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MAY YOUR WHOLE SPIRIT, SOUL AND BODY BE KEPT BLAMELESS

MARTHA (IRONS '44) RUSSELL

To any longtime resident of College Hill in Beaver Falls, PA, Geneva College isn't the only enduring institution in the neighborhood. Another lasting and vital part of the community is Martha (Irons '44) Russell.

Martha was born in 1922 in a house across the street from the College Hill Fire Station. At the age of 2, she moved into a new house that her mother had built nearby—the place that she still calls home today! And she's never strayed very far. Martha earned a degree in Elementary Education from Geneva in 1944 and then taught at the College Hill School on the corner of 33rd St. and 4th Ave.

She even met her husband in the same house. When Dr. William Russell, Professor Emeritus of History, came to teach at Geneva, Martha's mother took him in as a boarder. "He wasn't the first boarder that we had," explains Martha, "but he was the last." The couple also raised their children—Mary Louise '79 and Dale '81 — on College Hill.

"An endless source of energy" according to the 1944 *Genevan*, Martha was the president of the Frill and Dagger Society; on the May Court; on the staff for the *Cabinet* and the *Genevan*; a member of the Pep Club, Spanish Club and "G" Club; and participated in intramural sports while in college. Later, Martha and her husband helped the community by delivering Meals on Wheels for many years. She also helped organize Geneva Women, a service group with which she's still active.

Martha's senior yearbook also notes, "Her friendship is the kind that you seek and keep when you find." The college has been extremely blessed to count her among its closest friends for many years. The Geneva community is grateful to Martha, a 1994 Distinguished Service Award honoree, for making a provision in her will for the college and its students.

She says that Geneva is important to students because "the professors are Christians and very caring." If you would like to join her in supporting the college through a planned gift, please visit [Geneva.edu/give](https://www.geneva.edu/give) or contact the Office of Planned Giving at **724.847.6514**.

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May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ (1 Thessalonians 5:23).

We hold a responsibility to care for our bodies as God's creations and the dwelling places of the Holy Spirit. This is why engaging in exercise, scheduling regular health screenings and paying attention to nutrition is so important. But we are more than just physical forms; God created us with souls. So as we take measures to sustain physical health, we must also work daily to maintain spiritual wellness through prayer and Bible study.

Bodily care and spiritual care should not be separated into two distinct realms, however. While physicians may focus on the physical and pastors on the spiritual, biblical truth should inform both, just as it informs everything we do. And this perspective is the foundation that Geneva provides. As stated in the college's *Foundational Concepts of Christian Education*, students should be brought to the realization that "all of life as a coherent whole is related to God and His redemptive activity."

The stories in this issue of *Geneva Magazine*, "Body and Soul," illustrate this understanding. "Bursting at the Seams" (page 10) examines how Geneva's athletic coaching staff helps student-athletes develop athletically, academically, and spiritually. "Heeding the Call" (page 12) tells how Adult Degree Programs graduate Kelly Melfi '13 assists people in crisis while also sharing Christ's love. "Relationships through Research" (page 14), "Shortening the Line" (page 22), and the other feature articles also show the impact of Christ-centered education on many communities.

I hope you enjoy reading these stories as much as we enjoy sharing them with you. And I pray that they will serve as an encouragement to you in the daily application of your faith and a support for the well-being of your body and soul.

Blessings,

Dr. Ken Smith '80
President



Stay in touch with President Smith by friending him at [facebook.com/genevaprez](https://www.facebook.com/genevaprez).

Commitment to stewardship helps keep a Geneva education affordable.

After a review by the Board of Trustees, Geneva College has approved a proposal to reduce spending at the college by five percent. Downsizing the college's budget is part of an ongoing effort to keep a Geneva College education affordable for students and their families. Working toward long-term, prudent stewardship, faculty leaders and college administrators reviewed program and personnel expenditures to identify cost containment priorities culminating in the five percent reduction reviewed by the Board of Trustees on August 15 and implemented immediately.

The cost containment plan impacted 14 employees. Geneva is discontinuing three faculty members at the end of the 2014-15 academic year, and laid off 11 members of the staff. Geneva will phase out the following academic programs: graduate programs in special education and reading; the graduate and undergraduate program in cardiovascular sciences; and undergraduate majors in music performance and biblical languages. The college will discontinue the Semester in Rome Program after the 2014-15 school year and will offer the Adult Degree Program's Christian ministries program in a face-to-face classroom format only (the online version will be eliminated). All students currently enrolled in these programs will be able to complete their respective degrees at Geneva College.

President Ken Smith said, "We are making these moves with deep regret. We recognize the value these individuals have brought to our community and these actions are difficult."

He continued, "We are committed to adapting today in order to provide a high-quality Christian education for tomorrow. The challenges in higher education will continue, and so will our strategy to be good stewards of the resources that God has provided to us."

Cost containment is essential because prices for higher education have risen dramatically. The cost-reduction plan advances Geneva's commitment to student affordability, including a tuition rate freeze for the 2014-15 school year. "These actions are one more step in this commitment," noted President Ken Smith.

The tough decisions also reflect a deep commitment to advance the work of the college. Toward that end, the college has filled open faculty positions in communications, engineering, business and counseling this summer, and is starting new programs in criminal justice and biomedical engineering. And Alexander Dining Hall was completely renovated over the summer months through generous donations.



Geneva adds major in criminal justice.

In the fall of 2014, Geneva College began to offer a new major in criminal justice. The overarching goal of this program is to create an interdisciplinary experience—drawing from psychology, human services, sociology and political science—that prepares students to serve God through compassionate service.

Dr. Diana Rice, Chair of the Department of Psychology, Counseling and Human Services, which will house the new program, says, "Geneva's approach to criminal justice will benefit students who wish to work in prisons, prepare for police academies, become parole officers or any number of vocations within the field."

The curriculum for the criminal justice major provides students with vital opportunities for field experience in nearby communities and will feature a biblically integrated curriculum with a focus on restorative justice. This type of justice places emphasis on



community and the harm that crime causes to victims and to offenders rather than simply viewing crime as a violation of law. The guiding principle is righting a wrong and restoring peace.

In addition to courses in restorative justice, students in the criminal justice program learn about justice systems, public administration, criminal investigation procedures and more. The Geneva program also features a unique course on criminology taken alongside inmates at the Beaver County Jail and is well supported by related minors such as psychology, human services, political science and sociology.



DR. RALPH ANCIL, Professor of Economics, presented "A Non-Marginalist Approach to the Cubic Value Product Function with Single Variable Input" at the annual Robert Morris University/McGraw-Hill seminar on "Teaching Economics: Instruction and Classroom-Based Research" and to the Pennsylvania Economic Association, which will publish the paper in its proceedings.

DR. SEAN DOYLE, Associate Professor of History and Humanities, published the chapter "Prophetic Precepts or Divine Preeminence: Rammohan Roy vs. Joshua Marshman on the Significance of Jesus" in *Expect Great Things, Attempt Great Things* (Wipf and Stock, 2013).

DR. DAVID ESSIG, Professor of Biology, attended the Genome Consortium for Active Teaching NextGen Sequencing Undergraduate Education workshop, which was sponsored by grants from the National Science Foundation (NSF) and Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI).

REV. RUTLEDGE ETHERIDGE, Chaplain, presented "Wise as Serpents, Harmless as Doves: Engaging the Heart (and the Hearts) behind Contemporary Unbelief" at the Christian Governance "Talk Your Walk" biblical worldview conference.

DR. GREGORY JONES '05, Instructor of History, presented "Teaching the Civil War with Primary Sources: Letters and Newspapers" at the American Cultural Association/Popular Culture Association Conference, and published "Lincoln to Greeley" and "Frederick Douglass, Men of Color to Arms!" in *Defining Documents in American History: The Civil War* (Salem Press, 2014).

DR. JONATHAN IMPELLIZZERI, Assistant Professor of Counseling, presented "The integration of Christian faith into clinical supervision: Exploring supervisee perspectives" at the Christian Association of Psychological Studies International Conference.

DR. DARYL SAS, Chair of the Department of Biology, published "What's Incredible? Learning to Read Science Articles with a Critical Eye" at *Cornwall Alliance* (cornwallalliance.org).

DR. SHANNAN SHIDERLY, Associate Professor of Counseling, co-presented "Help Interns Develop Skills and Improve Data Outcomes" at the American School Counselor Association National Conference.

DR. JOHN STANKO, Professor of Leadership Studies, published *What Would Jesus Ask You Today?* (Gazelle Press, 2014).

DR. JOHN STEIN, Professor of Mathematics and Astronomy, presented "The Schaefer Memorial Observatory at Geneva College" at the 34th Meeting of The Pennsylvania Astronomy Consortium.

MR. PHIL THOMPSON, Track & Field Head Coach, received U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association certification as a Sprints and Hurdles Specialist.

DR. JONATHAN WATT, Chair of the Department of Bible, Christian Ministries & Philosophy, presented "Idiolect, Candy Bars and 'Artisan English' Orthography" at the International Conference on Diversity in Organizations in Vienna, Austria.

DR. BRIAN YOWLER, Associate Professor of Biology and Cross Country Head Coach, received U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association certification as an Endurance Specialist.

Red Cross presents Geneva the College of the Year Award.



The American Red Cross presented the College of the Year Award to Geneva College for its support of the Red Cross Blood Program. Geneva was named the College of the Year for the entire Greater Alleghenies region, which encompasses seven states including Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

Red Cross Account Manager Barbara Kimbell recently presented Geneva President Ken Smith and Director of Health Services Connie Erwin with the College of the Year Award. According to Kimbell, Erwin is the "cornerstone" who heads up Geneva's contribution to the Red Cross.

During the 2012-13 academic year, Geneva moved three of its four annual blood drives to campus and as a result the college increased collection by 154 percent. President Smith summed up this accomplishment by pointing out that "Colleges are good places to be. People are busy, but students have time for what they think is important." At Geneva, that means giving of oneself to help others.

Campus groups that promote Red Cross blood drives include: Erwin and the Health Services Department, the women's soccer team, the Student Athletic Association, the Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA), and the Residence Life staff. Together, these groups host four blood drives a year at Metheny Fieldhouse.

According to Kimbell, working with Geneva students "is wonderful. The students here are so dedicated to community service. It's what they want and it really helps us out. The students here are polite; I know I can count on them to follow through. They are driven. It's really nice to see, and I work with lots of groups of people."



Geneva leaps ahead in 2015 Best Colleges rankings.

