Fox Hunting
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Effective strategic planning is the lynchpin for successful management of educational institutions.

In our rapidly changing world, the key element of any strategic plan is differentiation. What makes Lake Erie College different from other educational institutions? Over the last two years, our faculty, staff, students, board members, community members and friends have worked hand-in-hand to develop a new vision for Lake Erie College. Final approval of the new College strategic plan will occur this spring, but I want to address some of the challenges facing higher education today and how your College is set to overcome those obstacles.

Strategic planning is a means of establishing major directions for the university, college/school or department. Through strategic planning, resources are concentrated in a limited number of major directions in order to maximize benefits to stakeholders – those we exist to serve and who are affected by the choices we make. In higher education, those stakeholders include students, employers of graduates, funding agencies and society, as well as internal stakeholders such as faculty and staff. Strategic planning is a structured approach to anticipating the future.

Traditional financial resources for the support of higher education are not likely to increase. Cutbacks are the norm in educational financing. As a result, larger institutions have addressed this issue providing inexpensive, standardized, virtual reality courses that have replaced self-developed courses and full-time faculty. The internet and on-line courses have replaced classrooms and people and have bypassed the traditional forums and tenants upon which educational institutions were founded. Nevertheless, tuition and expenses continue to escalate at alarming rates.

The 2014 Lake Erie College Strategic Plan for the Future affirms its commitment “to providing an environment that stimulates intellectual curiosity, personal development and community involvement to prepare students to succeed as practitioners, professionals and responsible citizens in a contemporary world” (proposed new Mission Statement at the June 19, 2013 Strategic Planning Committee retreat). In accordance with our history, mission and vision, Lake Erie College affirms these core values: high quality, personal development, integrity, relevance, service and community.

In times that have seen less and less personal interaction, Lake Erie College will stay the course and adhere to its values of dedicating itself to personalized education – where our students will know one another’s names, where faculty will recognize the needs of our students, and where the administration and board of directors will make deliberate and careful fiscal choices that allow Lake Erie College to remain as each of our alumni remember it: an institution that provides a diverse, high quality, educational experience. I encourage you to join us by getting more involved with your gifts of time, talent and treasure.

Core values, personal development and clear direction differentiate LEC!
Lake Erie College “rides to the hounds” with the Chagrin Valley Hunt

by Cami Blanchard ’90, MBA ’05 and Holly Menzie MBA ’06

Foxhunting is the grand opera of hunting. Mother Nature is the stage manager; baying hounds and hunting horns are the orchestra; pack and prey are the actors. Huntsmen and horses – in front-row seats – make up the audience. As they watch, the plot gradually plays out before them until the prey at last is lost, accounted for or goes to ground. Every performance is unique; no show is ever repeated.

--From the book “Whipper-in,” by Dennis J. Foster

This was the scene at the Chagrin Valley Hunt on Sept. 22, 2013, during the inaugural hunt of the fall season. The history and pageantry remained the same; what was different this year was that the hunt included two riders from Lake Erie College. Junior student Samantha Parks and Director of Horse Care Linnea Swanson ’11 were honored to join approximately 65 horses and riders, donned in traditional formal hunt attire, at this year’s Blessing Hunt.

Parks and Swanson were participating in the hunt as part of the inaugural “Riding to the Hounds” class being taught at Lake Erie College during fall semester. This class, developed through a collaborative relationship with the Chagrin Valley Hunt and Durkee Hill Stables, included classroom lectures about the ancient sport of fox hunting and the experience of riding in a minimum of two and a maximum of four field hunts.

This inaugural class, unique for a college curriculum, was offered for one semester hour of credit during fall semester 2013. Dr. Pam Hess, dean of the School of Equine Studies, said it provided an extraordinary opportunity for Lake Erie College students to learn about fox hunting and participate in a field hunt.

“It provided an opportunity for our riders to experience the joy of riding with the Chagrin Valley Hunt in open country and experience the exhilarating relationship of the hunt rider with the horse,” Hess said.

Classroom sessions were offered on Thursday evenings followed by the actual field hunt experiences on Saturday mornings. Masters of the Chagrin Valley Hunt Gordon Cameron, Dr. William Fraser and Richard Desberg were guest presenters in the classroom. The required textbook was “Riding to Hounds in America: An Introduction for Foxhunters,” by William P. Wadsworth.

Students learned about the rich history and traditions of fox hunting, including proper attire, tack and equipment, traditional terminology, the hounds themselves and the organization of the hunt. They also spent time in the saddle developing the riding skills necessary to hunt safely and with proper etiquette. Lana Volk, member of the Chagrin Valley Hunt and owner of Durkee Hill Stable, graciously provided the trained fox hunting horses for Lake Erie College riders. Riders were required to take a mounted lesson at Durkee Hill before venturing out with the hounds.

Hess said the course was called “Riding to the Hounds” because it was a chance for students to master and enjoy riding “through woods, over fences, down in gullies” and to work in concert with the well-trained hounds of the Chagrin Valley Hunt.
Valley Hunt. “It presented an opportunity to teach young people the value of the hunt, to bring young people into the sport,” Hess said.

Parks was the only student to enroll in the inaugural class, but she was assisted on the hunts by Swanson and Courtney Newby ’12, equine studies graduate assistant.

“The relationship with the Chagrin Valley Hunt was amazing,” Hess said. “They welcomed Lake Erie College with graciousness and support. We could not have developed this class without their help.”

The hunt on Sept. 22 began in the early morning with the annual Blessing of the Hounds, the oldest blessing in the United States: “O God, pour down Thy mercy upon these Thy servants, their horses and their hounds; to all who shall take part in the hunt, grant protection of body and soul; make us all ever mindful of, and responsive to, the needs of others that the spirit of true sportsmanship may prevail in all that we do.” After these words were spoken, each horse and rider was blessed individually and the hunt began.

The hunt itself is fundamentally organized as it was in England centuries ago. The master of the hunt is responsible for the entire operation of the hunt, including the employment of the huntsman. The huntsman actually hunts the hounds and encourages them to pursue the scent of the fox. He is assisted in the field by his honorary whippers-in who stay on the flanks of the pack to make sure all hounds are safe and on the scent. The huntsman is followed by the field – subscribers, cappers and guests – who are led by the field master. The field members are actually only observers, who watch the huntsman and hounds get on the scent and then follow as quickly a possible over the countryside. Hard gallops and many jumps offer a thrilling experience for all participants.

“Riding to the Hounds” will be offered again at Lake Erie College in fall 2014. Hopefully, more students will take advantage of this rare opportunity to learn about and participate in the majestic, historic sport of fox hunting.
Fox hunting... from the world to Lake Erie College

The use of hounds to hunt and catch prey can be traced back to Assyrian, Babylonian and ancient Egyptian times. Many civilizations, particularly ones with Greek and Roman influence, have used hounds to hunt prey and pests throughout history. Hunting prey with hounds was introduced to England by William the Conqueror during his reign from 1066-1087, although the first reported known use of hounds to hunt a fox was in 1534 in Norfolk, England. Throughout the centuries, fox hunting has changed for many reasons including the shift of civilization from country living to a more urban setting as a result of the Industrial Revolution.

Fox hunting has existed in North America since Colonial days, beginning when Englishman Robert Brooke brought hounds to the United States in 1650. Several U.S. presidents, including George Washington and Thomas Jefferson, had packs of hounds. Today, most hunts practice fox chasing, in which the fox is not actually killed, or drag hunting in which the hounds follow an artificial scent instead of hunting a real live fox.

The Chagrin Valley Hunt Club uses Amish land in Middlefield, Ohio for its hunts in exchange for the financial support its members provide to Amish schools.

The hounds of the Chagrin Valley Hunt are a pack of English Foxhounds with pedigrees that trace back to the early 1700s. The hounds are taught to heed the huntsman and, during a hunt, they respond to the voice and horn of the huntmaster, with specific meaning to each call.

Laddie Andahazy, founder of the equestrian program at Lake Erie College in 1955, was an active participant with the Chagrin Valley Hunt. He would regularly gather groups of students and school horses and take them to go fox hunting with him.

During the 1970s, the late Gretchen Singleton, a respected professional, fox hunter, dressage trainer and equine professor at Lake Erie College, held the prestigious position of whipper-in, the person who assists the huntsman with the hounds used on the hunt. Singleton began teaching the fox hunting courses at the College and would take 10 to 12 students out fox hunting each week, rain or shine. The students would wake at 4:00 a.m. to prepare the horses and then would join Andahazy and the rest of the hunters for breakfast before venturing out to the fields.

The current “Riding to the Hounds” course is a modern-day version of the fox hunting experiences of students in the 1950s. It is indeed a special part of the Lake Erie College curriculum.
Sunny and Ted Jones, leaders in the College and community

by Holly Menzie MBA ’06

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In the 1970s, Alison C. (Sunny) Jones participated in the Mid-American Coaching and Carriage Show at Lake Erie College’s George M. Humphrey Equestrian Center. This was in the days when Laddie Andahazy was in charge of the equestrian program at the College and, according to Sunny, the show was “done in true Laddie style.”

This is one of Sunny’s fondest memories of her early involvement with Lake Erie College, an involvement that has lasted through five decades. She was one of the individuals who helped make possible the building of the George M. Humphrey Equestrian Center in 1971, and she continues to support the College’s equestrian program and facilities with generous gifts through The Triple T Foundation and personally.

Sunny first met Andahazy in 1957, when she began Chincapin, an equestrian day camp for girls, at nearby Shadybrook. The two met at the Shadybrook barn, where Andahazy was then running the College’s equestrian program, and developed a friendship that lasted until Andahazy’s death in 2002.

“It was a year-round commitment managing the horses and barn at Shadybrook and directing the summer camp and spring and fall riding programs,” Sunny said.

Sunny was a member of the Lake Erie College Board of Directors from 1976-1990 and has been an emeritus board member ever since. As an active board member, she served through the presidencies of Charles E.P. Simmons, Edward Q. Moulton and Clodus R. Smith and as an emeritus board member through the presidencies of Harold F. Laydon and, currently, Michael T. Victor. She witnessed many changes in programs over these years, but she was always supportive of these.

She is excited about the innovations President Victor has brought in recent years, including the emphasis on entrepreneurship. “The College has a wonderful new sparkle,” she said.

“I have been especially impressed with the College’s involvement with the community,” Sunny said. “On the academic side, it is strong in liberal arts, but it also provides a good preparation for careers. The program abroad is important, also.”

