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CAROLYN (METCALFE '62) MOLLENKOPF

Carolyn didn't originally intend on attending Geneva College, but she's certainly glad she did. Though she initially had different plans, when she came to visit she realized, "Oh! I like it here! I had a wonderful time and felt very comfortable on campus."

Following her time at Geneva, Carolyn received advanced degrees from three different colleges. But the connection just wasn't the same. "I never felt that any of those schools was my school," she explains. "My heart has always been with Geneva."

And her heart led her to reconnect with the Geneva community in a big way. She attends women's volleyball and football games often and loves to chaperone for the Genevans and New Song music ministry tours. As the daughter of an engineer and mother of two more, she also supports student engineering competition teams. In addition, she is an active member of the Alumni Council.

"The rewards that I have received as a result of being able to give to Geneva, both in time and financially, have been much greater than my giving," says Carolyn. "Being involved with the students has been very rewarding and great fun."

Carolyn has also made a long-term commitment to support Christian education by including Geneva in her will. "Planned Giving is a way to insure that my wishes and beliefs about giving back the blessings that God has provided are shared as I would desire, and provides another way to share in the future of Geneva College."

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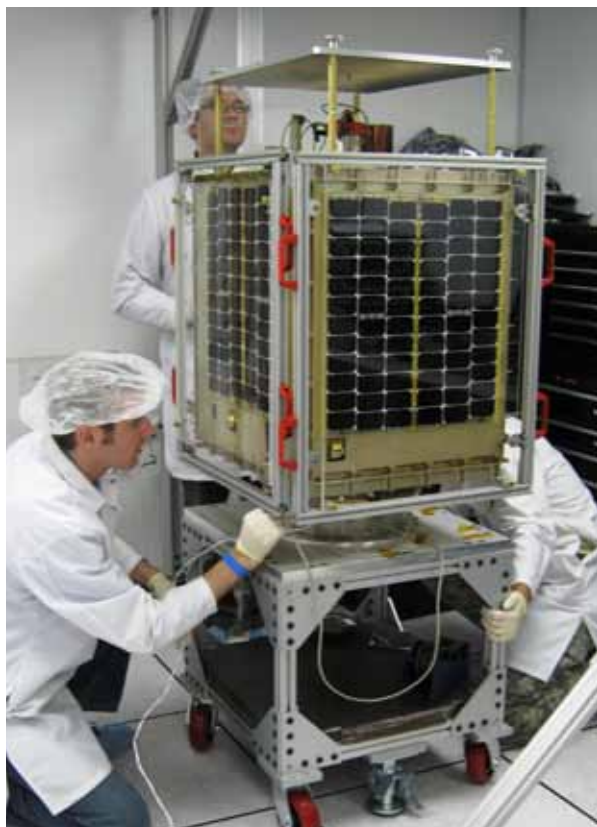
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from the president

God has a divine purpose for the many challenges He sets before us: “For you, God, tested us; You refined us like silver” (Psalm 66:10). Through facing these challenges, we become more like what God intends us to be. And although we are fallen creatures who can never in this life fully attain God’s vision for us, we are called to faithfully strive toward that goal.


Geneva College’s *Foundational Concepts of Christian Education* identifies the purpose of Christian education as seeking “the realization of the potential of the individual as the image of God through the development of God-given capacities.” During their time at Geneva, students are encouraged to explore their faith in everything they do, to see God’s sovereignty in all fields of study as well as every aspect of daily living. At the same time, we continually challenge students academically through rigorous standards and distinctive programs to help them attain their potential and to prepare them for a life of service to Christ and His kingdom.

In this issue of *Geneva Magazine*, you will find stories of people who have

accepted the challenge of a Geneva College education and have persevered through faith and God’s grace. We feature a current student who tackled the task of coordinating volunteers for a sold-out concert in Metheny Fieldhouse (“PR Professional in Training,” page 14); recent graduates in the process of turning an idea from a class project into a profitable business (“Out of the Gate,” page 16); an alumna inspired by her Quest Trip experience to found a ministry in a struggling community (“Ministry House,” page 24); an alumnus teaching Air Force cadets to put satellites in orbit (“Above and Beyond,” page 18); and more.

I am pleased to share their achievements with you, and even more pleased to know that there are many other examples of people in the Geneva community rising to God’s challenges, becoming more Christ-like and impacting society for the kingdom of God.

In His Service,



Kenneth A. Smith '80
President

in brief

CAMPUS NEWS

New academic programs in environmental studies



Environmental Science Major

The biology department has developed a new bachelor of science in environmental science degree which focuses on the functioning of the natural world, environmental problems and solutions, and management of natural resources. It provides students with a foundation in the natural sciences as well as an understanding of the factors that influence environmental decision making.