For 2015, *U.S. News & World Report* once again included Geneva College in three highly respected categories: Best Value, Best Undergraduate Engineering Programs and Best Regional Colleges. Geneva improved its already impressive standing, appearing higher than it did in the 2014 lists in all three areas.

For the Best Value Schools out of all North region colleges category, Geneva moved up two spots to #6. In determining which colleges offer the best value, *U.S. News & World Report* accounts for academic quality and the 2013-14 net cost of attendance for students who received the average level of need-based financial aid. Only schools in or near the top half of their ranking categories are included because *U.S. News* considers the most significant values to be among colleges that perform well academically.



For the third year in a row, Geneva's engineering program is named in the nation's Top 100 Best Undergraduate Engineering Programs rankings, advancing from #99 to #86. Engineering programs are ranked according to a peer assessment survey. To be considered, the highest engineering degree offered by a school must be a bachelor's or

master's degree, and the engineering program must be accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET, <http://www.abet.org>.



And Geneva College also placed #14 out of 364 institutions in the North Regional College geographical group, up from #17 a year ago. Regional colleges are institutions that offer a wide selection of undergraduate degrees, as well as some master's degree programs. The schools in this category are ranked by region because their enrollment draws heavily from nearby states.



U.S. News & World Report, which has been ranking colleges and universities for 30 years, uses a methodology that measures how well a school educates its students. Indicators of excellence include freshman retention and graduation rates and the strength of a school's faculty.

Since its inaugural edition in 1983, *U.S. News & World Report's* Best Colleges has been helping students and their parents make informed higher education decisions by providing news and advice about in-demand degree programs, finding more financial aid, how to be successful in college and other relevant topics.



Church doubles annual contribution to Geneva.

The budget committee of the Westminster Orthodox Presbyterian Church, located in Hollidaysburg, PA, recently approved the doubling of its annual contribution from its missions budget to Geneva College.

"We support Geneva because it is the college of our sister denomination, the Reformed Presbyterian Church, and is closest to us in theology," explained Pastor Mark Brown, who graduated from Geneva in 1974. "We encourage our student members to attend Geneva and, in recent years, a number of our college-age

youth have gone there, including my son Luke '12 and senior Sarah Ormsby."

Westminster Church also supports Geneva by participating in the college's Church Matching Scholarship Program through its deacon's scholarship fund. And in 2013, the church congregation included Geneva in a special Christmas missions opportunity.

"It is a blessing to have an alumnus and his congregation be so committed to supporting Geneva's mission," said Jolynn Frey, Director of Development.

in brief

90 years

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Editor James S. Martin, an 1887 graduate, first published the *Geneva Alumnus* in October 1924. And this October, the magazine celebrates its 90th anniversary.

During the intervening years, the magazine has undergone a few changes. During the 1940s, under Editor Janet (Metheny '05) Downie, the magazine expanded so that news and letters from men and women serving in the Armed Forces could be included. Size, fonts and logos have been revised numerous times. The publication became full-color in 1995 and in December 1999, the name was changed to *Geneva Magazine*.

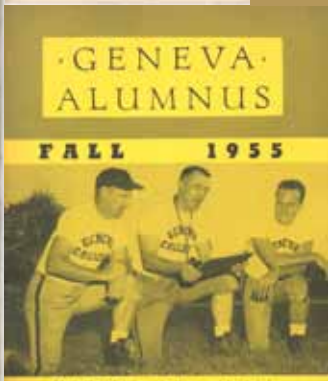
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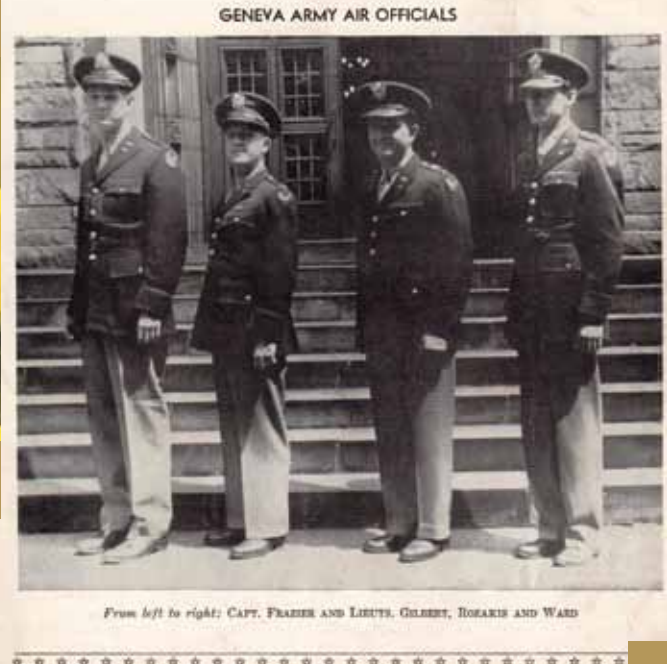
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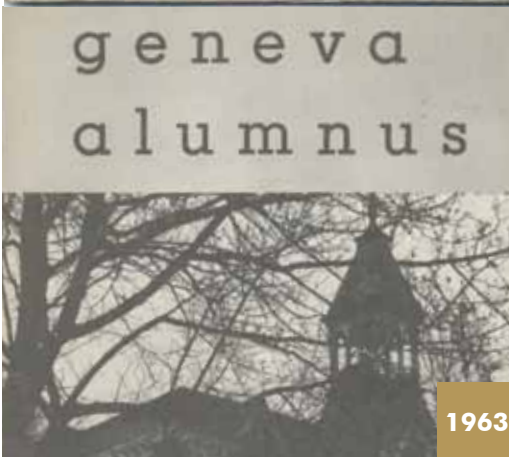
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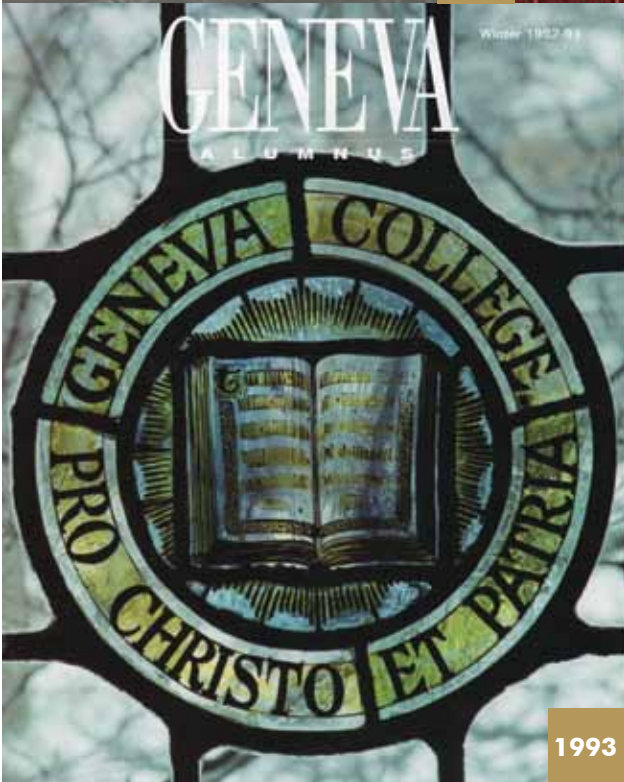
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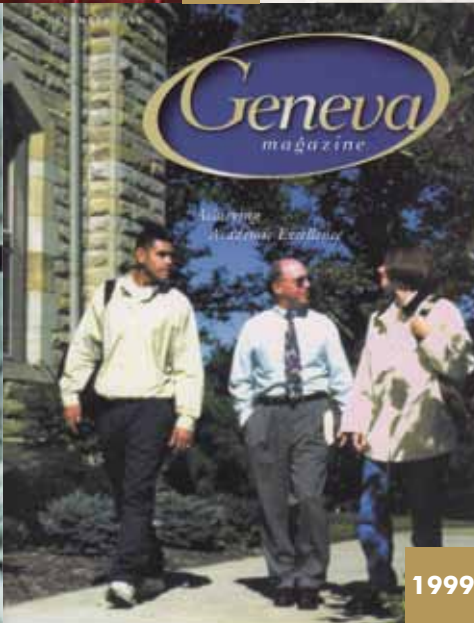
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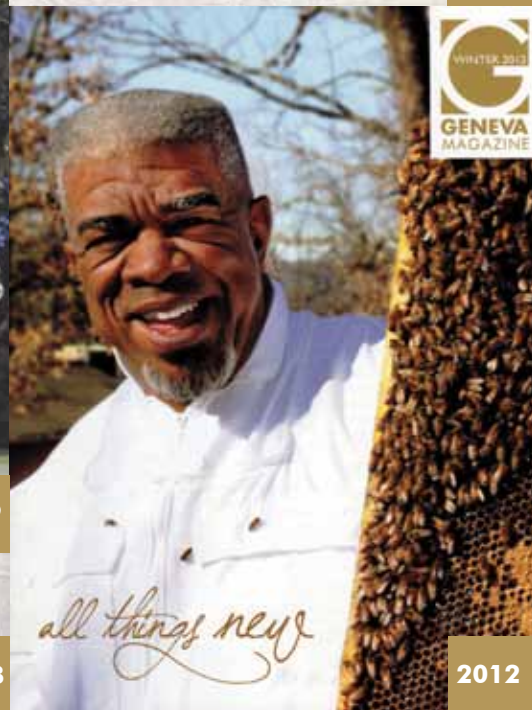
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BY BILL ALLMANN



Davis graduates as Geneva's biggest winner with 202 wins.



From the time young athletes learn the importance of a score, winning matters. And no athlete in the 166-year history of Geneva College experienced more winning than Ashley Davis.

Ashley, who is from New Middletown, OH, graduated this spring with a degree in business, with a concentration in finance and sport management—plus 202 wins in her collegiate career. She has been a significant contributor to those wins—99 in volleyball and 103 in softball—as she has been named to an All-Presidents' Athletic Conference team in both.

"It didn't really feel like that many games," says Ashley. "I just played one season after another and took them one at a time. I never really thought this would be the outcome when I came to Geneva. I just knew I wanted to play both volleyball and softball and whatever happened, happened."

What happened, it turned out, was a lot of good things. The fewest wins she ever played in during a season was 22, and she was part of two Presidents' Athletic Conference championships: volleyball in 2011 and softball in 2012.