Sunny and her husband, Theodore T. Jones, both grew up in Northeast Ohio. Sunny attended Hathaway Brown School in Shaker Heights, Ohio for eight years and graduated from Madeira School in McLean, Va. She graduated from Smith College in Northampton, Mass. in 1957 with a major in sociology. Ted graduated from University School in Hunting Valley, Ohio and Yale University in New Haven, Conn., also in 1957. The couple married in 1959 and moved into their home, Tannerwood Farms, in Chardon, Ohio in 1960.

Sunny and Ted fell in love with Welsh ponies in the early 1960s. They bought...
their first mare in foal in New Jersey and soon thereafter bought a Section A (up to 12.2 hands) stallion from Liseter Hall Farm in Newtown, Pa. They purchased several more ponies, including their first driving team, from Jean DuPont, the owner of that farm. Over the years, they purchased top breeding stock from other breeders in Canada and New York which established their own lines of breeding in both Section A and Section B (12.2 to 14.2 hands). Since those early years, they have bred, trained and sold many Welsh ponies.

At the height of the farm’s operation, they had 40 ponies, including three stallions. “We had seven foals in one year and a full and fun teaching program, including a ‘Wee Welsh summer camp’ here at Tannerwood. It’s been a very happy and rewarding journey,” Sunny said.

Today, the Joneses have four homebred and three imported Welsh ponies, a horse, a donkey and a golden retriever. They use interns from Lake Erie College to help care for the ponies. “All of the students and alumni who have helped us are wonderful, dedicated workers,” Sunny said.

Sunny is a Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship (PATH) Certified Instructor for both riding and driving. Ted worked in trust administration with Cleveland Trust, later Ameritrust, now KeyBank. He was active in local politics and also served on the Chardon School Board.

Sunny and Ted have two daughters, one son and six grandchildren. One daughter and their son live in Northeast Ohio, and the other daughter lives in the Boston area. The two granddaughters are active in rowing, and the oldest will be attending Yale University in the fall, where she has been recruited to be a member of the Yale interscholastic rowing team.

Sunny said her greatest satisfaction comes from having a close family, who get together as often as they can. “Tannerwood has been a wonderful place to come together,” she said. “We love the entire area – this part of Ohio has a lot to offer.”

Sunny has volunteered with Fieldstone Farm Therapeutic Riding Center in Chagrin Falls, Ohio for many years. She helped start a carriage driving program there which is now well established. She has also volunteered at the Holden Arboretum, primarily helping with the operations of Lantern Court (formerly her family home). She was chairman of the Lantern Court Committee for over 30 years, a position that is now held by her daughter, Winnie Nordell.

“Ted has been the instigator and hard worker of most of the improvements to Tannerwood Farms. He never retired and hopefully never will,” Sunny said.

President Michael T. Victor is especially grateful for the support Sunny and Ted Jones have provided to the College and to him personally. “Sunny and Ted are strong supporters of Lake Erie College and dear personal friends of my wife Craige and me. They embraced us with a warm welcome eight years ago, and that friendship has remained. They are a remarkable couple and a true inspiration to me, and to us all. Their warmth, subtlety and generosity are to be lauded,” said President Victor.

Sunny and Ted offer some helpful advice to the students of today. “Young people are wise to focus on more than one narrow area of academics. Change is inevitable – you need to be flexible with your lives and be able to adapt,” they said.

In the case of Sunny and Ted Jones, adaptation has led to remarkable personal and professional success. We are proud they are part of the Lake Erie College “family.”
Lake Erie College celebrated its 155th commencement on Dec. 14, 2013. Approximately 40 students received undergraduate degrees in the areas of education, equine studies, fine arts, mathematics and science and graduate degrees in business administration and education.

The commencement speaker was Thomas Lix, founder and CEO of Cleveland Whiskey. Using a carefully controlled balance of pressure, time and other variables, the company’s innovative method of aging whiskey compresses the production of the spirit from about 10 years into a couple of days. Cleveland Whiskey is now found on the shelves of bars, restaurants and retailers throughout northeast Ohio and is beginning to expand into national and international markets.

Lix entertained the audience by emphasizing the idea of turning to Google for tips on how to write a motivational speech. He showed how he wrote an “A” speech that was motivational and a “B” speech that was entitled “Things You Learn in School that You Should Immediately Forget.” He gave the audience the option of choosing which speech they wanted to hear; the audience without hesitation chose the “B” speech.

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The main points of the “B” speech included “attendance is mandatory,” “raise your hand, ask for permission,” “color inside the lines,” “don’t be constrained on how to solve a problem,” “turn off all cell phones,” “stop being afraid of getting a failing grade,” “always do your homework” and “don’t walk on the grass.”

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Prior to his current position, Lix was the director of the Center for Entrepreneurship and assistant professor of entrepreneurship at Lake Erie College. He also served as president and chairman of application services provider Public Interactive®, which he founded in 1995, and the former president of Market Pulse™, a Cambridge-based database software company and subsidiary of Computer Corporation of America.

The ceremony concluded with a welcome into the National Alumni Board from President Janeane Cappara. She invited all graduating students to stay connected to their alma mater, to join in or assist with events, or even to stop by and say hi! Closing remarks were made by Dana Dennis ’76, chairman of the Lake Erie College Board of Directors.
College celebrates Founders Day

by Milena Velez

On November 7, 2013 Lake Erie College celebrated 158 years since its founding with the annual Founders Day event. This year’s guest speaker was Byron Pitts, a multiple Emmy award winning journalist, anchor and the chief national correspondent at ABC, and a contributing correspondent to CBS’s “60 Minutes.” Pitts is also a renowned inspirational speaker, especially following the publication of his incredible story in the memoir “Step Out on Nothing: How Family and Faith Helped Me Conquer Life’s Challenges” (2009).

The celebration took place in the Paul S. Weaver Auditorium in the Helen Rockwell Morley Memorial Music Building. Senior Jordyn Parrigan spoke of the roots of Lake Erie College all the way back to the Willoughby Seminary and Mount Holyoke. President Michael T. Victor then took the stage to give students, faculty and guests a brief history of the College, including the story of the LEC seal which is the basis for the College Hymn. President Victor also spoke of the previous LEC presidents, and then he recognized the founders of Lake Erie College by introducing their descendants, some of whom were also in attendance.

Following the history segment and the singing of the traditional Founders Day song “Reuben, Reuben,” senior and Student Government President Joe Lopez introduced Byron Pitts.

From the very beginning of his speech, Pitts mentioned the tough economic times the country has been going through, and praised Lake Erie College for increasing enrollment and raising over $40 million over the past few years. Pitts also made it a point to begin with his message, the theme he would be coming back to many times: “Live your dream.”

“I am an optimistic person by nature,” he said. “I believe optimism is a choice.” He spoke about his career, about having interviewed the last six presidents of the United States, some in office, some not; about having covered multiple wars; and how he was in New York on 9/11; how he covered the earthquake in Haiti and the tsunami in Indonesia, and also two executions, one of which was of the Oklahoma City bomber.

“In many ways as a journalist I make my living covering death, and I’ve made my peace with that,” he said. “But something that keeps me up at night is indifference.” Indifference, he said, is when a person’s dream is not big enough.

“”If your dream only includes you, then your dream is not big enough,” Pitts said. “My message to you today is don’t be indifferent about the gifts you’ve been given. Don’t just live your dream but also help others.”

Coming from a single-parent family from East Baltimore, Pitts faced many obstacles as a child. Raised by his mother, he was illiterate until the age of twelve and struggled with a persistent stutter. He told the story of how his mother refused to institutionalize him despite the insistence of his teachers that he suffered from mental retardation and needed to be placed in a medical institution, something common at that time.
“My mother is a Southern woman,” Pitts said with a smile. “She wore a small mustard seed around her neck [and had] a mountain-moving faith.” His mother insisted instead on his getting help and was one of the first people to “step out on nothing” for him – a quote he often uses and even used as the title for his book, coming from his childhood days attending church with his mother.

Explaining further this phrase, “step out on nothing,” Pitts remembered one woman in particular who had spoken about how “believers sometimes have to step out on nothing” and rely on their faith alone, despite everything else. Pitts credits not just his mother, but a number of other people throughout his life, who have “stepped out on nothing” for him thus helping him become the man he is today, including a first-year English professor at Ohio Wesleyan who took interest in him and helped him at a time when he was struggling academically and was considering dropping out of college.

“Assistance is reaching down to help someone, but sometimes it can be reaching across to a peer,” he said, recounting another story of a classmate in college who helped him overcome his stutter and increase his vocabulary by teaching him a new word a day for their four years in college.

“Students, no matter what, you can change somebody’s life,” Pitts said, turning towards the crowd of Lake Erie students in the audience. “Do you know how powerful it is for a young man or a woman to see you walking around in your Lake Erie College shirt? Do you know how empowering it is for them?”

“Be ashamed to die until you’ve won some victory for humanity,” he said, this time quoting one of the founders of Mount Holyoke, thus bringing his message a full circle and back to the historical roots of Lake Erie College. “Ours is the greatest country in the world,” he said. “If you love America, she will love you back.”

“Sometimes you have to be reminded of how fortunate we are,” he went on, and then asked for applause for the senior who introduced him, Joe Lopez, who already has a job lined up for after graduation.

“I had a dream and a vision for myself,” Pitts said in conclusion. “Have a plan for yourself, remain optimistic. Your dream should be wonderful, but it should also be big enough to include people other than yourself.”

After his address, Pitts took a number of questions from the students and local community guests, but right before the end of the event he surprised the audience once more by giving out his personal cell phone number to the audience.

“If there are any students interested in journalism, I would like to help them,” he said, pointing out that this is his way of giving back.

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Taking a class with the President

by Milena Velez

One of the significant advantages to a smaller school such as Lake Erie College is the closer relationship our students develop not only with their professors, but also with the staff and administration on campus. During fall semester 2013 the students enrolled in Business Law I had the College’s highest administrator as their instructor – President Michael T. Victor himself taught this class, and the students could not have been more excited about it.

“I chose to take this class mainly because it is required for my major,” said sophomore Kassidy Peacock, international business major from Helotes, Texas. “The fact that President Victor was the professor was a major bonus.”

Other students took the class specifically for the instructor. “About a year ago I had a meeting with President Victor and he mentioned that he was considering teaching the business law class,” said Stefan Stojanovic, junior international business and math major from Nis, Serbia. “I thought it would be interesting to take a class with the president of the College, who I respect very much.”