"Students who graduate from Geneva College with a degree in environmental science will be equipped with knowledge and skills needed to understand and address current environmental issues from a Christian perspective," explains Assistant Professor of Biology Marjory Tobias '94.

A degree in environmental science prepares graduates for an extensive range of careers such as environmental planners, analysts and policy makers, water quality management, water resources, parks and outdoor recreation, waste management, fisheries and wildlife management, forestry, environmental restoration and remediation, and environmental education.

The curriculum of the major consists of courses in biology, environmental science, environmental ethics, chemistry, statistics and public policy, plus four courses at Au Sable Institute of Environmental Studies.

Environmental Engineering Concentration

The engineering department has added a new environmental engineering concentration, providing students with a learning track that is relevant to today's trends in science and technology as companies and manufacturers shift toward environmental-friendly, renewable-energy solutions.

Provost Dr. Ken Carson '79 says, "Environmental Engineering is an increasingly common engineering discipline, although it is still relatively rare in the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities (CCCU). It is a program that will create a bit of a competitive advantage for Geneva College."

The environmental engineering concentration features courses in pollution control—water pollution, air pollution, and solid and hazardous wastes—preparing students to enter careers for engineering consulting firms, manufacturing companies that need engineering staff to maintain compliance with a myriad of environmental regulations, and government agencies such as the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

"Environmental Engineering is an increasingly common engineering discipline.... It is a program that will create a bit of a competitive advantage for Geneva College."

Geneva welcomes new employees



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Meet new faculty members in the Winter 2012 issue of *Geneva Magazine*.

Kudos

DR. ROBERT COPELAND '66, Professor of Music, presented the paper "The Organ Tablature of Johannes Fischer: Musical Life in 16th Century Rural East Prussia" at an April meeting of the Allegheny chapter of the American Musicological Society at Kent State University.

DR. BYRON CURTIS '76, Associate Professor of Biblical Studies, presented his paper "The Mas'ot Triptych and the Date of Zechariah 9-14: Issues in the Latter Formation of the Book of the Twelve" at the invitation-only international conference on "Perspectives on the Formation of the Book of the Twelve" at the University of Münster, Germany.

DR. DAVID ESSIG, Professor of Biology, presented "Vocational Opportunities in Cardiovascular Technology" to the Department of Biology at Eastern Mennonite University and "Introducing Students to Physiology through Genomic Annotation" to the Department of Physiology at Case Western University Medical School.

DR. SHIRLEY KILPATRICK '74, Professor of Humanities and English, along with DR. M. HOWARD MATTSSON-BOZÉ, Professor Emeritus of History and Humanities, published a new book on the McCartney Library stained glass windows, *Pilgrim's Progress Windows: A Story of Grace in Glass* (Beaver Falls, PA: Fern Cliffe House Publishers, 2011).

DR. ESTHER MEEK, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, released her new book, *Loving to Know: Introducing Covenant Epistemology* (Eugene, OR: Cascade Books, 2011).

DR. ERIC MILLER, Associate Professor of History, received *Christianity Today's* 2011 Book Award for History/Biography for his book, *Hope in a Scattering Time: A Life of Christopher Lasch*.

DR. JOHN STAHL '79, Professor of Chemistry, co-authored the analytical chemistry research article "Investigating the effects of conductivity on zone overlap with EMMA: Computer simulation and experiment," which has been accepted for publication in the scientific journal *Electrophoresis*.

DR. DANIEL STRAUB, an adjunct faculty member for Geneva's Master of Science in Organizational Leadership (MSOL) program, has been appointed dean of the Institute for Court Management Fellows Program at the National Center for State Courts in Williamsburg, VA.

DR. MAUREEN VANTERPOOL, a professor in Geneva's Master of Science in Organizational Leadership (MSOL) program, participated as a consultant in the federally funded COMPASS project, which aims to increase the capacity and sustainability of grassroots community organizations.



Accounting program responds to changes

Pennsylvania legislators recently revised state standards to match the national standard of 150 credit hours and one year of public accounting experience before granting a CPA license. In response, the Geneva College accounting department put a program into place at the beginning of the 2011 academic year enabling students who are interested in becoming licensed Certified Public Accountants to complete the newly-required credit hours as part of an undergraduate degree, even though the new requirements do not take effect until 2012.