"I played with a lot of good athletes and had a lot of fun," Ashley continues. "I have a lot of good memories and most will be from volleyball and softball. My favorite memories will be winning the PAC championships, and volleyball stands out

because we won it at home and the atmosphere in the gym was amazing."

In volleyball, Ashley was named the American Volleyball Coaches Association National Division III player of the week in September 2013 and was All-PAC first team her senior season as she finished her career with 1162 kills. During her time at Geneva, the Golden Tornadoes were 99-37 for a winning percentage of .723.

In softball, Ashley was featured as a "Personality of the PAC" in April 2014, earned second team all-PAC at shortstop her senior season, and was named to the All-Tournament team at the PAC Championships. She finished with a .336 career batting average and her team was 103-68 during her tenure for a winning percentage of .602.

Ashley was able to extend her Geneva softball career to beyond graduation, too. She was chosen to play for a Presidents' Athletic Conference all-star team that played the U.S. national team on July 3. The results were as expected with the national team prevailing 20-0 and 15-0, but the experience wasn't about the score.

"It was awesome getting the chance to be teammates with the girls I had been playing against," Ashley says. "I was a little



nervous meeting the team the first time; what if someone there didn't like me? It was awkward at first but it worked out well. We went into the game with no expectations of winning, but I'm too competitive not to try."

Even though Ashley has that competitive drive and a desire to win, she can't pick a preferred sport of the two she plays. But she does know there's a new career on the horizon: "I don't have a favorite sport, really. I just know I would be bored if I played only one. I would love to coach someday but, because I want a career in business, I may not be able to coach at the high school level. Maybe I can coach a traveling team in softball or Junior Olympic in volleyball, something on the weekend, who knows?"

The experience against the U.S. national softball team, in fact, gave her insight into the difference between coaching and playing. The night before the game, both teams participated in a clinic for girls ages 6 to 16.

"I've done it before at camps," Ashley says, "But when you're playing in college, you don't always think about everything you do. At the clinic, you had to think about the easiest way to teach what you do, that was different."

Wherever Ashley's career eventually takes her from here ("Ideally, I'd like to be able to work in business and still

"I played with a lot of good athletes and had a lot of fun."



have some connection to sports. I'll start with the Pittsburgh Fellows Program in the fall and I'm excited about that."), she has made an indelible mark on Geneva. In her eight-season career at Geneva, she has a combined winning percentage of .658 (202-105). Capping that record for Geneva fans was that her milestone 200th win came against archrival Westminster in the final regular season softball game.

"It was my dad who encouraged me to visit Geneva," Ashley said. "He had gone there as a freshman and when I visited, I loved the small school and friendly atmosphere. It just felt right."

Four years later, it definitely feels like a



BURSTING at the Seams



BY VAN ZANIC '93, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

To say that Geneva College has one of the richest athletic traditions in the country would in no way be overstating the case. From its first football game in 1890 to the first-ever college basketball game played in the United States in 1893, Geneva has been mentoring student-athletes over the span of three separate centuries. While the revolving door of student-athletes continues to spin year after year, the experience of being an athlete for the Golden Tornadoes is one that never gets old.

With the start of competition this fall, Geneva entered its fourth year as a full-fledged member of NCAA Division III and the Presidents' Athletic Conference. Geneva also rejoined the East Coast Athletic Conference (ECAC) this fall to give its student-athletes additional post-season opportunities and individual honors on a regional level.

With Geneva and the Golden Tornadoes now solidified in NCAA Division III, it seems as though student-athletes from around the region and beyond are deciding to make College Hill their destination of choice. When the 2014 fall season kicked off, there were more football players wearing the white and gold than in any previous season. In fact, a freshman class of close to 75 players boosted the football roster to a record 130 players on opening day. Roster sizes for other fall sports like men's soccer, women's soccer, tennis, volleyball and cross country are also burgeoning. In fact, the most recent numbers showed nearly 150 new student-athletes walking the halls of Geneva when the fall semester began. So when the question arises of how important athletics is to Geneva, the easy answer is—very important.

The NCAA Division III model is one that fits like a glove at Geneva. Placing the main focus of the student-athlete on his or her academic achievement coincides with what the coaching staff at Geneva preaches to its prospective students. Geneva is proud to have a committed group of coaches that have a combined total of 120 years of service as head coaches for the Golden Tornadoes. Additionally, Geneva has five head coaches who are alumni: Mande Craft '01 (tennis), Geno DeMarco '84 (football), Alan Sumner '96 (baseball), Linda (Nienhuis '91) Sumner (women's soccer) and Van Zanic '93 (softball). With all of this experience at their disposal, student-athletes are gaining a true appreciation for what a Geneva education and athletic experience can do for them moving forward.

The coaching staff at Geneva demands a lot from their players in an effort to get the most out of them—athletically, academically and spiritually. Making every effort to be successful in the athletic

arena, Geneva's coaches are driven to be competitive within the conference spectrum. While on that journey to athletic success, student-athletes gain experiences on and off the field that stay with them for the rest of their lives. At Geneva, student-athletes gain a full understanding of what it means to be a leader and how to make an impact on the lives of those around them. While winning games and championships will always be a priority for the Golden Tornadoes, student-athletes gain a true perspective of what it means to play a varsity sport in a Christian setting and how those values will continue to pay dividends well after their playing days are over.

Why are student-athletes seemingly flocking to Geneva? There is no one simple answer to that question.

For some, it's a combination of available programs and campus community. First-year softball player and engineering major Megan Davis says, "I chose Geneva because it offers engineering.

**I knew as soon as
I walked on campus** *that
Geneva is where I wanted
to attend college."*



For others, it's academic reputation and caring faculty. Senior soccer goal keeper Bryan Butler, who is majoring in business with a sport management concentration, says,



"I wanted a school that was **VERY STRONG** in my major. And the professors here actually take the time to know and help you."

And some student-athletes, like football lineman Bobby Hites '14, who graduated with a biology degree, just knew that Geneva was the right place: "It is hard to narrow down the specific reason I chose Geneva, but I can tell you ...



... IT FELT LIKE A
good fit."



And for most, the dedication and work of the coaching staff, combined with the outstanding academic programs and one of the most impressive athletic traditions around, gives a clearer perspective as to what attracts student-athletes to College Hill.

But whatever the reason, one thing is for sure. If you attend a Geneva sporting event, be sure to buy a game program—because there are a lot of new names and numbers to keep track of this year. 

FROM THE FIELDHOUSE

Geneva College has named alum Van Zanic '93 as the institution's athletic director.

"It has been an exciting year for me and for Geneva College athletics," Zanic said. "I am truly grateful for the opportunity to lead our athletic department into its next chapter of success."



In the past year, Geneva's football team returned to a .500 record, volleyball and men's soccer programs pressed into the post season in conference play, the men's basketball team made a dramatic playoff run, and the softball team reached the Presidents' Athletic Conference championship.

A two-sport athlete (football and baseball), Zanic graduated with a degree in Broadcast Communication. After beginning his coaching career at alma mater Woodland Hills, Zanic returned to Geneva as the Sports Information Director (SID) in 1998.

Five years later, he took over the women's softball program along with his SID role, and for the past 13 years has developed into one of the best softball head coaches in the region, having been named National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA) coach of the year for the past four years.

In addition to his role as Athletic Director and a member of the institution's Leadership Team, Zanic will remain as Geneva's softball coach. Despite the big job description, Zanic is looking forward to the challenge.

"We are blessed with an amazing group of young men and women student-athletes that will continue to grow in all aspects of life," Zanic said. "I believe wholeheartedly in what our coaching staff can do in helping to mentor these student-athletes along their academic and athletic journey. Geneva has been home for me for a long time and I know the impact it can have on our students. Along with an amazing group of coaches, I am looking forward to continuing that ministry for many years to come."

GENEVA ATHLETICS



Member of NCAA Division III

15 varsity sports



1959—Teams name changed from Covenanters to Golden Tornadoes



HEEDING the Call

BY CHRISTOPHER STRANGFELD '13



Kelly Melfi, a 2013 Geneva College Adult Degree Programs Human Services grad, has a passion to serve people in need. It's a call that developed during her youth.

Kelly was raised in the Pittsburgh suburb of Upper St. Clair. When she was 10, her mother suffered a brain aneurism and had a stroke during surgery. By the grace of God she pulled through the physical ailments and is still around today, but the situation certainly tested Kelly's strength and courage.

After high school, Kelly went to college at The Art Institute of Ft. Lauderdale, where she earned her Associate Degree in Fashion Design and met her husband, Tylar. Kelly says, "From there I worked for a friend and stylist in the fashion industry, but I never felt like I was where I belonged. Plus, I was so nervous talking to clients that I scared them off!"

After just six months, Kelly and her husband decided to move from South Beach back to Pittsburgh. Since then, she worked

hard and grew professionally. Eventually, she moved into her current role of Director of The Salvation Army's Chartiers Valley Service Center. "My job is to oversee day-to-day operations, work with clients, answer phones, raise money, assess community needs and create programs that respond to those needs."

The Chartiers Valley Service Center serves as a crisis center for those in 21 communities around Carnegie, PA. "We help fire and flood victims, individuals and families who have or are experiencing job loss, death, drug and alcohol addictions, homelessness and other types of barriers," explains Kelly. "Some of our available resources at the center are emergency food, clothing, rental and utility assistance. We also provide financial assistance to low-income utility customers during the grant season."

Another important function of the center is its food pantry. "We serve up to 150 households per month at our food pantry. The highlight of our food pantry is our cooking show, which focuses on healthy eating and budgeting for our families."

Kelly says one of the highlights of being the director of the program is being able to work with “an assistant and numerous volunteers who are absolutely awesome, and so lovingly give their time, energy and resources.”

“I am in charge of our Red Kettle campaign, which is one of the major types of fundraising that we do for the center. We have lots of locations that we place our volunteers at throughout November and December.”

In addition, Kelly has created other initiatives for the center such as a women's Bible study, a job readiness program, a GED preparatory class and a “Back to School Bash” for students.

Kelly serves because she feels God's call for her to do it. “My version of serving and helping is to connect to the clients, listen to their needs, reframe their negative situations as something that is impermanent and then negotiate better paths with them. Many of our clients need someone to listen. I can't tell you how comforting just talking to an understanding voice on the other end of the phone can be for our clients while they are in crisis.”

When Kelly shares her story or gives her testimony of faith, she views that as a service to the people who come to her for help. “I figure if I can get through it or do it, it's because God equipped me. And God didn't give me something that he didn't give the men and women who are walking in for our help.”