President Victor’s experience speaks for itself. He arrived at LEC in 2006 after serving as the dean of the Walker School of Business at Mercyhurst College in Erie, Pa. and before that as an assistant professor of business and executive-in-residence at Gannon University, also in Erie. Prior to launching his career in higher education, he also served as CEO of Pyramid Industries and Subsidiaries, and as an attorney in the Corporate Law Department of MacDonald, Illig, Jones & Britton. It’s this rich professional background that he relies on when giving students examples from the real world to illustrate the concepts discussed in class.

“The best thing about having President Victor as a professor is that I learned from a successful businessman who taught based on real-life examples.”

“He is very passionate when teaching,” Stojanovic said. “He is also very thorough, and students come out of his classes with a stronger knowledge and understanding of the subject. The best thing about having President Victor as a professor is that I learned from a successful businessman who taught based on real-life examples.”

“Taking a class with the president at first is extremely intimidating,” said Peacock, “but once class started I realized that it was just another class. President Victor was very enthusiastic when he was teaching, so it made an hour and forty minutes just fly by.”

“I loved working with the students and getting to know them, seeing how they interacted with each other,” President Victor said. “They are less formal than they used to be when I taught last,” he added, explaining that many students felt comfortable asking him to address them by their nicknames.
College encourages creativity with a new major

by Milena Velez

In the fall of 2011 Lake Erie College responded to a growing demand among its students for a program that incorporates classes in graphic design with a progressive look at modern art, digital media and communications. As a result, the Integrated Media, Digital Art and Technology (IMDAT) program was born.

IMDAT is an interdisciplinary studio art program in computer mediated art and design, offering students the opportunity to delve into subjects such as multimedia, digital video, experimental 3D computer graphics, animation, game design, digital imaging and many more.

“This field has many options, and I encourage students to explore them all,” said Steve Gutierrez, assistant professor of integrated media.

Gutierrez has been involved with the program from day one. He describes himself as an “artist, engineer and educator interested in the intersection of art, technology and design,” which makes him the perfect person to work with the variety of students interested in the IMDAT program.

Currently there are about twenty students majoring in IMDAT, and the program is rapidly growing. According to Gutierrez, the program aims to create a “well-rounded digital art, media and technology student.”

“Some programs focus on animation only, or video work only,” he said, “but IMDAT majors learn it all.”

One of the classes first offered on the Lake Erie College campus through the IMDAT program, for example, was a Mobile Application Creation course, offered during fall semester 2011. The course became so popular that it caught the attention of the Lake Erie College Center for Entrepreneurship, which announced a Mobile Application Creation contest for the students participating in the class. The goal of the competition was to build a mobile app from scratch over a 24-hour period, with the only requirement that the application had to have a community service component to it.

What makes the LEC IMDAT program truly unique, however, is the focus on integrating media with other disciplines. For example, IMDAT students have been working with the Physics Department to create an interactive animated physics e-textbook. A group of five students participated in the physics textbook project during spring semester 2012 and continued working on it as a summer internship. The LEC students who worked on the project even took it upon themselves to make a number of short trips to local entertainment centers in order to shoot footage that would help them illustrate physical concepts such as friction, acceleration and momentum.

IMDAT students are currently working on other projects such as a possible chemistry e-textbook to follow the physics one, a possible biology videogame, redesign of the College’s bookstore website, and graphic design work for various student clubs and organizations. The program is very student-oriented, and the input from the students is what has truly helped shape the new major. Even the class offerings each semester are influenced by student interest.
Tai Chi offers stress relief for pre-med students

by Milena Velez

Studying in the most challenging academic career paths is often accompanied by a great amount of stress and anxiety. Among pre-med students the levels of stress and anxiety have reached critical levels, and it is becoming essential that we find out ways to help our medical students and residents, who are to one day be our surgeons, pediatricians and personal physicians, deal with the pressure.

This is what Joe Weber, associate professor and director of the new physician assistant program at Lake Erie College, had in mind when he submitted his proposal for a study that looks into the effects of Tai Chi on decreasing stress and anxiety levels among medical students. Weber, who is currently pursuing his doctorate of health sciences at A. T. Still University Arizona School of Health Science, developed the study as a part of his doctoral research.

Weber himself is a black belt in karate and recently began to explore the benefits of practicing Tai Chi.

“Tai Chi can easily be practiced any place any time, alone or in a small group, but it is also good for physical fitness and self-defense,” he said.

“Tai Chi has been shown to improve psychological well-being by lowering levels of anxiety and stress,” he said. “A systematic literature search was performed to determine the prevalence of anxiety in medical students as well as the psychological effects of Tai Chi exercise.” Weber said that studies have found that almost 29% of medical students show signs of depression and anxiety — in both cases much higher than the national average of 18%, which indicates a larger problem with this specific population.

Weber became interested in the issues of stress and anxiety among medical students when he was working in the emergency room at University Hospitals in Cleveland. At one point he saw
two different medical students who had considered suicide within a three-week period. “One young man was in bad shape,” Weber said. “He was shaking and crying the entire time.” That was when he realized the magnitude of the problem.

He also had a more personal reason to look deeper into the issue – Weber’s daughter is a pre-med student and is pursuing an educational track that will lead her to become a pediatric orthopedic surgeon. “Students carry [their stress] over from pre-med to medical school to medical residency,” Weber said. “We are so busy treating the patients [that] we forget to treat ourselves.”

This was why Weber decided to look into possible stress and anxiety relief solutions for this specific group, and his background in martial arts led him to Tai Chi.

“Tai Chi can easily be practiced any place any time, alone or in a small group, but it is also good for physical fitness and self-defense,” he said. Both Tai Chi and karate originated as martial arts, but while karate is more combative, Tai Chi employs slow, fluid movements and focuses on balance and breathing techniques.

“Although research has been performed using exercise and meditation in medical students to lower anxiety, little research has been conducted on pre-med students to determine if Tai Chi can lower levels of anxiety,” Weber said.

The study, which was conducted during the spring semester 2013 at Lake Erie College, was a five-week, three times per week randomized controlled trial (RCT) with participants from Lake Erie College pre-med program. Participants were randomized 1:1 to either the Tai Chi class or their normal level of physical activity. The Tai Chi instructor was Libby Hill, a long-time friend of Weber’s, who herself has found the benefits of Tai Chi extremely useful.

Weber understands well the pressures of the medical profession – his own background as a physician assistant, as well as in academia, has given him a unique look on the topic. The Physician Assistant program, of which he is the director, is an intense 27-month program during which the students have to learn over a thousand different disease states, 713 different drugs and medications and 520 lab tests while also participating in about 1,800 hours of clinical time – numbers that are constantly changing with medical advances.

The competitive nature of the field of medical education also contributes to the stress, and none of these factors are about to change. “[You] cannot control the factors, but you can control your response to them,” Weber said. He is hoping that a successful study will provide a possible solution to a serious problem, and will give medical students everywhere an option for long-term coping mechanisms within the pressures of their chosen profession.

Apart from the student participants in the study, some staff members were also able to see for themselves the benefits of Tai Chi – an event organized through the LEC Staff Senate brought Denise Molesch, a member of the College’s Board of Trustees, to campus for an introductory class. Although unrelated to Weber’s study, this opportunity helped spread interest in the martial arts around campus.

Weber’s pilot Tai Chi study wrapped up at the end of May 2013, and the analysis will be finalized soon; if successful, Weber plans on conducting a larger study with a larger cohort of pre-med students.
College Hall, the massive four-story brick structure located to the left of the new front entrance to Lake Erie College, has an interesting story to tell.

College Hall was originally commissioned in 1857, soon after the fire at Willoughby Female Seminary, which led to the founding of Lake Erie Female Seminary. The building would take quite a few years to complete in the form that we know it today. However, the first issue that boggled the founders of Lake Erie Seminary was where to begin construction.

When the six founders – Charles Avery, Reuben Hitchcock, Silas Ladd, William Perkins, Timothy Rockwell and Aaron Wilcox – began looking for a location for the new building, the ideal site presented itself right on Mentor Avenue, a major traffic artery in the area. They even convinced the city to alter the route of Mentor Avenue, which originally ran right in front of where College Hall stands, thus acquiring some additional land in front of the building. The neighboring properties, once part of the Isaac Gillett farm, were also purchased by the Seminary, and the total site – 13 acres in all – came at a cost of $4,175.

The next step was to choose an architect. Quickly the founders presented a local architect, Charles Wallace Heard, with the task of designing the building. One of the reasons for selecting Heard as the man for the job was his connection with renowned local architect Jonathan Goldsmith, Heard’s father-in-law, under whom Heard had also served as an apprentice. On July 4, 1857, the cornerstone was laid for College Hall. Heard’s design was for a building in Italian style, which was all the rage at that time.

As described in the College history texts, the design included “an Italian tower [which] rose a story higher than the four-story structure. The base of the tower contained the front entrance, and an Italian staircase led from a drive to the entrance and to a piazza with the balcony above. Eight chimneys in the façade gave draft to fireplaces which were found in the majority of rooms.” College Hall was designed as a house for an entire “family” of
students, faculty and staff all under one roof. For the first few
decades of the College’s history everything happened there.
The first students of Lake Erie Seminary lived, studied, dined
and prayed all under the watchful eyes of 108 hooded windows
facing Mentor Avenue.

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wing, measured 60 feet in width and 180 feet in length, the
same length as the White House in Washington D.C. before
the addition of its wings. But the most amazing thing about the
construction process was that it was largely completed with the
help of the local community. On Saturdays the men of Painesville
graded the grounds and at the end of the day dinner was served
by the Painesville ladies. Every Wednesday afternoon ladies’
sewing societies met at a private residence, and the fruit of their
labor was all the linens and the furnishings of the new building.
Everyone pitched in, and Lake Erie Seminary officially opened in
September of 1859.

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The layout of College Hall that the first Lake Erie students
knew was vastly different from today. The dining room was then
located on the terrace or ground floor. After the completion of
the first floor of the south wing in 1877, the dining room was
relocated to a large, sunny room in that wing. The old dining
room was then repurposed as a gymnasium until 1920, and many
exciting basketball games were played under the low ceiling. In
1910 the fourth floor, now closed, was converted from attic-space
to students’ rooms in order to accommodate the increasing
student population.

