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Dear Alumni and Friends,

The start of the New Year and new decade is a time of new beginnings and transition at Wheeling Jesuit. We began 2010 searching for an interim president to lead our University for the next year and I am happy to announce that Sister Francis Marie Thralkill, O.S.U., Ed.D. has been chosen.

Sister Francis Marie comes to us after a long, successful presidency at the College of Mount St. Joseph in Cincinnati. As president from 1987 – 2008, she led the co-educational, 2,300-student campus, which offered a four-year, liberal arts curriculum with both undergraduate and graduate programs. Previous to that, from 1978 – 1987, Sister Francis Marie was president of Springfield College, Illinois, a liberal arts, pre-professional college of 500 students. Most recently she served as an interim president at Chatfield College, in rural Brown County, Ohio from 2008 – 09.

Sister Francis Marie will provide us with experienced leadership as we continue our search for a permanent leader. I would like to thank Davitt McAteer for serving as interim president since August and wish him much success as he resumes his duties as vice president for Sponsored Programs.

As we transition to new leadership, there is much to celebrate at our alma mater. Enrollment Management is reporting record-breaking numbers. To date 137 students have deposited, the highest number of deposits by February in 10 years. The campus hosted a successful Scholarship Day where more than 60 students competed for our most prestigious financial awards.

Alumni continue to be active in events and chapters throughout the country. Over the past three years, the number of alumni events and participants has increased steadily. There are many alumni helping in our recruitment efforts and I thank those dedicated volunteers for their help throughout the year.

The University fund raising efforts are outpacing last year’s numbers. Overall gifts to the University have increased by 32 percent during the first half of the year and we have seen an increase in the average gift size. Ninety eight percent of our students receive some form of financial assistance and alumni contributions are an integral part of that effort.

The last six months have been challenging for all of us. Poor communication about Fr. Julio’s departure led to rampant rumors and speculation, and for that I am sorry. Fr. Julio’s exit was not the result of any scandal, but simply a matter of two sides no longer able to work together to move Wheeling Jesuit forward. I thank you for your thoughtful comments and concerns; it shows how deeply you care about our University. Fr. Julio is now working at the Loyola University of Chicago, and we wish him well in his new endeavors.

This is indeed a critical time for Wheeling Jesuit — a time to pull together, not be divided. It is time to do more than just be alumni and say we care. It is time for alumni to participate and to help. Please join me, and so many others, by being a part of the future of Wheeling Jesuit — this is our time to make a difference.

Lucrat Lux Vestra!

Mimle (O’Hara) Helm ’84
Chair, Wheeling Jesuit Board of Directors
UNIVERSITY REPORTS 44 PERCENT INCREASE IN FIRST YEAR STUDENTS FOR 2009 - 2010
When classes began for the start of the 2009-2010 academic year, more than 300 first year students joined returning students to comprise a population of learners that numbers 1,344 students enrolled.

The breakdown includes 313 new students, 552 returning students, 292 graduate students and 187 online/evening undergars.

“The University welcomed 60 more first year students this year, a 44 percent increase over a year ago,” said Becky Forney, dean of enrollment.

The class of 2013 includes students from 17 different states and five foreign countries, with the biggest number coming from Ohio (95), followed by West Virginia (93), Pennsylvania (34) and Maryland (18).

The average GPA for non-international students is 3.5.

**IT’S A TRADITION – U.S. NEWS RANKS UNIVERSITY AMONG BEST IN THE REGION**

The 2010 edition of U.S. News & World Report’s America’s Best Colleges ranks Wheeling Jesuit University number 18 in the “Best Universities—Masters’ Category” in the South, making it the highest ranked college or university in West Virginia in this category for 13 consecutive years.

“This ranking reflects our continued commitment to excellence, a commitment that is a hallmark of Jesuit education the world over,” said J. Davitt McAteer, former interim president. “We’re pleased that U.S. News recognizes the University and we share this honor with our students.”

“The rankings confirm our regional reputation of excellence in and outside of the classroom,” Academic Vice President Letha Zook said. “The combination of the Forbes ranking of 180 out of 600 colleges and this ranking are a tribute to the exceptional quality of instruction by our faculty, the care provided by our staff and administration and the amazing talent of our students.”

The rankings examine 572 universities in the “Best Universities—Masters’ Category” within four geographic areas—North, South, Midwest and West, the same number of schools as last year. The institutions in this category provide a full range of undergraduate and master’s programs, according to U.S. News.
UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES NEW HIRES AND PROMOTIONS FOR FALL 2009

Wheeling Jesuit University has announced its hires and promotions for the 2009-2010 academic year.

Changes in Enrollment Management resulted in Becky Forney being promoted to dean of enrollment at WJU. Forney has responsibility for undergraduate, professional and graduate enrollment including marketing, admissions and financial aid. Forney holds a bachelor’s degree in communications from West Liberty University and a master’s in journalism from WVU. She has been with the University since 1991 and most recently as the associate dean for Professional and Graduate Studies.

Beth Loy has been promoted to director of admission/undergraduate. Loy has been employed at WJU since 2005 and earned a degree in chemistry from Wheeling Jesuit in 2002.

Melissa Rafalozak has been promoted to director of admission/professional and graduate studies. Rafalozak has been with the University since 2006 and earned a bachelor of arts in organizational leadership and development.

Also newly hired as admissions counselor in the department of Enrollment Management is King Miner ’07.

Other new hires or promotions include:

Margaret Erickson was hired as pastoral associate in the office of Campus Ministry. Erickson is a graduate of Wheeling Jesuit with biology degree and earned master degrees in biology and library science at Case Western Reserve.

Kerry Przybylsz was named an administrative assistant in the English Language Institute (ELI). This complements Przybylsz’s part-time duties as an instructor in the ELI. She is a graduate of Stetson University in DeLand, Fla., with a degree in mathematics. She began working at Wheeling Jesuit in August of 2002.

Senior biology major Wilhelm Castellow was hired as a scientific researcher in the Office of Global Outreach. Also hired as a research technician in the biology department is Tara Richards ’09 who earned a degree in biology. Amy Cronin was hired as nurse coordinator of the Student Wellness Center. She is a graduate of West Virginia Northern Community College.

In the department of business and finance, Theresa Parsons was hired as manager of sponsored programs finance. Parsons is a graduate of Wheeling Jesuit with a bachelor’s in accounting and a master’s in business administration.

Christopher Ruokman was selected as computer programmer for the CET. He is a 2008 graduate of Wheeling Jesuit with a degree in computer science.

Ronnie Cooper was promoted to the position of grounds supervisor. He has been with the University since 1988.

Joining the University faculty for 2009-10 are the following instructors:

Jane Neuwengohsander is teaching in the professional education department. She had been employed by the Center for Educational Technologies® since 1996.

Angela Thompson was named an assistant professor of nursing. A graduate of WVU with a master’s degree in nursing, Thompson is a board certified family nurse practitioner and women’s health nurse practitioner.

Elizabeth Prather is a mathematics instructor. She returns to the University after completing courses at Carnegie Mellon. She has a master’s in mathematics and instructional design, both from the University of Kentucky.

Marilmar Weeks is a nursing clinical instructor. She was formerly employed at Ohio Valley Medical Center for 12 years and worked as an adjunct instructor at Wheeling Jesuit for three years during that time. She earned bachelor degrees in psychology and nursing at Wheeling Jesuit and is currently completing her master’s degree at WJU.

The Wheeling Jesuit athletic department announced that Kathleen Hine ’07 was hired as head women’s basketball coach, replacing Joe Key. She was the assistant coach for Key.

Other new employees include 10 graduate assistants: Tyler Absalom, women’s soccer; John Eberhart, baseball; Urko Fernandez, Office of Global Outreach; International Office; Maqgood Harrington, athletics; Erin Kinter, basketball; Anthony Mazza, Mother Jones House mentor; Jaewok Przednow, men’s soccer; Nicole Stanley, swimming; Tony Traber, business and finance; and Armando Vasquez, Office of Global Outreach/International Office.
STELTENKAMP PENS BIOGRAPHY OF BLACK ELK

NICHOLAS BLACK ELK: Medicine Man, Missionary, Mystic shows that the holy man was not the depicted traditionalist commonly depicted in literature, but a religious thinker whose outlook was positive and whose spirituality was not limited solely to traditional Lakota precepts.