Kelly's experience with social work and service is extensive, but she felt it needed to be supplemented. “I knew I needed to do something more. I could tell that I was called to help impact people I just had no idea what that meant.”

“A friend of mine expressed an interest in attending Geneva and I thought, ‘I could do that.’ So I went online, liked what I saw, stopped by on a Monday, and, since school was beginning that week, I took it as a sign and began taking classes at Geneva that Thursday.”

She started in the traditional track of the program. “I drove up every single day, studied and then drove home. I was determined to learn, and since I found something that I really loved and connected to, it made the hour drive easy.”

It wasn't until halfway through completing her degree that Kelly decided she wanted to switch directions. “I almost gave up, but then I found the Adult Degree Programs at Geneva. I finished one more semester and had just enough credits to start the ADP. And once I started the ADP, I saw a light at the end of the tunnel and knew I could push through.”

And she's glad that she did. “Without my exposure to the courses I don't know where I would be. It is so interesting because each and every course is designed to make you think, be a better person, a better Christian with an expanding worldview. I couldn't think

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of a more perfect place for me to learn and grow in my faith, as well as personally and even in my marriage.”

Kelly is called to serve, and she plans to do that as long as she is able. “With God's help I want to improve the community I was called to serve and then continue to create more programs for other organizations. I love working with people and helping them realize the potential and power that lies within each and every one of us.” 

*Previous Page: Kelly Melfi '13 (left) ministers to body and soul each day.
Below: Kelly stocks shelves at the Chartiers Valley Service Center.*



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RELATIONSHIPS

through Research



BY JESSICA DRISCOLL '14

Athena (Kantarjis '07) Petrides happily says that she loves working in clinical chemistry, a field in which she wears many hats. Her various responsibilities include managing, diagnosing, teaching, collaborating and researching with healthcare professionals. And Athena says that the guidance she received during her time at Geneva College enabled her to pursue her goals and find her calling: "I'm really happy that someone pointed me to this field; I've never regretted my decision."

Although she was born in the United States, Athena relocated to the Republic of Cyprus at around age 7. "Moving to Cyprus, my parents placed me in the public schools, so I quickly learned Greek as a second language," she says. Cyprus is mainly dominated by Greek Orthodox views, which vary greatly from Greek Orthodoxy in America according to Athena. "Being able to talk to people about God and even praying before you eat a meal—

I know this sounds weird—but that's not really done in Cyprus," she says.

Due to these types of experiences, Athena was intrigued by the idea of attending a Christian college in the States. "I wanted a Christian perspective and worldview, especially while learning science and biology." And a balanced, Christ-centered education is how Athena describes a Geneva education; something for which she is extremely grateful. "I appreciated the fact that in every class, they presented a secular view, as well as the Christian view," she says. "It is nice to have learned tools to defend my faith and be able to give my opinion confidently."

Upon arriving at Geneva, Athena soon became involved in the International Student Organization, where she worked closely with Crossroads staff members, Nancy Pelaia and Ann (Cardillichio '91)

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Burkhead. “As an international student I became very close to Ann and Nancy,” she says. “I didn’t have anyone, and these ladies opened up their houses to me. I still visit Nancy every year, and she was such a big part of my life at Geneva.”

Nancy and Ann have fond memories of Athena, too. “She was strong minded and didn’t stand for anything that she thought was unfair,” they say. “She succeeds not only on her native talent, but also on her personality and drive and hard work.”

Relationships with classmates also made a major impact on Athena during her time at Geneva. “It’s funny, you come to Geneva not knowing anyone, yet in your freshman year you form bonds that will carry through your whole life,” she says. “I formed really strong friendships—especially with my roommates.”

And Athena also received much-needed support from Christopher, who is now her husband, even though he lived in Cyprus during the time that she was in college. “We began dating in high school and found ways to keep the relationship going even before Skype was created,” she explains.

From the very beginning of her education at Geneva, Athena knew which direction she was headed for her career. “As a freshman, I just knew that I liked the sciences and was interested in how the body works,” she says. But it wasn’t until her sophomore year—with advice from her professors—when Athena knew exactly which area of science she wished to pursue.

“Athena was one of a few Geneva biology students who knew early on that she wanted to work in an academic research setting,” says Dr. David Essig, Professor of Biology. “Plus, as an international student, she brought a more global perspective to bear on the problem of reducing the suffering due to diseases.”

Athena earned a B.S. in Biology at Geneva, and then went on to complete a Ph.D. in Biochemistry at the University of Rochester and a Clinical Chemistry Postdoctoral Fellowship at The John Hopkins University School of Medicine. Following her fellowship, Athena was recently hired onto the faculty at Harvard Medical School as an instructor of pathology. In addition, she is the Assistant Medical Director of Chemistry / Director of Toxicology at Brigham and Women’s Hospital.


As Athena progressed in her education and career, she has found that the Christian perspectives and relationships that she formed at Geneva have supported her throughout. “On my first day of graduate school I realized how much I missed Geneva; as my professor showed the class a cartoon picture of God overseeing the world and said, ‘I guess I’m forced by the state to tell you that there is a view that God created the world. Now let’s talk about evolution.’”

Although Athena had decided early in her education to pursue a medical career and graduate school, she soon realized that she also

desired to make impactful relationships through her job. “During my Ph.D. studies I liked research, but I didn’t feel connected to current science or what was making a difference right now,” she said. “I realized that I wanted to be involved in patient healthcare.”

She has found that there are numerous ways that she is able to have an impact on others in her work: “When I see a patient getting better, when I’ve made the life of a physician easier, when we develop a work flow in the lab that the employees like, all of it matters and impacts everyone around you.”

The relational aspect of her job is mostly realized through working closely with the physicians, however. “Roughly 60 percent of my job is clinical, which means overseeing the hospital labs and technicians. I get contacted by doctors to give guidance regarding testing and treatment options,” she explains.

Athena’s devotion to her job is drawn from her desire to contribute to society and help those in need. “People spend a lot of time and money to understand and resolve their symptoms,” she says. “I feel blessed to have been given the opportunity to serve and contribute to society by improving the process of testing interpretation and accuracy. I believe this aims to improve not only the physical but also the mental and spiritual aspect of one’s life.” 





BIOMEDICAL Engineering

BY GREG WISE '95

Because of a recent increased awareness of the benefits of biomedical advances, as well as a growing need for medical services by an aging population, the demand for engineers who can analyze and create solutions to biological and medical problems has never been greater. So to help fill the needs of this expanding field with well-prepared, God-honoring employees, Geneva College's engineering program has developed a concentration in biomedical engineering.

Geneva's general engineering program is accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET (www.abet.org),

and the college is one of only 15 Council for Christian Colleges and Universities (CCCCU) members in the nation to offer an ABET-accredited, four-year engineering degree. In 2015, the program was recognized by *U.S. News & World Report* as one of the nation's Top 100 Best Undergraduate Engineering Programs for the third year in a row. But these aren't the only reasons why those interested in biomedical engineering should consider attending Geneva.

"With the excellent medical services and concentration of activity in the field found in nearby Pittsburgh, Geneva is placed in an excellent location to offer biomedical engineering," notes Dr. Jim Gidley, Chair of the Department of Engineering and Computer Science.

Geneva professor William Barlow, a patent-holding engineer who led a team in developing state-of-the-art cardiovascular injection systems at MEDRAD, Inc., adds, "Biomedical engineering is a concentration that requires cross-training. You need a program that delivers a broad base of fundamental engineering. That's the power of Geneva's integrated program, which places biomedical engineering in our wheelhouse."

The work of biomedical engineers spans many professional fields, depending on the application—chemical, computer, electrical and mechanical. Some use knowledge of computers and electronics to work on complicated instruments, such as MRI machines or CT scanners. Others may draw on chemistry to develop bio materials or mechanics for artificial joints.

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Common projects for biomedical engineers include:

- Designing systems, such as artificial devices that replace body parts and machines for diagnosing, and treatment of medical problems
- Repairing, maintaining or ensuring the safe operation of biomedical equipment
- Working with scientists to research the engineering aspects of biological systems

Due to the wide scope of these activities and the diverse nature of training required, demand for biomedical engineers is expected to continue to increase.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of biomedical engineers is projected to grow 27 percent by 2022, much faster than the average of all other occupations.

To accommodate the breadth of application required in the field, Geneva's curriculum for the concentration requires students to take a small set of common courses in biomedical engineering, biology, chemistry, programming, and human anatomy and physiology. They will also work with advisors to formulate individual plans of study aimed at particular objectives, mainly in instrumentation, biomechanics, biological fluid systems and biomolecular engineering.

And as with students pursuing any major at Geneva, those pursuing biomedical engineering will be prepared vocationally and spiritually through Geneva's core curriculum, which prepares all students for faithful and fruitful service through developing a Christ-centered perspective on the arts, sciences and humanities. 

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PAUL R. STEINER '80, MD

Director, Cardiac Electrophysiology
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center

"Biomedical engineering provides a number of excellent career routes for its students, ranging from attending medical school to obtaining an advanced degree to work in academia or industry to working in the corporate arena. A couple of suggestions to students beginning their BME careers: (1) Begin experiential education like internships just as soon as you can. It provides a stronger resume and skill set to make you more competitive for permanent positions. (2) Look at a Capstone Design program down the road. It provides for great team-related experiences while solving real-world problems. (3) Expand your knowledge of the BME discipline. There are many, many different kinds of opportunities available to BME majors. Take advantage of conferences and opportunities now.

Geneva provided me with an excellent liberal arts education which I have used to advance through my professional career. It provided me with a wide variety of classes and Christian training to balance out my education. The social experiences there have created friendships that still continue today. Attending Geneva was a wise decision."

ROBERTA A. (FEDEVICH '69) NIXON

Director of Internships & Corporate Outreach
Departments of Biomedical & Chemical Engineering and Nanomedicine, University of Virginia

"Geneva gave me a broad understanding of the sciences that is useful in the development of medical devices and products. The questions coming to me from biomedical engineers are often unexpected things about stresses or challenges the product will face in its ultimate environment and what, if any, biological impact they will have on the patient. The broad understanding of the biological and the physical and the chemical sciences helps provide a framework to view the final intended use of the product."

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SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES



BY MONICA MILLER '12

Locally and Abroad

Dentistry and pumpkins may not seem to have much in common. But for Geneva College biology graduate Tony Maslo '87, they work together to support his passion and calling to help local and worldwide missions.