The Social Parlor initially provided a drawing room for the
students, as well as a chapel before the completion of Memorial
Hall in 1891. Once Memorial Hall was finished, the two buildings
were connected through a corridor that extended the Social
Parlor into the neighboring Memorial Hall. The Social Parlor, or
as it was known then, Social Hall, was furnished with heirloom
antiques such as silver coffee services, tables, chairs, sideboards
of mahogany and cherry, oriental carpets and a piano manufac-
tured in London.

For the first few years of its existence, Lake Erie Seminary was
heated entirely by wood and coal. One student wrote in 1871,
“The cherished plan of our hearts has long been to have the
building heated by steam,” a desire which was soon to be
fulfilled as the Seminary was able to install steam heating later
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The halls and public rooms were equipped with gas lights, but
the girls still used oil lamps in their rooms. The lamps were filled
each morning, apparently in the halls. The students rejoiced in
these modern conveniences mainly because prior to their intro-
duction they were responsible for their own lights and fuel since
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The room assignments for the young ladies who lived in College Hall were made a bit differently. An early alumna remembers that “the rooms were partly assigned on the basis of the girls’ health and vigor.” The strongest girls roomed on the third floor because they were better able to go up the long flights of stairs; those who were not very strong roomed on the lower floors. In 1880 an elevator, or as they referred to it at the time, an “alleviator,” was installed, accompanied by a very strict protocol: when using it, faculty were to enter first followed by seniors, then juniors, etc.

The 1882 catalog described College Hall as containing 80 bedrooms for teachers and students, a reading room “well supplied with periodicals and open free of charge,” a studio for drawing and painting, lecture and recitation rooms, and a gymnasium. “A wing at the back with broad piazzas” served as an exercise area for rainy weather. Upper floors were bustling with life. After study hours the students would place small coal-oil lamps in a row and “in improvised bloomers” would jump over them, competing to see who could jump over the greatest number.

Over the next few decades the College grew and constantly changed. Social Hall, now known as the Social Parlor, became a more informal gathering place for studying or just spending time together. “Students would lie all over the furniture to get away from the noise upstairs,” one graduate from that period remarked. “You would stake out your little couch, put your Coke down and all your books, and then that spot was yours.” By the mid-1980s College Hall was no longer used for residential purposes and remained purely an administrative and academic building.

A vast number of students have lived and learned in College Hall, and the building remains a symbol of Lake Erie College, a silent monument that embodies the rich history of the campus and the Lake Erie community. Just imagine College Hall as the grand old lady among the buildings on campus – the wise, white-gloved, old-fashioned aunt of the newer additions, always ready with the family photo album to remind the young ones of where they came from – and you will understand why College Hall is, and will remain, one of the most beloved parts of Lake Erie College.
Chris Richter pursues doctorate in entrepreneurship

Alumnus Chris Richter came to Lake Erie College from Bad Honnef, Germany to complete his senior year and obtain a degree in international business management.

Richter was brought to the College by fellow alumnus Sebastian Hoffman ‘08. Hoffman told him how enthusiastic he was about the chance to become a part of the Lake Erie family with such a prestigious staff and high level of academics.

“It was not hard to leave my hometown because I had left four years before to travel to places such as Albuquerque, New Mexico and then to the south of Germany,” said Richter.

After graduating from Lake Erie College in 2009, Richter returned home to work for an international management consultancy, managing accounts with several important companies in Germany and Europe. His specialty is insurance and the energy sector. He began his master’s degree at Leicester University, a top-tier university in the United Kingdom. After receiving his master’s, he began his Ph.D. in entrepreneurship, which he plans to complete in 2014.

While at Lake Erie, Richter worked as a native speaker for the International Language Department with Associate Professor of German and French Dr. Mark Bell. He is thankful to Dr. Bell for giving him the opportunity to work in an area he loves.

When asked what inspires him, Richter replied, “People with faith, motivation and passion.” He loves challenges. His main goal in life is to achieve consistent happiness while being able to look back at life with great friends, experiences and deep emotions.

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Richter learned the importance of connections here and received countless opportunities in life. He enjoyed his time serving in the Kappa Sigma fraternity, playing on the men’s soccer team and having one-on-one meetings with President Michael Victor.

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In 1957 Joan (Abajo) Colwell graduated from Lake Erie College with majors in language and literature, and for the next half a century she went on to have a fulfilling career in education and special education, as well as a life full of joy and surprises. One thing that was missing, however, was the connection to LEC.

Colwell made a chance visit to her alma mater on May 15, 2012, 55 years after she had left as a graduate, and didn’t know what to expect. The College had changed so much since she had last been there – no longer a female seminary, Lake Erie had grown significantly in student body as well as campus size. Yet, even decades ago, she had seen the seeds of the liberal, forward-thinking institution Lake Erie College is today.

"In the 1950s women could be nurses, teachers or secretaries – only until they married," Colwell said. In 1951, however, with a new president from a progressive school in California, this was about to change. "[Paul Weaver] believed that women should be educated in a way that would prepare them for the multiple roles they would face as adults," she explained. "In fact, during freshman year, all students were required to take an orientation seminar to better understand these multiple roles."

For a high school student from Springfield, Mass., with a mother who had been the first one to go to college and a father who was an immigrant from Spain, coming to the small town of Painesville, Ohio was a huge change. It was a home visit from Jane White, a dean at LEC at the time, that convinced Colwell’s parents that Lake Erie was a good, safe place – small classes, all women, great learning opportunities. "I think Lake Erie College chose me," Colwell says. The College also offered her “grant-in-aid” financial aid which helped pay for room, board and tuition, altogether costing $1,250 for the year in 1953.

While at Lake Erie, Colwell got involved in many of the opportunities that were offered here she was the goalie on the lacrosse team, rode horses and participated in equine shows, sang in the LEC choir, and did children's theater. “I remember being the witch in ‘Hansel and Gretel,’” she said.

As she was going into her junior year, another opportunity, which would in many ways change her life, presented itself. In 1954 President Weaver had instituted the winter term abroad program – a unique and groundbreaking travel-abroad program. The Class of 1957 was only the second class to have this experience, and Colwell took full advantage of it. In December 1955, together with her entire class and chaperoned by Dr. Weaver and his wife, she boarded a ship from New York, and after a week of transatlantic travel, arrived in Paris, where she spent three days. From there the students broke up in groups to travel to a few different countries where they would spend the semester studying in various European institutions.

Colwell was off to Madrid, and she studied at the University of Madrid while living at the pension with the other Spanish students. But for her it was not only a learning trip – going to Spain also meant being able to meet the long-lost family of her father, still living in the small pueblo (village) of Priarantha de la Valdierna. Dressed in her “Sunday best, stockings, heels, a proper skirt and [her] winter coat with a fur collar,” and driven by her immense excitement to meet her family, Colwell took off on a ten-hour train trip plus a bus ride, away from the familiarity of the big city.

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The trip was difficult, but with the help of some welcoming locals she finally made it. Her wild adventure paid off completely – her family, and the entire pueblo, embraced the daughter who had returned. She met her grandmother, her aunt, Juanna, for whom she was named, and many cousins and their children, and participated in numerous celebrations and a “fiesta day” in her honor.

Too soon, however, the trip to the pueblo had to end, and for Colwell it was back to Madrid to finish her studies, and then back to Ohio and Lake Erie College. Adventures were far from over, however. Upon returning to LEC for her senior year, she became witness to one of the most tragic events in LEC’s history – the fire that destroyed Memorial Hall, which was where she lived at the time. If you ask her what her favorite memory of her time at LEC is, though, she will tell you it is “sitting in the living room of Dr. Hickerson’s home having [her] oral exams senior year, as Mrs. Hickerson served [her] tea.”

Colwell took many of the lessons she learned at LEC with her after she graduated. Her first job after college was answering readers’ mail at “Mademoiselle Magazine” in New York City, but after two years she decided to go back to school at Columbia University, where she graduated with her master’s in education of the deaf. Soon after that she got her second graduate degree from Boston College in curriculum design and rehabilitation services.

“Lake Erie College prepared me for multiple careers, not only in the world of journalism, but [also] in special education,” she said. During her trip to Spain Colwell had met an uncle who was a deaf mute, and this began her career-long interest in special education and her work as a special education administrator in public schools.

Colwell retired in 2000, but only three years before that, in 1997, she had begun working on a project that keeps her busy even today – through a grant funded by the Rhode Island State Department for programs for children with autism spectrum disorders, Colwell started the Autism Project of Rhode Island. The other major opportunity that presented itself and brought her out of retirement, was opening Mount Pleasant Academy, a school for young children with severe psychiatric disorders, run by Family Services of Rhode Island. “An educator’s dream,” she said.

Returning to campus after so many years, Colwell found her alma mater had changed a lot, yet in many ways it had stayed the same and always true to its mission – to educate young leaders, who, like her, would go into the world and change it for the better.
An LEC pre-med major takes on the international community

by Milena Velez

While many of us at Lake Erie College were enjoying the summer months on campus, some of our students continued their dedication to education even during the break. One of these students was Dimitrije Spasic, a third-year international student from Nis, Serbia, who attended the First International Student Congress of Austria at the Medical University of Graz.

Spasic is a pre-med major who is aiming to one day become a successful surgeon like his father back in his home country. As soon as he arrived at Lake Erie a couple of years ago, Spasic set his sights high – he became interested in research and enhancing his educational experience in any way possible. So when the opportunity to represent LEC at a medical students’ conference in Medical University of Graz, Austria from July 4-6, 2013, he jumped at it.

The Medical University of Graz is one of the leading research centers in Europe, and it emphasizes scientific work and research in all of its programs. The International Student Congress was actually an idea conceived by a team of Graz’s own students, who wanted to organize and host a congress for students from all over the world where young future medical field professionals would have the opportunity to present their scientific papers and works, and to discuss their research results in an international atmosphere. The slogan for the inaugural congress was, “Discover the diversity of medical research,” and the conference boasted a full program including keynote speakers from the host institution who gave the students their insight into a career in medical research.

“I presented research on ‘Meckel’s diverticulum – anatomical characteristics and clinical importance’, “ Spasic said, noting that his research was a part of the Surgery and Anatomy division of the Congress. For those unfamiliar with the term, the Meckel’s diverticulum is a slight bulge in the small intestine present at birth in a small part of the population, about 2%. It is a vestigial remnant of the omphalomesenteric, also known as the vitelline, duct. “I collected the patients’ disease histories (around 50) and then looked over and compared the age of children, symptoms and diagnosis. I also did pathological examinations of Meckel’s diverticulums that were removed.“ He presented his research in front of 70-80 other participants and six professors who were grading the presentations. “I didn’t win any awards because the competition was very, very strong,” he said, “but I was invited to become an ambassador of [the International Student Congress] in the future.” The judges were also very impressed with Spasic’s research project and excellent presentation.