Since its publication in 1932, Black Elk Speaks has moved countless readers to appreciate the American Indian world that it described. The popular narrative addressed the youth and early adulthood of Black Elk, an Oglala Sioux religious elder.

Rev. Michael Steltenkamp, S.J., professor of religious studies, provides the first full interpretive biography of Black Elk, distilling in one volume what is known of this American Indian wisdom keeper whose life has helped guide others.

Combining in-depth biography with its cultural context, the author depicts a more complex Black Elk than has previously been known: a world traveler who participated in the Battle of the Little Bighorn yet lived through the beginning of the atomic age.

Steltenkamp draws on published and unpublished material to examine closely the last 50 years of Black Elk's life—the period often overlooked by those who write and think of him only as a 19th century figure.

In the process, Steltenkamp details not just Black Elk's life but also the creation of his life story by earlier writers and its influence on the Indian revitalization movement of the late 20th century.

The first book to follow Black Elk's life-long spiritual journey—from medicine man to missionary and mystic—Steltenkamp's work provides a much-needed corrective to previous interpretations of this special man's life story.

WJU NURSING GRADS PASS EXAM UNANIMOUSLY

All 19 graduates of the 2009 nursing program passed the RN licensing exam (NCLEX) on the first attempt—a feat that now places the program as one of the top in the country.

According to Professor Rose Kullenkos, only eight percent of all bachelor of science in nursing (BSN) programs in 2009 earned a 100 percent pass rate on the NCLEX.

The NCLEX exam is a computer adaptive test that not only follows a test plan but also determines the student's next question by whether the last question was answered right or wrong. If a student answers questions correctly, then the subsequent questions become more difficult.

Twelve of the 19 or 63 percent of WJU graduates passed the exam after taking the minimum number of 75 questions.

Of the 19 graduates, seven are licensed registered nurses in West Virginia, eight in Pennsylvania and four in Ohio.
UNIVERSITY MARKS CONSTITUTION DAY 2009 WITH PUBLIC PROGRAM

Wheeling Jesuit University marked Constitution Day 2009 with its fifth annual program celebrating the United States Constitution.

Open to the public, the program featured a talk by U.S. District Judge John Preston Bailey and a living history presentation by Ilene Evans.

Wheeling Jesuit's former interim President Davitt McAleeer welcomed all to the event. Members of the WJU community, community members and local high school students and Wheeling Jesuit students attended the presentation.

Bailey discussed the role of the judiciary in the Constitution.

Evans gave a presentation of living history. The internationally known actress, singer and storyteller also was the recipient of Wheeling Jesuit's Foundations of Freedom Award. The award is given annually to a leader who has advanced the public's knowledge of the U.S. Constitution.

During her presentation Evans assumed the role of runaway slave and American hero Harriet Tubman. She narrated an online illustration entitled, The Constitutional Virtual Field Trip.

Wheeling Jesuit and its Emma Ona Byrd Center for Educational Technologies, named in honor of Sen. Robert Byrd's late wife, have been instrumental in integrating technology in classrooms throughout the United States and many of these promote good citizenship and the Constitution.

Congressional legislation proposed by Byrd was enacted into law in 2004 designating Sept. 17 each year as Constitution & Citizenship Day. This date was selected for observation because the Constitution was signed on Sept. 17, 1787. Constitution & Citizenship Day also focuses on the rights and responsibilities of U.S. citizens, both native-born and naturalized.

PARADE & HONORS CONVOCATION HIGHLIGHT FAMILY WEEKEND

Wheeling Jesuit University welcomed its extended family to campus to celebrate its annual Family & Friends Weekend in October.

A highlight of this year's weekend was the festive homecoming parade that traveled along Washington Avenue. Parade dignitaries included U.S. Congressman Timothy Murphy '74 (R-PA), and former Pittsburgh Steeler linebacker Robin Cole, the father of Wheeling Jesuit senior Lacle Cole.

Many enjoyed the parade, which began at the McDonough Center and traveled out the back entrance of campus onto Washington Avenue then back to campus at the main entrance. Also marching in the Homecoming Parade were the Washington Wildthings, the Trinity High School marching band, Wheeling Jesuit athletic teams, student clubs, and student government.

The parade was followed by a faculty-versus-student kickball match.

Also on Saturday, Oct. 24, the Fall Honors Convocation took place at 11:30 a.m. in Troy Theater and recognized students who earned Dean's List honors. The convocation was followed by a brunch for students and guests.
PT INSTRUCTOR EARNSS NATIONAL CERTIFICATION

"This is a great honor and we are very proud of Alison," said Academia Vice President Dr. Letha Zook, who is herself a physical therapist and a former director of the physical therapy program at WJU. "Our department and our students will benefit from Alison's achievement."

Dr. Alison Kreger, clinical assistant professor of physical therapy, has earned board certification in the specialized field of clinical pediatric physical therapy.

This makes her one of only four in the state of West Virginia and one of fewer than 300 in the entire country to be certified in the specialty. Her co-writer Clinical Associate Professor Dr. Mark Dimas also is certified in this specialty, meaning that two of the four pediatric physical therapists in the state are teaching at Wheeling Jesuit.

The certification process included a rigorous competency exam and application procedure, resulting in the official certification, which is good for 10 years. Kreger will be honored by the national association in San Diego, Calif. In February during the American Physical Therapy Association Combined Sections Conference.

A native of Brussels, Belgium, Kreger moved to Wheeling in 1994 to attend Wheeling Jesuit as an undergraduate and earned her undergraduate degree in psychology in 1996. She went on to earn her master and doctorate in physical therapy at WJU.

JACOBER SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT ANNOUNCED

Dr. Gregory S. Merrick, internationally recognized prostate cancer specialist and executive director of Wheeling Hospital's Urologic Research Institute (URI), and Wheeling Jesuit University announced that Je (Jay) Young Park is the 2009 recipient of the Jacober Scholarship.

Park is a senior chemistry major and a graduate of Bishop Donahue High School. As a result of the scholarship, he will have the opportunity to continue his education by working at Wheeling Hospital's Schilletter Cancer Center under Merrick's guidance.

WJU's Jeffrey M. Jacober Scholarship Fund was established in 2007 for students studying in the field of physics. Created by the family of the Rhode Island businessman, Jacober, it provides annual support to a deserving physics student at the University while offering practical experience at the Schilletter Cancer Center.

Jacober was diagnosed with prostate cancer and embarked on an exhaustive search to find treatment before becoming a patient of Merrick at the Schilletter Center. Tragically, after successfully undergoing treatment at Schilletter, Jacober lost his life in an accident.

Throughout his life, Jacober had sought to educate the public about health care. This scholarship was established to recognize his intent and belief that research is a key factor in health, and that education is paramount.

"This ongoing collaboration between the Urologic Research Institute and Wheeling Jesuit demonstrates the active learning that happens when academics is complemented by invaluable experience at a first-class facility such as the Schilletter Cancer Center. The vision of Dr. Merrick and his team is renowned in the medical world and we are thrilled to be a part of it," said McAleer.

"This is a unique opportunity for our physics majors to be a part of cutting-edge research at Wheeling Hospital and learn from one of the country's leading urologic radiation oncologists," said Dr. Peter Ehrl '81, chair of WJU's physics department.

Merrick added, "My team and I have been conducting groundbreaking research for years. Through the Urologic Research Institute, we have created an entity that will better allow us to promote, raise funds and achieve our goals. We are grateful to Wheeling Jesuit University and the Schilletter Cancer Center for helping to make this institute a reality. We congratulate Jay on his selection as 2009 Jacober scholar."
Biology Interns Find Opportunity in the Lab

Wheeling Jesuit University's biology lab was a busy place last summer as students performed research under the watchful eye of Dr. Robert Shurina.

The biology professor said he is proud of his summer interns who spent their days performing lab procedures that looked at serious topics like cancer, neurobiology, and angiogenesis. He's also pleased that Wheeling Jesuit graduate Tara Richards was hired as research technician for his lab, thanks to a grant from WV INBRE.

INBRE is part of the National Institute of Health Institutional Development Award (IDeA) Program, a consortium among selected institutions of higher education that works to enhance the capacity for educating and training their faculty and students in biomedical research.