"Most schools stress enrolling in a master's degree program following graduation," says Vice-Chair of the Department of Business Amy Russin '99. "The new program at Geneva provides flexibility while saving students the cost of additional tuition at the graduate level. And for those who prefer a master's degree, our MBA program also provides additional credits to meet licensing requirements."

Geneva's Mancini Awards goes national

This spring, the Geneva College Henry Mancini Musical Theatre Awards stepped onto the national stage by becoming a Participating Awards Program of the National High School Musical Theater Awards (NHSMTA) held annually in New York City. Since 1994, Geneva has honored the best and brightest stars from high school musical productions in Beaver, Butler and Lawrence counties and now, the winners of "best actor" and "best actress" at Geneva's Mancini Awards receive further national recognition by performing on Broadway at the NHMSTA.

"This is a great opportunity for enrichment for these young performers," says Professor of Music Louise Copeland '66. "The students spend an entire week working with performing arts professionals and then participate in an end-of-the-week performance with all the other students attending the NHSMTA."



Each Participating Awards Program sends a best actor and best actress recipient to the NHSMTA, which was established for the purpose of bringing national attention to the importance of the arts in school curriculum and recognizing school districts that offer musical theater study and produce quality student productions. While there, students have the opportunity to earn merit scholarships, obtain professional advancement and receive other prizes.

in motion

ATHLETIC NEWS

The Golden Tornadoes Top

10. Londino Sets New Mark

Senior goalkeeper Lauren Londino set a new school record with 25 career shut-outs for the Geneva College women's soccer team. Londino posted nine shut-outs last fall in helping lead the Golden Tornadoes to a record-breaking start at 8-0-3.

9. Setting New Heights in Cross Country

Cross Country Coach Brian Yowler watched a record-breaking number of student-athletes compete on the National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA) national stage last fall. Jon Shope gained NCCAA All-American honors with a 10th place overall finish as the Golden Tornadoes placed three runners in the top 50. Similarly, the women's team also saw three runners finish in the top 50. The men's team finished sixth out of 28 schools with the women posting a sixth place finish out of 21 schools.

8. Academic Excellence

Once again the Geneva College athletic department achieved an outstanding academic year. A total of 43 student-athletes were honored with the Athletic Director's Award for maintaining at least a 3.2 cumulative GPA as a junior or senior. Over 75 student-athletes received PAC Scholar-Athlete honors for having at least a 3.6 GPA during their semester of competition. Finally, the NCCAA recognized 26 student-athletes with academic honors for maintaining a cumulative GPA of at least a 3.4.

7. Like Clockwork, Colick and Blake Shine Again

In what has become an annual occurrence for the last three years, Richard Colick and Adriane Blake again received NCCAA All-American honors. Colick became the first men's basketball player in history to receive three consecutive first team All-American selections, while Blake became the first volleyball player in school history to receive first-team honors. In all, the tandem has combined for seven NCCAA All-American honors.

6. Impressive Opening Act

Gary Dunda came on to the Geneva College men's soccer scene last summer and didn't take long to make an impact for the Golden Tornadoes. Geneva closed out the 2010 campaign with an overall record of 14-3-2 and a trip to the NCCAA East regional tournament. Junior Jake McCracken highlighted the post-season awards with a second team NCCAA All-American selection.

5. Record Setting Season on the Volleyball Court

The Golden Tornadoes finished the season with a record of 26-5, which set a new single season school mark for victories. Adriane Blake finished her career with the highest kills per game mark in school history. Freshman Deanna Briody exploded onto the scene to lead the PAC in assists in her first collegiate season.



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BY VAN ZANIC '93



4. Knocking Off a Giant

The Geneva softball team was rewarded for an outstanding season with its first trip to the NCCAA national tournament in five years.

The Golden Tornadoes knocked off top-seeded and defending national champion Central Baptist in the first round and wound up finishing fourth in the country at the NCCAA national tournament with an overall record of 27-13.

Leah Prisuta received first team All-American honors and Julie DiLorenzo was a second team selection.

3. Running to greatness, on and off the track

Julia Urbanski put an exclamation point on a tremendous career with an outstanding performance at the NCCAA national track and field meet.