The participants, who hailed from a wide variety of countries – Palestine, Romania, Iran, Macedonia, Egypt, Spain, Netherlands, the Philippines, India, and many others – were all medical school students, except Spasic, who was not only the only one representing a U.S. institution, but also the only one from a pre-med program, a fact that only emphasizes the strength of his academic preparation at LEC.

There was also time to explore their surroundings – all the presenters had the opportunity to visit local hospitals and shadow physicians while trying to establish diagnoses for their patients. On the last day of the Congress all the participants visited the Graz City Hall and were welcomed by the mayor of Graz.
Your personal relationship with Lake Erie College
by Dario Muzina

Over the course of my 25 years in the field of development, I have come to the realization that the single most important factor necessary to keep alumni engaged is the relationship between people. I have been fortunate to have worked for a number of wonderful non-profit institutions in the Northeast Ohio area, organizations that have made this region one of the most generous philanthropic communities in the country. Looking back, I recognize that the reason people support these institutions is because of the reciprocal relationship developed between the people who worked/taught for those organizations and those individuals who attended those schools. These relationships give an organization a face and a name that represents the mission and its cause, making it personal – that is what giving back is all about.

Lake Erie College has provided an educational service and life experience to over 12,000 alumni. Your education and your experience were formed primarily by you, but no one goes through life alone, and undoubtedly other people helped influence, shape and perhaps guide you on your journey. The personal bonds you formed while you were a student are now either memories or lifelong relationships. Either way you measure it, they are with you.

All educational institutions have iconic members of their communities, people who symbolize and represent all that is good about the school and whose names are legendary. In our case here at Lake Erie College, names that have often been shared with me when I meet with alumni are Margery Ainsworth, James Lincoln, Laddie Andahazy, President Paul Weaver, George Farrell, Harold Fink and Kim McQuaid. The common phrase that follows their names is, “He/she made a tremendous, positive impact on my life. I wouldn’t be the person I am without him/her.”

As they say in our business, “People give to people.” Keep your relationship with Lake Erie College and its people strong by coming to campus for a visit and seeing what today’s personal relationships are achieving.

Leaving a legacy

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For further information about making a gift by will or any aspects of estate planning, please contact Dario Muzina, vice president for institutional advancement, at 440.375.7255 or dmuzina@lec.edu.
It is with great pleasure and sincere appreciation that Lake Erie College is pleased to announce a generous pledge commitment of $50,000 from Bob and Carole and John Zappitelli to name the Lake Erie College Wrestling Room.

This commitment will allow the College’s wrestling area to receive necessary physical improvements to the facility and will also elevate the level of equipment and maximize the utilization of this athletic space. Bob and Carole along with their brother John Zappitelli made this gift because of their strong belief in the College and its athletic programs. Their son Bobby is a junior on the wrestling squad and they were motivated to make this gift because of the dedication and passion to building a first class, winning team exhibited by Coach Kevin Hoogenboom and his coaching staff.

“When we met with President Victor to discuss this opportunity we were instantly honored and pleased to be asked to assist the College, the student athletes and Coach Hoogenboom. Kevin is an outstanding coach, teacher and mentor to our son and to the other Lake Erie College wrestlers. We hope our gift will encourage other parents, alumni and friends of the College to donate,” said the Zappitellis.

President Victor said, “We are proud to have the Zappitelli family as a strong partner in the mission and vision of this institution. By allowing us to add the Zappitelli family name to our wrestling facility and program, they are showing the LEC family and the community that they believe in the College and our students. In my humble opinion, that is the largest gift anyone can make.”

Renovations on the newly named Zappitelli Wrestling Room will begin this spring. It is anticipated that all upgrades will be finished by the end of the summer and ready for our student athletes by the start of the 2014-2015 academic year.
FALL SPORTS RECAP

Cross Country
The Lake Erie men’s squad highlighted the 2013 campaign for Storm cross country. The Green & White posted fine finishes in a season-opening invitational in Pennsylvania (2nd of 14 teams) and in a mid-season all-Ohio event (16th of 41 at the Oct. 4 All-Ohio Championships). LEC posted an 11th-place finish at the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference meet in October, and then two runners – including freshman Dalton Graham – earned top-50 finishes at the NCAA Division II Midwest Regional Championships in November.

Men’s Golf
Freshman Ian Hardesty had a solid campaign in the fall portion of Lake Erie’s 2013-14 schedule. Hardesty carded scores in the 70s in 6 of 9 rounds, and he earned a top-10 finish in his first collegiate event (Sept. 13-14 Malone Fall Invitational). The Chardon, Ohio native was one of a slew of underclassmen on the roster, and that youth and talent has things headed in a good direction for the LEC linksters.

Women’s Golf
Freshman Joan Graziano highlighted the fall portion of Lake Erie’s 2013-14 schedule by posting multiple solid finishes and by leading a youthful squad with a scoring average of 87.4. Graziano posted the team’s top three rounds of the fall.

Men’s Soccer
Lake Erie went 8-8-2 and earned a home postseason game in early November. The Green & White prevailed, 1-0, in an exciting on-campus game, and that victory vaulted the Storm into the semifinal round of 2013 GLIAC Championship Tournament. LEC lost to Ohio Dominican – the eventual league champion – in the semifinals. Freshman forward Stuart Campbell and junior defender Willy Cognee were named to the GLIAC All-Tournament Team. Three Lake Erie players were named to the 2013 All-Ohio Division II Soccer Team. Defender Ryan Gibson, forward Alfred Majer and midfielder Anthony Novak were named to the squad in a ballot of coaches in the Buckeye State. Cognee was tabbed for an All-Ohio academic award.

Women’s Soccer
LEC endured several protracted losing streaks but still managed to post a year-to-year improvement and finish 4-12-1 on the season. Forward Elizabeth Awuah enjoyed a tremendous freshman campaign, netting six goals and seven assists enroute to a team-high 19 points. Senior Paige Nemec closed out her career in style, scoring five goals. The Green & White won three matches at home, including a fine 2-1 victory over Saginaw Valley State (Mich.) in October. Awuah figured in both goals of that win, a come-from-behind effort against a Cardinal team that would go 3-1 over its final four games. Senior defender Lauren Gaitsch was named an All-GLIAC Honorable Mention for her play in the 2013 season.
**Volleyball**

Lake Erie went 2-26, earning a pair of solid wins over the final month of the season after a rough start. Senior Mary Walter closed out her collegiate career with a nice season. Walter collected 220 kills, 108 digs and 24 blocks. Fellow senior Molly Richardson hit .394, with 14 kills and nine digs, in a late-season victory over Ursuline. In December Head Coach Andy Riesenberg announced the addition of four talented prep standouts to the program.

**Football**

The Green & White posted a 4-7 record in a season that saw the team post prolific offensive numbers and the program's first win over a GLIAC North Division foe. The Storm offense racked up 6,065 total yards (551.4 per game) in scoring 38.8 points per game. A balanced and diverse unit finished the regular season ranked second in the nation (NCAA-II) in yards per game.

Senior quarterback Brendan Gallagher set a slew of LEC passing records, completing 71 percent of his passes en route to piling up 3,257 yards and 25 touchdowns. Sophomore running back Anthony Bilal – a Painesville native – rambled for 1,542 yards and 24 touchdowns. He averaged 5.8 yards per carry, scored in 10 games and topped the 100-yard mark eight times. Gallagher and Bilal were two of nine Storm players to earn postseason GLIAC honors. Bilal, junior wide receiver Tommy Jackson, senior left tackle Mike Price and junior defensive back Tanner Wells headlined that list – they were all tabbed as second-teamers on the 2013 All-GLIAC squad. LEC’s 2013 campaign included key wins over Northeast Ohio foes Notre Dame and Walsh. Lake Erie piled up 687 total yards in the win over NDC and 771 in the victory over WU. The Storm scored a combined 101 points over those two games and averaged nearly 40 points per game for the season.
FOOTBALL ANNOUNCES 2014 SCHEDULE

Lake Erie announced its 2014 football schedule in December. The Storm will kick off their fall slate with a GLIAC game at Ashland on Sept. 6. The Storm’s 2014 schedule will include five home games and six road games. LEC’s home opener will be on Sept. 13 against Hillsdale (Mich.). The 11-game schedule will include 10 GLIAC games. Game times will be released at a later date.

“Our GLIAC schedule is such a good one,” said Head Coach Mark McNellie. “We’ll see three [2013] national tournament qualifiers, and the depth of the league gives us a great challenge each and every week to begin with.”

Lake Erie’s lone non-conference game – on Oct. 11 – will continue a cross-town series with Notre Dame, which is in South Euclid, Ohio.

“We are also pleased to announce that our fans will not have far to travel to watch the Storm in our lone non-conference tilt at Notre Dame College,” said Lake Erie Director of Athletics Reid Guarnieri. “The conference landscape of Division II is ever-changing, so it is nice that we are able to continue this cross-town series with NDC despite their move to the Mountain East [Conference].”

The Storm are 2-0 against NDC, having downed the Falcons, 38-35, in 2012 and 48-21 in 2013.

“We’re very excited about the group we have coming back,” said McNellie. “And this schedule will give returnees and newcomers alike the opportunity to perform in some great match-ups.”

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HOME GAMES IN BOLD CAPS * non-conference game

At the time of the printing of this issue, schedules for other fall sports have not yet been finalized. Please check www.lakeeriestorm.com for up-to-date information.
Men’s soccer helps Field of Dreams Uganda

The Lake Erie College men’s soccer team plays throughout the Midwest on a yearly basis, so seeing the Storm’s green and white uniforms in Michigan, Pennsylvania and Indiana is not an uncommon site. But usually, the last place you’d expect to find Storm soccer gear is in Africa.

But that is exactly where Head Coach David Carmichael and the team is helping make a difference and use soccer as a life-changing tool.

Field of Dreams Uganda, based out of Evansville, Ind., provides hope for the orphaned and vulnerable children of Uganda through the vehicles of soccer and education. Soccer is a great passion of children in the country and through this organization, each orphanage is provided with field upgrades and equipment to participate in at least two tournaments a year. Local coaches are hired to teach the children not only soccer, but life skills including team work, discipline and work ethic, which they use to succeed both on and off the field.

