of the jungle first-hand.

The athletic part came easily to Beury, but it was communicating with local tribes that was difficult. “We had our main guide, Shirley, who lives in Brazil, and she could speak English and Portuguese,” said Beury.

Included in Beury’s group were six to eight people called Bomberos, who were similar to firefighters and claimed to be their “jungle eyes.” These people would walk behind the group and provide protection.

The group slept in hammocks covered by mosquito nets. The communities they visited provided fish and rice for their meals. The soft drink company Gatorade supplied drinks and snack bars. Miscellaneous supplies were left stocked in a boat in a central area in the Amazon.

On the third day, the trek lasted only about five miles. The group stopped at a small community called Taquara. The community’s school had been flooded and was temporarily made only of grass ceilings with no walls or floors. Beury and the youth ambassadors met the students in the school; the children danced for them and shared stories around the fire.

“They were so happy we came. We were touched by these children, and we promised we would build a new school for them. This became the FLONA school project, for which we are committed to raising $20,000,” said Beury. “Since this trek, we have raised about $11,000.”

For Beury, the highlight of the trip was getting to know the founder of the organization, Ray Zahab. She also enjoyed meeting and working with the four other youth ambassadors, who were from New Mexico, the Yukon Territory and Alberta – she still communicates with them today.

Beury resides in Amherst, Ohio and is majoring in environmental science. She plays volleyball, is president of Students Acting for the Environment and is a member of Students Making a Difference. She volunteers for Lake Metroparks Penitentiary Glen Wildlife and Rehabilitation Center.

In spring 2011, Beury will study abroad in South Africa to strengthen her awareness of conservation efforts. After graduation, she plans to join the Peace Corps and help people understand the importance of the environment.

Beury and those who trekked along with her were featured on CNN and can be seen at www.impossible2possible.com.
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Julia Niedzialek

LOCAL INTERNSHIP CONTRIBUTES TO STUDENT’S FUTURE IN MARKETING

Working for the local salon and spa Jenniffer and Co. in Mentor, Lake Erie College senior Julia Niedzialek learned valuable marketing tools that she can use in a working environment. Without this hands-on experience, she would never have been able to receive the educational experience she needs for her upcoming career in marketing and advertising.

Niedzialek began working at Jenniffer & Co. in 2005 and became a formal hair specialist. The owner, Jenniffer, has been an exceptional leader and boss, training her to multi-task and to recognize the importance of handling everything in a professional manner. “She has given me the ability to complete projects that she wouldn’t normally let others do,” said Niedzialek.

During her internship, Niedzialek was involved in a variety of large marketing projects, one of which was the Rockaholic event for the United Way of Lake County (UWLC). The event consisted of managing a traveling salon, a jumping air slide, food, raffles and face painting. Every food donation to the UWLC earned $1.00 in salon services.

To promote the event, Niedzialek created an ad for the “Lake County Women’s Journal,” small one-liner signs, banners, e-blasts, mirror flyers, and a press release; and she was interviewed on a radio show. The event successfully raised over $700 and 800 pounds of food for the UWLC.

Niedzialek also created marketing ads for “Cleveland Magazine,” the “Lake County Women’s Journal” and local restaurants. In addition, she implemented a Customer Loyalty program for the salon, which required researching similar programs and software, creating cards and designing customer signup sheets explaining the program.

Niedzialek has become the sole marketing assistant at Jenniffer & Co. She continuously works to improve the loyalty program and other marketing tactics at the organization.

Niedzialek also completed an internship in the Public Relations and Marketing Department at Lake Erie College. At the College, she learned how to use graphic design programs, created the College’s Facebook page, wrote for the College magazine and developed promotional material for events such as Christmas Vespers and Apollo’s Fire.

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Niedzialek has recently begun an internship at Avery Dennison in Mentor. She will graduate from Lake Erie College in May 2011 with a Bachelor of Science degree.
Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) candidate Joe Grasso took the stage at the annual Vespers concert in December 2010 as a culmination of his educational journey. Students, faculty, friends and citizens of the community watched as his mentor and faculty advisor, Paul Gothard, professor of music, ceremoniously passed to Grasso the conductor’s baton that his predecessor, Harold Fink, gave to him years ago.

Grasso has become quite familiar with the stage of the Morley Music Building. With over five years of lessons and classes he had the pleasure of learning much about the College’s musical history and legacy. After speaking to Professor Gothard, Grasso knew he wanted to organize his own BFA concert around these historical stories combined with his experience as a fine arts candidate.

Gathering books from the Jane White Lincoln Library, Grasso was able to accumulate background information about former and current professors such as Harold Fink, David Gooding, Alan Wingard and Paul Gothard.

“I spoke with former music students and professors about their memories and experiences at Lake Erie College,” said Grasso. “I chose works from David Gooding’s ‘A Day of Joyful Singing’ and two selections from Paul Gothard’s ‘Novo,’ which was written to celebrate the 125th Anniversary of Lake Erie College.”

When asked how his education at Lake Erie College has allowed him to complete his BFA project, Grasso said, “My BFA project was very demanding and required a lot of work and diverse skills that I learned while a student,” he said. “All of the pieces I chose for the program were composed by former and current Lake Erie professors. Since the College was previously an all-women’s institution, most of the pieces were written for female voices only, which was challenging.”

As a freshman, Grasso joined the College’s Community Chorus as a member of the bass section and later became involved in flute lessons with Judith Elias and voice lessons with Jean Priddy. During his time here Grasso performed vocal solos in Christmas Vespers, the Spring Musical Arts Concert, Alumni Weekend and numerous voice recitals.

“My studies at Lake Erie and my BFA project prepared me to lead several rehearsals, gave me the ability to answer questions from choir members and fix problems that would arise,” said Grasso. “Being on stage in front of hundreds of people can be very intimidating, but before coming to Lake Erie I would not have had the courage and presence to be in this position.”

Grasso graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Italian studies in May 2010 and with a BFA with a music concentration in December 2010. He would like to take the knowledge and experience he gained at Lake Erie College to earn an advanced degree in music or Italian with the hopes of becoming a teacher in one of those fields.
The Lake Erie College Accounting Club is back in full swing with 30 student members representing a variety of majors and minors. The club also introduces undecided majors to the accounting field. The club, which emphasizes leadership, service and networking, provides students an opportunity to learn about and explore accounting specializations, introduces students to certifications and brings together alumni and community CPA professionals to educate and collaborate.

If you were a member of the Accounting Club, we’d like to hear from you and welcome you to a networking event. Contact Julie Ziemak at jziemak@lec.edu or 440-375-7126.

When you hear the words “healthy habits,” you’re likely to envision a list of smart foods to eat, undertaking a heart-healthy exercise program or making an internal assessment of lifestyle behaviors. However, for Julie Ziemak, assistant professor of accounting, and Justin Breidenbach, instructor of accounting, becoming fiscally fit is one lifestyle behavior they hope to teach at a very early age.

Financial Education Teaches Children Healthy Habits (FETCH) is a public service that teaches students how to build a foundation for a sound financial future. FETCH teaches fifth and sixth graders about financial literacy, budgeting, saving and spending through a fun and innovative board game designed around a busy dog park.

Ziemak and Breidenbach found that by the time students enter college, they are most often unaware of the financial responsibilities they will face, from earning a paycheck to obtaining – and paying for – their college loans.

“While our job is to educate college-age students in the areas of accounting, finance and mathematics, our commitment to financial education proves ageless. Through FETCH, children purchase a dog and navigate through the dog park, where they have to purchase basic necessities for their pet. Along the way, they try to avoid fines such as paying the dog catcher, and they try to save money for future expenses. We know that at this age, kids are either earning some money through chores around the house, baby sitting or mowing lawns. It’s important they learn and understand how to manage their money, because habits learned early in life tend to carry through to adulthood,” said Ziemak.

Ziemak and Breidenbach began their outreach by cold-calling a few Lake County, Ohio, elementary schools. “We presented at Leroy Elementary school and were fortunate to have wonderful newspaper coverage.” Following that article, our phones began to ring, several schools called and we knew there was more we could do to help,” Ziemak said.

FETCH also paved the way and sped up the resurrection of the College’s Accounting Club, once widely popular on campus. “As we worked to revive the Accounting Club, we found a core group of students we trained in FETCH who now also go into the community to teach the program,” said Breidenbach.

The unfortunate reality is most kids live in households with money issues – and that has a lasting effect on their view of money. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 77% of U.S. families are currently in debt and 46.1% hold credit card debt. “We hope to teach the basic principle, if you don’t have the money to pay for it or a plan to save for it, then you need to take a step back and see what can happen. FETCH presents this concept at a level students understand,” Breidenbach said.

FETCH was created by The Ohio CPA Foundation and The Ohio Society of CPAs. The Ohio CPA Foundation, the charitable affiliate of The Ohio Society of CPA's, funds programs that encourage Ohioans to be more fiscally responsible and also raises awareness for CPA careers.
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RICHARD KLINE DIRECTS COLLEGE SECURITY STAFF

For first-year Director of Security Richard Kline, education doesn’t need to stop outside the classroom, or even off the campus. Unlike stereotypical security departments, Kline is working to create a group that extends far beyond his personnel by developing an educated, trustworthy and motivated community around him.

With hundreds of students in their early years of self-responsibility, Kline understands that mistakes are certainly going to happen. Rather than coming down on students with dictator-like consequences, Kline believes, “College is supposed to be a learning experience; we don’t want it to be a negative experience.”

Before coming to Lake Erie College, Kline was a high-energy law enforcement professional for the Painesville Police Department for 33 years. Now as a proud member of the Lake Erie College family, Kline and his network of professionals within the Painesville Police Department create a stronger liaison between Lake Erie College security, the Painesville Police Department and the Lake County Sheriff’s Department.

Embracing the learning experience concept, Kline has engaged the community by collaborating with important people like Judge Michael Cicconetti, Painesville Law Director Joe Gurley and Juvenile Judge Karen Lawson to create a program that educates students about the severity of the consequences of non-violent crimes, such as underage drinking. Many young students don’t realize the penal severity of the laws, and as minor as underage drinking may seem, it is recorded an M1 (serious misdemeanor) that stays on their record forever, possibly prohibiting them from holding certain positions such as teaching, or any licensing type of career.

Moving forward, Kline is working to build trust between the people he protects and his staff. With Lake Erie College being an open, welcoming campus, it is very important to control access to certain areas of the school. While students may still need access to these areas at times when minimal security is available, Kline has been open to students taking pride in the school they pay for, and reporting any suspicions or incidents.

Along with giving students more access to facilities, Kline and his staff are also working to educate students about how to reduce their potential as a target. Students often leave their dorm room unlocked or property unsecured or in plain view. Something as simple as removing the temptation for criminals, or making the thief’s job difficult, reduces the chances of a crime. Beyond educating students, Kline and his staff offer shuttle services to students who don’t get their preferred parking space, and would have to walk up to a mile in the cold or darkness to get home.