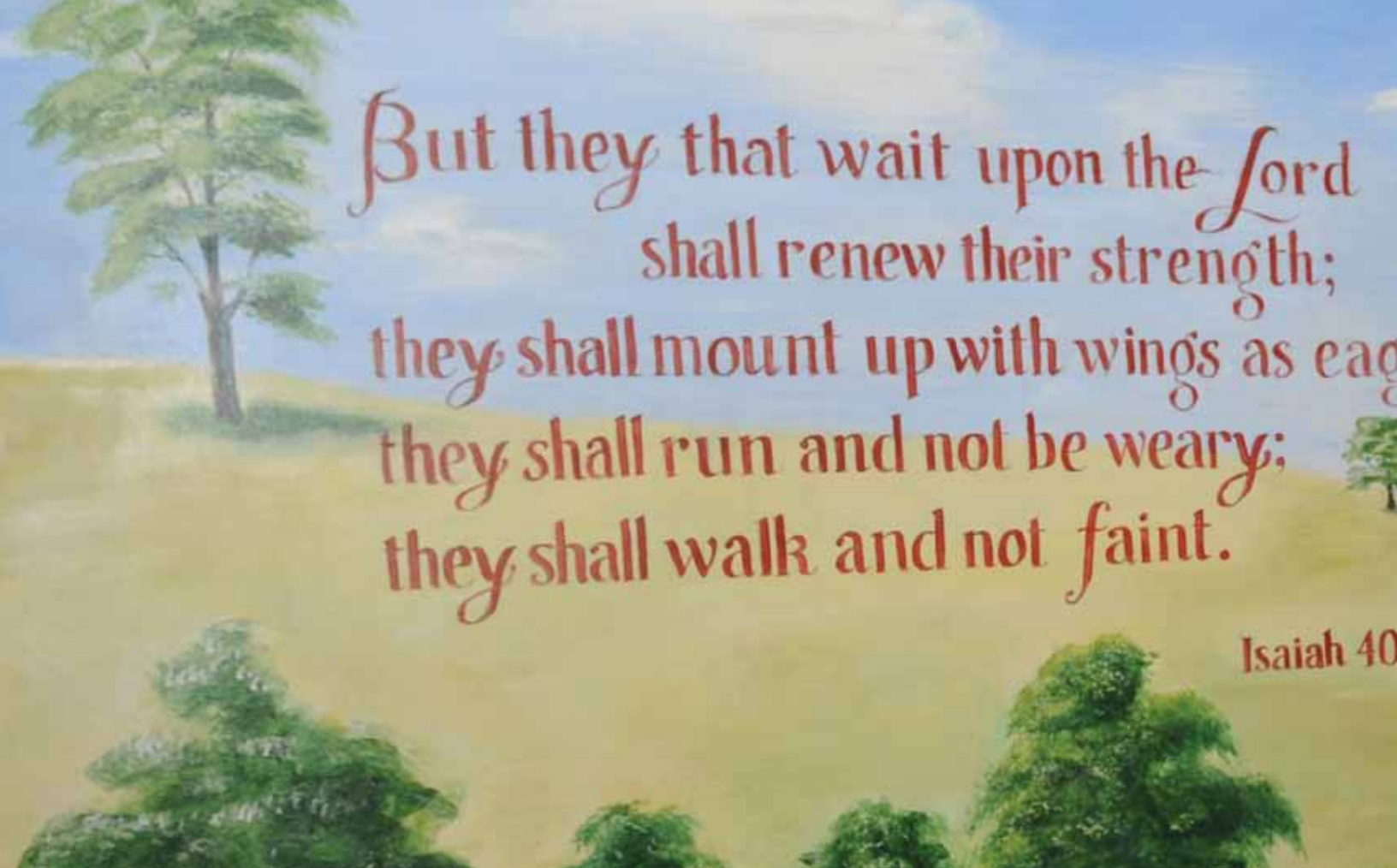
Posting a pair of top ten performances, her greatest achievement came off the track in receiving 2011 NCCAA Female Wheeler Award for Outstanding Christian Character. Urbanski broke the school's record in both the 800 and 1500 meter events while also qualifying for the NCCAA national meet in cross country. She was also awarded the 2011 Female Athlete of the Year award at the annual NADO Awards on Geneva's campus.

2. Record Breaker Muschette Ends in Style

What better send off to a record-breaking career than to score an overtime winning touchdown on the final carry of your career to defeat your arch rival? Gerard Muschette's overtime-winning touchdown against Westminster was the icing on the cake for Geneva's new all-time leading rusher. Breaking the record for rushing yards in his final game, Muschette also set a new school record for touchdowns in a career. The NCCAA National Offensive Player of the Year and first team All-American was also named Geneva's Male Athlete of the Year.

1. The Wait is Over

After four long years of waiting, Geneva College will finally be eligible to compete at the NCAA Division III level and the Presidents' Athletic Conference in the fall. Through outstanding individual and team performances during the last four years, Geneva College and its student-athletes are now ready to embark on a new and exciting era as a full member of NCAA Division III.