Richards watches over the interns and makes sure the lab procedures are properly carried out. Shurina refers to her as a "lab mother," a role she seems happy to accept. She also performs her own testing and experiments that involve cancer studies.

For summer 2009, the undergraduate students who worked in the Wheeling Jesuit lab included: Talia Blankenship, Brittany Burkhart and Kaleigh Dam.

The emphasis of the program is to attract students to careers in the biomedical sciences and to get undergrads to continue their careers in biomedical education, according to Shurina. Summer jobs that involve research and lab work impress graduate school recruiters and make a student stand out from the competition, which is vital to those applying to medical school, he added.

McAteer Receives State Labor Honor

Former Interim President J. Davitt McAteer '66 was inducted into the West Virginia Labor History Association's (WVLHA) Hall of Honor in December.

The WVLHA has been promoting awareness of the working lives of all West Virginians for more than 25 years. WVLHA selects West Virginians to honor each year and McAteer joins longtime Teamster activist Grover Marion of Marmet, W.Va. in receiving the 2009 honor.

The ceremony took place at noon, Saturday, Dec. 5 at the Teamster Building (257 St. Albion Avenue) in South Charleston. Plaques displaying the names of all Inductees were displayed inside the Labor Building on Leon Sullivan Way in downtown Charleston.

A native of West Virginia, McAteer has devoted much of his professional efforts to mine health and safety issues. He worked with consumer and environmental advocate Ralph Nader on efforts to enact the landmark 1969 Federal Coal Mine Health and Safety Acts. During the 1970s, he led the safety and health programs of the United Mine Workers and founded the Occupational Safety and Health Law Center.

In 1994, he visited South Africa at the request of the National Union of Mine Workers to study health and safety issues, and during the Clinton administration served as Assistant Secretary for Mine Safety and Health at the United States Department of Labor. He also served nearly two years as the acting solicitor for the Department of Labor, the second largest law firm in the federal government at that time.

In January of 2006, West Virginia Gov. Joe Manchin asked McAteer to serve as personal advisor and conduct an independent investigation into the cause or causes of the Sago Mine Disaster and the Aracoma Alma No. 1 Mine Fire, both of which occurred in January 2006.
NEW STUDY ON GANG ACTIVITY PERFORMED AT UNIVERSITY

Political science professor Dr. John Poffenbarger spent the summer studying the growth of gangs in the local region in conjunction with an effort by the U.S. Attorney's Office.

Funded by a $75,000 grant issued by the Bureau of Justice Assistance through Project Safe Neighborhoods Anti-Gang Initiative, the study will be completed by the end of July 2010.

Poffenbarger finds that gang activity is a hot topic in many areas of the country and the growth of criminal gangs is a sad part of our contemporary culture.

There are three parts to the study, with the first part consisting of a survey of all law enforcement agencies in the Northern District of West Virginia. Next he will use the surveys to visit public and private schools in the Northern District, which includes Clarksburg, Elkins, Martinsburg and Wheeling neighborhoods, and see if gangs are making their way into area schools. The result of this school survey plus the law enforcement survey will be used by the U.S. Attorney's Office to gauge the prevalence of gang activity in the District and to assist in the development of an anti-gang initiative for the District.

UNIVERSITY RECEIVES EPA CARE GRANT TO TACKLE APPALACHIAN ISSUES

The University has received its second Community Action for a Renewed Environment (CARE) grant from the U.S. EPA totaling $298,874.

The money will help six Appalachian communities tackle environmental problems in Mud River, Premier, Cabin Creek, Amstel, Logan and Varney, W.Va. The University will use this grant funding to focus on specific problems including the impact from mining and coal slurry; water and wastewater management; reducing exposure to toxins; and developing new expertise in community medicine.

Some communities will have their drinking water sampled to determine its safety. The work will be done under the umbrella of the collective community organization Appalachian CARE Partnership.

This is the second CARE grant awarded to WJU. The first grant allowed the University to conduct an assessment of the communities that helped local groups identify 140 environmental concerns.

PROFESSOR DOMINICK DEFILIPPIS ELECTED TO REGIONAL OFFICE

Dr. Dominick DeFilippis, associate professor of modern languages, was elected regional representative of Alpha Mu Gamma, the national collegiate modern language honorary society.

He has held the position of regional representative for the association since the late 1990s and will serve West Virginia, Virginia, Delaware, Maryland, and Washington, D.C. region in this role.

Headquartered at Los Angeles City College in Los Angeles, Alpha Mu Gamma claims more than 307 chapters of the society in the country. Annually, the group honors students who excel in modern languages in a national competition for study abroad scholarships. DeFilippis is proud to report that Wheeling Jesuit University has been repeat first-place winners of scholarships as well as first-place runners up over the years.

In 2008 DeFilippis was also honored for his commitment to languages and international studies as the recipient of a Cyrus Vance Award from the state of West Virginia, honoring professors for their efforts at promoting international education.

Beyond teaching, DeFilippis directs WJU's study abroad program. He has been instrumental in instituting language clubs on campus, established a chapter of Alpha Mu Gamma, and has been active in the international studies program and many other language outreach programs both on campus and beyond.
NOTED EDUCATOR & RESEARCHER JOINS WJU PROJECT

Larry Hedges, a national leader in the fields of educational statistics and evaluation, has joined CyGaMEs as a project partner. Hedges is the board of trustees professor of statistics and social policy and faculty fellow at the Institute for Policy Research at Northwestern University. The CyGaMEs project is funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF) to carry out research into videogame learning, design, and assessment that first began with a NASA-funded project that created the Selene videogame.

Hedges said CyGaMEs research is potentially path-breaking.

CyGaMEs could serve as a prototype for the types of instructional interventions lots of people are talking about. Hedges is interested in the CyGaMEs assessment suite as a way to measure learning that does not violate the assumptions held by learning scientists. He says the collaboration will support pioneering work to solve problems about how to collect and analyze data.

Hedges' research straddles many fields—in particular those of sociology, psychology, and educational policy. He is best known for his work to develop statistical methods for meta-analysis (a statistical analysis of the results of multiple studies that combines their findings) in the social, medical, and biological sciences. It is a key component of evidence-based social research. Some of his recent studies include the costs of generating systematic reviews, differences between boys and girls in mental test scores, the black-white gap in achievement test scores, and frameworks for international comparative studies on education.

Hedges' work with CyGaMEs principal investigator Debbie Denise Reese is, in part, under the auspices of the Center for Advancing Research and Communication in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (ARC), which is also funded by the NSF. ARC supports researchers conducting NSF-supported research to build research capacity by strengthening the community of scholars and helping to share knowledge with practitioners, policymakers, and other educational researchers.

The Selene game at the heart of the CyGaMEs project is aimed at players ages 9-18, and players are always needed to help with the research. Before they can play, they must be registered by an adult recruiter, who confirms players' ages, gets parental consent, and gathers other players.

CHALLENGER CENTER EXPANDS MISSIONS TO INDIA, ARGENTINA AND SOUTH AFRICA

The world has recently become a little smaller place relatively speaking with the e-Missions® distance learning program at the Challenger Learning Center® at Wheeling Jesuit University.

In June, Lori Kudliak, lead flight director for the e-Missions program, conducted the Center's first e-Mission to India. Kudliak connected via videoconference in Wheeling with Westwood International School in Visakhapatnam to train 40 teachers in the Space Station Alpha mission. The teachers are now able to prepare their students for that mission, in which students help protect astronauts aboard the International Space Station from a large solar flare.

On June 26 Kudliak trained six teachers at the Taborn School in Córdoba, Argentina. They took part in Operation Montserrat, in which participants have to decide how to save the residents of the small Caribbean Island of Montserrat as a volcano erupts and a hurricane approaches in this simulated emergency.

Teachers at St. Albans College in South Africa participated in Operation Montserrat and in September, the teachers helped their students through the same mission during an evening event for Math Week at the all-male college.
UNIVERSITY PARTNERS WITH SOUTHERN WV COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Wheeling Jesuit signed a partnership agreement with Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College to offer adult higher education programs to a new group of students, those living in the southwest counties of West Virginia, along the Kentucky border.

Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College recognized an unmet need for adult students to continue their education after acquiring associate degrees or 60 or more prior college credits, and saw the opportunity that a partnership with Wheeling Jesuit would bring to their region. Southern has operated as a community college since 1971.