However, a lot of other pieces had to fall into place first. Tony never planned to attend Geneva, nor did he initially desire to explore a career in dentistry. And although Tony grew up in a Christian home, he was not a believer when he came to Geneva. Regardless, he still found himself enrolled in Geneva's engineering program thanks to the help and encouragement of his sister Suzanne, a 1986 alumna.

At the time, his top priority was earning a degree that he felt would make him financially independent. After taking several engineering classes, however, he decided that this major was not right for him. But Tony was doing well in his other science courses, so his academic advisor, chemistry professor Dr. Ken Hartman'63, encouraged him to consider a career in medicine or dentistry.

"It was his support and belief in my abilities as a student that allowed me to pursue a post-graduate medical degree," says Tony. "He encouraged me to raise my grades to a level where that would be achievable."

Since Tony had no interest in being a dentist, he first considered a career as a medical doctor. But in another meeting, Dr. Hartman again suggested a career is dentistry. "I informed him that I did not think I was interested, but if he thought it was something that I should consider, that was good enough for me. He obviously had my respect and admiration as a man and a professor."

So Tony went on to shadow a local dentist, "I was not in Dr. Clayton's office for more than 10 minutes before I was confident that this was what I wanted to pursue as a lifelong career."

Soon after, in 1985, Tony decided to go on his first mission trip to Haiti with his sister and approximately 40 other Geneva students. He decided to go largely because he considered the trip as a type of vacation. But this it was unlike anything Tony had ever experienced. "It was during this trip that I first

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considered giving my life to Christ,” he says. “That first trip to Haiti impressed upon my heart to make missions a long-term part of my life.”

Tony’s decision to give his heart to the Lord was greatly influenced by both this mission work and his time at Geneva. “My experience at Geneva allowed me the opportunity to spend time with many wonderful Christian men. This fellowship with strong Christian men was what it took for me to give my life to Christ” And so, Geneva College changed the trajectory of his life on Earth—and for eternity.

As a practicing dentist in 1992, Tony took another trip to Haiti with his sister Suzanne. They traveled to La Gonâve Island, where no dentists had visited for many years. “Though we were very inexperienced and very naive, we accepted the challenge,” he says.

Many influential things happened. He and his sister established a long-term relationship with full-time missionaries on the island. Also, Suzanne, felt the call to go to dental school and help those who are less fortunate through this type of work.

Tony has returned to Haiti a number of times, where he helped work and supply a dental clinic that was part of the Wesleyan compound on La Gonâve Island, and has also made trips to Jamaica, Africa and Romania on similar dental missions trips through several church-based groups.

Tony’s wife Michele has also joined him on several of his trips to Haiti. But as their family grew to include three sons, they found travelling and leaving them at home to be challenging. This hurdle made them consider ways that their family could stay involved with missions even when they were unable to go overseas. “We were interested in the boys being a part of something bigger than themselves,” he says. “We wanted them to have the experience of supporting something that they may not be able to see at their young age, but as they got older, they may be able to visit in person someday.”

The answer came in 1999 when the Maslo family purchased a farm in the area where Michele had grown up, Brooke County, WV. They began harvesting hay for local farmers. Since their boys were still young, they also decided to plant a pumpkin patch. Overwhelmed with the number of pumpkins that grew and finding that they had more than they could ever use or give away, the Maslos contacted the Pittsburgh Project and made a donation of pumpkins. The next year, they continued to work with the urban gardening program, providing free pumpkins.


The Maslo family has continued to work yearly to plant, weed and harvest the pumpkins together. A portion of the crop is still donated to the Pittsburgh Project for its school programs, but a number of pumpkins are now transported to Tony’s dental office in Pittsburgh. Members of the community now come to his office not just for dental work, but also to pick out and purchase



pumpkins, with proceeds going to the Pittsburgh Project and to ongoing missions projects in Haiti.

“Our pumpkin harvest grew from that simple beginning to intentionally having our family farm be a part of a local place to help support an international community,” he says. “It seemed to us that this system helped on many fronts. It allowed us to reach some people in Haiti and on the north side of Pittsburgh, even if we were not able to be with them in person. It allowed an opportunity for my children to work towards something that helps people locally and abroad.”

For several years now, Tony has been engaged with the missions program at his home church, Orchard Hill Church in Wexford, PA. Although the Wesleyan mission group on La Gonâve Island that they were a part of for many years has now closed, he hopes to continue relationships with the orphanages in Haiti that Orchard Hill supports, and plans to visit soon.

“I would encourage every person to take the time to go on a mission trip,” says Tony. “You never know where God may lead you. If you are unable to travel abroad yourself, I would also encourage you to think ‘outside the box’ and to see where you can be used. In today’s global world, you do not have to necessarily travel outside of the country to help spread the good news of the Gospel in your own community or in another country. Just be willing to seek where God wants you to serve and He will work out the details.” 

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THE IMPORTANCE of Good Connections



BY JOLYNN FREY, DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

When Margy (Gardner '91) Delposen enrolled at Geneva in the fall of 1987, she was following in the footsteps of many family members. Her father, James L. Gardner '66; grandparents, James L. Gardner '36 and Margaret M. (Ewing '36) Gardner; and numerous cousins, aunts and uncles had all come to Geneva before her. And siblings Kimberly (Gardner '92) Varshine, Tamitha L. Gardner '95, James L. Gardner III '96 and Daniel J. Gardner '98 would continue this longstanding family tradition.

In addition to all of these familial connections at college, a new family relationship developed through Margy's Geneva experience; she met her husband, Christopher E. Delposen '91. After graduating with a biology degree, she again followed the steps of her father and grandfather by attending Thomas Jefferson Medical School in Philadelphia. Despite being warned about the long educational path ahead of Margy, Chris proposed and the couple married on July 11, 1992.

Margy states that Geneva did a "fantastic job combining Christian teaching with quality education," and that she was well prepared for medical school. However, she maintains that the best thing she took away from the college was her husband.

She finished medical school in 1995, but not before the birth of her first son, Christopher. The Lord used this blessing to direct Margy's decision to pursue Family Practice. Margy completed

her residency at Pittsburgh's UPMC St. Margaret's Hospital in 1998 and remained as an attending physician working in their Community Outreach Program. While there, she opened an office in the low-income Garfield neighborhood, as well as oversaw an outreach van that took medical care and vaccines to underprivileged persons all over the city.

After a few years, now with three children and another on the way, Margy reduced her work schedule and took an office-based position with Mercy Hospital. Opportunities as an investigator in clinical trials led to a transition to Novum Pharmaceutical Research Services, where she became certified as a medical monitor, enjoying the behind-the-scenes processes that go into bringing a new drug to the marketplace.

In recent years, Margy has taken a hiatus from medical practice to give full attention to raising her family. She and Chris have four sons: Christopher, AJ, Seth and Luke. She says that she enjoys being the "princess of the house," and has embraced the joys—and smells—that come with being a mother of boys.

Margy and her family are members of Memorial Park Church, EPC. Surprisingly that connection, and not her alumni status, brought about the opportunity to serve as the medical chaperone for The Genevans International Tour to the Philippines and Malaysia this spring. Due to the strenuous schedule, Director


Dr. David Smith, also a member of Memorial Park, had been praying for God to provide the tour with a physician.

None of the numerous physicians—including Margy’s father—that Dr. Smith asked had been able to commit to such a long trip. But as Dr. Smith was sharing his concerns with member and chaperone Claudia Brown, she suggested Margy. Neither knew that Margy was a Geneva alumna, but Dr. Smith asked Margy to travel with the choir; and she immediately felt herself open up to the possibility of such an adventure. Margy enjoyed sharing with Dr. Smith her memories of The Genevans and the 1990 International Tour to Europe and Wales under the direction of Dr. Robert Copeland ’66.

Her hope was confirmed when she shared the news with her husband Chris, who responded, “You can’t pass up an opportunity like this!” Although leaving her family for three weeks was difficult, Margy had their support. And given the circumstances, she and her husband felt that the timing was right; and she was excited to be part of what God accomplished through The Genevans and the International Tour.

“It didn’t ‘make sense’ for me to leave a life so full of responsibility here at home, but when God has a plan and purpose that calls us from our daily routine, it truly doesn’t make sense not to listen and obey Him,” she explains. “God had gifts to give me and my family that could only be received if I obeyed and went to the other side of the earth. I am so glad we listened.”

In answer to the common inquiry about her favorite part of the adventure, Margy says, “The answer easily springs forth—the kids! While the students went with hearts set on ministering to the people of the Philippines and Malaysia, as a chaperone and physician, I saw my mission field as the students themselves. I knew they would be great, but I had no idea just how great. The trip afforded many opportunities for one-on-one talks and walks with these amazing individuals.”

And all of the people that she met during the International Tour provided Margy a lifetime of remembrances: “Dr. Smith led the group with a spirit of humility and love that was a gift to observe and learn from. As we took in the sights of rice terraces, remote farming villages, serpentine mountain rides, sunrises and sunsets, hikes to mountain tops and dives into the ocean’s delights, unforgettable food displays and deeply moving concerts, one thing was constant—God’s people. More alike than we are different, people made this trip a blessed memory for me.” 



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"I was thinking about how children... could get **good intervention** ... and have **fulfilling lives.**"

Shortening THE LINE

BY ADAM ROWE '14

Karen Dryer's career follows one theme: passion for community. From her undergraduate to her doctoral studies, she pursued her education in order to educate others. But rather than stay in the proverbial ivory tower of academia, she sought a field with the most impact on the lives of her neighbors. And she lives it out as Director of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Food Security Partnership, serving the low-income communities of Greater Pittsburgh.

On the surface, Karen's interests might not seem as streamlined—her undergraduate degree is in German. However, her original plan

clarifies that she intended to teach secondary education. But soon after graduating, her plans changed.

"I worked as a residence director," Karen says. "And really loved working with college students to grow holistically and to connect their in-class learning with their out-of-class learning. I worked with students to get them engaged in the larger community and not just their campus community."

Defining her career path even more, Karen earned a master's degree in higher education from Geneva in 1997. There, she learned a few lessons that she has kept with her. "It was a degree in higher education," she says, "but one of the courses was about examining the structures of higher education to understand what's functioning well, but also what's broken and how we can be part of improving structures."

Today, Karen's work at the Food Security Partnership entails meeting with select government agencies to streamline hunger-fighting efforts—looking for the good and the bad within programs, which is the same process that she learned at Geneva.