But they that wait upon the Lord
shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings as eagles;
they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint.

Isaiah 40

Run the Race Well

BY HEATHER AUSTIN '10

Imagine you're competing in a marathon, the biggest race of your life, and you have been focused on preparing for it mentally and physically for years. As you crest the top of a two-mile hill, your legs cramp so badly that you can barely coax them to take one more step. There are two responses to this unfortunate situation: you can choose to quit, making excuses as to why you cannot continue; or take a deep breath, dig deep within yourself and finish the race, determined to do your best.

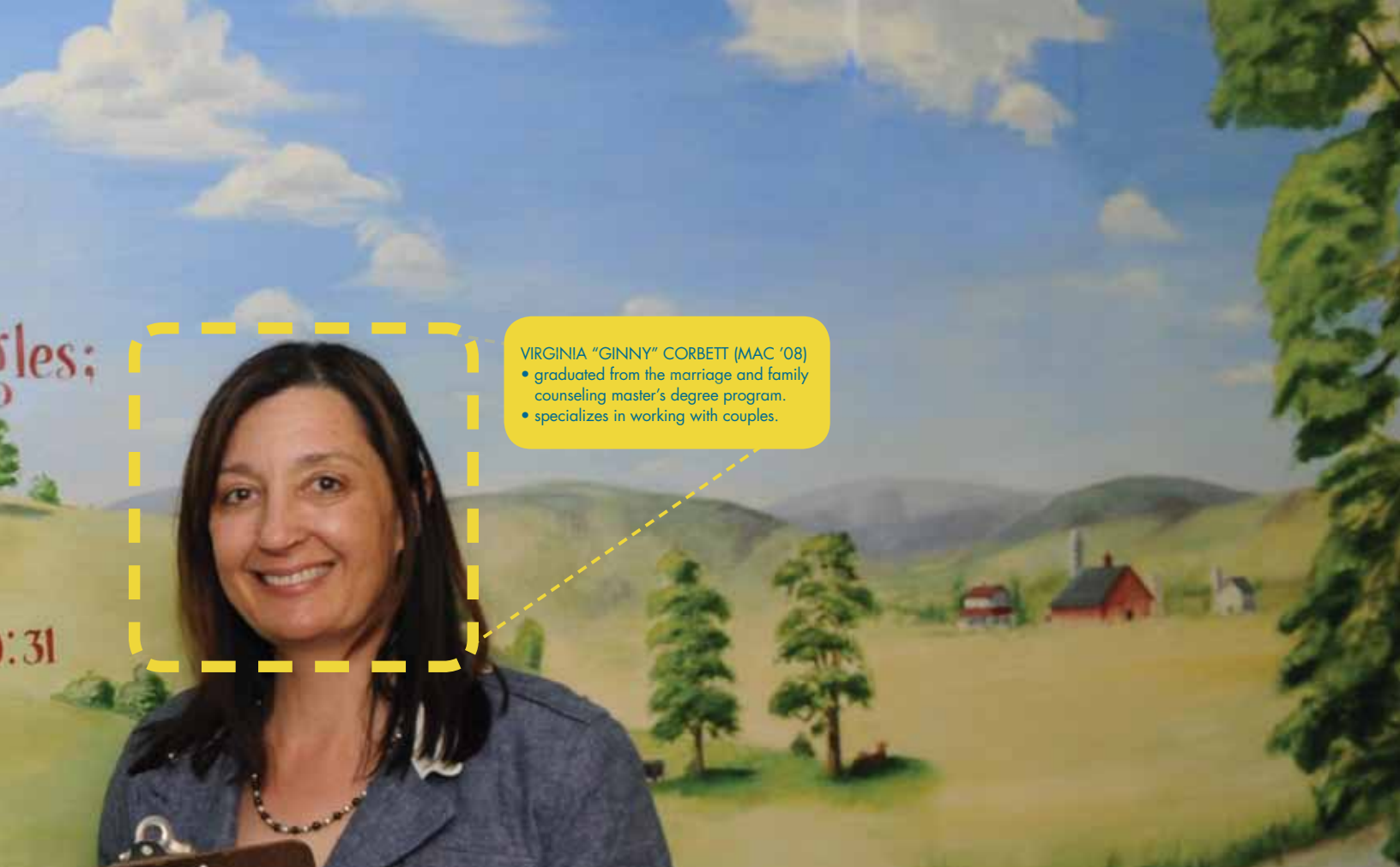
Life, with its many choices and obstacles, can be analogous to a marathon, a race that requires focus and the will to persevere. Virginia "Ginny" Corbett, a 2008 graduate of the Master of Arts in Marriage and Family Counseling program, eagerly embraced this marathon challenge. A wife, mom of three and full-time employee, Ginny added the role of graduate student to her already full list of responsibilities.