“This partnership will enhance the mission of both Wheeling Jesuit University and Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College by offering graduate and undergraduate courses, not currently offered at times convenient for so many adult students,” Becky Forney, dean of Enrollment Management said. The classes will be offered at Southern locations beginning on the Boone County campus. Class size is expected to be between 15 and 20 students per cohort.

Wheeling Jesuit University successfully adapted its baccalaureate and master’s degree programs to accommodate working adults over the years as the need for quality adult degree programs grew. It maintains a Center for Professional and Graduate Studies headquartered on the Wheeling campus to welcome adults and assist them in obtaining bachelor’s and master’s degrees. Additionally, the University has the Charleston Center to offer on-site classes to the central part of the Mountain State.

“We are thrilled to expand our mission to adults in this manner on this arrangement for some time,” said Forney. “The first cohort of students began in January. It is very exciting to offer a Jesuit education to a new group of adult learners.”

Two of its most popular degrees are the accelerated Bachelor of Arts in Organizational Leadership and Development (BOLD) and the Master of Science in Organizational Leadership (MSOL). “Hundreds of students have completed the degrees and reaped benefits professionally due to their college accomplishments,” Forney said.

BOLD meets the need of working adults who have earned previous college credit and now want to complete a bachelor’s degree, and the MSOL offers its participants opportunities to develop the intellectual and personal skills required of managers and executives of today’s organizations, while earning a master’s degree.
1960
ROBERT KAMMER
Is president of the Maryland Coalition Against Pornography.

1962
KATHY (OLIVER) BURGOYNE
Was recognized by Wheeling Hospital for 10 years of volunteer service.

ISABEL-LEE MALONE
Presented a workshop on Introduction to Drama Therapy to first-year graduate students at Drexel University.

1963
JOSEPH WITTIG
Is a professor at UNC Chapel Hill.

1965
LARRY ALBANESE
Is a consultant for the Ohio Dept. of Education.

MIKE “MO PO” CASEM
Is a senior systems analyst (NC).

BOB OKANE
And his spouse, PATRICIA (ROCKWOOD), reside in Niagara Falls, NY. He is retired and she is a real estate agent with Keller Williams Realty.

1966
MIKE KELLEY
Retired from the U.S. Dept. of Defense and now volunteers for visitor services at the National Air and Space Museum (DC).

CAROL (MUTH) ROSSING
And her spouse, DAN, reside in Westlake, OH. She is semi-retired from St. John Westshore Hospital and he is retired from Nordson Corp.

1968
ROSIANNA COFFEY
Is vice president of Thompson Reuters (MD).

1969
JANET MALKO
Is principal at St. Mary’s High School in Elizabeth, N.J.

MARTIN NAPPER
Works part-time for the U.S. Foreign Service Office.

LARRY TROMBETTO
Is a substitute teacher at Holy Cross School (DE).

1970
ROSALIE KEANE
Is celebrating 25 years as owner, instructor and manager of New York Crystal Dance Studio in West Islip, NY.

RICK MERCIER
Retired after 35 years of service with the U.S. government.

1971
MIKE DAVIDSON
Is senior ops research analyst with IGC Consulting Group, Inc. and is a consultant to the U.S. Army Intelligence Center of Excellence at Fort Hauser, AZ.

JAMES GILLIGAN
Is owner/director of Gilligan Technology, Inc. (OH).

DEACON PETE GUMMERE
Is an adjunct faculty member at the Pontifical College Josephinum.

RON KUHL
Is president & CEO of Business America Corp (CA).

JOHN MARCETTI
Works for Barrows Gathersburg (MD) Lumber.

WILLIAM MILLER
Works for the Diocese of Cleveland (OH).

ANNE MARIE (BONGIORNO) TOM
Is circles coordinator for Westmoreland (PA) Community Action.

1972
JOHN FEHRENBACH
Is program coordinator with GE Healthcare overseeing the service of medical equipment at hospitals in the Allentown, PA area.

JANET (DUFFY) LEITCH
Works for Ruffing Montessori School (OH).

ROBERT O’NEILL
Is executive director of MSS and completed a master’s degree in U.S. history.

ROSEMARY (TODROFF) REED
And her spouse, DARRELL, reside in Pittsburgh. He is a gastroenterologist at UPMC-St. Margaret and she is his practice administrator.

LINDA (LACASSE) WHEELER
Works for Gilmore Academy (OH).

1973
COL. HARRY DORSEY
Is dean of faculty and academic programs at the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, National Defense University, at Fort McNair in Washington, DC.

ROBERT HUTCHINGS
Is the assistant men’s basketball coach at Richard Stockton College (NJ).

CAROL (NESTER) LARKIN
Works for Mentor (OH) Public Schools.

KATHLEEN ORR
Is a reading specialist for Arlington County (VA) Public Schools.

1974
MARY KAY (KOCIANCIC) BOSSARD
Works for The Cleveland Clinic.

MARGARET (SCHWARZ) MOORE
Is health IT manager at National Opinion Research Center.

CEILY NEVILLE
Is a reverse mortgage consultant for PNC Mortgage, LLC (MD).

BRUCE “MOOSE” VANDYNE
Is delivery project manager for IBM (NC).

1975
MARLA-JO BONUCELLI
Is program analyst for the OAA, Resource Operations Center Personnel Division (D.C.).

BRIAN TOUMEY
Works for the U.S. Postal Service (PA).

1976
FRANCIS REILLY
Is a research fellow at Logistics Management Institute (VA).

1977
WILLIAM JETER
Is electric supervisor for TMK-IPSsco (KY).

1978
JOAN (DOVERSPIKE) DAVISON
Was promoted to professor and chair of the political science dept. at Rollins College (FL).

JAMES DOUGLAS
Is senior Internet security analyst for ADP.

GARY GROSS
Began a corporate financial consulting firm, The Bull Bergen Group, LLC.

1979
DAVID ELLWOOD
And his spouse, DIXIE (DURIG), reside in Wheeling. He is senior vice president of WestBanco Trust & Investment Service.

REV. THOMAS LEWANDOWSKI
Is pastor of St. Camillus Parish (Neshannock) and chaplain at Westminster College (PA).
About 40 alumni from the Wheeling area gathered at Good Menon Wines in September to sample wines from around the world. Owner Dominic Cenere explained to alumni the different bouquets. This is the second year that the chapter hosted the event.

Alumni from the area kicked off the holidays in December at Erickson Alumni Center during the annual holiday party. Good food and fellowship were the highlight of the evening, along with a visit from Santa Claus.

1980
BESSIE MANLEY
is nurse director at Massachusetts General Hospital. She had an article published in the Oct. 2003 Journal of Nursing Administration.

1981
LYNDA (JOHNSON) BERNAUS
is an elementary art educator at the American School of Barcelona.

DALE TERRY HAGUE
is a JROTC teacher (NC).

1982
DONNA (BUNEVICH) BELL
is an accountant with The Mahaffey Company (FL).

1983
PEGGY (KNUTH) FERGUSON
is a nursing instructor at West Liberty University (WV).

1984
CARMEN ALAMENO
works for Ingram Micro (PA).

1985
MARYBETH (MURRAY) EMMERTH
is associate professor of respiratory therapy at WJU.

1986
TIMOTHY FOY
is vice president of XL Insurance (PA).

1987
DOROTHY BLAINE
is executive secretary for Jeffco Co. JVS and the 2nd Ward Councilwoman for the city of Toronto. She received the YWCA 2009 Women of Achievement award.

1988
ERIN BUCKLEY
is a clinical nurse in urology at MetroHealth Medical Center (OH).

1989
JENNIFER (BROWN) ATKINSON
is a self-employed group exercise instructor (OH).

1990
LISA BARON
is a preschool special education teacher for Riverside of Miami Co (OH).

1991

1992
PHYLIS SMITH
is a registered nurse at Washington (PA) Hospital.

1993
KRISTIN CONNORS-TURNER
works for Mercy (OH) Medical Center.

1994
NICOLE (BROVA) DROST
is a yacht closing manager for Allied Marine (FL).

1995
LARissa (VASICH) HAZELIP
and her spouse, Curt, welcomed daughter Elana on May 20.

1996
HOPE (SACCO) COFFIELD
works for Wheeling Jesuit University.
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1997
JASON ANDERS and his spouse, REBECCA (CHAPMAN) ‘00, reside in Beckley, WV. He works for Bodyworks Rehabilitation.
KAREN ESMONDE-WHITE has been accepted into the University of Michigan’s Post-doctoral Translational Scholar Program.
BRAD KREMPASKY is an audit consultant in operations risk management for AEP.
CHERISE (MEADOWS) LEE is the founder of the Luke Lee Listening, Language & Learning Lab at Marshall University (WV).
MICHELE (DOYLE) SCHENK is territory manager with Ortho-Helix Surgical Designs (PA).
JULIE WESLEY works for Ombudsman Educational Services (OH).