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A second piece of advice that she absorbed at Geneva was the focus on collaborative efforts. “In the higher education program, there was a structure that wasn’t just me studying alone in the library, but was about dialogue, debate and conversation. Ultimately, our projects were better accomplished collaboratively.”

It’s not a common idea in graduate programs, which made her Geneva experience unique, Karen goes on to explain. She took an opportunity for more collaboration with a new position at the Pittsburgh Project, a Christian nonprofit community-development organization. There, she worked with local youth to provide services for seniors throughout the city.

“Even though the young people provide a tangible service,” she says, such as porch repair, “they were encouraged to spend time talking with the homeowner, hearing the homeowner’s stories, so that they could see from a new perspective.”

Karen held a position at the Pittsburgh Project for 15 years, and saw generations of young adults grow up in the program. “What I loved about my time there,” she states, “was getting to see the kids grow up and become the role models for the next group of kids. I was very fortunate to see kids who were struggling go on and graduate and head off to college.”

All of Karen’s experiences and education prepared her for a community-oriented, hands-on task, and the Pittsburgh Project was no exception. Through her work, she realized that she wanted to advocate for people living in low-income communities, to help them improve their living situation, and this drove her to apply for a Ph.D. in applied environmental psychology at the University of Pittsburgh.

“I was thinking about how children could get good intervention so that they could go on and have fulfilling lives,” she further explains.

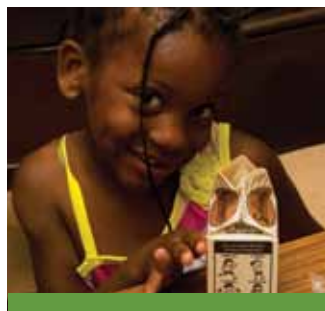
She noticed one clear need in the Pittsburgh area, more visceral than other concerns. Children were going hungry.

One school administrator dealt with two children who fought each other over who got to eat a leftover sandwich. At another location, a child came to a teacher over a stomach that was hurting, and the more conventional assumption, that it was a typical stomach ache, was wrong.

“The family didn’t have enough food, so the child was hurting because he hadn’t eaten enough,” Karen explains. These stories about hungry children that move her the most.

“In the wintertime when the school closes, people think, ‘Oh, it’s a snow day. It’s fun.’ But some kids don’t get breakfast or lunch that day,” she adds.

Karen’s role as Director of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Food Security Partnership, an initiative of the Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank, is to streamline the connections. She instructs community



leaders and meets with government agencies, employing her Geneva-imparted knowledge of the scrutiny of structure.

Her essential goal is to “shorten the line,” referring to the bottleneck that can occur at food distribution centers. Individuals arrive still dressed in their work clothes, and may not have a ride or the availability to come at any other time. The length of their wait may determine whether their family table holds food.

Karen’s co-worker Elizabeth Jabco, Agency Resource Specialist at the Food Bank and a 2013 Geneva graduate, deals directly with those in need of emergency food assistance by helping them locate the nearest food pantry.

“Oftentimes when working with a vulnerable population,” Elizabeth notes, “you are dealing with high levels of stress and people are acting out of crisis mode, so sometimes work can be difficult and draining. But, because of my roots and the tradition I come from, I am able to recognize that one day, all things will be redeemed.”


The line isn’t just physical, however.

“If you need to apply for food stamps,” Karen relates, “you need to fill out a very extensive application. I know the first time I read it, I had a lot of questions I didn’t know how to answer just from reading. Our staff can address any questions the person applying has. At the end of the day, our goal is to have nobody who is hungry in the communities.”

She doesn’t stop at just hunger, but also connects with health, housing and job-searching organizations. Through her position, Karen is truly able to serve the physical needs of those around her.

And Karen’s passion for helping those with disadvantages covers the hungry children whose stories touch her: a school breakfast program and a summer food service program are two aimed specifically at these young community members.

“Parents have said, ‘Thank you for this program, because my child was able to eat and then do better in school,’” she says.

If the individuals of the Greater Pittsburgh community reach a position where they no longer need Karen’s assistance, she states, it would be “a wonderful thing.” But until the line is gone, she’ll keep searching for a path to the best alternative: shortening it. 



Dr. Jonathan Watt

BY CHRISTOPHER STRANGFELD '13

After serving for nearly 20 years at Geneva College, Dr. Jonathan Watt has made a great impact on the campus community. Currently, he is the Chair of the Department of Bible, Christian Ministries and Philosophy, taking over for retired former Chair, Professor Emeritus Dr. Dean Smith.

Watt has experienced a cultured and varied life. He was born in Australia; raised in England, the United States, Australia and Hong Kong; and became a permanent resident of the United States in 1967. Currently, Watt and his family live on College Hill in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania. Watt enjoys outdoor activities, remodeling and refinishing furniture and houses, spending time in conversation with college students, and exploring internationally.

Coming to Geneva was the next step after Dr. Watt pastored for a time the College Hill Reformed Presbyterian Church, located right next to Geneva's Alexander Hall. He said, "It was there I met Dean Smith, then-Chair of the Bible department, and Jack White, who was Geneva's president. I finished my Ph.D. during that time and started teaching part time at Geneva."

Dr. Watt has extensive academic credentials. In 1978 he completed his B.S. in Magazine Journalism at Syracuse University, and in 1982 he obtained his M.Div. from Pittsburgh's Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary. He went on to earn his M.A. in Linguistics from the University of Pittsburgh in 1987. And in

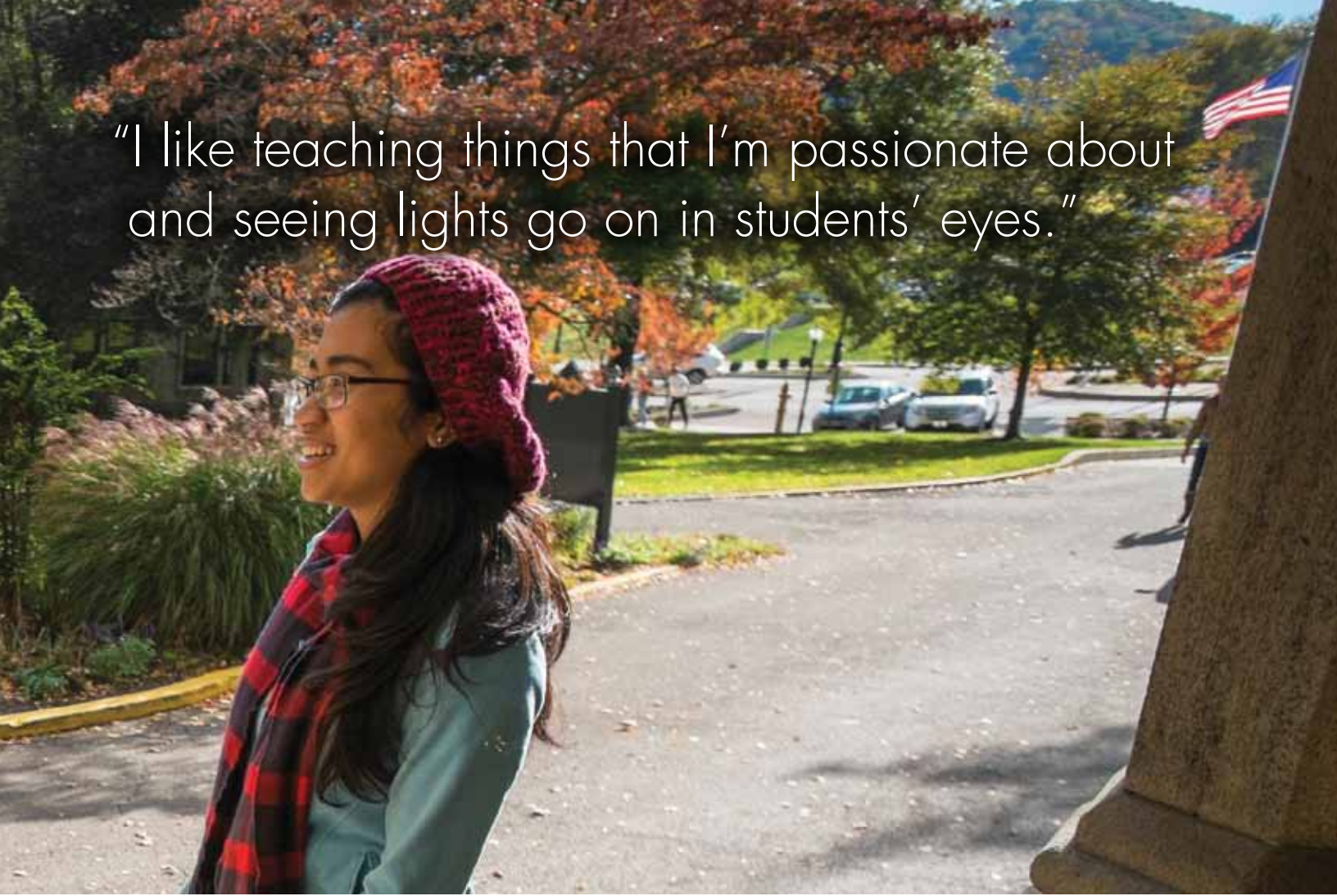
1995, Watt acquired his Ph.D. in Linguistics from the University of Pittsburgh.

All of this academic effort paid off in the classroom as Watt has taught over 70 widely varied courses, such as Anthropology/Sociology, Biblical Studies, English, History, Languages, Linguistics, Religious Ministry Studies, Theology & Ministry, and Research Writing during his time at Geneva.

"I also teach Bridge courses and regular cohorts for the Adult Degree Programs, one course per quarter at the Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Pittsburgh, and Foundations for Faith-Based Counseling for the Master's in Counseling Program," Watt adds.

As the Bible Chair, he says he "views the role as a means of service to the college; a way of contributing to the needs of the department."

Serving in the Bible department is a joy for Watt. "My colleagues and I get along well. We care for each other and notch into each other's work and personalities," he says. "We also make efforts to keep open lines of communication by continuing to discuss issues and address student needs together. There is a general cooperative character of the department due to the fact that we collaborate as much as we can during a semester."



"I like teaching things that I'm passionate about and seeing lights go on in students' eyes."

This collaboration correlates directly to the outstanding service from the department and from Dr. Watt himself. His teaching has blessed thousands of students who have entered his classroom. "I like teaching things that I'm passionate about and seeing lights go on in students' eyes. I like to explore how language behaves and see students connect with material; seeing it touch their lives."