The Master of Arts in Marriage and Family Counseling program Ginny entered is just one example of numerous challenging, thought-provoking programs found at Geneva. "The program is rigorous," begins Ginny, acknowledging that it has to be because counselors work with individuals who need healing

and have to willingly "meet the needs of people." The counseling program, with its theories and applicational methods, equips students with the material, information and skills needed for their careers—tools that will help them fix troubled relationships and lives.

The counseling program is also a clear embodiment of Geneva's belief that faith and academic knowledge are inseparable and vital to discovering God's calling. For Ginny and other therapists, counseling focuses on helping to strengthen or fix relationships and to heal wounds. Without an understanding of the ultimate mending of a broken relationship—Jesus giving his life so men and women could have a relationship with God—and the constant healing of sore wounds, the sanctification process carried out by God's Spirit in us, counseling cannot go far in its effort to restore. As Ginny says, "Faith is an intricate part of therapy because in the end, God is who does all the healing."

The integration of faith with the educational experience at Geneva forms the foundation for graduate and undergraduate classroom experience alike. Faith integration provides a haven for students struggling with personal or academic circumstances. Ginny remembers Assistant Professor of Psychology Dr. Diana Rice's decision



VIRGINIA "GINNY" CORBETT (MAC '08)

- graduated from the marriage and family counseling master's degree program.
- specializes in working with couples.

to turn a situation of grief into a class prayer time to help the affected student. "I took a deep breath and thought, 'Wow, I'm home!'"


Ginny participated in the second stage of the race a few years ago. While she undoubtedly experienced weariness and setbacks, she persevered. Cresting the hill one more time, she earned her graduate degree, and now continues to help her clients face life's challenges using the tools with which Geneva equipped her.

She currently works at Samaritan Counseling Center as an associate director and marriage counselor. She sees her Geneva education as always present in the background of her counseling sessions, encouraging her to expand her mind and dig deeper into each of her client's situations. "I believe education helps 'round you out' and think in a new way," she says. "I really appreciate Geneva's systemic way of dealing with cases and problems."

In addition, Ginny values the faith-building tools she developed at Geneva. "Samaritan Counseling uses a 'mind, body, spirit' approach to our counseling. Neglecting the faith piece of therapy would be neglecting the full person."

Through her educational experience at Geneva, Ginny has been equipped with academic and faith-based tools. She has been prepared to run the race and follow God's calling.



"I believe God put me on this earth for a reason...it may be just to support someone in need. At any rate, I sure don't want to be sitting in a dark cave somewhere when I'm called to jump in and do something. Life is an adventure and I don't want to miss a minute." 

Behind the College That Cares

BY AMANDA (KASKALAVICH

When Ilia (Matos '85) Martin was preparing to leave her tight-knit family in San Juan, Puerto Rico for her first semester at Geneva College in 1981, she was expecting a lot. A wholesome environment. A challenging curriculum. A faith-centered experience. She wasn't expecting to find a new family so far from home.

"Geneva gave me the same experience I had at home... everybody cared," she remembers.

Ilia couldn't even miss a class without drawing concern from professors and fellow classmates, making it hard to stay homesick in the face of such encouragement. But her first semester not only offered the comforts of home, but also gave her the tools she needed to build a career.

Before arriving at Geneva, Ilia only entertained vague notions about her future.

"All I knew is that I wanted to be a professional woman who would carry a briefcase every day to work," she laughs. Ilia has become that professional woman, but the job entails much more than simply carrying a briefcase.

Ilia is the Vice President for Academic Operations at Florida Career College (FCC) where her duties not only involve developing policies and procedures for the 10 campuses throughout Florida, but also creating unique approaches to meet the needs of students with non-traditional majors looking to secure jobs in the modern workforce.

"Part of my responsibility is to think outside the box in this ever-changing, ever-evolving workplace," Ilia says. She experienced these same creative techniques at Geneva, where an inventive business professor, Edward Kuriger,



ILIA (MATOS '85) MARTIN

- majored in communications.
- was Geneva's first mascot, Windy the Tornado.

helped her overcome her hatred of economics by using basketball rules to break down economic theories.

"He made something difficult for many of us very simple," Ilia says.

Simple, but not easy.

When faculty members at FCC encounter seemingly insurmountable challenges with their own students, Ilia remembers Professor Kuriger arriving to class with a basketball tucked under his arm, proving that a difficult situation can be overcome with a simple approach.