1998
BRIAN BENNETT works for Guernsey-Muskingum Electric Cooperative, Inc (OH).
SHANNON (COX) DUNN and her spouse, Micah, welcomed Lucy Grace on April 19. She is the director of the Oakmont Carnegie Library (PA).
MEGAN (MASLOGHI) SALVATORE works for Cleveland VA Medical Center (OH).
DAVID SAMS is system administrator at Lockheed Martin.

1999
CHERYL MAGGIO BELLE works for The Cleveland Clinic.
JASON CULLEY and his spouse, LIBBY (BYRUM) ‘00, welcomed daughter, Quinlin, on March 16. He is a self-employed dentist and she is a marketing communications specialist with Hammond Innovations.
SHELLY (NEWTON) FARBER works for the Dept. of Defense (OH).
JASON GILLIS works for Cleveland (OH) Resources-Chemicals Client Group.
LARA (DENISE) LYNCH and her spouse, Mike, welcomed Madeline Denise May 9.
MIKE ORAVES is regional technology officer for Wells Fargo Bank (CA).

MICHELLE PILLAR is a sixth grade math teacher for Hardy Co. Schools/Moorefield Middle School (OH).
LENA (CLINE) PREVILL and her spouse, STEVEN, reside in McGalhernsville, VA. Both work for Target- she is a store team leader and he is a facility technician.
ERIN (REBBEL) SCHWARTZ and her spouse, Richard, welcomed Nola Jade, May 20.
NICOLE SKAPIK is the service and training manager for Old Navy In Wheeling.
BRIAN TAGLIERI is group director/physical therapist at Physiotherapy Associates (GA).
KIRSTEN (KOLAJA) VLINSKY is a campus minister for the Diocese of Cleveland.

2000
LEANNE COOK is working part-time for the Mid East Career and Technology Center (OH) and is teaching part-time at Belmont Technical College (OH).
STEVE COMBI is a fraud investigator for PNC (PA).
SOMMER (LUKACENA) DEROSE works for Montour (PA) School District.
JEFF EBECK is a state trooper with the Pennsylvania State Police.
LAURA (FURLONG) HENGESBACH and her spouse, JUSTIN ’01, welcomed Reid on July 15.
MARK JENKINS works for Lines Overseas Management (Bermuda).
NICOLE JOHNSON works for Mount Union College (OH).
JASON LOR and his spouse, CYNTHIA (PLACIENTE) ’99, reside in Abingdon, MD. He is project manager for FBI Consulting, Inc. and she is a pharmaceutical sales rep for Bayer Corp.

2002
SARA (KNESTRICK) BENNINGTON is a corporate action analyst for BNY Mellon (PA).
ROBERT BLOSSER is a nuclear medicine technologist and section chief for Washington (DC) Hospital Center.

2003
COLLEEN GALAUGHAN is employee benefits consultant for PAYCHECK, Inc. (PA).
SARAH KMET works for Twinsburg (OH) City Schools.
PAULA (LATHAM) LATTANZ is a middle school religion teacher at St. Matthias the Apostle School (MD).
BETHANY PETERS works at Cedars Sinai (CA) Medical Center.
JUSTIN ZEHNDER is revenue examiner for Alabama Dept. of Revenue.

2004
CHARLES MELKO is audit manager for PriceWaterhouseCoopers LLP (MD).
AMANDA SCHULER is a physical therapist at Rehab Care (MD).
CHRISTINE WELSH works for T4C in Ohio.

2005
REBECCA REINDEL is an environmental health fellow with the U.S. EPA in Washington, D.C.
BRIAN SCHMIDT works for Things Remembered in Cleveland.
LAUREN HANSEN-WELCHES graduated from the Indiana University School of Medicine. She is an otolaryngology-head and neck cancer resident at IU Medical Center in Indianapolis.
KRISTINE (MALMGREN) YEATER
is attending Duquesne University School of Law while working at the U.S. Attorney's Office.

2006
MICHAEL FINK
works for Cleveland (OH) Benedictine High School.
CONNIE KEPLINGER-VEETTER
is an independent contractor of dental hygiene. She is an adjunct faculty member at Lord Fairfax Community College.
RETTA RICO
completed her first year of law school in Florida.

2007
PAMELA BOUTTON
works for Signature Health, Inc (OH).
SHAWN MCINTOSH
is group sales representative with Norfolk (VA) Admirals Hockey.
EMILY REED
is a seventh & eighth grade science teacher for East Liverpool (OH) City Schools.

2008
SEAN GWYNAR
works for Apple Growth Partners (OH).
ROBERT FRITSCH
is an Ensign In the U.S. Navy.
GREER GIBBONS
works for High Trails Outdoor Science School (OH).
KATRINA KINSELLA
is a nuclear medicine technologist for

National Institutes of Health (MD).
SARAH PHILLIPS
is a high school physics and math teacher for the PA Virtual Charter School.
STELLA (WYATT) SMITH
is a human resource analyst at Lord Fairfax (VA) Community College.

2009
MICHAEL DURHAM
works for The Resort at Glade Springs.
DANIEL BROSNAN
was accepted into the National Journalism Center for the spring 2010 session where he will serve as an intern. The 12-week session runs through April 9.

Deaths
ALUMNI
ROBERT "GREG" BOYD ’68 died June 28, 2009.
JEROME TOLSON ’84 died May 19, 2009.

FAMILY, STAFF & FRIENDS
Marge Zamiska Bogdewicz, mother of CHIP BOGDOWICZ ’74, died March 19, 2009.
Anne Talbot Brennan, spouse of JAMES BRENNAN ’81, died May 9, 2009.

John Kudlak, Sr., spouse of PHYLLIS (NICKERSON) KUDLAK ’68, died July 10, 2009.
Wanda McEldowney, mother of SHARON (MCEDOWNEY) MERRYMAN ’82 and grandmother of LISA MERRYMAN ’07, died Aug. 23, 2009.
Elise "Jean" McCulloch Orr, mother of WJU graduates, MORAG (ORR) MONToya-Murcia ‘78 and KATHLEEN (ORR) DORSEY ‘73, mother-in-law of HARRY DORSEY ‘73, and the spouse of WJU Professor EMERITUS PAUL ORR, died June 29, 2009.
Kathleen Hogan Schenck, long time benefactor to WJU died June 27, 2009.
James Snuffer, father of ANDREW FREEMAN ’08, died Sept. 27, 2009.

WISE ENTERS MEDICAL SCHOOL
The daughter of Bud and Terri Coleman of White Sulphur Springs, W.Va., she earned an undergraduate degree in biology while at Wheeling Jesuit University. She is married to Stephen Wise.
While at Wheeling Jesuit, Wise was a member of the Dean’s List, Alpha Epsilon Delta, Beta Beta Beta, and Alpha Mu Gamma honor societies. She also received the Gloriam Award, the Fr. Gannon Scholarship, the SMART grant and the PROMISE Scholarship.

CANDACE WISE
PHILADELPHIA, PA CHAPTER

More than 80 alumni and friends took part in the this year’s Preakness golf scramble and beer and a burger. Organized again this year by Greg Ryan ’73, Joe Smith ’73 and Jim Gillin ’73, the scramble raised about $2,000 for the Rev. Charles Currie Philadelphia Chapter Alumni Scholarship. Winning this year’s scramble was the team of John McLaughlin, Mark Blizzard, Frank Reynolds and Mary Reynolds.

WJU ALUMNUS DR. STANLEY T. WEARDEN NAMED DEAN AT KENT STATE

Wearden, who has nearly 25 years of service at Kent State, was the director of Kent State’s School of Communication Studies.

Kent State University President Lester A. Lefton said, “Dr. Wearden is an example of excellence in action. We are proud that our national search for a dean has resulted in the best candidate being one of our own. It is always gratifying to have the opportunity to promote a talented member of our university community.”