Outside the classroom, Watt serves as a mentor and advisor for students. "I often help students in their personal crises. A couple of us from the department will meet with a student and perhaps a few of the students' close friends to pray and plan together. I also collaborate with the counseling center as much as possible to help students."

In addition to his expertise in the classroom and his counseling aptitude, Dr. Watt does much administrative, behind-the-scenes work at Geneva. "I also serve with the Academic Strategic Planning Committee, the faculty personnel committee and periodic search committees. I help junior faculty with faith integration papers and I provide personal counseling for faculty and their families."

But exploring internationally is one of Watt's favorite activities. Sometimes he brings students along to experience other cultures through team-taught study abroad courses, which he facilitates, and other times he travels alone. "Last year I took a trip to

Turkey and to Greece, and every two years I travel to Israel. Most recently, I have just returned from two weeks in Austria participating in a conference on globalism and practicing my German."

As Watt continues his service, he is hopeful to remain active in publishing and scholarship, writing chapters for various books, presenting conference papers, and working on other projects in addition to his excellent teaching, humble counseling, and generous care for students and faculty at Geneva College.



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1957

Rev. James and Ruth (McKeown '64) Pennington are retired and reside in Windermere, FL. The couple has one grown daughter, Amy.

1959

Janet (Andrews) Moslener resides in Pennington, NJ, and winters in Vero Beach, FL. She and late husband Carl have two sons, Carl II and Brandt.

1964

Nancy (Swartzlander) Conner is a retired high school English teacher. She and husband Jeffrey reside in Baldwinsville, NY.

Dr. Russell Duker is the Pastor of Holy Spirit Church in Pittsburgh, PA, where he resides.

Dan Frasier retired in 2006 from his position as Director of Human Resources at Matthew's International Corp. He has two children, Kristen and Emily, and resides in Oakdale, PA, with wife Elaine.

Paul Mitchel resides in Solomons, MD.

Winnifred "Winnie" (Wilson) Nelson and husband Allan reside in Drysdale, Victoria, Australia. The couple has two grown children.

Ruth (McKeown) Pennington
– See Pennington 1957

Bernard Vukelich is the President at Executive Brokerage Services, Inc. He and wife Cathie reside in Beaver, PA. They have one daughter.

Mary (Gardner) Worsham resides in Umatilla, FL, with husband Jay. The couple has three grown children.

1965

Gerald "Jerry" O'Donnell is a retired Professor of Psychology. He and his wife reside in San Diego, CA.



Gerald "Jerry" Quinn retired from DuPont in 2001 and was married to wife Judy in 2003, inheriting six grandchildren and three two-parent families. He and Judy reside in Kennett Square, PA.

Robert Smith recently retired from teaching. During his teaching career he taught very diverse subjects such as English, French and Spanish.

1967

Joseph Albenze is retired from his position as VP of HR for Westinghouse SEG. He and wife Geri have two grown sons, Mark and Joel. The Albenzes reside in Bluffton, SC.

1968

Neal Keller and his wife reside in Beaver Falls, PA.

1969

Paul V. Rocereto, CDR, MC, USN (Ret) retired January 1, 2014 after 21 years Active Duty as Navy Aerospace Medicine Specialist. His tours included Senior Medical Officer on USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (CVN-73) and deployments to both Iraq and Afghanistan with 3d Marine Aircraft Wing. Paul is now working part-time in VA Compensation and Pension Services. He and wife Dianne reside in Santee, CA.



John Snarey was recently installed as the Franklin Parker Professor of Human Development and Ethics at Emory University and the Candler School of Theology. John and wife Carol (Dunn '70) reside in Atlanta, GA.

1970

Carol (Dunn) Snarey – See Snarey 1969

1971

Ernest "Ernie" Emanuelson resides in Clawson, MI, with wife Wendy.

Nancy (Anderson) Waitkus is a speech-language pathologist for Preferred Therapy Services. She and husband Calvin have two children, Jackie and Nigel, and reside in Fair Haven, VT.

1972

Judith (Plants) Beale is a member of the music faculty at Kennesaw State University, teaching Music Education for Classroom Teachers.

1973

Kristen (Wargo) Lambert is a fourth-grade teacher for Mercer School District. She has three grown sons, all of whom are married. Kristen resides in New Brighton, PA.

1974

Janet (Henderson) Coleman is retired and has three daughters, Libby, Laura and Kristen, with late husband David. She lives in Bellefonte, PA.

Denise (Chiarini) Scungio is retired and resides in Las Vegas, NV.

1977

Frances "Francie" Fischer graduated from the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary in May 2013 and began pastoring at the Lake Milton Presbyterian Church in April 2014. Francie resides in Akron, OH.

1979

Jeffrey Wildrick was recently elected Moderator of the Presbytery of the Northeast in the Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians (ECO). He continues as pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Dunellen and transferred with them to this new Christian denomination in 2012. Jeff resides in Dunellen, NJ, with wife Kathleen and their children, Jhony, Natalia and Angela.

Gregory Yoder was named President of Christian World Outreach, an international evangelistic humanitarian aid organization.

1980

James Myers is a Senior Sourcing Compliance Specialist for Zimmer Medical. He and wife Diane have two children and reside in Winona Lake, IN.

1982

Gary Modzelewski is an Engineering Manager for Dominion in Glen Allen, VA. He and his wife reside in Richmond, VA.

1983

Jacqueline (Voorhis) married Bob **Juozitis** on March 8, 2014. Jacque is a Business Partner Sales Rep for IBM and has two children, Stephen and Caroline. The couple resides in Harrisburg, PA.



Allison McFarland, Ph.D., Professor of Business and Economics at Bethel College, stands by the Olympic flame in Sochi, Russia. She was issued a humanitarian visa and served for three weeks as a volunteer at the XXII Olympic Winter Games. Allison was one of only about 50 American volunteers, and her application was among the only 25,000 approved out of about 200,000.

1984



Christina (Pinon) Bouwens completed the Walt Disney World Dopey Challenge in January, running a 5K, 10K, Half Marathon and Full Marathon over four consecutive days.

1985

Jeffrey Wrobel Sr. has been promoted to the position of President and CEO of Mutual Assurance Society of Virginia. Jeffrey previously served as the Society's Executive Vice President, Information Technology and Underwriting.

1986

Crystal (Harris) Arrington is a Graduate

Administrator at Princeton University. She has two children, Jazmine and Demetrius, and resides in Lindenwold, NJ.



Mark Peterson and wife Cynthia formed Sound Ideas Media, LLC and purchased Beaver County's two AM radio stations, 1230 WBVP and 1460 WMBA in February. Mark worked at WBVP, and later for both stations, for 28 years. Mark began his career in radio while he was a student at Geneva. He and Cynthia have two children and reside in New Brighton, PA.

1987

Peter Schlenker is a EH&S Coordinator for Teledyne Brown Engineering and is on assignment to the Dow Chemical Company. He and wife Kathleen reside in Eagleville, PA, with their four children.

1988

Rebecka "Becky" Johnson is a Senior Programmer Analyst with Erie Insurance Group in Erie, PA, where she resides.

1989

Robert Bagdon is the CEO of Locust Grove Senior Living in West Mifflin, PA. He has three children and resides in Youngwood, PA.

1991

Michael Darr has been named Wilson Plant Manager for Bridgestone Wilson Tire Plant, which is the largest Bridgestone plant in North America.

1995



Carrie (Wheeler) and **George Lauer** welcomed their son **George Joseph Lauer Jr.**

into the world on March 21, 2014. He is the grandson of Diane Wheeler, Secretary of Geneva's Bible Department. The Lauers reside in Oxford, PA.

Jeff Risdan received his Juris Doctorate from Nashville School of Law in December 2013.

1996



Sarah (Snyder) de Vuyst teaches fifth grade at Kiev Christian Academy in Kiev, Ukraine, where she resides with husband Gerard and three children.

Rev. William "Bill" Fleming Sr. (CUTS) is in his third year as pastor of New Greater Straightway Baptist Church. He and wife Lena reside in Philadelphia, PA.

Michele (Richey) and **Seth Olivieri** and their family are active members of the Hazleton Area Reformed Presbyterian Church. Seth is a self-employed contractor and Michele is a self-employed homemaker and homeschooling mom to their four children. They are currently restoring their 1900s era farmhouse to its former glory. The Olivieris reside in Rock Glen, PA.

1997



John Kubichek, CPA, CFE and wife **Amy** have a daughter, **Nadia**, born on July 18, 2012. John is an Audit Manager at a CPA firm in Washington DC.

1998

Darrick and **M. Annette (Dezort) Dean** reside in New Castle, PA, where Annette works with Ameriprise Financial/Taylor & Associates.

Scott Matscherz is the President of iHope International, a non-profit organization that has been equipping Christian leaders in Asia and India and helping to build up the church through teaching in Bible colleges and seminaries.

1999



Joshua Wilsey recently accepted a job at NursingABC/Portage Learning, Inc. as Operations Specialist. He also serves on the school board at Rhema Christian School. His wife Stephanie (Vesolich '00) was promoted to the rank of Associate Professor with tenure at Carlow University, where she is the Director of the Undergraduate Psychology Program. They reside in Moon Twp., PA, with their two children, Alexa and Kian.

2000



Ben Becze has been named the Director of Development of the Oncology Nursing Society Foundation in Pittsburgh, PA. In this position, Ben will establish and implement structured and sustainable fundraising strategies that will enable the foundation to support oncology nurses and the cancer care they provide.

Stephanie (Vesolich) Wilsey – See Wilsey 1999

2001



SMSgt Jeffery Barnes (ADP #140) (MSOL '07) was promoted to Senior Master Sergeant on May 1, 2014. He was also awarded First

Sergeant of the year for the 459th Air Refueling Wing for 2013. SMSgt Barnes transferred to the 69th Aerial Port Squadron as the First Sergeant in March 2014 after serving four years at the 459th Aeromedical Staging Squadron.

Andrew and Erin (Miller '02) Deibert have three children: Cohen, London, and Evangeline. The Millers reside in San Diego, CA, where Andrew is a Sr. Insurance Agent with AAA – Auto Club Southern California.

2002



Jeremy and Jessica (Young '03) Brown welcomed Jonas Pilgrim into their family in February 2014. He joins siblings Tobey, Evangeline, Jude Ransom and Margaret.