"Geneva is the prime example of a teaching college with a twist to it," Ilia explains. "I believe the twist is that challenging Christian education that you receive from the very beginning."

She draws on her experience at Geneva to offer guidance and encouragement, exemplifying FCC's motto of "The College That Cares."

FCC primarily serves a population of adult learners, non-traditional students who have fallen victim to layoffs, unemployment and other life factors. Still, when Ilia encounters a struggling student, she can't help envisioning herself as a homesick, inexperienced freshman on Geneva's campus. The memories of support from her own professors strengthen Ilia's insistence that FCC faculty remain open and genuine with students.

"In education that is the one thing that keeps the student coming back over and over again, day after day... the fact that you took the time to do something for them today and you cannot wait to do the same tomorrow," she says.


Ilia follows her own advice even outside of work, dedicating much of her life to taking care of others. In addition to caring for her father until he passed away, she currently volunteers at the Gold Coast Down Syndrome Organization in Florida. She often travels to Pennsylvania with her husband Christopher to care for residents at Verland Homes—a nonprofit organization based in Sewickley that provides homes and services for people with intellectual and physical disabilities. The two even don Mr. and Mrs. Claus costumes every Christmas and tote gifts—comprised of donations from toy companies and various agencies—to Verland residents.

"Christmas is not Christmas, honestly, until we go to every resident and we give them a gift," Ilia says.

When she's not volunteering, Ilia enjoys traveling with her husband, getting lost in a good book and cheering for her dog at agility competitions. No matter what she's doing, her thoughts often wander to her alma mater.

"There isn't a day that goes by that I don't think of Geneva," Ilia says.

Nearly a quarter of a century after her graduation, a lot has changed at Geneva, but for Ilia, a lot has stayed the same. When she arrived for her class reunion, she was pleasantly surprised to see the transformations on campus. But despite the unfamiliar buildings, the new roads, and the fresh faces, a familiar feeling was still in the air, evoking memories from her days as a student.

"For me, it was like going back to college again...the same feeling that I had of being safe in college was the same feeling that I received 25 years later," she remembers. 

Meteorology and M&M's

BY JENNY (BOWER '05) PICHURA

Most students study a unit on weather in the fifth grade. But how many have a meteorologist from the local TV station come to visit their classroom? Not many, but it's just one of the ways Jonathan Winkle '02 brings learning to life for his students at Gwyn-Nor Elementary in suburban Philadelphia.

"As public educators, we owe it to parents to give their children the best fifth-grade education in Pennsylvania," he says. "Someone has to be the best, so why not us?"

Growing up in the public school system, Jonathan saw a consistent trend: teachers who came in to do their jobs, get results and leave. But to him, a teacher's job means just the opposite. It's a whole-life, whole-person profession that gives kids the curiosity to ask questions and the confidence to search for their own answers.

He saw this principle lived out by his own professors at Geneva College. "They showed me what education could be," he says. "I received the best education around and I want to pass that on to my students."

Jonathan works to make every subject exciting for his students, but science and math are his first academic loves. It's a good thing, too, because these are often the most difficult and intimidating subjects for students.

"Students want to get the answers, but they don't want to explore. They don't see how something like math can connect to everyday life," Jonathan says.

In a recent unit on ratios, he and his students made predictions about which color had the highest incidence in a bag of M&M's. They divvied up the bag, took samples, and combined their little samples into a class sample. Then they composed an email to tell M&M about their project.

"The company emailed back in 48 hours with the exact formula, and our sample was actually pretty close," Jonathan says. "The



JONATHAN WINKLE '02

- majored in elementary education.
- has a sister, Hannah, majoring in elementary education at Geneva.

kids got really excited about it and wanted to try the experiment again with other types of M&M's."

Jonathan isn't the only one emphasizing excellence in STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics). In order to remain competitive on the international stage, the U.S. needs to inspire more students to enter these fields. In addition to his teaching duties, Jonathan works as a part-time employee with the Merck Institute for Science Instruction (MISE), a program recognized by President Obama as "one of the best science initiatives in the country." Several times a year, he attends intensive professional development retreats on math and the sciences and then communicates what he's learned with other teachers in the North Penn School District.



Jonathan encourages his fifth-grade students at Gwyn-Nor Elementary to be active learners.

“Last time, we spent four days on physics,” Jonathan says. “We had meeting after meeting on how we can make physics in the classroom better and more effective. It’s great because you get not only the Merck science side, but you also get to talk to teachers from other districts about what they’re doing differently.”