Last summer, the Storm and Carmichael made a substantial equipment donation to the organization, providing game jerseys, shorts, socks, shoes and other items to support the cause.

“Thank you so much to Lake Erie College men’s soccer program for their generous donation and for advancing the world’s most beloved game far beyond our nation’s borders,” said Michael Warneke, Executive Director of Field of Dreams Uganda. “The kids who receive this equipment will feel like kings and queens when they realize that it shall be theirs to keep!”

“We are delighted to have partnered up with Field of Dreams Uganda this past spring. We are thankful and inspired that we can help provide hope in the lives of children in Uganda through this beautiful game,” said Carmichael. “The mission that Michael Warneke and his staff have created has allowed us to put our unused soccer gear and equipment to great use. When we received photographs of these children in Uganda playing soccer in our green and white uniforms, it really made us appreciate what we have here at Lake Erie College.”

Among the items donated by the team, players and parents were uniforms and gently used soccer socks and shoes. Carmichael plans to partner with Field of Dreams Uganda further in the future on a coach’s mission trip to Uganda in December 2014 to help contribute firsthand.

More information on the charity can be found on their website, http://www.fieldsofdreamsuganda.org/
Mountain Day Fun
The College celebrated its annual Mountain Day tradition on Sept. 24, 2013. The day began at 6:00 a.m. with the sound of a marching band as President Michael Victor, students and staff marched through campus. All classes were cancelled and students enjoyed a day filled with outdoor activities including a treasure hunt and ice cream social.

New Student Convocation
Lake Erie College welcomed the Class of 2017 on Aug. 21, 2013. Approximately 180 undergraduate students and 40 transfer students from several states were presented with medallions. New Student Convocation is one of the College’s many annual traditions.
Freshman Reception

On Oct. 17, freshmen gathered at the Victor Manor House to celebrate the first formal of their college career. The class received their class colors and banner. The students were treated to a wonderful assortment of heavy hors d’oeuvres and a tour of the Manor House.

Annual Field Day Tradition

The College celebrated the official kickoff event of the semester, Field Day, on Aug. 25, 2013. Over 500 students joined together to enjoy picnic food, inflatable and yard games and the annual tug of war contest. The event was hosted by President and Mrs. Victor on the grounds of the Victor Manor House.
Paralympic Equestrian Visit

Three-time Paralympic Equestrian and Beijing gold and silver medalist Lauren Barwick visited the George M. Humphrey Equestrian Center on Sept. 14, 2013 to host a clinic along with the Parelli Education Institute. Barwick shared her inspirational story of overcoming adversity with determination, spirit and attitude of never ending self-improvement.

Support for Alumnus in Afghanistan

Lake Erie College, the community and alumni donated care packages to be sent to Alex Palmer ’11 and his unit in Kandahar, Afghanistan. Palmer’s job is driving supply trucks and providing in-transient security to convoys that travel throughout the country. Associate Professor of Psychology Dr. Susan Culotta challenged her classes to see who could donate the most to the cause.

Storm Football Kick-off

Storm football’s first tailgate and home game of the season was held Sept. 5, 2013. This game was the annual “Battle of the Ship’s Wheel Trophy,” to commemorate the rivalry between Lake Erie and Gannon. The trophy, introduced in 2011, remains at the victor’s school throughout the year.

Solar Art Sculpture

Steven Gutierrez, assistant professor of integrated media, won first place for his solar art sculpture in the “Fall in . . . Art and Sol” Festival held Sept. 28 – Oct. 31 in Bay City, Mich. During the day, people could dance within the sculpture’s beams and admire the solar-inspired pattern on the ground. At night, the piece lit up to reflect the power of solar energy and the earlier choreography of the day’s participants.
“The Witches” Theatre Performance

The Theatre Department presented a fantasy adventure based upon the Roald Dahl book “The Witches,” on Nov. 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15 and 16, 2013. Ten percent of the royalties from the sales of the play went to the Roald Dahl Foundation, which supports specialist pediatric nurses and provides help for child brain, blood and literacy disorders.

Tiberius Tradition

The campus joined together around the Tiberius statue on Sept. 5, 2013 to wish the Storm football team good luck on their first game of the season against Gannon University. The ceremony is an annual tradition that begins with an address and send-off from President Victor and concludes with the singing of the Lake Erie College Fight Song. Each member of the football team also gives Tiberius a friendly pat to bring about good luck during the season.

Sophomore/Junior Reception

The sophomore and junior reception was held Nov. 13, 2013. All in attendance had a wonderful and deserved break from their academics, enjoying great food and fellowship at the Victor Manor House. The reception is a black-tie formal event.

Voice Recital

The Lake Erie College Music Department held a voice recital on Dec. 11, 2013 in the Morley Music Building. Led by voice instructor Jean Priddy, the students performed in anticipation of the Christmas season.
Christmas Vespers

Lake Erie College welcomed the return of Christmas Vespers on Dec. 8, 2013. This year’s concert was dedicated to the memory of Professor Paul Gothard III.

Christmas Vespers is one of Lake Erie College’s longest traditions, dating back to the early 1900s. This year’s concert featured the College Student and Community Chorus, directed by Roberta Whitely; the College Flute Choir, directed by Judith Elias; College Organist Dr. Mark Bell; Associate Professor of Theatre Dr. Jerry Jaffe; and student soloists.

Works by Adam, Bach, Gothard, Mathias, Rutter and other composers were performed. LEC PSEO student Kenan Irish played a piano solo by Bach, and Karen Rauff ’06 and LEC PSEO student Janay Beamer played a duo with Irish. Dr. Jaffe and Connor McCarthy ’15 presented readings. Dr. Bell performed on the Skinner organ and was accompanied by flautist Elias. Mary Ann Ratchko-Gamez, tin whistle, collaborated with Whitely, who performed Celtic Christmas music. There was also a traditional audience sing-along of favorite Christmas carols.

Multi-Media Student Exhibition

The Fine Arts Department Multi-Media Student Exhibition was held from Nov. 21 through Dec. 14, 2013. The exhibition showcased work by Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) candidates Cheryl Andrews and Michelle Householder and students in drawings, ceramics, photography, animation, videos and web art.
Ambassador Induction

The annual ambassador induction ceremony was held Sept. 15, 2013. The event welcomed 17 new students into the Order of Tiberius. Each student must meet a level of criteria to be chosen as an official host of the College. New ambassadors are Collin Bryant, Kalista Braughton, Willy Cogneee, Jonathan Dorn, Nickolas Garcia, Halie Harper, Robin Hanes, Joseph Lopez, George Lucas, Kassidy Peacock, Taylor Richie, Juan Roggia, Amber Sherman, Hassan Shukri, Dimitrije Spasic, Sarah Stroope and Mitchell Zappitelli.

Student’s Summer Abroad in Italy

Senior Antonio DeAngellis spent two months in the summer of 2013 abroad in Italy studying the language and cooking. The opportunity was requested by him after he did several days of research. He also received assistance from the Lake Erie College staff. DeAngellis will graduate in May 2014 with a bachelor of science degree in Criminal Justice with a minor in Italian and Sociology.
Bikeathon

Student Government Association (SGA) held an annual bike-a-thon on Nov. 22-23, 2013. Over 60 students, faculty and staff participated. All proceeds went to the Reid Rizzo Foundation. Rizzo, a member of the Storm baseball team and the Class of 2014, passed away in June 2012.

Broadmoor School Visit

The EDC 330 (Introduction to Exceptional Learners) class visited Broadmoor School in Mentor, Ohio on Oct. 18, 2013 to play basketball with the students. Broadmoor is a school for students with developmental disabilities. The class toured the building and learned about what is offered at the school. The LEC basketball players who participated were Nick Buss, Parker Devenney, Amber Dowen, Sam Etherton, Kaitlyn Hummel, Heidi Hunter, Jessica Klingemier, Rebecca Mahnich and Vanessa Patfield.
New American Legion post opens on campus

by Milena Velez

Over the past few years Lake Erie College has made a targeted effort to serve the veterans of the United States Armed Forces and to provide them with opportunities to continue their education, regardless of whether they served recently or a long time ago.

Bob Mastronicola, coordinator of veteran support services on campus, has been spearheading this effort, and this past Veterans Day he brought about yet another successful veterans’ effort to completion – the establishment of the Andy Nowacki-Lake Erie College American Legion Post 807, the first American Legion post on a college campus in Ohio.

Post 807 is named for a local veteran, Andrew Nowacki, whose parents were present at the post’s dedication on Veterans Day 2013 in Social Parlor in College Hall. Traditionally, as Mastronicola explained, Legion posts are named after veterans from the era in which they are established. This is why when seeking a local veteran for Post 807 the Legion decided on a veteran from Iraq, thus making Post 807 the first post in Ohio to be named for an Iraq veteran.

Marine Lance Corporal Andy “Ace” Nowacki of Painesville was killed in an improvised explosive device blast in Iraq a little before he was to return home to celebrate his birthday. His mother, Sheila, who was in attendance alongside his father, had said upon hearing the post would be named for her son, “My first reaction was, ‘Andy’s up there at the pearly gates, fist pumping’.”

As an introduction to the dedication ceremony, Mastronicola spoke briefly about the three ingredients that had to be put together in order to bring the dedication of the Andy Nowacki-Lake Erie College American Legion Post to fruition: the cooperation from the College, solidified by introductory remarks by President Michael T. Victor; the cooperation from the American Legion, represented by American Legion State Commander Jeff Kauffmann, who also spoke briefly and wished Post 807 best of luck; and the cooperation of the Nowacki family and the local community.

“[The Nowackis] have been a powerhouse within the community,” Mastronicola said, as a brief video introducing Andy and his work in Iraq and produced by another one of the LEC vets, Kyle Johnston, played. Visually moved, he expressed how honored he and the rest of the veterans composing Post 807 are to have the post bear Andy’s name. To show their support even further, Andy’s parents presented the post’s newly sworn commander with a framed uniform, one of the ones Andy wore while he served his country in Iraq.

In conclusion of the dedication ceremony, Mastronicola introduced all of the Post officers in order, beginning with the new Post commander, Fransisco Reynoso. All Post officers were sworn in, making the dedication of Post 807 official.
Alumnas Mathiew Olszewski learned the importance of relationships and life lessons while attending Lake Erie College. He earned two degrees in business administration and marketing and was a member of the Storm football team for four years.