Kline’s dream is to eventually have a staff and community that work together to prevent and resolve issues. One of Kline’s focuses is to ensure that students are treated with respect. “The students are a great group.” Kline said, “They respect my staff, their peers and their environment, so we have a high level of respect for them. I have the job to help someone, to keep the peace, and to help uphold the law. The team is motivated, they have the college at heart, and take pride in the safety and security of the students and the campus.” This, combined with their passion for law enforcement, gives Lake Erie College a top-notch security department.

Campus security is open 24/7. Kline or his staff can be reached by calling the security department at 440.375.7575.

by Kenneth “Rudy” Glenn ’10
**Number of alumni to create change... ONE!**

The 2010 - 2011 Annual Fund campaign began with the focus on “one.”

The past several years of Lake Erie philanthropy in a challenging economic time reinforced the message that each and every alumni gift will make an impact on the College. Through its designation to the unrestricted annual fund, donor gifts will provide scholarship opportunities for some of our best and brightest students and prospective students.

Following the late October direct mail campaign, student volunteers participated in the College’s fall phoneathon, a three-day call campaign that allows students and alumni to connect by phone. Student volunteers were a bit nervous at first but found after speaking with several alumni they had much in common because of their shared Lake Erie experiences.

The Annual Fund is on track to meet its goal of $600,000 by June 30. The unrestricted fund provides dollars for scholarships, curriculum and improvements as directed by the president. To make a contribution to the tax-deductible Annual Fund or any operating fund, contact John Linsenmeier at 440-375-7235.

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**College receives bequest from 1939 alumna**

Elizabeth “Bunny” Bachman was one of those Lake Erie College students who was active in a variety of ways on campus. She entered LEC her freshman year, majored in English and French, and made the most of her college experience.

Her senior yearbook from 1939 lists the following: Glee Club, Choir, Aviation Club (she was president her senior year), International Relations Club, Philosophy Club, French Club, Class President, Student Counselor, Junior Revue, “Lantern” Staff and “Tiber” Board. She was also involved in athletics – field hockey, basketball, swimming (she was a lifeguard her junior and senior years), track, riding and Athletic Board.

After her graduation, she worked for the Eye and Ear Hospital and Blue Cross of Western Pennsylvania, both in Pittsburgh. She retired from Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh, where she was public relations director. She enjoyed travel, sports, reading and photography and was a generous supporter of the Lake Erie College Annual Fund throughout her life.

Bunny passed away in 1999 in Venice, Fla., at age 88. She named the College one of two beneficiaries of her trust, some of the assets of which she had inherited from the trust of her friend Milo Sample, who died in 1971. Milo was the brother of Marjorie Jean Sample, who had attended Lake Erie for one year from 1925-26 and was forced to drop out because of ill health; she died tragically in 1927.

The College only recently received the estate gift from Bunny Bachman because she had also arranged for her trust to make payments to her friend, Dorothy Wallace, throughout Dorothy’s life, which ended in 2010.

Due to the generosity of two persons – an alumna and the brother of a former student – Lake Erie College received close to $400,000 as an unrestricted gift. The money is being used to assure that the students of today and tomorrow receive the same excellent educational experience that Bunny Bachman enjoyed.

For information about establishing a planned gift to benefit future generations of Lake Erie College students, contact Scott Evans, vice president for institutional advancement, at 440.375.7255 or sevans@lec.edu.
College receives gift of historic aircraft and airport

In late January, President Victor announced that Lake County resident Gretchen Reed, a retired Riverside Local Schools district teacher and avid aviatrix, donated a multi-million dollar gift to the College. The gift includes the Pheasant Run Airport located in Madison, Ohio, one of the largest vintage aircraft collections in the country and a significant endowment to support the property, planes and related programs. Reed’s late husband, Charles F. Reed, was an Air Force veteran, and he led an air/sea rescue team in Alaska. He was an executive at Avery Dennison (Fasson) and held several patents with the company.

Pheasant Run Airport is situated on 128 acres in Madison, 15 minutes east of the College’s main campus. Several hangars, two grass runways, an aviation museum, pond and woodlands comprise the property. Mrs. Reed will continue to maintain the grounds and planes with the help of friends. Lake Erie College will eventually own the airplanes. The collection includes a Fokker DR-1, a reproduction of the triplane flown by the Red Baron in World War I; a Ryan ST3-W, a fighter-trainer plane that was used in the 1942 movie “Dive Bomber” starring Errol Flynn and Fred MacMurray; an Interstate L-6, an observation scout plane used by General George Patton during World War II; and, an OTW Army trainer plane that was used in the movie “The Misfits” featuring Clark Gable and Marilyn Monroe.

“We are delighted to be the recipients of Gretchen Reed’s generosity and her husband’s tremendous legacy,” said President Victor. “We have many opportunities to incorporate the property and collections into our academic and professional development programs. Additionally, we are excited about sharing this new learning environment with our students and alumni later this year.”

More information about this recent historic gift will follow in a future issue.

CLASS OF 1960 establishes endowed scholarship fund

In recognition of the 50th anniversary of their graduation from Lake Erie College and in memory of their deceased classmates, members of the Class of 1960 have established an endowed scholarship fund. The Class of 1960 Endowed Memorial Scholarship Fund will provide scholarship support for students demonstrating financial need, with preference given to students who have shown a high level of commitment to their classmates and the College.

With matching gifts yet to come, the Class of 1960 will soon reach their goal of raising the $50,000 necessary to establish this endowed scholarship fund. The first scholarship will be awarded 12 months after the fund reaches the $50,000 total.

Joan (Blanchard) Gay, Kathie (Stamm) Havener and Delores (Persichitti) Saada were instrumental in encouraging their classmates to donate to the fund. The College thanks them for their special efforts and all members of the Class of 1960 who have donated to the fund, which will assist future students in obtaining a Lake Erie College education.

“This is the largest endowment ever established by an individual class at the College. Hopefully, it will inspire other classes to create a similar legacy,” said Scott Evans, vice president for institutional advancement.

Endowed scholarship fund established in memory of Dr. Lynde Steckle

In 2007, four former students of Dr. Lynde Steckle began an endowed scholarship fund in memory of their beloved psychology professor. Susan (Vanderwal) Cowling, Ph.D. ’67, Susan (Alexander) Cammock ‘66, Barbara A. Good ’74 and Barbara O. Murray, Ph.D. ’69 sent letters to students who had studied under Dr. Steckle requesting donations to the fund.

“The vitality of the psychology department during our years at Lake Erie College was in large part due to Dr. Steckle’s vision, guidance and encouragement to those who chose to pursue a career in psychology or a related field,” the letter said.

The College thanks all who have given to the Dr. Lynde Steckle Endowed Scholarship Fund. A minimum of $50,000 is needed before the fund is fully endowed and an initial award can be made to a deserving student.

If you wish to make a donation to this scholarship fund, please contact Holly Menzie, director of advancement services, at 440.375.7240 or hmenzie@lec.edu. This will be a wonderful way to carry forth Dr. Steckle’s legacy to future generations of Lake Erie students.
The Lake Erie College Storm Club held its third annual clambake on Aug. 5, 2010 on the grounds of the Victor Manor House, home of Lake Erie College President Michael T. Victor. Approximately 150 parents, trustees, alumni and friends were in attendance to raise awareness and funds for the College's 23 athletic teams. Stormy and the Lake Erie College cheerleaders mingled with the clambake guests as well.

On this beautiful summer evening, the guests enjoyed cocktails and a hearty dinner of clams, roast chicken and clam chowder. Athletic Director Griz Zimmermann shared recent successes in athletics and recognized the hard work and efforts of the athletes and coaches. President Victor made brief remarks about the progress of the College, including the tremendous growth in enrollment, development of new programs and overwhelming and record levels of support and fundraising.

James Raimondo, chairman of the Storm Club and one of its founders, expressed his gratitude to all contributors and guests in attendance. “Lake Erie College has made tremendous strides in its athletic programs and initiatives in a short period of time. There is a high level of enthusiasm in the region and community, and the Storm Club is there to keep it going as well as provide additional funds to enhance the athletes’ experience at Lake Erie College. I am glad to be associated with the College and the Storm Club and to assist in any way that I can,” he said.

Clambake sponsors were Ancora Advisors, Ron and Elinor Baumberger, The Bert Company, H. Jack’s Plumbing & Heating Co. and Pfeffer Insurance Company. The College thanks these sponsors as well as everyone who attended the clambake for their generous support.

Since its founding in 2008, the Storm Club has generated approximately $70,000 for athletic programs at Lake Erie College.
Welcome Back concert

Lake Erie College’s student organization, Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE), hosted its third annual “Welcome Back” Concert in August 2010 on the College Green. The concert, attended by over 1,000 people, was held in collaboration with the City of Painesville and is designed to welcome students back to school and their collegiate city. Local musical bands Trainwreck, Southern Boulevard, Nick Zuber and Call Us Kings added to the upbeat atmosphere.

“We began the concerts in 2008 to initiate activity between the students, the city of Painesville and local businesses,” said Lake Erie College alumnus Steven Abbott, the event organizer. This year’s concert included many choices of food, music and fun for the whole family and the opportunity for students to become familiar with the surrounding community.

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Rachel Riley, president of the Student Government Association, addressed the class, and the Rev. Conrad Selnick, pastor at St. Christopher by the River in Gates Mills, delivered the Benediction. The new students, faculty and administration then processed out to the music of “Trumpet Voluntary” by Henry Purcell.

The students were now officially part of the Lake Erie College community – ready to make the most of their time at the College and, eventually, to be successful in their careers and lives.

Mountain Day

Mountain Day, a tradition dating back to the early days of Lake Erie College, was celebrated on September 27, 2010. This annual celebration is a special day of rest from all classes at the College. Mountain Day is known fondly as a time of food and fun for students, faculty and staff.

Mountain Day activities vary and include many different options. This year, the College green was filled with various inflatable objects that students could try out. Teams could also participate in a treasure hunt with clues relating to the history of the College.

The College gave away $1,000 in prizes to the winning treasure hunt team (Jeremy Bilancione, Jimmy Kerrigan, Brendan McNabb and Brandon Smith). The event also included a free breakfast and lunch featuring barbecue foods.

“Our mission was to bring back the tradition and fun that many alumni remember from past years,” said Brian Schiffbauer, graduate assistant of facility management and event planning.

Members of the incoming class for the 2010-2011 academic year were officially welcomed to Lake Erie College during the traditional New Student Convocation on Aug. 18, 2010.