Wearden came to Kent State in 1984 as assistant professor in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication. In 2002 he received a Distinguished Teaching Award. He was named interim director of the School of Communication Studies in 2004, and became director in 2005.

Dr. Stanley T. Wearden ’76 was named dean of the College of Communication and Information at Kent State University.

Wearden is the author or co-author of 30 publications and the recipient of two Ohio Board of Regents Research Challenge Award grants.

NARDELLI GRADUATES FROM MEDICAL SCHOOL

Wheeling Jesuit graduate Dr. Louie Nardelli, II, ’03 graduated from the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine (WVSOM) in May.

He and his wife, Christine, reside in Richmond, Va., while Dr. Nardelli participates in the psychiatry internship program at Virginia Commonwealth University Medical Center in Richmond.

Nardelli graduated from Robert C. Byrd High School in Clarksburg in 1998. He earned bachelor of arts degrees in chemistry and criminal law from Wheeling Jesuit University. He is the son of Louie and Karen Nardelli of Clarksburg, W.Va.

In January, Philadelphia area alumni gathered at the home of Martin (Buckley) Shields ’54 for the annual post-holiday party. In addition to good food and friendship, Fr. Jim O’Brien, S.J. celebrated a Mass with all those gathered.
COGAN SCHOLARSHIP CONTINUES TO ASSIST STUDENT ATHLETES

Since 1987, the Cogan Scholarship has offered students financial assistance as they work their way toward a degree at Wheeling Jesuit University. Made possible through the generosity of Wheeling attorney Tim Cogan ’69 and his family, the Cogan Scholarship goes to outstanding student-athletes who demonstrate financial need.

"Wheeling Jesuit had a big impact on my life, and I’m happy we can help others this opportunity," said Cogan, who is himself a product of eight years of Jesuit education, both high school and college.

The scholarship also honors the Cogan family's lifelong involvement in athletics. Maurice Cogan was a former member of the U.S. Olympic Team and a member of the Dartmouth University football team.

Attracting students, particularly athletes, who otherwise would be unable to attend Wheeling Jesuit University, the scholarship can also be used to retain a student who would otherwise find it difficult financially to continue at Wheeling Jesuit. Preference is given to student-athletes from Cleveland St. Ignatius Jesuit High School, but this is not a requirement.

Cogan's siblings James, Pete and Marcia Cogan also are involved with the award, along with other family and friends.

"We are very grateful for the Cogan family support and we know just how much it means to our students and our athletic program," said Danny Sandcomb, director of Athletics.

2009 recipients are junior volleyball player Laura O'Reilly, San Francisco, Calif.; volleyball player Michelle Bonfich, Chesterland, Ohio; junior Nathan Ogonek, Grafton, Ohio, a member of the men's basketball team and freshman Brenden Bazilio, Bowie, Md. a guard on the men's basketball team.

WJU ALUMNUS NAMED TO 2009 SUPER LAWYERS® LIST

Jim Wicks ’83 is one of five lawyers in the New York firm of Farrell Fritz to be selected for inclusion in the 2009 New York Super Lawyers® – Metro Edition.

Wicks concentrates his practice in business and commercial litigation. He is a Life Fellow of the New York Bar Foundation. Wicks is an adjunct professor at St. John's University School of Law, where he was named Adjunct Professor of the Year for 2008. He is a fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America (LCA)®, a trial lawyer honorary society composed of less than one-half of one percent of American lawyers. Fellowship is highly selective and by invitation only. In 2009, he was named to the national listing of “The Top Attorneys in Business Litigation” in the Corporate Counsel Edition of Super Lawyers® magazine.

This is the second year in a row that Farrell Fritz has the largest number of Long Island-based attorneys to be named to the list from a single law firm. Super Lawyers® is a listing of outstanding lawyers who have attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement.

Look for information on a spring alumni event in the Nation's Capital soon. The date has been set for April 24th. Watch the WJU alumni Web site for more details.
Riley Receives Award from the American Accounting Association

Dick Riley '84 was the recipient of the 2008 Innovation in Accounting Education Award from The American Accounting Association (AAA) for his work on forensic accounting and fraud examination.

The AAA award, which is sponsored by the Ernst & Young Foundation, was presented to Riley during the Association's annual held in New York Aug. 5.

Riley is currently a Louis F. Tanner Distinguished Professor of Public Accounting at West Virginia University and the 2008 Association of Certified Fraud Examiners Educator of the Year. He is the director of research for the Institute for Fraud Prevention and has taught at WVU since 1998.

Riley was instrumental in bringing the forensic accounting and fraud investigation graduate program to WVU in 2004.

Alumnus Recounts Wreck of Ship in New Novel

A new book by David M. Quinn '67 recounts the wreck of the world's first super tanker, the T.W. Lawson.

Leviathan's Master — The Wreck of the World's Largest Sailing Ship was released in October. A true story, it is transformed into a gripping historical novel by the ship's captain's great, great nephew, an alumnus of Wheeling Jesuit University.

The Lawson was the biggest sailing vessel ever built and the world's first super-tanker. In the winter of 1907, the 400-foot, seven-mast schooner was making her first trans-Atlantic crossing with 2.4 million gallons of kerosene for delivery to London when it wrecked, killing 17 people.

The author was born in Oak Ridge, Tenn. in 1945 and grew up in the Washington, D.C. area. Following his passion for genealogy led him to uncover remarkable stories within his family history.

First was that of his great, great uncle Michael Quinn, as told in the historical novel, It May Be Forever — An Irish Rebel on the American Frontier.

Now, drawing upon his maternal ancestry, Quinn tells the remarkable story of Captain George W. Dow, who is the narrator of the true story, Leviathan's Master - The Wreck of The World's Largest Sailing Ship. His latest book is published by Universe in paperback, dust jacket hardcover or as an e-book.
Service for Social Action Director and Alumna Featured in Magazine

"I know, with all my heart that I am called to live out my faith in service to others," Erin said in the article.

Erin McDonald ’03, director of the Service for Social Action Center at Wheeling Jesuit, was featured in an article entitled, “Stand with Others.” by Kathleen Durkin ’71, CSJ, published in the biannual Congregation of Saint Joseph magazine, ImagineOne.

McDonald told of her connection with the Congregation of Saint Joseph (formerly the Sisters of St. Joseph) and described her personal journey of discovery that has brought her to Wheeling Jesuit’s campus and to service as a profession, after earning her bachelor’s in psychology seven years ago.

Each day, McDonald works on campus service projects and travels on service trips with students. To read the entire article, visit the Congregation of St. Joseph Web site by logging onto http://www.csjoseph.org/imagineonemagazine.aspx.

Three WJU Grads Join the Jesuit Volunteers

Three alumni have dedicated themselves to a year or more of simple living and working for social justice in a spiritually supportive community as new members of the Jesuit Volunteer Corps.

In July 2009, regional organizations known as JVC East, JVC Midwest, JVC South and JVC Southwest merged with the Jesuit Volunteers International to form one organization—Jesuit Volunteer Corps. In the fall of 2009 JVCs welcomed 293 volunteers to serve throughout the United States and in seven other countries around the World. With more than a 10 percent increase in volunteers serving in the United States this year, this means that the Jesuit volunteers will provide a greater level of support to local organizations stretched by the current economic climate.

The three WJU Grads and their assignments are: Joseph Balbier ’08, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Alameda County in Oakland, Cal. Justin Brandt ’08, Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Bethel, Alaska. (Brandt serves in the JVC Northwest.) Daniel Torna ’08, YMCA International Services in Houston, Tex.
Three Inducted into Athletic Hall of Fame

Two former athletes and one former coach were selected this year for induction into the WJU Athletic Hall of Fame.

During Friends and Family Weekend in October, the University welcomed former soccer standout Brian Cullen ’99, long-time men’s basketball coach and athletic director Jay DeFruscio and swimmer Steve Hemmelgarn ’86 into its athletic royalty.

Cullen, a Cardinal men’s soccer standout, was a First-Team All-WVIAC selection all four years at WJU. He was selected a regional All-American twice and All-American Scholar-Athlete twice. Cullen was the 1998 WVIAC Player of the Year and was team MVP in 1996, 97 and 98, serving as team captain in 1998. He went on to become assistant soccer coach for the Cardinals, helping to coach the Cardinals to a fifth place finish in the country in 2000. He is now a plant manager for Weyerhaeuser and resides in Eugene, Oregon.