Olszewski works at Con-Way Freight as a supervisor in charge of 15-30 employees in his night sector. He ensures the safety of the employees, including drivers and dock workers, and that all of the freight is being loaded properly and efficiently before sent to its final destination.

In September 2013, Olszewski heard news that would change his life forever. He was diagnosed with testicular cancer, a disease that is most common in males aged 20-39. In the United States, between 7,500 and 8,000 diagnoses of testicular cancer are made each year.

Knowing that Lake Erie College is a support system and a family, Olszewski’s fellow 2012 alumni Joe Aichele and Gus Armbruster created a blog called “Beards for Bros” as soon as they heard the news.

“Gus and I wanted to create something that would bring all of our friends together while supporting Matt along the way,” said Aichele. “So we vowed to not shave our facial hair until Jan. 1 and when we knew Matt was cancer-free.”

Aichele and Armbruster banned together with all their fellow Storm football players and friends to submit photos daily showing the growth of their beards. The two posted significant articles directed towards young men to create awareness. The group also raised money for both Olszewski and the LIVESTRONG Foundation. The foundation also followed his progress on Twitter.

Olszewski received his last cancer chemotherapy treatment on Dec. 23, 2013. He went through a total of four cycles, each a week long, in addition to other treatments. The week-long treatments were intense and tested his body to the limits. Then, prayers were answered.

“On Jan. 16, 2014, I found out I was cancer-free. My blood levels were all reading normal and the tumors in my lower back were gone. I will never forget that day!” said Olszewski.

Not only did his family support him along the way with messages and cards, but President Michael Victor gave him a personal call to say that his Lake Erie College family would be there for him.

Olszewski plans to return to work once he has the strength and work his way up at Con-Way Freight to become service center manager. He can never thank his family and friends enough for the continued support he received on the most difficult journey of his life.
Mark your calendars NOW for Alumni Weekend 2014
September 25 – 28

The alumni office, working closely with our alumni association and dean of students, has planned an exciting three days of art, culture, exploration and fun for alums of all ages. Here are highlights of the weekend:

**Thursday, September 25**
- Visit the cultural icons of Cleveland: The Cleveland Art Museum, The Natural History Museum, The Botanical Gardens and The Rock in Roll Hall of Fame – choose your favorite
- Picnic on the Green with current students! Bring your family and enjoy lawn games and traditional cookout fair
- Art Opening – Featuring the photography of 1968 alum Anastasia Pantsios chronicling the bands of the 60’s – 80’s

**Friday, September 26**
- The President will host the 50th - 65th reunion luncheon in the newly renovated historic Steele Mansion (formerly Mentor House)
- Class Dinner and Distinguished Alumni Awards at Kirtland Country Club
- Young Alumni event at the Winking Lizard
Saturday, September 27
- Wonder Woman Run/Walk
- Tour and box lunch at the Holden Arboretum
- Tour of South River Winery
- Tea and tour of the Steele Mansion
- Todd Wilson concert in Morley Music Building
- Cocktail and heavy hors d’oeuvres event at the Victor Manor House – Class pictures taken

Sunday, September 28
- 9 holes of golf at the Painesville Country Club
- Brunch and student demonstration at the George M. Humphrey Equestrian Center
- Self tour of the Pheasant Hill Airport
Greetings from the National Alumni Board!

I am pleased to announce the following members of the National Alumni Board for 2014:

Steve Abbott, '10
Cami Harkless Blanchard, '90, '05
Ashley Eckard-Maul, '08
Suzanne Schoedinger Ellis, '59, '86
Adam Foxx, '06
Bekki Kai Cole Holtz, '89, '95
Carley Cumberworth Hosler, '72
Eric Janke, '93
Janet Richards MacFarland, '67
Sharan Rini McPadden, '97, '01
Dan McPadden, '00, '03
Denise Molesch, '95
Tatiana Lechowick Parker, '93
Andrea Gerl Shea, '83
Michelle Hunsinger Touarti, '78
Barbara Wallace Trainor, '67

Provisional Members:
Nick Decker, '13
Erica Acheson, '01
Liz McMahon, '74
Darel Taylor, '04
Cari Williams, '09
Seth Baumberger, '08

The National Alumni Board members represent classes ranging from 1959 to 2011 and reside in New York, Pennsylvania, Montana, Texas, Minnesota and Ohio. Our members have backgrounds in business, education, finance, law, publishing, and design, among other areas, and use their experience, talents and creativity to plan and host events to benefit alums, students and the community. Currently, we are planning an Antique Roundup and A Midsummer Night’s Feast.

At this time, I would like to personally congratulate each of you on your election to the National Alumni Board or your nomination to serve as a provisional member. I look forward to working with you to continue the National Alumni Board’s long tradition of supporting the efforts and mission of our beloved alma mater.

If you are interested in becoming more active with Lake Erie College, or serving on a National Alumni Board committee, please call us at (440) 375-7040 or e-mail us at nab@lec.edu.

Sincerely,

Janeane Cappara, J.D., '95, MBA '04
President, National Alumni Board • Member, Lake Erie College Board of Directors
Nominations are needed by June 1 for the 2014 Distinguished Alumni, Distinguished Young Alumni and Athletic Hall of Fame

Exciting News!!!
You can now register and pay for events online!!! Please check the alumni event section on the website. Not only will you be able to find out about all the great events taking place, but you will also be able to register and pay for them in minutes!

Best regards,

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

Distinguished Alumni Award
Each year during alumni weekend, the College recognizes alumni for outstanding career achievement and/or distinguished service to Lake Erie College. The recipients are selected by the National Alumni Board, which reviews recommendations submitted by alumni, faculty, staff and friends of the College.

Two years ago, the National Alumni Board instituted a Young Alumni Award recognizing alumni who graduated no more than 10 years ago. The nominees must be making significant career achievements or continued service to the College since graduating.

The nomination forms are available on the College website under Alumni.

Athletic Hall of Fame
The Lake Erie College Athletic Hall of Fame was established to formally recognize and pay tribute to outstanding former athletes, coaches and other individuals who have contributed to the heritage and tradition of the College’s athletic program and reputation. These individuals have also, through the years, continued to demonstrate in their daily lives the core values learned in intercollegiate athletics.

All nomination forms are available on the College website under Alumni.

Endowed Scholarships
The Classes of 1960 and 1962 have committed to “paying it forward” to current and future students by creating class endowed scholarships. The Class of 1960 completed their fundraising and were able to meet the first recipient of their scholarship at this year’s alumni weekend. The Class of 1962 has almost reached their goal and are hoping to endow their $50,000 scholarship fund by June 30th. Scholarships are important to the College for attracting and retaining outstanding students. If your class is interested in establishing an endowed scholarship in your name, please contact me – I’ll be excited to help you begin the process!

You are Invited - Save the Date!
“A Midsummer Night’s Feast”
Revelry to Celebrate the Summer Solstice

CIA chefs offer delectable hearty hors d’oeuvres and desserts
Tastings of select local wines
Entertainment by Steinway Artist Joe Augustine
Silent & Chinese Auctions

Saturday, June 21, 2014
Time: 6:30 PM
Arthur S. Holden Center, Lake Erie College

Proceeds benefit the work of the National Alumni Board on behalf of current students and alumni
1951

JOAN (KING) O’REILLY, Lafayette Hill, Pa., writes: “To turn 85 and hating every additional pain that comes from a life of physical abuse. I continue to travel somewhat – the wanderlust is still there, but Florida, Vermont and Mexico seem to be my limits. No more Brazil and Alaska. C’est la vie. Salud.” She lives close to five grandchildren, and one more grandchild lives in Stowe, Vt.; the entire family is doing well.

1952

NANCY JOHNSON, Painesville, Ohio, was honored by Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, a women educators group, for her 50 years of membership.

1953

NANCY (CORL) STEWART, Petoskey, Mich., MARY LOU (MILLER) KLAG, Sheffield Village, Ohio, and JANET (HIPPSLEY) HELGESON, Doraville, Ga. represented the Class of 1953 at the Reunion Weekend in October 2013 and at that time gave the class banner to the College to be hung in the Holden Center.

1954

DIANE (DICKINSON) BROWN, Chapel Hill, N.C., donated $1,600 to Lake Erie’s current Scholarship Challenge because she received a full four-year tuition scholarship for $1,600. Brown, who started in 1948, got married and had to receive permission from the president to continue college. She was pregnant with her first child while attending and graduated first in her class.

1955

ANNE (NEWTON) DUMPER, Broadford, Va., writes: “Life seems to get busier as I age – there are just too many things one wants to do. My writing and storytelling at a historical museum and church draw lots of friends and members. The Garden Club keeps me busy with weeding, but I have succumbed to have the inmates from the county jail helping – great free labor.” Her granddaughters are pursuing careers in pharmacy and education.

1956

SUZANNE (CONRAD) SELFRIJDGE-BOOTH, Englewood, Fla., writes: “We recently crossed the Atlantic on a cruise ship which took seven days at sea. As I recall, back in 1955 The Queen Elizabeth made it in five days. What fun we had sneaking into 1st Class on the Queen! Those 2nd class staterooms were small – I remember bunk beds and at least three to a room. I can now report that crossing the Atlantic today is a much smoother ride.”

1958

ELIZABETH (MORTON) JENSON, Springfield, Va., is married to Leonard Jensen Jr.

1959

BARBARA D’ATRI, Peoria, Ariz., writes: “Had a fabulous reunion with JO ANN HALE in Las Vegas! We went to the wedding of Barbara’s niece in Christmas 2012 and were roommates again. There might be ‘snow on the mountain’ but our enthusiasm as LEC alums never fades from Green and White!!!”

1960

Classmates from the Class of 1960 returned to campus to celebrate their 75th birthdays together during Homecoming Alumni Weekend from Oct. 3-6, 2013. The ladies were feted with special birthday cupcakes and a rousing chorus of “Happy Birthday” after dinner at the Kirtland Country Club on Friday evening.

1964

BEVERLY (SIMMONDS) KERR, Queensbury, N.Y., and classmate, JUDY (LINDBERG) LAWSON, returned from a couple’s reunion on the Queen Mary in Long Beach, Calif.