Family, friends, faculty and staff filled the Paul Weaver Auditorium of the Morley Music Building to greet the new class. To the music of “Rigaudon” by André Campra played by Dr. Mark Bell on the Skinner organ, the class members filed in to fill the center section of the auditorium.

President Michael T. Victor gave the convocation address, urging the students to make the most of their college experience. “As you think about how to prepare yourself to be a productive and useful citizen, remember that much of what you learn will occur outside the classroom – not just with fellow students, but also with the broader community,” he said.

Following the address, each incoming student was called individually to receive a medallion inscribed with the seal of the College from President Victor, Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Affairs Robin McDermott and Vice President for Academic Affairs and Chief Academic Officer Dr. Alison Benders. This medallion marks the beginning of each student’s academic journey, to be completed when they receive their degree during Commencement.

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Following the address, each incoming student was called individually to receive a medallion inscribed with the seal of the College from President Victor, Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Affairs Robin McDermott and Vice President for Academic Affairs and Chief Academic Officer Dr. Alison Benders. This medallion marks the beginning of each student’s academic journey, to be completed when they receive their degree during Commencement.

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Welcome Back concert

Lake Erie College’s student organization, Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE), hosted its third annual “Welcome Back” Concert in August 2010 on the College Green. The concert, attended by over 1,000 people, was held in collaboration with the City of Painesville and is designed to welcome students back to school and their collegiate city. Local musical bands Trainwreck, Southern Boulevard, Nick Zuber and Call Us Kings added to the upbeat atmosphere.

“We began the concerts in 2008 to initiate activity between the students, the city of Painesville and local businesses,” said Lake Erie College alumnus Steven Abbott, the event organizer. This year’s concert included many choices of food, music and fun for the whole family and the opportunity for students to become familiar with the surrounding community.

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Mountain Day

Mountain Day, a tradition dating back to the early days of Lake Erie College, was celebrated on September 27, 2010. This annual celebration is a special day of rest from all classes at the College. Mountain Day is known fondly as a time of food and fun for students, faculty and staff.

Mountain Day activities vary and include many different options. This year, the College green was filled with various inflatable objects that students could try out. Teams could also participate in a treasure hunt with clues relating to the history of the College.

The College gave away $1,000 in prizes to the winning treasure hunt team (Jeremy Bilancione, Jimmy Kerrigan, Brendan McNabb and Brandon Smith). The event also included a free breakfast and lunch featuring barbecue foods.

“Our mission was to bring back the tradition and fun that many alumni remember from past years,” said Brian Schiffbauer, graduate assistant of facility management and event planning.
**CHRISTMAS VESPERS**

continues long-held College tradition

The tradition of Christmas Vespers continued on campus on Sunday, Dec. 5, in the Morley Music Building. This popular concert featured the Lake Erie College Community Chorus and Flute Choir; faculty members including Professor of Music Paul Gothard III, mezzo-soprano Jean Priddy, flautist Judith Elias and organist Dr. Mark Bell performing on the E.M. Skinner organ; accompanist Roberta Whitely; and student vocal soloists.

This year’s program featured “I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day,” a selection from the late Professor Emeritus Dr. Harold Fink’s “Cantata Natalizia,” which he wrote in 1979. Also on the program was Fink’s choral work, “The Lamb,” dating from 1952. Senior Joe Grasso conducted the chorus in two pieces composed by Gothard in celebration of the College’s 125th anniversary in 1980. (See related story on page 25.)

The tree-lighting ceremony, a Christmas Vespers tradition started by former College organist and music professor David Gooding in the early 1960s, was revived this year. The Chorus led the Vespers audience in a candlelight processional to the Christmas tree outside Morley Music Building. The tree was lit and the Chorus sang, “A Day of Joyful Singing,” a carol composed by Gooding for that event.

Following the tree-lighting ceremony, students partook of a formal dinner in the Dickinson Dining Hall in the Arthur S. Holden Center. The students feasted on a scrumptious three-course meal including an entrée of beef tenderloin and a dessert of flaming cherries. This dinner revived the College tradition of the formal dinner that was always held after Christmas Vespers – students enjoyed the chance to celebrate together before finals and vacation.

**CHRISTIAN MUSIC FESTIVAL**

Strength Fest, a concert of Christian music created by the College’s Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), was held on Sunday, Nov. 21, 2010 for an audience of students, families and community members.

Based on the Bible verse Philippians 4:13, “I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength,” the concert’s focus was to strengthen individual lives and show that with God, all things are truly possible.

“Our goal was to have everyone who comes to our event not leave the same way they came in. God’s power is ultimate and endless and can change any life and circumstance,” said Ben Ehrman, president of FCA and co-organizer of the event.

The event featured four performances: Jachin, a worship band from Akron, Ohio; Christian award-nominated solo artist Abbey Gregory; Dove award-nominated band, The Corey Brooks Band and headline performer, hip-hop artist KJ-52. Mark Rein, from Cleveland radio 95.5 The Fish, hosted the event, and a meet-and-greet followed the concert.

“We are proud of the FCA for their commitment and dedication to the success of Strength Fest. In step with the traditions of the College, the Christian-centered events on campus remind us of our rich heritage, our emphasis on ‘giving back’ and the goodwill of our students,” said President Victor.
The Lake Erie College Theater Department entertained audiences with its productions of "An Error of Comedy" and "Maskerade" in October and November 2010.

Lisa Warrington, professor of theater at the University of Otago, New Zealand, guest directed "An Error of Comedy," which focuses on comic scenes from Shakespeare’s "Romeo and Juliet," "Love’s Labours Lost," Comedy of Errors," and "Two Gentlemen of Verona."

Actors Joseph Fath, Stephanie Kilper, Hilary Barnett, Michael Prince, Jessica Drake and Richard Keay are Lake Erie College students. The production had special meaning for Fath, who performed as part of the requirements for his bachelor of fine arts degree.

"Maskerade," a parody of "Phantom of the Opera," is based on a novel by Terry Pratchett. It is set in a medieval opera house, where witches and trolls are the norm. The story is set in Pratchett’s famous Discworld milieu.

Pratchett, an English novelist, is known for his comical work in the fantasy genre. "Maskerade" features two witches who come upon murderous and mysterious mayhem at the local opera house, which they attempt to solve as only witches can.

In step with the career and educational needs of many adults, Lake Erie College will launch the Adult Degree Completion Program, a tailored curriculum created for adult learners who have earned some college credit and wish to complete their bachelor’s degree. The program is scheduled to start in late May.

The program and classes are designed with work, family and lifestyle in mind. Called an "accelerated delivery format," adult learners take one class at a time, held on Tuesday evenings, in five-week blocks. With this model, participants will move through the program with 10-15 other adult learners on the same track, allowing them to build networks of learning and a unique camaraderie that helps them succeed. The program is designed for most to complete in 18 months. In addition, students will have access to career counseling and job search services through the College’s Office of Career Services. Learners in the program begin with one to three years of college credit already earned.

“Lake Erie College has a proud tradition of helping returning adult students complete their degrees, from the Garfield College in the 1980’s to the Weekend College hosting its final graduates this spring. To meet emerging educational needs for the non-traditional students, who will make up over 50 percent of college students in the decade ahead, Lake Erie College will offer an accelerated cohort program that allows adults with two years of prior college to finish the organizational management degree in about 18 months. Consistent with Lake Erie’s commitment to innovative, active and collaborative learning, the bachelor’s degree program meets a pressing demand for quality adult-centered education in Lake, Geauga and Ashtabula counties,” said Dr. Alison Benders, vice president for academic affairs.

Learners will work one-on-one with an admissions counselor who will help identify the courses they need based on prior learning credits and their anticipated career path. The College will work to develop a seamless transition of credits from other institutions, including CLEP, military training, trade and technical colleges, that count toward the degree.
Chan Carman, a Lake Erie College senior, spoke about her protégé internship with Jackie Stevenson, owner of Spirit of Leadership and an entrepreneur-in-residence at the College, at a lunchtime entrepreneurship session on Oct. 20, 2010. Chan also talked about the European Association of Horse Assisted Education (EAHAE) conference in Windsor, England, where she assisted Stevenson with a pre-conference workshop and a conference presentation.

Carman said her internship focused on experiential learning with horses. She began her 10 months at Stevenson’s ranch as a guest in a new culture, but she soon learned the language and built relationships with the horses in the herd. Carman even had the rare opportunity to interact with Holly the zebra, who had been adopted into the herd.

“I learned to challenge myself. I gained confidence and discovered passion I didn’t know I had,” Carman said. “The internship was an incredible journey from start to finish. I’ve grown as a person as well as a professional.”

Steven Gutierrez, assistant professor of integrated media, spoke about the College’s new, cutting-edge course, “Thinking Inside the Box,” at a lunchtime entrepreneurship session on November 10, 2010. The course will address emerging technologies with curriculum based on topics in product design, 3-D modeling, case studies and self-directed projects. Students will also learn how to use their skills to “think outside the box.”

Gutierrez demonstrated how a CNC machine (a machine that uses the automation of machine tools), can be used to create items such as printmaking blocks, chocolate molds and relief sculptures. The course is open to students interested in innovative product and/or art project design. Visit www.lec.edu/finearts/integrated-media to learn more.

Equestrian Workshop
Lake Erie College’s Equestrian Center hosted “Horse Sense for the Leader Within,” a workshop featuring nationally recognized equestrian leader and instructor Ariana Strozzi. The goal of this workshop, held Nov. 18, 2010, was to assist equestrians with self-development and horsemanship techniques.

As a lifelong horsewoman and master somatic coach, Strozzi has been studying, practicing and teaching leadership development since 1990. She has won a variety of championships in dressage, eventing, jumping, working cow horse, reining and gymkhana. Strozzi led the workshop for the purpose of developing equestrians’ personal and professional lives as well improving their relationships with their horses.

Strozzi is co-founder and president of Equine Guided Education Association (EGEA). She is also program director of Equine Guided Education (EGE) Programs in SkyHorse, Calif., and founder and lead instructor of the Equine Guided Certification Program offered by SkyHorse Ranch in conjunction with the EGEA.

Ingenuity Fest
Steven Gutierrez, assistant professor of integrated media, was one of three main artists to present their work at the annual Ingenuity Fest, the Cleveland Festival of Art and Technology. This festival, which draws some of the world’s most creative and innovative work, was held September 24-26, 2010 under the West Concourse of the Veterans Memorial Bridge.

Gutierrez’s piece, “Global Warming on Ice,” consists of an electric energy-producing bicycle that runs a freezer, keeping an ice sheet cold and preventing it from melting. The human-powered bicycle provided ice for nearby food and drink vendors at the festival.