Erin (Miller) Deibert – See Deibert 2001

June (Oppelt) Whitla resides in Indianapolis, IN, with husband David and their five children.

2003

Jessica (Young '03) Brown—See Brown 2002

2004



Marti Aiken (MAHE '08) and Scott Hwang (MAHE '11) were married July 5, 2014. Marti is self-employed as a photographer and has her own company, Marti Aiken Photography. She currently resides in New Brighton, PA.

Christopher Kissell is the Senior Coordinator–Store Technology for American Eagle Outfitters. He and wife Jessica reside in Pittsburgh, PA, with their two sons, Benjamin and Matthew.

2006



Shannon (Wilson) and Ryan Anderson were united in marriage on October 5, 2013. Shannon is a high school English teacher at Wellington Christian School. The couple resides in Royal Palm Beach, FL.

Patricia (Gladfelter) Blevins – See Blevins 2011



Laura (Askey) and James Mack welcomed their first child, Jacob David, with joy on November 4, 2013. Laura received her Master of Education in Curriculum Studies and Math from Arcadia University in 2012.

Justin "Juddy" Sciarro is the Director of Surgical Operations for the Cleveland Clinic Foundation. He previously worked at University Hospitals Case Medical Center for six years. Justin got engaged in 2013. He resides in Cleveland, OH.

2008

Jonathan "Debo" and Lauren (Pruszyński) DiBenedetto welcomed daughter Azaria Grace into the world on January 13, 2013. The couple resides in Lakewood, CO, where Jonathan is in his sixth year of working in higher education. He is a Resident Director at Colorado Christian University. He brought his love of club hockey from Geneva to Colorado Christian University and started a club hockey team in 2013.



Charann (Hughes) Lawrinson and husband

Ben have two children, Benjamin Aaron Lawrinson II, born in 2010, and Emree Mary Ann Lawrinson, born in 2013. The Lawrinsons reside in Greenville, PA.



Nate and Sarah (Williamson '10) Morris were married on November 30, 2013.

Joseph Reed and his wife recently welcomed their son in December 2013. Joseph was licensed as a professional engineer in Maryland in December 2012 and graduated from Johns Hopkins University with a Master of Science in Environmental Engineering, Science and Management in May 2013. He is currently a Civil Engineer with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The Reed family resides in Boonsboro, MD.

2009

Matthew and Laura (Fischer) Cooper reside in Uniontown, PA, with their two children, Caleb and Moriah.

Vera Green (CUTS) is employed by the Board of Pensions Presbyterian Church USA as a Member Services Representative. She also serves at Better Way Bible Church as a Praise & Worship Team and Choir musician and as part of the outreach program through their partnership with Chosen 300 Ministries. Vera resides in Philadelphia, PA.

Elisabeth (Eriksson) and Eli Jacobson were united in marriage on November 17, 2013.

Vince Latz is the Director of Youth Ministries at Hudson Presbyterian Church, EPC in Hudson, OH.

Audrey Mauro lives in South Korea where she teaches English to Korean elementary students.

Lee-Anna Upperman resides in New Castle, PA.

2010

Jonathan Cagwin (MAHE) and his wife recently welcomed their second son, born on December 13, 2013.

Chance and Chelsea (Alberth '13) Kelosky were married on May 18, 2013. Chase is

the Youth Director at Butler First United Methodist Church, and Chelsea is a full-time science lab teacher for grades K-6 at Penn Christian Academy. The couple resides in Butler, PA.

Heather Moore is employed by an adoption agency in Beaver Falls, PA.

Sarah (Williamson) Morris – See Morris 2010

Daniel and Abaigeal (Smith) Pilling welcomed daughter Violet Julie in 2013.

Chelsea Sabo is a Registered Private Wealth Associate with Merrill Lynch and resides in Brandon, FL.

Noah Stansbury is the Volunteer and Outreach Coordinator at St James School. He resides in Philadelphia, PA.

Robert and Lindsey (Walker) Strength reside in New Bethlehem, PA, with their children Sophie, born October 2012, and Mark, born December 2013.

Shaka and Heather (Knight) Sydnor reside in Cincinnati, OH, where Shaka is a Residence Coordinator at the University of Cincinnati.

2011



Roger (MAHE) and Patricia (Gladfelter '06) Blevins's son Ezekiel is already an avid reader of *Geneva Magazine*.

Joy (Phillips) Caffas – See Caffas 2012

Marissa Fleming is the Preschool/Pre-K teacher at Rhema Christian School in Moon Twp., PA. She resides in Beaver Falls, PA.



David and Mary (Speckhard) Lates were married on August 3, 2013. Mary received her M.A. in Rhetoric, Composition and Professional Communication from Iowa State University in 2013. The couple resides in East Greenbush, NY.

Kaitlin Vukich took a position as a Staff Accountant for Grace Medical Center in Lubbock, TX, where she now resides.

2012



Andrew and Joy (Phillips '11) Caffas celebrated their one-year wedding anniversary. The Caffas were united in marriage on January 12, 2013. The couple resides in Columbus, IN, with cat Manny and hedgehog Moe.

Aaron O'Data, a graduate student in history at Duquesne University, accepted an invitation to Phi Kappa Phi honor society. Established in 1897, Phi Kappa Phi is the oldest all discipline honor society in the country. Membership requires superior scholarship, academic integrity and high ethical standards. Phi Kappa Phi promotes and encourages academic excellence. The Duquesne University faculty and staff recommended Aaron, who graduated in May 2014.


2013

Chelsea (Alberth) Kelosky – See Kelosky 2010

Halee Purcell resides in Shreveport, LA.

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30s

 **Dr. Clarence Farmer '36**
on January 30, 2014

Martha "Marty" D. (Dubbs '38) Ihrig
on March 3, 2014

40s

Theresa (Love '41) Edwards
on February 14, 2014

Naomi (Soodik '42) Sondheimer
on January 3, 2014

Marguerite E. (Hemphill '44) Dean
on January 5, 2014

John R. Locke '45
on February 9, 2014

Shirley A. (Wilson '45) Small
on January 22, 2014

Kenneth D. Douglass '46
on December 26, 2013

Mary M. (Carr '46) Hardies
on December 26, 2013

Yvonne I. (Kerr '46) Pugh
on May 15, 2014

Dr. David L. Chamovitz '47
on January 6, 2014

Adda M. (Parris '47) Ferguson
on January 15, 2014

Dr. Elmer R. Lipp '47
on February 7, 2014

Harold F. Baldwin Jr. '48
on December 10, 2013

June E. (Kalinowski '48) Futato
on April 22, 2014

Dr. Esmond "Es" S. Smith '48
on May 14, 2014

Archie W. Dennis '49
on March 25, 2014

Dr. Betty L. (Peirsol '49) Hoffman
on February 16, 2014

Bonietta M. (Flickner '49) Powell
on February 7, 2014

Jeanne K. (McNary '49) Steff
on December 11, 2013

50s

Harry "Keith" Anderson '50
on December 16, 2013

Doris "Dori" (Tebay '50) Book-Clark
on January 2, 2014

Charles E. Johnston '50
on February 5, 2014

Ronald H. McCammon '50
on February 28, 2014

Robert R. Wagoner '50
on February 23, 2014

William R. Young '50
on January 20, 2014

John A. Conte, Esq. '51
on May 25, 2014

Charles E. Hardies Sr. '51
on May 23, 2014

John "Dick" R. Wike '51
on February 26, 2014

Donald H. Alben '52
on May 12, 2014

John Barjuca '52
on January 22, 2014

Clara J. (Johnson '52) Frazier-Jones
on June 21, 2014

Selena A. Sebastian '52
on January 7, 2014

Arthur "Archie" R. Zarone '52
on January 13, 2014

Joseph "Joe" F. Farquhar '53
on May 5, 2014

Alfred "Lee" L. Graham '53
on March 3, 2014

Travis L. Murphy '53
on January 18, 2014

Thomas A. Shafer '53
on January 17, 2014

Philip W. Kennedy '54
on June 20, 2014

Sarah O. (Snowden '54) LeGoullon
on February 11, 2014

Sidney R. Lockley '54
on March 30, 2014

Shirley A. (Smith '54) Morrow
on January 20, 2014

John R. Craig '55
on February 7, 2014

Gerald "Chick" W. Wilson '55
on March 13, 2014

Daniel G. Crozier Sr. '56
on December 19, 2013

Georgie A. (Pander '57) Butler
on December 29, 2013


Dr. Robert M. More '57
on April 29, 2014

Walter Rogan '57
on March 19, 2014

John B. Ague II '58
on May 15, 2014

Donald S. Sacer '58
on April 9, 2014

Mary A. (Peters '59) McClellan
on April 27, 2014

 **Earle Metzger Jr. '59**
on April 1, 2014

Robert C. Thayer '59
on June 9, 2014

Leo J. Topolski '59
on June 4, 2014

60s

Tullio "Joe" J. Buccitelli '60
on February 18, 2014

Bradley D. Guinn '60
on June 4, 2014

Richard T. Kuny '60
on June 24, 2014

Elizabeth "Betsy" R. Mowry '62
on March 30, 2014

Howard "Bucky" E. Noll III '62
on March 26, 2014

Richard M. Plattner '62
on April 11, 2014

George Kraynik Jr. '64
on October 19, 2013

Frank J. Jagerski Jr. '66
on February 10, 2014

Ronald B. Rose '69
on February 15, 2014

70s

Janice E. (Martin '70) Robb
on March 14, 2014

David A. Sumner '70
on April 21, 2014

 **Jean Buckenheimer '71**
on February 9, 2014

Patricia L. (Lepore '72) Henry
on May 30, 2014

Dr. Rodney S. Altman '74
on May 5, 2014

Deborah "Debi" L. (McKeever '74) Winne
on January 17, 2014

Donald "Don" Pecic '75
on April 21, 2014

Cynthia M. Magyary '78
on April 7, 2014

Fred A. Gregory '79
on June 1, 2014

80s

Ruth M. (Hinich '82) Cline
on June 18, 2014

Stephen R. Redshaw '87
on December 31, 2013

90s

Dina M. Paul '91
on May 23, 2014

Rev. Martha A. Lang '93 (CUTS #005)
on January 30, 2014

10s

Theresa J. Martin '14 (ADP #284)
on June 28, 2014

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NOVEMBER

1 Annie at The Benedum

11 Alumni & Friends Gathering—Dallas, Texas

13 Alumni & Friends Gathering—Houston, Texas

DECEMBER

13 Holiday Pops at The Benedum

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