1965

JOANNE (ENGSTER) DICKINSON, Isle of Wight, England, writes: “My husband, David, passed away four and a half years ago and my son, Charles, works at Xerox and lives with his wife, Stephanie, and two lovely daughters, Frances (8) and Charlie (2) in Rochester, N.Y.”
1966

KATY (LANDISHAW) LEHMAN, Lyman, S.C., is a visual artist at White Whale Studios. Lehman writes: “My art studio group and the “poetry gang” provide enlivening, enriching realms in which to work – not unlike the Old Days at LEC, I guess.”

CAROLINE FEISS, Seattle, Wash., writes: “Early this spring (2013) we had a delightful visit with SUSANNE POHLMAN OFFENSEND ’66 in Los Altos, Calif.. This year has been mostly about travel and weddings. Gordy has become a ‘Marrying Sam’ and has conducted six ceremonies this year, four of which were joyful gay weddings, thanks to Washington state law and the U.S. Supreme Court. Our French friends visited for three weeks and we return to France for a month plus Holland for two weeks in September.”

1971

ALLYAN (WATSON) RIVERA, Salem, Mass., is happily retired after a long career as a psychotherapist in Ohio and Long Island, N.Y. Rivera is active in Salem State University’s Lifelong Learning Institute and enjoys reading, gardening and kayaking. Rivera was recently awarded the North Shore Elder Services’ Lois Stern Volunteerism “We Give Thanks” Award.

PAULETTE SZUHAY is retired and living in Painesville, Ohio.

ROBIN BONNER, Arlington, Va., is an art appraiser for the Internal Revenue Service.

1981

LYNN (MASTERSOHN) HAMMERLUND, Lake in the Hills, Ill., is an associate professor and librarian at Judson University. She was recently named the 26th Illinois Library Luminary, which is the Illinois State Library “hall of fame.”

1990

TERRY STERN, Frisco, Texas, works as a product manager for the Rheem MFG Company. Stern was a member of the first Lake Erie College men’s basketball team. He and his wife, Lori, have a daughter, Rylee.

1991

LORI (ATWOOD) FREILING, East Claridon, Ohio, was elected to the Greater Ohio Showmen’s Association Board of Directors in January 2013. She and her husband, Matthew, were married on October 29, 1994.

1995

MARK HERENDEEN, Fayetteville, Ga., earned a Master of Business Administration degree in 2010 from Shorter University of Rome, Ga. with a 4.0 GPA. Herendeen currently serves as Secretary-Treasurer for the Atlanta Metro Fire Chiefs Association.

1996

DENISE (BOBONIK) DOLL, Raleigh, N.C., and her husband, Craig, were married September 20, 1997. She is the owner of Reining Cats and Dogs Pet Sitting.

1998

JOAN (CORTEZ) PULLIN, Kerrville, Texas, completed her master’s degree in September 2012 and is working on becoming a Licensed Professional Counselor Intern. She and her husband, Dan, have three sons, John, Cody and Daniel.

1999

MICHAEL L. FRANK, Ponte Vedra, Fla., has been promoted to Senior Manager for Mercedes Benz USA and will be in charge of commercial vehicle operations in the southern region.

2000

KAT (RZUCIDLO) BORT, Canfield, Ohio, and her husband, Michael, announce the birth of Callie Grace Noelle Bort.
the birth of their daughter, Callie Grace Noelle, on Nov. 21, 2013. Callie has a big brother, Alexander. In June, Kat began www.WellbornFlutter.etsy.com where she offers her handmade artisan jewelry, unique crochet, knit jewelry and baby items.

2003

JULIE (BAYOREK) ROSS, Hubert, N.C., is a Logistics Management Specialist, supporting the KC-130J aircraft for the Dept. of the Navy at the Marine Corps Air Station at Cherry Point, N.C. Her husband, Matthew, is a Gunnery Sergeant for the United States Marine Corps and is stationed at Camp Lejune, N.C. She and her husband announce the birth of their daughter, Harper Brooke Ross, on Dec. 2, 2013.

2004

ANN (GERIN) ELKO, Willoughby, Ohio, and her husband, Christopher, were married on June 29, 2013 in Cleveland at University Circle United Methodist Church. Elko completed her master’s degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling in May 2013 at Kent State University. Her husband works for the Geauga County Sheriff’s Office.

2005

ROBYN (SCHULTZ) JEDLICKA, Medina, Ohio, and her husband, David, were married July 28, 2012 in Olmsted Falls, Ohio.

STEPHANIE (MORRIS) GILDERSLEEVE, Geneva, Ohio, is a doctor of veterinary medicine at Erie Animal Hospital. She and her husband, Denver, were married June 1, 2013.

2006

KAREN (ABRUZZINO) DUDGEON, Parma, Ohio, and her husband, Kevin, announce the birth of their twins, Warner Kevin Dudgeon and Marlena Ann Dudgeon, on August 18, 2013.

MARK BAUGHMAN, Willowick, Ohio, is the owner of Marks of Excellence Team, Re/Max Traditions in Chagrin Falls, Ohio. He and his wife, Shannon, announce the birth of their son, Aiden Baughman, on Dec. 4, 2013.

2009

RICK LEASURE, Painesville, Ohio, became the new United States player for the Bascharage Hedgehogs, the top basketball team in Luxembourg. Leasure was contacted by Head Coach Christophe Flammang who was searching for available players on Eurobasket, a basketball website for professional players. He was chosen by Flammang because of his height (6’8”), and his skills as shown on film. Leasure has been playing professionally overseas since 2009 for teams in France and Uruguay. He has also played in Washington.

ANGELA BETHEL, Columbus, Ohio, is a senior financial analyst at Express.

ELIZABETH (LABOUNTY) WHITWORTH, Eastlake, Ohio, and her husband, Christopher, were married on Nov. 6, 2013.
Graduates of the Class of 1964 celebrate their 50th anniversary!

Join the celebration of the 50th anniversary of your graduation from Lake Erie College. Plan to be in Painesville, September 25 - 28 for Alumni Weekend.

Why?

• Come to visit with old friends, experience the campus in a new light and have a great time at special events including an anniversary dinner honoring your class.

• Prepare by completing the class survey mailed to you in January (or request another copy). Responses continue to arrive weekly and all reflections will be printed in a class booklet with other information regarding the class of ’64.

• Consider making your travel plans now and save some extra time for seeing Cleveland.

• Want to request a duplicate survey form or ask a question? Contact Barbara (Barbie) Gould Pelowski: jandbpelowski@att.net or call (440) 974-4008.

2010

ALLIE PETERS, Kyle, Texas, is a human resource generalist for Aspen Heights. She is engaged to Aaron Loy.

BEN REED, Middlefield, Ohio, is an insurance agent for Nationwide.

2011

HEATHER (GRECO) KRUTZ, Berea, Ohio, and her husband, Michael, were married on August 2, 2013 at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Akron, Ohio. She and her husband met at Lake Erie College in 2009. They both tutored for the team-up program created by Dr. Delavan at the local elementary school. Heather teaches 4th grade and Michael teaches 7th grade science. She recently has been named as one of the top teachers in her building. Michael and his sister have written a book and they have been invited in April to speak at a teacher conference. Michael and Heather recently bought a house in Berea.

2012

ROGER DAVIS JR., Richmond Heights, Ohio, is a staff accountant at Martinet Recchia Inc.

BRIDGET BEURY, Birmingham, Ala., is a pachyderm keeper at the Birmingham Zoo.
IN TOUCH WITH LAKE ERIE COLLEGE

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

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MY NOMINATION FOR ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME OR DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

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They will be used at the discretion of the magazine staff, if space allows. Pictures can also be sent via email to
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We extend our deepest sympathy to the families and friends of the following persons. If you wish to read detailed obituary information, please contact Deb Remington at 440.375.7040.

1940
BARBARA MORRIS REDMOND (Waldwick, N.J.) – Aug. 25, 2013

1944
MARGARET SOPKO LITTMAN, M.D. (Lebanon, Tenn.) – Nov. 9, 2013

1950
RANDI ANDREWS SHEEREN (San Marcos, Calif.) – Nov. 23, 2013

1952
JOANNE BULLARD HARKE (Naples, Fla.) – Sept. 26, 2013

1953
JANE ANN NORRIS BROWN (Wilbraham, Mass.) – Sept. 17, 2013
VIRGINIA “GINNY” ALDEN HILL (Columbus, Ohio) – Aug. 28, 2013
ELIZABETH (WALDOCK) BENNETT JONES (Huron, Ohio) – Sept. 16, 2013

1954
JANET ROSENBAUM ABRAHAMS (New Haven, Ct.) – July 27, 2013

1957
MARGARET ALLMAN MCKNIGHT (Emeryville, Calif.) – Jan. 16, 2014

1958
NANCY JANE MCCLUSKEY REIDER (Rome, Ohio) – Jan. 22, 2014

1959
GAYLE DAVIS (North Palm Beach, Fla.) – Dec. 27, 2013

1962
DARLYN ANN WEBB (St. Louis, Ill.) – August 2013

1968

1971
REV. RAYMOND R. PETERS (Massillon, Ohio) – Aug. 5, 2013

1972

1973
SHARON JONAS ANTHONY (Akron, Ohio) – Aug. 18, 2013

1974
LOIS ANN DATES (Sayr, Pa.) – Oct. 15, 2013
RUSSELL GRIPPI (Ashtabula, Ohio) – Nov. 21, 2013

1975
BARRY MILLER (Spokane, Wash.) – Nov. 16, 2013

1976
JOHN WOODWARD (Cleveland, Ohio) – Jan. 5, 2014

1979
THOMAS PAYNE (Montgomery, Texas) – June 15, 2013

1981
SARA S. DEAN (Geneva, Ohio) – Aug. 30, 2013
DENISE EARLEY (Cleveland, Ohio) – June 28, 2013

1990
TERRY B. DUNLAP, M.B.A. (Mentor, Ohio) – July 12, 2013
ANTOINETTE L. HAENEL (Graham, N.C.) – Aug. 22, 2013

1997

1999
KRIS PIMAT STEFANAC (Willoughby, Ohio) – Jan. 6, 2014

William Blaylock (Las Vegas, Nev.) – November 2013
Charles Kinney (Northeast Ohio) – Dec. 11, 2013
Hugh D. Pallister, Jr. (Willoughby, Ohio) – Sept. 7, 2013
Ellis F. Smolik (Cleveland, Ohio) – Sept. 1, 2013
Richard Szorady (Cleveland, Ohio) – Nov. 19, 2013
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