DeFruscio was responsible during his nearly 20 years with WJU for starting 14 new intercollegiate sports programs and for moving the University from NAIA to NCAA Division II status. He is the all-time leader in career wins, with 311 wins in 18 seasons, and is a two-time WVIAC Coach of the Year. DeFruscio’s teams earned the WVIAC regular season title in 1989, the school’s first WVIAC Tournament Championship in 2005 and played in two additional NCAA Tournaments in 2005 and 2006 and one NAIA Tournament in 1989. He left Wheeling Jesuit in 2004 to become an assistant coach for the Indiana Pacers.

Hemmelgarn was period NAIA All-American in 1995 and six-time WVIAC champion. Hemmelgarn was the four-time WVIAC All-Conference champion in the 50, 100 and 200 Freestyle and earned Penn-Ohio All-Conference honors in the 50, 100 and 200 Freestyle three times. He was also the four-time Academic All-American and a two-time team captain for the Cardinals. Today he is a career firefighter and paramedic for Liberty Township/Powell, Ohio, a part-time member of the Marysville, Ohio Fire Department, as well as a volunteer with the New Bremen, Ohio Fire Department.

Established in 1987 to honor former student-athletes, coaches or other members of the WJU community who have made significant contributions to Cardinal athletic programs, the Hall of Fame has 68 outstanding athletes enshrined to date.
Men's Soccer Finishes Third in the WVIAC

The Cardinal soccer team finished the 2009 campaign with a third place WVIAC conference finish, earning them a home field advantage in the first round of the tournament.

The men's soccer program posted a 12-5-4 overall record and 6-2-2 conference mark. In the first round of tournament play, sophomore Billy Wilson scored the lone goal in a 1-0 victory over University of Pittsburgh-Johnstown.

In the second round game, the Cards and the Senators of Davis and Elkins battled to a scoreless tie at the end of regulation. Neither team was able to score a goal in two overtime periods. The semi-final match was decided with a shootout with D&E scoring a goal to win the game.

Senior T.J. O'Brien received his second consecutive WVIAC First-Team honor while senior Hans Moses was recognized as a First-Team selection. Sophomore Billy Wilson and freshman Paul Silvestrone were WVIAC Second-Team honorees and Junior Shane Young and sophomore Chris Reel were selected WVIAC Honorable Mention.

Lady Cards Place Three on All-WVIAC First-Team

The women's soccer team rounded out the regular season with a five-game winning streak, propelling the Lady Cards to a third place finish.

The team finished the year 11-9 overall and 8-3 in the conference. The Lady Cards recorded a 2-0 win over Seton Hill in the opening round of the WVIAC tournament before suffering a loss in the semi-final round to West Virginia Wesleyan by a score of 2-1.

Ten Lady Cards earned WVIAC accolades. First Team honors were awarded to Juniors Kara Houston, Hannah Walker and Stephanie Marazza. Houston led the WVIAC in scoring with 25 goals and 4 assists for 54 points while Walker's 12 assists ranked first in the WVIAC and Marazza's defensive effort was unmatched.

Second Team honors were given to seniors Monica Prieur and Amanda Belflo and freshmen Amy Sillith and Ashley McGilmmns. All-WVIAC Honorable Mention winners were senior Jessica Park, junior Katrina Kennedy and freshman Megan Newrones.
Volleyball Sweeps WVIAC Championships with 17-0 Record

The women’s volleyball team dominated the West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WVIAC) this season by winning all 14 conference matches to capture the regular season crown. They defeated Davis and Elkins, West Virginia State, and Alderson-Broaddus in three sets. The victory marks back-to-back WVIAC Tournament titles for the Cardinals and is their sixth championship of the decade.

The Cardinals won 38 straight sets versus WVIAC opponents and only dropped one set this season in league action. Wheeling Jesuit is 167-7 in conference regular season play since the start of the 1999 season.

In addition, the Cardinals ran their win streak to 25 matches and captured the WVIAC Volleyball Tournament championship.

Volleyball Players Claim Regular Season Top Honors

WVIAC regular season champion Wheeling Jesuit claimed the league’s top player honors for the 2009 volleyball season.

Junior Keysha Allison has been named WVIAC Player of the Year, while teammate Allissa Ware is the league’s Freshman of the Year.

Allison was a dominant performer on the right side for the Lady Cardinals. The 5-10 junior ranked sixth in the WVIAC with a .296 hitting percentage and stood among the league leaders with 261 kills. She also provided WJU with nearly five assists per set as a part-time setter.

Ware made an immediate splash in her first college season. The outside hitter led the regular season champion Cardinals with 326 kills. She also boasted a .275 hitting percentage. Ware also is among the league’s top 20 in digs with 3.05 per set.
Men’s and Women’s Cross Country Place
Four on the All-WVIAC Team

Members of the men’s and women’s cross country team received recognition following their performance in the West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference meet this fall.

Freshman Megan Truelove, junior Sarah Campanelli and senior Julia McGinley finished in the top 10, earning WVIAC All-Conference honors for the women. The Cardinal runners placed fifth at the conference meet.

On the men’s side, sophomore Ryan Beabout was the only Cardinal to finish in the top 10 and the only WVIAC All-Conference runner for the 2009 campaign. The men also finished fifth at the conference meet.

Campanelli completed the 6K course in a time of 22:04 to lead the WJU women to a 14th place finish at the regionals. Truelove finished in 23:07 which was good for a 38th place, while McGinley came in 68th with a time of 23:55.

“I'm very proud of Sarah's performance. I believe she is the second WVIAC female athlete to ever make the All-Region Team,” said Head Coach Ricky Moore.

“Overall, the women ran really well,” stated Coach Moore. “They placed higher than all the other WVIAC teams in this regional, and that was their goal after finishing fifth at the conference meet.”
A Formula for Making a Difference

The Jesuit tradition of education is based on a rigorous, liberal arts approach to learning that demands students think critically and act compassionately throughout their course of study. At WUJ, research is a big part of achieving that goal.

Professors in all fields recognize that by fostering student research they place students on the road to success.

“Studies show the benefits of undergraduate research. It enhances student learning through mentoring relationships with faculty and increases retention in the science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) pipeline,” said Dr. Bryan Raudenbush, associate professor of psychology and director of undergraduate research. “Research increases enrollment in graduate education and provides effective career preparation. It develops critical thinking, creativity, problem solving and intellectual independence, develops an understanding of research methodology, and promotes an innovation-oriented culture,” he explained.

Raudenbush is a great example due to his research on how foods such as chocolate and peppermint can affect mood and performance. Most recently, his study on peppermint scent reducing calorie intake was cited in Good Housekeeping magazine’s September issue. This is one of many local, regional and national articles highlighting his research.
Each April, the University sponsors the Student Research and Scholarship Symposium — a day to spotlight research done by WJU students.

“We know that our symposium is successful at helping students to prepare for graduate school and the work world,” said Letha Zook, vice president of academics. “Our students have a chance to explore topics on their own and to creatively develop their thinking skills. It’s a chance to show leadership and develop communication skills too.”

Alumna Miranda Hanson ’05 knows this well. She began working at the National Cancer Institute in Frederick, Md. this past fall after working her way through a doctoral degree at West Virginia University. At WVU she was a graduate research assistant in the department of microbiology, immunology and cell biology. Upon completion of her doctorate, Hanson found a job in research and attributes much of her success to WJU’s emphasis on undergraduate research and its importance to career success. Another recent graduate, Tim Wright ’09, earned a degree in psychology and philosophy and is now working in Morgantown at a nationally recognized government services provider, Eagle Systems & Services. He hopes to enter graduate school soon since his long-term goal is to be a psychology professor and a consultant.

Wright knows the value of his WJU degree and the research hours he logged during his four years of study. Since graduation, he’s found that he has more research experience than many of his peers who already have master’s degrees.

Like most WJU undergrads, Wright was introduced to research as a sophomore. In his junior year, he was designing his own projects and by the time he graduated, he had taken part in studies like: “Nintendo Wii Vs. Microsoft X-Box: Differential Effects on Mood, Physiology, Snacking Behavior, and Caloric Burn” and “Effects of Auditory and Visual Distractions on Altering Pain Perception.”