Attendees were invited to help “cool the world,” learn some facts about global warming and discover what they can do to help reduce their carbon footprint.
Paper presented

A paper by Dr. Ritu Sharma, assistant professor of education, was selected for a presentation at the Sixth Biennial Conference, “Toni Morrison and Circuits of the Imagination,” held Nov. 4-7, 2010 at the University of Paris. The goal of the conference was to promote a broad exchange of ideas among the larger international community of educators and scholars.

“The active participation in this conference enabled me to expose Lake Erie College on an international scale while keeping up with the evolving trends in the world of education that will be critical in influencing student achievement,” said Dr. Sharma.

Because her paper was well received, Dr. Sharma was asked to translate some of Morrison’s work into Hindi. Dr. Sharma was also invited to present at the University of Macau in China, the Florida College English Association (FCEA) and the University of New Hampshire.

Extreme Entrepreneurship Tour

The Extreme Entrepreneurship Tour (EET) came to Lake Erie College in September 2010. The tour featured several educational sessions provided by self-made millionaires who have made significant impacts on their communities before the age of thirty.

Nick Teriaca, a Lake Erie alumnus from the class of 2010 and co-owner of the successful Sun Plum Market, served on a panel of local entrepreneurs who answered questions from the audience. Teriaca started his business in 2008 with the help of his older brother, Frank. Sun Plum Market, located in Willoughby Hills, was named the “City of Willoughby Hills’ Business of the Month” in July 2010. The company has expanded and is now operating out of a new facility, completed in August, which features a bakery and deli counter.

Also appearing on the panel was 20-year-old Jesse Srpan, an entrepreneur from Chardon. Srpan, along with his father, has been building and modifying motorcycles since the age of thirteen. He and his father established their company, Raw Iron Choppers, with the goal of creating motorcycles with an extreme custom design.

Lake Erie College students who attended the educational sessions learned valuable first-hand lessons about entrepreneurship from Teriaca and Srpan.

APOLLO’S FIRE

Morley Music Building came alive Nov. 17, 2010 as Lake Erie College welcomed back Apollo’s Fire, the Cleveland Baroque Orchestra led by Jeanette Sorrell. Over 200 friends of the College listened to nearly two hours of musical passion through the lively concertos of Vivaldi and the light-hearted dances of Handel and Rameau. The evening program also provided the backdrop for the world premiere of René Duchiffre’s Proserpine, a piece that was originally composed as a cello sonata that evolved to a “symphonie dramatique.”
The 2010 fall season marked Lake Erie’s official debut in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. And several individual Storm players made their marks, both on the field and in the classroom, by being recognized by the league’s coaches, administrators and media following their seasons.

Most notably, sophomore women’s soccer player Taylor Yurick (Olmsted Falls, Ohio/Olmsted Falls) was named to the ESPN Academic All-District IV First Team as selected by CoSIDA (College Sports Information Directors of America). The biology and chemistry double major is the first Storm women’s soccer player to earn first-team honors and is the second Lake Erie fall sport student-athlete in as many years to appear on the all-district first team, joining football’s Nick Ellis last year.

Leading the way in conference recognition were men’s soccer players Rick Carreira (Toronto, Ont./Dante Alighieri Academy) and Marco Gaudio (Cambridge, England/Impington Village College of Southern Maryland) who were named All-GLIAC First Team after strong individual seasons. The duo are the first Lake Erie players to earn first-team honors in the new league. Carreira, a redshirt sophomore, led all of NCAA Division II in total saves and saves per game as the team’s goalkeeper. Gaudio, a junior forward, tallied eight of the team’s 14 goals on the season and was among the league’s best scorers.

Junior quarterback Sean Bedevelsky (Brunswick, Ohio/Brunswick) made school history on Oct. 25 when he was named the GLIAC Offensive Player of the Week, following a 441-yard, four passing and two rushing touchdown performance in a win over Findlay. He became the first Lake Erie student-athlete to garner a conference award in the new league. The Storm football team had the most players selected to the all-conference squad, with five named as honorable mention selections. Redshirt junior receiver Brandon James (Mentor, Ohio/Mentor) and true juniors Bedevelsky, center Mike Hounshell (Willoughby, Ohio/Notre Dame Cathedral Latin) and tackle Mike Gritz (South Euclid, Ohio/Brush) were named to the team on offense while senior Kenneth “Rudy” Glenn (Shaker Heights, Ohio/Shaker Heights) was a defensive selection.

Additionally, Gritz was selected to the All-East Coast Athletic Conference (ECAC) Football All-Star Team, was selected as the team’s most outstanding player by the Greater Cleveland Touchdown Club and was nominated for the Gene Upshaw Award, which goes to the top lineman in Division II. Junior linebacker Cameron Bryant (Lorain, Ohio/Admiral King) also earned a postseason award, being named to the OhioCollegeFootball.com All-Ohio Div. II/III/NAIA Second Team.

Junior outside hitter Michelle Naab (North Royton, Ohio/North Royton) was named to the All-GLIAC Volleyball Team and freshman Jordyn Parrigan (Shelby, Ohio/Shelby) made the All-GLIAC Women’s Tennis Team, both as honorable mention selections.
Forty Student-Athletes Earn All-Academic Honors for Fall Season

A total of 40 Lake Erie College student-athletes earned recognition on the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) Fall 2010 All-Academic and All-Academic Excellence Teams, announced by the league office.

The GLIAC honored students across the league in the following sports: men’s and women’s cross country, football, men’s and women’s soccer, women’s tennis and volleyball. To be eligible for all-academic status, a student-athlete must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0-3.49 on a 4.0 scale and must not be a freshman or first-year transfer. Those with a cumulative GPA of 3.5 and higher were awarded all-academic excellence status.

“We are very proud of the hard work our student-athletes put in both on the fields of play and in the classroom,” said Director of Athletics Griz Zimmermann. “They are great examples of the quality student leaders here at Lake Erie College and of the standard of excellence that has been set by our student-athletes and sports programs.”

Twenty student-athletes were named to all-academic excellence teams and 20 to the all-academic squads. The Storm football team had the most student-athletes named to the team with a total of 12. Next was volleyball with a total of 11 selections, including a school-high seven who received all-academic excellence. The men’s and women’s soccer teams each had six awarded, while the cross country teams each had a pair and women’s tennis had one.

Fall 2010 GLIAC All-Academic Excellence Team Honorees (3.5-plus GPA)

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Growing Storm Adds Five New Staff Members and Promotes Two

The Department of Athletics recently welcomed five new full-time staff members and promoted two others. Joining the Storm family are assistant athletic trainer, Nicole Ackermann, Assistant Director of Athletics for Internal Operations, Carley Hrusovsky, head softball coach, Kristin Hall and head women’s soccer coach, Jamie Shadd. Also, Davie Carmichael was named head men’s soccer coach after serving as an assistant for two seasons with the Storm and Kim Mariotti, who had been the graduate assistant in athletic facility operations and game day management, is now the assistant to the athletic director and manages the department’s offices.

“We’re excited and fortunate to have Nicole, Carley, Brian, Kristin and Jamie join our department and for Davie and Kim to take on an increased role within our men’s soccer and administrative teams, respectively,” said Griz Zimmermann. “They bring experience, excitement and energy that will be beneficial in the growth of Storm athletics and help enhance the services we provide to student-athletes, staff, the Lake Erie community and friends and supporters of our programs.”

Ackermann was a student-athlete in track and field at the University of Mary in Bismarck, N.D., and joins the sports medicine staff to aid in the supervision, instruction and participation in the prevention, care and rehabilitation of the nearly 500 student-athletes on campus. Hrusovsky, who will be responsible for all compliance, eligibility and academic services matters for Storm student-athletes, most recently was the assistant athletic director for compliance at Dartmouth and was a four-year letterwinner on the women’s golf team as an undergraduate at Bowling Green State University, where she also earned her master’s degree. Coughlin comes to Lake Erie from nearby Division I Cleveland State, where he spent the past three years helping the Vikings become a conference power in the Horizon League. He also was a highly successful and respected high school coach in Northeast Ohio before moving into the collegiate ranks.

Hall had been an assistant at St. Andrews Presbyterian College, a Division II school in North Carolina, most recently and was also previously an assistant at her alma mater, Shreiner University. Shadd, a decorated standout as a player at Gannon University, where she also earned all-conference and all-region honors, was an assistant at Allegheny College and Millersville University before being named the Storm’s head coach.

Carmichael was an assistant with the Storm for two years before being named head coach. A graduate of Notre Dame College, he was an All-GLIAC performer as a freshman at Northwood University and was a member of the Scottish National Team in his homeland. Mariotti, a Regis College (Mass.) graduate who is currently working near completion of her master’s degree in education from Lake Erie, was promoted to a full-time staff member in November.

Winter Teams Have Early Success

The winter sports season got off to a rousing success when the newest teams, the men’s and women’s swimming and diving teams both defeated Urbana University in their inaugural match on Oct. 15. The Storm men then made school history the following day with the College’s first ever GLIAC victory over Findlay. The “Speedo Squad” has been led by freshman Daniel Torres (Chihuahua, Mexico) who has already provisionally qualified for the NCAA National Championships in the 200-meter individually medley and was named the program’s first GLIAC Swimmer of the Week following his “B” cut and two-individual race wins performance at the Notre Dame Quad.

Only a few meets into the indoor season at press time, the track and field teams have already had one automatic and three provisional qualifiers with a few others close to qualifying for the NCAA Indoor National Championships in Albuquerque, N.M. in early March. Freshman Jamil Dudley (Massillon, Ohio/Massillon) cleared 7 ½ in the high jump in his first intercollegiate meet Dec. 4 at West Virginia University to hit the automatic qualifying standard. Sophomores Eric Klucar (Medina, Ohio/Highland), Isaac Snyder (Salesville, Ohio/Buckeye Trail) and Andrea Boyd (Bedford, Ohio/Bedford) have hit provisionally qualifying in the pole vault, heptathlon and 60-meter hurdles, respectively. Sophomores Chris Burrows (Trotwood, Ohio/Trotwood Madison) and Ethan Snyder (Salesville, Ohio/Buckeye Trail), 2010 All-Americans during the outdoor season, are close to hitting the provisional marks in a couple individual meets as is the men’s 4x400-meter relay team of Burrows, the two Snyders and sophomore Quinton Harley (Rochester, N.Y./Edison Tech).
The Storm wrestling team picked up its first victory in emphatic fashion with a convincing 31-14 win over an established Seton Hill University program on Dec. 4 at the Jerome T. Osborne Family Athletic & Wellness Center. The team earned a spot in the NCAA Regional Rankings in mid-December, placing eighth and junior Sam Delpra (Chesterland, Ohio/West Geauga/Heidelberg) and freshman Josh Linden (Broadview Heights, Ohio/Brecksville-Broadview Heights) earned individual regional ranks.

The Storm basketball teams have faced some of the nation’s toughest competition in their first year in the GLIAC and have not been pushovers as league rookies. Junior forward Jen Caiola (South Russell, Ohio/Chagrin Falls), a preseason All-GLIAC pick, and junior center Stephanie Rogers (Mentor, Ohio/Mentor), who was named GLIAC Player of the Week Dec. 7, have led the Lake Erie women. On the men’s side, senior preseason All-GLIAC guard Ethan Bradshaw became the 12th player in school history to reach the 1,000-point plateau for his career during an impressive 40-point performance at Urbana on Jan. 6.

Speaker Aaron Cooksey Saving Lives with “Drop Your Pride” Message to Storm Student-Athletes

Student-Athlete Affairs, formerly Champs/Lifeskills, brought motivational speaker Aaron Cooksey to campus in October to speak to Storm student-athletes about alcohol awareness. Cooksey’s “Drop Your Pride” program is aimed at saving lives by offering students a unique look at the choices they make. A former student-athlete himself, Cooksey spoke openly about the poor decisions regarding alcohol that he made, including the ones that led to a drunk-driving fueled automobile accident on July 29, 2001 that resulted in the death of his best friend and a felony conviction and four-year prison sentence.

“When I walked out of the bar that day, there was no one there holding a sign to say ‘Hey Aaron, be careful’ or ‘Hey Aaron, watch out!’” he told the student-athletes. “But looking back, there could have been 25 people outside telling me everything bad that could happen, but I wouldn’t have listened to any of them. I thought I knew it all. I thought I’ve got this. But I did not put my pride aside, and that seemingly harmless choice at the time, began a ripple effect and changed hundreds of people’s lives.”

Aaron’s message was to encourage the student-athletes to make good decisions, especially concerning alcohol, and to not be afraid to put their pride aside and seek assistance.

“Actions have consequences, both good and bad,” he said. “If you study hard, work hard, practice hard and treat people right, good things are going to happen to you. And those bad choices, 999 out of 1,000 times, you’ll probably get away with it. But the one time I didn’t, I will spend the rest of my life saying it wasn’t worth it.”

Schedules, Updates and Mobile for your Phone at LakeErieStorm.com

For fans interested in seeing the Storm live, you can find complete spring sport schedules, as well as news and updates for all 23 varsity sports teams 24-hours a day at the official Department of Athletics website at www.LakeErieStorm.com. In addition, fans can sign up for the “Storm Alert” which will allow you to receive every news story about your favorite Storm teams right to your inbox. For the social media junkies, the Storm is on both Twitter (www.twitter.com/lecsports) and Facebook (search: Lake Erie College Athletics). And a mobile version of LakeErieStorm.com is available for your smartphone, so you can get all you need to know about the Storm right in the palm of your hand.

Beury Back from Once in a Lifetime Trek in the Amazon

Junior volleyball player Bridget Beury (Amherst, Ohio/Amherst Steele) had the opportunity to go on an eight day trek through the Amazon jungle last month with the non-profit group Impossible2Possible. Watch her discuss the journey in a video interview with Sports Information & Marketing Graduate Assistant Kyle Akins on www.LakeErieStorm.com/sports/wvball. (See story on page 23.)
Office of Career Services Helps Alumni Stand Out!

by Tyrone Wrice

The Office of Career Services for alumni is not only a necessary career-builder but an avenue to stay connected to Lake Erie College to build a strong network of friends you probably never knew you had.

Career Services continues to help the graduate not only upon graduation but many years afterwards. Here are some of the ways that Career Services promotes building a strong network of options for its graduates still seeking to strengthen their career track or simply wanting to keep in touch to help other Lake Erie College graduates:

- **Flexible Appointment Hours.** Career Services offers flexible meeting times for alumni with late afternoon and/or early evening appointments. These can be conducted in person or over the phone.
- **Resume Review, Job Search and Career Changes.** All of these issues face alumni at different stages in their career development. Career Services can assist with information and possible contacts to bridge the gap between alumni searching for their first job or in transition to changing careers.
- **The Virtual Network.** By working in tandem with the Alumni Relations Office, Career Services links Alums With Alums (AWA) that might help provide a stepping stone, a helpful suggestion or even a possible pathway to someone who might bring them closer to realizing the success of developing a new career.

Office of Professional Development Helps Your Career Stand Out!

by Kathleen Homyock

The Center for Leadership and Professional Development provides continuing education workshops designed to meet the ongoing and emerging needs of professionals in our region.

Over the past 18 months, Dr. James Eisenberg, professor of psychology, and Kathleen Homyock, center director, brought several nationally known forensic psychologists to the College. These professionals spoke on juvenile law (juvenile assessment of competency and Miranda waiver issues). The workshop series was open to students and the community.

This past January, the Equine Studies Department launched the first in a series of equine education seminars. These supplement the successful Experiential Learning with Horses certificate program, which is beginning its third year. The goal is to foster life-long relationships with alumni and the local equine community through educational seminars that will provide the most current information in the field of equine studies.

The Center for Professional Development offers a broad portfolio of leadership, education and training programs, serving individuals who seek career or personal growth and certificate/licensure renewal in their present professions. Educators, attorneys, psychologists, social workers, counselors and equine professionals represent a growing base of professions seeking programs offered by the College.

For information about spring and summer events and lectures, visit the Professional Development website at lec.edu/professional or contact Kathleen Homyock, director, at 440.375.7144.

Office of Financial Aid Helps Alumni Stand Out!

by Patricia Pangonis, ’92

Who doesn’t look forward to the day when the last student loan payment is made? Perhaps you have made that milestone in your life only to begin assisting your child with his or her college costs with a parent (PLUS) loan. No matter where you are on the continuum of college financing and repayment, Lake Erie College Financial Aid staff is here for you to answer questions you may have along the way.

Here are some tips for managing your loan repayment:

First and foremost, know what you owe. Access your federal loan history at the National Student Loan Database System (NSLDS) www.nslds.ed.gov. This website will detail your federal loans borrowed and include contact information of your loan servicer. Keep in mind that your federal loan may have started serviced by Direct Lending, but now be serviced by Sallie Mae or Great Lakes as the servicer, so you may want to have all your loan information on hand.

If at any time during repayment you are having difficulty making the monthly payment, call the servicer! There are different repayment options, including delaying repayment for a limited and specific period of time. The most important thing to remember is that you do not want to default on your student loans. Default occurs if you become 270 days delinquent. Consequences of default are serious and can be avoided by altering your repayment arrangement.

Are you preparing for your child’s college education? If so, financial aid has changed since your time! The Financial Aid office welcomes your questions about the current landscape of financial aid and educational financing. We can be reached by email at finaid@lec.edu, phone at 440.375.7100 or visit us in College Hall.
National Alumni Board

by Janeane Cappara, President, National Alumni Board

NEW MEMBERS
The National Alumni Board (NAB) is pleased to welcome the following new members with the start of 2011: Sharon Coon, Ashley Eckard, Adam Foxx, Bekki Kai Holtz, Dan McPadden, Sharan McPadden and Tatiana Lechowick Parker.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD
If you know of classmates who have demonstrated sustained excellence, accomplishment and creativity in their career or extraordinary service in their community, you may want to consider them as candidates for the Distinguished Alumni Award. Please forward a completed nomination form to Janeane Cappara, NAB President, jcappara@hotmail.com or to Susan Licate, Office of Alumni Relations, 391 West Washington Street, Painesville, Ohio, 44077. A nomination form is located on the alumni page of the College website www.lec.edu/alumni. Read more about the 2010 Distinguished Alumni Award recipient, Dr. Barbara Gould Pelowski, on page 9.

BECOME INVOLVED!
We welcome new members to the Board. If you are interested in learning more about the NAB, its mission and how our Board serves the College and you, our alumni, please contact Janeane Cappara at jcappara@hotmail.com.

Mark Baughman ’06
Sharon Coon MBA ’95
Ashley Eckard ’08
Adam Foxx ’06
Cami Harkless ’90, MBA ’05 (Secretary)
Margery Smoley Hodgkin ’64
Bekki Kai Holtz ’89
Carley Cumberworth Hosler ’72 (Treasurer)
Eric Janke ‘93 (Young Alumni Association)
Denise Molesch ’95 (Representative to the Board of Directors)
Janet Richards MacFarland ’67
Dan McPadden ’97, MBA ’01
Sharan McPadden ’00, MSE ’03
Tatiana Lechowick Parker ’93
Laurie Benson Principe ’96 (Vice-President)
Michelle Hunsinger Touart ’78
Barbara Wallace Trainor ’67 (Vice-President)
George Warnock ’07
Ted Whittington ’92

Janeane Cappara, President (bottom row, right) and members of the 2010-2011 National Alumni Board.
In-kind gifts still needed

Thank you to the many alumni and friends of the College who have donated vintage books, china, crystal and silver for use in the Victor Manor House.

Thanks to your generosity, the library is becoming filled again with books similar to those that first graced its shelves when Charles Morley added this stately room to the mansion in 1921. Also, beautiful sets of china and gorgeous pieces of crystal and silver are adding their own touches of elegance to formal dinners served at the home.

Items especially needed at this time are complete sets for 12 of silver flatware and complete sets for 12 of crystal goblets for wine and water. Please contact Holly Menzie, director of advancement services, at 440.375.7240 or hmenzie@lec.edu if you wish to donate any of these items. Thank you for helping to restore the Manor House to its former elegance!

ALUMNI GATHER FOR NORTHEASTERN OHIO RECEPTION

Alumni gathered on Sept. 1, 2010 at the Quail Hollow Country Club for the Northeastern Ohio alumni cocktail reception. President Victor spoke of the many accomplishments to date, including the launch of the College’s newest major, Integrated Media and Digital Art and Technology, the College’s philanthropic success and the progress of the Austin Hall of Science renovation.

Alumni were also introduced to incoming Director of Alumni and Public Relations, Susan Licate. An alumna with two degrees from Lake Erie, Licate said she was honored to represent the College on behalf of her fellow alumni and will work to advance the Lake Erie brand through strategic PR efforts. Janeane Cappara, president of the National Alumni Board, presented an update of activities and introduced current NAB members in attendance.

Office of Alumni Relations helps alumni stand out!

The Institutional Advancement Office of Lake Erie College is actively recruiting alumni to serve as Class Agents or regional alumni representatives. As a class agent, you will have the opportunity to work closely with the Alumni Relations office to ensure the College’s alumni information is up-to-date. Regional reps assist in planning when President Victor or his cabinet travels to their area for alumni events.

“We encourage our alumni to stay connected with Lake Erie, whether through their participation in College and community events, networking with other alumni, giving or sharing stories of their days as an LEC student,” said Susan Licate, director of alumni and public relations.