“The research I did makes me feel ready for graduate school and confident that I can succeed,” Wright said.

Kristin McCombs ’05 is another example of a graduate who knows the value of WJU research and makes it a part of her life. McCombs is a Bethesda, Ohio resident and current Wheeling Jesuit adjunct professor of psychology. She went on to earn a master’s at the University of Pittsburgh and is now working on her doctorate at Kent State University, studying educational psychology.

She continues doing research at WJU, working on a project at the Center for Educational Technologies® and using it for doctoral credit at Kent State. McCombs is collaborating with Dr. Debbie Reese, senior educational researcher, on the Selene project, which looks at students (age 9-18) learning science through video gaming. She thinks there are great things going on research-wise at Wheeling Jesuit.

“Students have a voice in designing research from an early point in their undergraduate careers at WJU,” she said. “Oftentimes, the research also reflects how service oriented WJU is as a campus. Students are concerned about much more than statistical significance: they want to see that their research is making a difference, whether by finding ways to distract people from pain or finding ways to improve health or learning.”

Wright added, “It seems that education is different at Wheeling Jesuit in a good way — and research is a big part of that difference. Alumni take the research experience with them as they build their futures.”
Service Provides Students with the "Gritty Reality" of Learning

Performing well in the classroom is just one facet of a Jesuit education – particularly one from Wheeling Jesuit. Service is at the core of the educational experience and students have many ways to "learn" outside the classroom.

"It’s very important to perform well in the classroom, but it’s also important for students to take the theories learned and apply them to the real world. Service gives our students this opportunity," said Erin McDonald, director of the Service for Social Action Center.

McDonald said students at Wheeling Jesuit have so many ways to serve in the local area, the region and internationally. Through various organizations, sports teams, academic programs and residence halls, students have many options to participate in service and social justice initiatives.

She said a quote by Fr. Peter Hans-Kolvenbach, S.J., best describes why service is such an important part of Jesuit education: "Students, in the course of their formation, must let the gritty reality of this world into their lives, so they can learn to feel it, think about it critically, respond to its suffering and engage it constructively. They should learn to perceive, think, judge, choose and act for the rights of others, especially the disadvantaged and oppressed."

McDonald said Fr. Kolvenbach's quote really describes services at Wheeling Jesuit. "It’s our responsibility at Jesuit institutions to get our students outside the classroom to see real life at work.

"That’s why we push them to do more and step outside their comfort zone. The gritty reality is that our students are transformed by their experience of serving others and that they use the skills," she added. "The work that the students do isn’t glamorous or flashy, but is vital to the people who are served. "Our students are in the trenches and our hope is two-fold—that they use the lessons and skills they learn by doing service to transform the world around them and to transform education for the real world," McDonald added.

Two of the most prominent service programs at WJU are the HESS Mentoring Program and the Ampute Scholarship Program.

HESS, which stands for "Help Enrich Someone Special" is in its seventh year. WJU students serve as mentors to 30-plus at-risk, Wheeling area middle school students. The middle schoolers come to campus each Wednesday to interact with WJU students. According to McDonald, the youngsters and University students have dinner, then are tutored on homework and schoolwork before undertaking a fun and educational activity each week with their WJU mentors.

Elizabeth Sluckik, a junior psychology major from Canonsburg, Pa., participates in the HESS Mentoring Program. The program, she said, has made her more aware of the challenges that exist in Wheeling.
“We are aware of the poverty in developing countries, and sometimes it is hard to fathom that something like that can really be going on in our own neighborhoods. This knowledge makes me really think about how lucky I am, and I find myself working harder academically because of how lucky I truly feel.”

Suciak has also participated in a health immersion trip, but the HESS program has made a real impact in her life.

“With HESS, I find that I look forward to the three hours a week I have with my mentee because it’s a time when I do not have to worry about work or school. I get to hang out with a group of amazing kids. It’s like a mini-break from life each week,” she added.

The Ampe program consists of WJU students who receive Ampe scholarship dollars. The program stresses service and leadership, and is made up of 10 students from each class. Each student is required to perform 33 hours of service in the local community each semester plus participate in an Immersion trip at the end of each year, which progresses from local to rural to urban to international.

McDonald said Ampe was revamped several years ago to allow students to serve the city, the region, the country and the world, and “to challenge them to see the effects of poverty from their own backyard to around the world.”

Hannah Walker from Sliver Lake, Ohio is a Junior Ampe Scholar and serves at the YWCA in Wheeling. Walker said working with the many battered women at the YWCA shelter “keeps me grounded. Service allows me to understand other people’s choices due to circumstances, and it provides me with new, amazing people in my life. Academically, I plan on getting a master’s in social work from the University of Akron and most of the drive to continue my career choice comes from the service that I do at the Y each week.”

Walker was active in service in high school and is happy that she could continue to make a difference in the lives of others while at WJU. “The most rewarding part of service is the relationships that I have made with the people I work with. It’s very important for me to feel connected to what I do, and the women at the shelter make it possible for me to continue my work there. I love the kids as well, and I really feel like I can do something to help their lives.”
Study to Track ‘HEALTHe’ West Virginians

Grant money from NASA will allow the NTTC HEALTHeWV program to study what effects the use of electronic medical records tracking will have on residents in southern West Virginia who suffer from diabetes.

The NTTC received a research grant from NASA to implement electronic health records (EHRs) in rural, medically underserved communities of West Virginia – the initiative is entitled HEALTHeWV (HeWV). A portion of the NASA research grant will focus on studying the effects of using EHRs in clinical practice on the health outcomes of diabetic patients. The study was designed to measure the impact of electronic medical records containing a diabetic disease registry in the health outcomes of patients with diabetes. The study will revolve around comparing pre-test data (using paper medical records) with the post-test data (using electronic medical records with diabetic registries) against the national benchmark diabetic health outcomes measures.

A one-year data set on this group will be collected from clinics before the implementation of electronic medical records and will act as a baseline. Another one-year data set will be collected after implementation of the EHRs allowing these two data sets to be compared. The results will show the effectiveness of electronic medical records and disease registry against paper-based medical records.

The study is being led by Kathy Platter, manager of health applications and clinical services, under the direction of Mazarah Gee Bask, M.D., executive director of health technology programs at Wheeling Jesuit University. The study should be completed by the end of March and the results are expected to be published by May.

"Implementing an EHR is an opportunity and a challenge," said Craig Robinson, executive director of Cabin Creek Health Systems. "It is an opportunity to revise processes to improve care and it is a challenge because the staff must learn a new way of recording and managing information. HeWV organizes and presents information to medical providers in a way that promotes efficient clinical decision-making. The program also provides the opportunity for expanding the role of nurses and medical assistants in collecting and recording clinical data. However, it does require significant management attention to process design, training and creating opportunities for discussion and problem solving."

Platter added, "I am excited to be leading this outcomes study, which will demonstrate how patient care is affected in rural communities using electronic health records."

West Virginia leads the nation in the incidence of many chronic disease conditions such as obesity, diabetes and heart disease. In 2009, West Virginia was first in the nation for the number of cases of diabetes with 11.6 percent of the residents (approximately 256,000 people) diagnosed with the condition and many more who do not even know that they have the disease. West Virginians have also experienced higher prevalence rates of co-morbid conditions such as obesity, physical inactivity and hypertension.

Access to diabetes education, care and management is limited and/or non-existent in many rural areas of West Virginia. People who are poor, under educated and live in rural areas are therefore more likely to have devastating diabetes consequences. The social, psychological, physical and economic costs associated with diabetes create a burden for individuals, families, the state and the nation.

Throughout participating clinics in West Virginia, electronic medical records are having an impact in health care. To date,

- 109 providers and 161 staff members have been trained in using the system
- 639 users are accessing the system
- 316,828 patient encounters have been documented.

KATHY PLATTER
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Alumni Weekend 2010
June 4, 5 & 6


Don't forget to watch for updates on the WJU Web site and in your mailbox.

Homecoming 2010
Mark Your Calendars!
Oct. 21-24, 2010

Don't miss your chance to launch a new tradition at Wheeling Jesuit. The Weekend will feature fun and activities for the entire family – the Athletic Hall of Fame Induction, fun in the Ratt, a tailgate and athletic alumni games.

Look for more updates throughout the year on the WJU Web site — www.wju.edu