“Many alumni remember Lake Erie College when it once had class scribes. They knew the goings-on of their classmates and reported the good news and milestones in life. They helped to keep track of where their classmates were, both geographically and as they built their careers and families. These are such important pieces to the fabric of Lake Erie another example of a class tradition we hope to revive,” Licate said.

To become a class agent, contact Susan Licate at slicate@lec.edu or 440.375.7253.

Mardi Gras provides fun and funds

Alumni and friends of the College celebrated Mardi Gras 2011 in Royce Hall on Saturday, Feb. 19. Sponsored by the National Alumni Board, guests mingled while they placed bids during a silent auction, listened to Zydeco music, and feasted on foods and beverages with a Southern flair. The event drew approximately 60 attendees who escaped the cold and snow of northeast Ohio for an evening of warmth and fun.

Prizes featured during the silent auction included a week at Hilton Head in South Carolina, a custom pet portrait, baskets of theme products, and gift certificates to local restaurants and beauty salons. Guests could also have their caricatures painted and take their chances on winning mystery bottles of wine of various types and vintages.

Money raised from the event will be used by the National Alumni Board for projects that benefit the students and alumni of Lake Erie College.
1933

HELEN (WICK) GEORGE now resides at the Kingsway Arms Nursing Center in Schenectady, N.Y. She loves being in a brand new wing overlooking a golf course – it resembles a hotel. Her mind is still alert and quick and her memory is amazing. If it wasn’t for her slow walking ability, she would still be at home!

1936

ELLA (SCHULZ) LYNN dined recently with President Michael Victor and Vice President for Institutional Advancement Scott Evans in Boca Raton, Fla. Lynn, at age 97, lives independently in a retirement community in Boca Raton and was pleased to share memories of her years at Lake Erie and her life since graduation – she recalls vividly hearing Amelia Earhart speak at the College in 1936. Lynn has named Lake Erie College in her will and, by remembering the College in her estate plans, is a member of the Reuben Hitchcock Society.

1951

ELLEN (MACLACHLAN) POWERS wrote President Victor from her home in Humble, Texas. A proud alumna, she praised the College administration, staff and students for the enormous progress the College has made during the past few years.

1958

SARAH (SHELATREE) MAXWELL married Frank Maxwell on Nov. 17, 2010.

1959

BARBARA D’ATRI shared the following news with ANN (HERSCHMAN) SHEarer: “Always good to hear news of my LEC Class of ’59. I was sorry to have missed the reunion in ’09 but I was in Italy for a couple of months.

Since my retirement I have been to Italy almost yearly, studied Art History, History of Opera and Italian Language at the British Institute of Florence in three-month periods over three years.

Winter Term Abroad (WTA) changed me forever, and my love of travel has grown from France (WTA) to Italy where I have met many cousins and learned so much about my Italian heritage!

I was in Painesville with my granddaughter for a Prospective Student Day which was also Alumni Weekend. I saw a few girls from the Class of 1960 and was in Social Hall when President Victor dedicated the room to Louise Price. I can’t tell you how wonderful I thought the campus looked, and was so pleased to meet President Victor. He was charming, intelligent and quite visible among the students and alumni.”

Barbara also writes: “ELAINE (SCALZI) HOPKINS was my WTA roommate in Grenoble, and I was able to contact her through the alumni e-mail listing. I’ve also been in touch with JOANN HALE and SUE (SCHOEDINGER) ELLIS via the internet. SALLY (FIREBAUGH) DEVNEY and I have played phone tag – too bad I live an hour away from her and don’t see her very often. I have probably become that proverbial old lady in Arizona who hates to drive in traffic! I DO hope to see Sally soon.

Always nice to hear news from the Class of ’59, and also of the College as it is today. Love, Barbara” (Nov. 5, 2010)

SHERRILYN (MAERLENDER) SUGRUE welcomed three new great-grandchildren in 2010 – Sophie Sugrue on Feb. 5, Alyssa Heidt on July 26 and Benjamin Smith on Nov. 6.

1961

CAROL SUE (WOODHEAD) HILL revisited her WTA site in Trogen, Switzerland, for the second time in fall, 2010. She wrote, “Both the Kinderdorf and my missions have changed through the years, but the Swiss countryside still invokes the same magic.”

1964

KAPPY (WILLIAMS) BOWERS has a business with 32 employees and a small farm with four horses, 12 dogs and 10+ cats (all animal rescues). She travels to China every year and is studying Tai Chi and Chinese.
1967

Suzanne (Boland) Tarricone and Merlene (Cuttien) Davis have remained friends and in touch since they were roommates over 40 years ago. Tarricone wrote, “We even found time to visit NYC together for our 60th birthdays, and will try another trip when we can. Living on opposite coasts (Washington and New York), this takes a little planning!”

1972

Carol (Rosoff) Rosengarten retired in June 2010 after 33 years helping students as a learning disability specialist at Westwood High School in Westwood, Mass. A person with learning disabilities herself, she has devoted her life to helping students who struggled just like she did. Rosengarten still works full-time as a special education instructional aide.

1977

Candice (Cain) Dunnigan recently published a book called “Horse Tales from Mackinac: A Collection of Stories from the Mackinac Island Town Crier.” The stories are based in Michigan’s Mackinac Island, where no autos or trucks are allowed – only horses. Dunnigan is a long-time resident, equestrian and writer on Mackinac Island.

1978

Stephen B. Perry is senior managing director of Linsalata Capital Partners in Mayfield Hts., Ohio.

1979

Joseph Varhol is branch manager of the new Madison Banking Center of Andover Bank in Madison, Ohio.

1984

Amy Atwell traded the stage for the page more than a decade ago when she left theater work to pursue writing fiction. Her debut romantic suspense novel, “Lying Eyes,” was released as a digital book from Harlequin’s Carina Press in November 2010 and as an audio book by Audible.com in December 2010. Atwell is married and lives on a barrier island in northeast Florida. She blogs regularly at “What’s the Story?”, discussing all types of storytelling. Her website is www.amyatwell.com.

1996

Kim (Peters) Barone won the $10,000 USHJA International Hunter Derby aboard Rex the Wonder Horse at the Colorado Classic Summer Horse Show in Parker, Colo., in July. Barone, a trainer from Watertown, Minn., earned the win on Rex over 26 other horses in this event.

2000

Kat (Rzucidlo) Bort and her husband, Michael, were married June 16, 2001 and will soon celebrate their tenth anniversary. Since 2003, Kat has been farm manager of the Sweetbriar Suri Alpaca Farm, one of the top Suri farms in the U.S. She oversees the daily operations, health care, breeding program, office duties and record keeping for 100 alpacas. She also trains young animals in preparation for the show ring – they compete nationally.

The couple’s son, Alexander Michael Bort, was born June 1, 2009.

2002

Jody (Bayorek) Tucker and her husband, Mike, welcomed their first child, Luke, on Sept. 4, 2010.

2003

Marcie (Whitacre) Horbus and her husband, Craig, welcomed a new son, Miles Steven Horbus, on Aug. 18, 2010. He weighed 8 lbs. 7 oz. and was 20-1/2 inches long. This is the first child for the proud parents. Marcie is a kindergarten teacher for the Girard City Schools in Girard, Ohio.
DEBORAH CATTELL is an eighth-grade social studies teacher at Heritage Middle School in Painesville, Ohio. She is co-chair of the school’s Parent Outreach Committee, through which she helps people in need throughout the city.

ESTHER MORGAN works for BETTY (YOPKO) WEIBEL ’80 at Yopko Penhallurick Public Relations in Chagrin Falls, Ohio, covering such events as the Pennsylvania National Horse Show, Chagrin Valley Hunter Jumper Classic and American Gold Cup. She also works as a graduate language assistant for the Lake Erie College French department and is pursuing her master of business administration degree at the College.

NICOLE DICORTI participated in the Cacchione Cup, individual championships for open riders from colleges throughout the U.S., in Lexington, Ky., in May. DiCorti was one of 31 riders who qualified for the national Cacchione Cup based on her riding accomplishments throughout last season.

2009

Hendrik and Jennifer Wolfert welcomed a son, Hendrik Arie Wolfert, Sept. 7, 2010. The Wolferts also have a daughter, McKenzie, age 6. Hendrik is assistant director of admissions.


Mike and Valerie Krahe welcomed a daughter, Kendall Rae Krahe, Dec. 21, 2010. The Krahes have another daughter, Carolina, age 3. Mike is assistant football coach.


2010

UPCOMING COLLEGE EVENTS

April 7, 8, 9 & 10
“REQUIEM” and “JET OF BLOOD,” 7:30 p.m. Apr. 7-10; 2:00 p.m. Apr. 10. C. K. Rickel Theatre, Royce Hall. $2.00 general admission; tickets free to Lake Erie College students, faculty and staff

April 7
BFA ART SHOW – OPENING RECEPTION, work of Christina Hannan, 5:30 p.m., B. K. Smith Gallery, Royce Hall

April 16-17
JUMPER PRIX DE VILLES, George M. Humphrey Equestrian Center

April 28-29
DANCE CONCERT, 7:30 p.m., C. K. Rickel Theatre, Royce Hall

May 1
SPRING MUSICAL ARTS CONCERT, 4:00 p.m., Morley Music Building. BFA presentation by pianist Deborah Hoffman

May 13
HONORS CONVOCATION, 1:00 p.m., Morley Music Building

May 15
COMMENCEMENT, 11:00 a.m., Jerome T. Osborne Family Athletic & Wellness Center. Ticket required

May 24
DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN OF THE WESTERN RESERVE Reception 6:00 p.m., dinner 7:00 p.m., presentation of awards, 8:00 p.m., Kirtland Country Club

August 16
GOLF OUTING, Kirtland Country Club

September 23-25
ALUMNI HOMECOMING/WEEEKEND

November 3
FOUNDERS DAY

Visit the Lake Erie College website, www.lec.edu, or call the College at 800.533.4996 for detailed information about these and other College events.
MARRIAGE ANNOUNCEMENT

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

HONOR OR ACHIEVEMENT

ALUMNI RECOGNITION

NAME last name/first/middle/maiden

SPOUSE last name/first/middle/maiden

HOME ADDRESS number/street/apartment/city/state/zip

TELEPHONE                     E-MAIL ADDRESS

CLASS YEAR              DEGREE              BIRTH DATE

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NAME

OCCUPATION

EMPLOYER

ADDRESS number/street/apartment/city/state/zip

PHONE/E-MAIL ADDRESS

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EMPLOYER

ADDRESS number/street/apartment/city/state/zip

PHONE/E-MAIL ADDRESS

CHILD’S NAME

SEX: MALE FEMALE

DOB: month/day/year

SIBLING’S NAME

SEX: MALE FEMALE

DOB: month/day/year

SIBLING’S NAME

SEX: MALE FEMALE

DOB: month/day/year

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Office of Alumni Relations
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Painesville, Oh 44077

or you can reach us at:

LECalumni@lec.edu
440.375.7253

You also may update your information online at:

www.lec.edu/alumni

Pictures are welcome!

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

If you need additional space attach more pages.
ELEANOR (WEITZEL) RITTS
Pittsburgh, Pa., passed away Dec. 3, 2010 at age 103. She was executive director of the Butler County Board of Assistance, from which she retired in 1972. She was a member of Covenant Presbyterian Church and a former member of the Soroptimist Club and Senior Women’s Club. She was also active with Meals on Wheels.

She is survived by a son, William (Patricia); daughters, Mary Hammonds and Diana (Kenneth) Folsom; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, William.

1931

VIRGINIA (LITTLE) COLTRIN
Jackson, Miss., died Aug. 17, 2010 at age 100. She excelled at Lake Erie as a scholar and gifted track and field athlete. As a teenager, she attended summer camp in Western North Carolina and fell in love with the area. Although she lived in several states, the mountains of North Carolina were where she was the happiest. She was a brave, independent and determined woman who faced all of life's challenges head-on. She lived life to its fullest and was well-read on a number of subjects.

She is survived by her children, David (Debbie), Charles (Joyce), Mark (Sherry), and Susan (John) Morgan; seven grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

1932

HARRIET (NORTHROP) CRESSY
Smithfield, R.I., passed away Nov. 15, 2010 at age 99. She graduated in the first master's in nursing class from Yale University in 1937. Her nursing career began in pediatrics and included positions in community health and nursing education. She was instrumental in the development of the first home health-aid program in the country and participated in the design of the first nursing program at Mohegan Community College, Norwich, Conn.

She is survived by six children: Peter Cressy, Peggy Cressy (LEC '64), Judith Crosley (LEC '65), David Cressy, Catherine Cressy and John Cressy; 17 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; a niece; and two grand-nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Norman L. Cressy, M.D.

1934

HELEN HUTT
Port Clinton, Ohio, died Aug. 24, 2010 at age 97. She received her master's degree from Columbia University and was a teacher in schools and colleges. In 1943, she worked for the American Red Cross in Europe, Panama and the Pacific and later for the Welfare Department and Children's Services. She volunteered for the American Red Cross as a swimming instructor and for blood collection and disaster relief programs. In 2007, she was honored by the Red Cross for 80 years of volunteer service.

She was a member of the First Congregational Church of Elyria and the Trinity United Methodist Church, Business and Professional Women of Port Clinton. She was a longtime member of the Riverview Auxiliary and the Magruder Hospital Auxiliary, a board member for the Red Cross and Home Health and Hospice, and a member of Women in Military Service of America. Her interests included world travel and a love for Lake Erie's natural beauty.

She is survived by her nephew, Larry Hutt, and niece, Linda Hull.

1937

BARBARA (CLARK) GRAM
Pensacola, Fla., passed away Apr. 16, 2010. During World War II, she ferried planes until she became personnel director at a manufacturing plant. She also had vocations ranging from modeling shoes to writing technical reports for Ford and GM, to being a travel agent. Throughout her life she was active in the Episcopal church, local theater groups, the Red Cross, Daughters of the American Revolution, hospital auxiliaries, library service organizations, Meals on Wheels, and retirement centers. She supported many political and charitable organizations and the arts. After retiring from teaching twice, at 82 and then 90, she moved to Florida where she began integrating herself into Pensacola culture.

She is survived by her sons, Peter (Harriet) and Steven; three granddaughters; and three great-grandchildren.

JEAN (MACFEE) WISTAR
Williamsburg, Va., passed away Aug. 1, 2010. After graduation, she taught high school in Shamokin, Pa. She lived in Williamsburg for 30 years, where she was a member of Williamsburg Presbyterian Church.

She is survived by her husband of 70 years, Charles; son, Charles (Andrea); daughter, Nancy Goodell; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

1938

VIRGINIA (HITT) THALMAN-KINNEY
Shaker Hts., Ohio, passed away Aug. 10, 2010. Ginny was a national and regional champion tennis player and was inducted into the Lake Erie College Athletic Hall of Fame in 2005. She was a member of the Moses Cleaveland Chapter of the DAR, the Cleveland Skating Club and the Cleveland Yachting Club, among others.

She is survived by her children, John Thalman, James (Heather) Thalman and Anne Thalman; and grandchild, Jamie Thalman; two siblings; five nieces and nephews; and four stepchildren.

1942

EVELYN (FRANKS) MCCUNE
Topeka, Kan., passed away Sept. 8, 2010. She worked for two years for the Goodyear Aircraft Corporation in Akron, Ohio, and...
moved to Topeka in 1951. She was a member of First Congregational Church, where she sang in the chancel choir for 38 years and served on the Board of Deacons, Board of Trustees and Music Committee. She was a member of the American Association of University Women and the Topeka Home Economists in Homemaking. She was a volunteer at Stormont-Vail Healthcare and served on the Auxiliary Board for over 30 years.

She is survived by her husband, James McCune, whom she married in 1943; daughter, Sandra Mitchell (Stan); son, James McCune (Donna); daughter, Barbara Nutsch (Bob); nine grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

FRANCES (WORONOWICZ) WANDA

Grand Beach, Mich., passed away Oct. 18, 2010. She was employed by the U.S. Government Department of War in Washington, D.C. from 1942-45 and was on the boards of civic and professional organizations in North Muskegon, Mich. from 1954-64. She worked for the U.S. Government Department of Treasury Internal Revenue Service from 1966-83, when she retired. She was an accomplished seamstress and enjoyed painting with watercolors, attending Chicago Lyric operas and golfing. She had also collected many interesting dictionaries over the years.

She is survived by her daughter, Kandis Ruffner, and her grandson, Bradley Ruffner. She was preceded in death by her husband, Francis, in 2007.

JULIA (DECHANT) FITZSIMMONS CORTESE

Chagrin Falls, Ohio, passed away Feb. 15, 2010. She began her career by participating in pioneering biomedical research at the laboratories of the Rockefeller Institute in New York City and later at McLean Hospital, Harvard Medical School’s affiliate. After her first husband, Samuel Fitzsimmons, died in 1959, she received a master’s degree in education from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland and first taught at Monticello Junior High School in Cleveland Heights, Ohio. She then taught the sciences (especially biology) to young women for 17 years at Hathaway Brown School in Shaker Heights, and to young boys for 11 years at University School in Shaker Heights.

In 1974 she received the Distinguished Teacher award from the Independent Schools Association of the Central States and, in 1983, the Judy Cortese Science Chair was endowed at Hathaway Brown School in her honor. She served as president of the Board of Trustees at The Andrews School in Willoughby, Ohio, and the new science wing there was named for her. She was a Sunday school teacher and member of the Altar Guild at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Cleveland Hts., was founder and board member of the Global Issues Resource Center of Cuyahoga Community College, and was a docent at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History and an educator at the Cleveland Health Museum.

She is survived by her husband, Joseph; four children, Samuel Fitzsimmons (Mary Owen), Elizabeth (David) Barclay, Carol (L.

Manlius) Sargent, and Sarah Fitzsimmons (Richard Schoenberger); seven grandchildren; a sister; six nephews; and a sister-in-law. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Samuel Fitzsimmons, in 1959.

SALLY (HITT) FULLER

Coral Gables, Fla., passed away Dec. 31, 2010. She played the number one position on the College’s tennis team for three years and, in senior tennis competition, she was a seven-time national champion. During the war, she worked in the operations department of Pan American Airways at Dinner Key, and then volunteered to serve in the Red Cross in the Philippines. Following the war, she worked for Eastern Airlines in the sales department and was also an aviatrix.

She is survived by a brother and eight nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Jack Fuller.

1943

PATRICIA (SULLIVAN) FALCONER

Bedford, Mass., passed away Sept. 23, 2010. She completed a master’s degree in sociology as one of the first woman graduate students at Philadelphia University. After graduate school, she was instrumental in designing and implementing education programs at theYWCA in Erie. She earned a second master’s degree in education at Edinboro University and subsequently led adult education seminars there in mass media and contemporary culture. From 1968-91 she lived in Lexington, Mass., where she taught history and social studies at Lexington High School, served as a housemaster and played an active role in developing the Education Without Walls program.

She returned to Pennsylvania in 1991 and spent the last 20 years engaged in numerous activities with her late husband, George. She and George enjoyed traveling throughout the country and camping in their RV, and she was an avid tennis player and golfer. In later years, she and George spent winters at their home in Titusville, Fla., and summers at Pocono Lake Preserve, Pa.

She is survived by five children, Patricia DiSesa, Diane Rochfort, Martha Schluster, Margaret Busa and Constance DiGiuli; and 13 grandchildren.

ELIZABETH (RUNNETTE) WEIL

Pittsburgh, Pa., passed away July 11, 2010. She attended Lake Erie College her freshman year only and then Chatham College. During World War II, she was a volunteer driver who transported troops around Pittsburgh. She was one of Western Pennsylvania’s top amateur tennis and platform tennis players during the 60s and
She worked as a children’s librarian at the East 185th Street branch in Pittsburgh, and was married by Dr. Paul Weaver. Lansdale, Pa., died Aug. 19, 2010. She met her husband, Robert Pangborn, while at Lake Erie and was married by Dr. Paul Weaver. She worked as a children’s librarian at the East 185th Street branch of the Cleveland Public Library and then received her master’s degree in library science from Case Western Reserve University. She worked as a librarian throughout her life — at the Costume Institute of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City, Cranbrook School for Boys in Bloomfield Hills, Mich., Craig House in Pittsburgh, and the Pittsburgh Public Schools, from which she retired in 1998. In 2008, she and her husband moved to the Philadelphia area to be near her children and grandchildren. She was 70s; later, she ran and promoted women’s tennis in the area.

She is survived by a son, Edgar (Myra) Weil III; a granddaughter; two brothers; four nieces; one nephew; and several cousins.

1947

MARILYN (HACKETT) BARRETT

Olmsted Falls, Ohio, died May 10, 2010. She is survived by her children, Paul, Amy, David (Ramona) and F. Richard III (Paige); and four grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Frederick Richard II.

1949

JOY (YOUPI) SUHAY

Clarks Summit, Pa., passed away Dec. 13, 2010. She also attended the University of Iowa and Augustana College, Sioux Falls, S.D. and was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church.

She is survived by daughter, Dr. Brooke J. Cannon, two granddaughters; and nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband of 46 years, Dr. Joseph A. Suhay.

1954

MARY ELLEN (SCHAEFER) GRAINER

Roanoke, Va., passed away Nov. 29, 2010. She spent her life as a homemaker.

She is survived by her son, Michael (Norma); and granddaughter, Sarah (Andy). She was preceded in death by her husband.

1956

NANCY (KERR) KNAUSS

Hamburg, N.Y., died Jan. 5, 2010. She attended Lake Erie College but did not graduate. She is survived by her husband, Earl; children, David (Jacki), Beth (Douglas) Stormer, and Martin (Kristine); eight grandchildren; a brother-in-law and sister-in-law; and six nieces.

1957

MARGARET “PEGSIE” (WHEELER) PANGBORN-GILLIS

Lansdale, Pa., died Aug. 19, 2010. She met her husband, Robert Pangborn, while at Lake Erie and was married by Dr. Paul Weaver. She worked as a children’s librarian at the East 185th Street branch of the Cleveland Public Library and then received her master’s degree in library science from Case Western Reserve University. She worked as a librarian throughout her life — at the Costume Institute of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City, Cranbrook School for Boys in Bloomfield Hills, Mich., Craig House in Pittsburgh, and the Pittsburgh Public Schools, from which she retired in 1998. In 2008, she and her husband moved to the Philadelphia area to be near her children and grandchildren. She was an animal lover and crusader for world peace.

She is survived by her husband of 29 years, Mancel Gillis; daughters, Tracey and Paige; son-in-law, Hank and his family; and two grandchildren.

1958

CHARLES HOIS

Pittsburgh, Pa., died Feb. 21, 2010. He is survived by his wife, Audrey (Pattison) Hois, LEC Class of ’58; sons, Charles, James (Barbara), Brian (Lorenza) and David (Christine); four grandchildren; and a sister.

1958

CAROL BELLE STEIN

Johnstown, Ohio, passed away Dec. 6, 2010. She received her master’s and Ph.D. degrees from The Ohio State University. She worked as a curator at the OSU Museum of Zoology, where she conducted research on freshwater mollusks for 31 years. Her greatest love was her dogs: She trained, showed and rescued dogs, was involved with the Columbus All-Breed Training Club for many years, helped 4-H clubs and persons interested in training and rescuing dogs, and trained and worked therapy dogs with Therapy Dogs International.

She is survived by sisters, Sandy Bloom and Sunny Humphrey; five nieces and nephews; and great-nieces and nephews.

1960

JEAN (MANN) LONG

Hartford, Conn., passed away Aug. 13, 2010. She received her MSW from West Virginia University. While working at The Village in Hartford, Conn. and Kingsly Juvenile Center in Arcadia, Fla., she mentored social workers. Throughout her career she served on many boards and committees, including the First United Church of Christ in Simsbury, Conn., where she was the first female president. Although she was so successful in her career, the highlight of her life was her family and friends.

She is survived by her husband, Ronald; sons, Raymond “Chip” (Andrea) and Jonathan (Vanessa); stepson, Gordon (Jane) and stepdaughter, Lucinda (Stuart) Hudgins; eight grandchildren; a sister; and a brother.

1967

MARILYN (HATCH) BEAULIEU

Barrington, N.H., died Nov. 7, 2010. She taught elementary school in the Crotched Mountain and Methuen, Mass., school systems and, in later years, was a teaching assistant for special needs students in the Oyster River school system. She was passionate about genealogy and the history of New England and enjoyed exploring New England historical sites. She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Franco-American Genealogical Society, and the New Hampshire Historical Society. She served as a volunteer Granite State Ambassador, welcoming visitors to New Hampshire. She loved the beauty of the natural
world and enjoyed photographing flowers and birds and spending time with her cats.

She is survived by her mother, Bernice Vincent; husband, Denis Beaulieu, sister, Donna (Bill) Sharp; sons, William, Brett (Lauren) and Brian; two grandchildren; an uncle; and many friends.

1979

BARBARA LOWE

Chardon, Ohio, passed away Oct. 17, 2010. She received her bachelor's degree from Marietta College and her master of science in education from Lake Erie College. She taught fourth grade at Maple Elementary School in Chardon for 25 years, retiring in 1997. She was active in the Pilgrim Christian Church in Chardon, enjoyed traveling and was an avid map reader and storm chaser. After retirement, she continued to support education and volunteered with the Title 1 reading program. She spent her summers at her family homestead in Thomasville, Nova Scotia.

She is survived by her children, Martha (Thomas) Ward, Elizabeth Bechkowiak, Susan Gray, Jennifer (Jon) Shaffer, and Thomas (Dawn) Lowe; 13 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, William B. Lowe.

1980

STEVE KLADAR

North Canton, Ohio, died Aug. 27, 2010. He was a medic in the United States Army during Vietnam. He attended Lakeland Community College and earned his bachelor's degree in business administration from Lake Erie College. He was an associate professor of business at Kent State University, Stark Campus. He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles – North Canton, Fraternal Order of Orioles Nest #268 and the Canton V.F.W.

He is survived by his brother and sister-in-law, Paul and Lynn Kladar; and two nieces.

1985

FRANK KUCHIRCHUK

Mentor, Ohio, died July 27, 2010 at Ohio Veterans Home in Sandusky, Ohio. He had been recognized internationally for his performance photos of more than 100 jazz artists. He served his country in the U.S. Army, was a member of the Press Club of Cleveland, was a past president of the Lake County Council on Aging, and served on the boards of the senior advisory council at Lakeland Community College and Lake Metroparks. He was a vestryman at St. James Episcopal Church, and a member and cook at Elks Lodge 549 in Painesville.

He is survived by his daughter, Sarah (Alan) Kall; and two granddaughters.

1991

MARY KANANEN

Conneaut, Ohio, died Sept. 20, 2010. She received her bachelor's degree from Mercyhurst College and her M.S.Ed. degree from Lake Erie College. She taught English and Latin in the Conneaut School District for 33 years at the secondary level. After retirement, she taught younger children at St. Frances Cabrini School and, after this school closed, she tutored in an after-school program for the county. She was a member of the Conneaut Moose Club, the Retired Teachers Association, a book club and the Polish Ladies Organization.

She is survived by her husband, Richard; sons, Reid (Robin), Rick, and Mark (Lori); daughter, Renee (Clay); two brothers; four aunts; an uncle; six grandchildren; a mother-in-law; a brother-in-law; and several nieces and nephews.

1992

TIMOTHY J. HIPPELY

Edinboro, Pa., passed away Nov. 20, 2010. He served with the United States Air Force in Vietnam, where he received the Purple Heart. His first worked at White Motors, was a general foreman at the Perry Nuclear Power Plant, and spent the last 16 years of his career as an accountant and unit supervisor at the Defense Finance and Accounting Service. He was a skilled carpenter, and he enjoyed gardening and traveling with his wife and family. He had a deep appreciation for architecture, history and nature, especially hiking and the national parks. He also had a keen eye for photography, enjoyed art and was fond of cooking.

He is survived by his wife, Ann; children, Timothy and Jennifer; siblings, David, Barbara Burdette, Edward, Angela Nash, Gregory, Victor, Teresa Braid, Martin, and Monica Whitesell; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

1994

SUSAN EVANSON

Mentor, Ohio, passed away Nov. 23, 2010. She enjoyed cooking and spending time with her dogs.

She is survived by daughters, Lisa (Richard) Genzen and Alicia Evanson; four grandchildren; two nephews; and other family members.

1995

TERRY (CLAYMAN) LONG

Lynchburg, Va., died Oct. 27, 2010. She was born and raised in Painesville and had moved to Lynchburg 13 years ago. She is survived by her stepfather, James (Gene) Patrick; husband, Jeff Long; son, Brandon; twin brother, Barry (Debra) Clayman; sister, Synthia Wright-Banks; three nieces; a nephew; an uncle; and many cousins.
FREDDERICK JAY STEPHENSON, JR.
Ashtabula, Ohio, passed away Nov. 20, 2010. He enjoyed reading, especially science fiction, watching movies and critiquing them with his friends and family. He was artistically gifted and enjoyed painting when time permitted. He had begun to pursue his graduate degree in English at Cleveland State University.

He is survived by his children, Rick A Stephenson and Kaitlyn Stephenson; the mother of his children, Karen Stephenson; a sister; his parents; nieces and nephews; and a great-nephew.

FRIENDS

WILLIAM O. BRAHLER, JR., Perry, Ohio, died Dec. 31, 2010. He taught in the education and management studies departments at Lake Erie College from 1991-2003, and he was director of the Weekend College from 1993-2000. Previously, he was director of special services for the Painesville Township school system from 1977-90, principal of elementary schools in Wynford and Painesville Township, and a fifth grade teacher in the Diocese of Youngstown and Youngstown City Schools. Brahler was a park ranger for Lake County Metroparks, president of the Perry Library board and a member of Knights of Columbus. He also served on the zoning appeals board of Perry Township.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; children, William (Karen) Brahler III and Elisabeth (Kevin) Mortimer; five grandchildren; a sister; and many nieces and nephews.

HELEN CHILDS, Painesville, Ohio, passed away Nov. 13, 2010. She was a secretary for former President Paul Weaver at the College. She is survived by her sons, Douglas (Sherry), Robert (Linda), and John (Barbara); daughter, Gloria; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

JANET HAMBURG, Lawrence, Kan., died Nov. 6, 2010. She was on the faculty at Lake Erie College from about 1977-79. She was a dance professor at Kansas University, where she had been on the faculty beginning in 1979 and had gained international recognition for her work in movement analysis and its applications in treating Parkinson’s disease.

She is survived by her partner of 30 years, Lynn Bretz; two aunts; and many cousins.

RUSSELL L. RISLEY, Concord Twp., Ohio, died July 13, 2010. Retired, he had previously been employed in the maintenance department at Lake Erie College. He is survived by his longtime companion, Maryanne Moravec; son, Russell; daughter, Rebecca, two grandchildren; a sister; and several cousins.

MICHAEL D. SBROCCO, Longwood, Fla., died Aug. 19, 2010. He attended Lake Erie College, enjoyed playing and watching soccer and baseball, and loved travel. He is survived by his parents, Michael and Lois; sister, Patricia Purcell (LEC Class of 1993); a nephew; and two aunts.

FREDERICK WILLIAM VAUGHN, Mentor, Ohio, passed away Dec. 17, 2010. He served in the Vietnam War and retired from the U.S. Air Force after 28 years of service. He was an instructor at Lake Erie College.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Joan Ann; children, Tod (Lisa) Vaughn, Laura (Michael) Biggs; one grandson; three brothers; one sister-in-law; and many relatives and friends.

CAROLINE WAINIONPAA, Mentor, Ohio, passed away Sept. 24, 2010. She retired from the housekeeping department of the Lake County Courthouse, prior to which she worked at the College and was a butcher at several area grocery stores.

She is survived by daughters, Aileen Lampella and Ann Woodside; son, Melvin (Mary Ellen) Wainio; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; a niece; and a nephew.
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