Working for Merck, teaching innovatively, building relationships with students and families—oh, and serving as the school’s director of data management. It all adds up to some pretty long days for Jonathan Winkle. But he views excellence as an ongoing process, and that means making the most of every opportunity that comes his way.

“As a public educator, everything is in your job description,”

he says. “You only live once; you only have a shot at being a teacher once; you only have these kids once, so you’ve got to do it right. These kids are relying on you. You’re their hope for a better future.”

That excellence in education that Jonathan received at Geneva and wants to pass along to a new generation? Sounds like he’s doing it. 

Jonathan holds a master’s in educational leadership from Villanova University and hopes to become a school principal in the future. He lives in Bucks County, Pennsylvania with his wife Ellen and his children, Mason and Calla.

BY MICAH YARGER '12

PR Professional in Training



MICAH YARGER '12

- is majoring in communications.
- started at Geneva as a psychology major.

I've always been told that "you learn much more on the job than you ever do in the classroom." But it is also said that "a man who works hard in the classroom will have a job after the classroom." This spring, these two ideas joined to give me an up close and personal look at my planned career in the public relations profession.

I took advantage of an internship-for-credit course, co-managed by a professor and internship supervisor. The course used on-the-job learning and classroom instruction points. This was in the Department of Marketing Services and Public Relations, where I already worked as a PR intern.

Normally, my job consists of writing web releases, student profiles and feature articles. This semester, however, Director of Marketing Services and Public Relations Cheryl Johnston afforded me the opportunity to coordinate volunteers for a major event on campus, the Third Day concert. This band is one of the

most popular Christian bands in the world, so the task proved to be truly challenging.

I organized emails, answered questions and sorted job assignments. With over 150 volunteers on our list, each with different needs and time constraints, I was seriously stretched to remain organized. Luckily, I had Associate Director of Events Planning Judy Boggs '88 to guide me and help hold everything together.

When the day of the concert finally arrived, I dealt with a lot of last-minute details, including making sure that everyone knew where to be and when. I learned how to deal with the unexpected as our volunteers' responsibilities changed even up to a couple hours before the concert.

My favorite part of the whole experience was working with the volunteers at the concert. I tried to stop and talk to each person, bring them water, food or whatever they needed. They were working hard so I did my best to

make sure that everyone had my cell phone number if they needed to be relieved. I spent the whole concert keeping tabs on the volunteers, and then at the end of the concert we all pitched in to help clean up. While my "job" positioned me to be their leader, I found out how important it was to serve them.

My internship was deep and involved. I gained experience with event planning, managing people and organizing details that I would have never gotten otherwise. These are all skills I will certainly use in the workplace long after my time in college. At Geneva, I hear a lot about learning outside of the classroom and real-life training to prepare for God's calling in the world. I hear a lot about servant leadership. My experiences here, particularly through my internship, brought that all to life. I'm excited about what I've learned and what I've yet to learn. I am truly blessed. 



Out of the Gate

BY GREG WISE '95

Essays, term papers and other class projects are integral to the personal and professional development of college students. These experiences challenge students to stretch their abilities as they gain knowledge, develop skills and prepare for the future. Often, though, students simply approach coursework as hurdles to overcome on the road to graduation—tasks to be completed just because they are required for a grade. For 2010 graduates Nick Bloom and Ryen Smith, however, an Entrepreneurship class assignment has grown into much more.

Each semester, students in the Entrepreneurship class develop a business plan, learning valuable lessons on differentiating products, identifying markets, preparing timelines, creating cost projections, obtaining start-up capital and more. Nick and Ryen's idea for the project grew from a class presentation into the business venture NJB & BRS, Partners, which is generating a great deal of interest from potential investors.

The initial vision behind NJB & BRS, Partners is to produce digitally-controlled, analog delay



guitar pedals. Guitarists use effect pedals to customize the sound of their instruments, and many players prefer the “warmer” sound generated by analog devices. However, analog products currently on the market have unfriendly controls for the performing guitarist and digital guitar pedals have problems as well. This new product concept draws from the best of both.

“No one made what I wanted, so I brought some pedals to Nick and he said, ‘I understand what’s going on in here,’” explained Ryen. “I’ve always been a tinkerer with the guitar stuff and Nick is really good at taking an idea and putting something tangible in your hands. This place where we meet, between ideas and practical electric circuits, has been a blessing.”

Nick is an electrical engineer with specialized knowledge of analog circuitry and an interest in business and economics. He also happens to be an amateur guitarist and has had extensive experience working with audio equipment. Ryen was a music business major and is a performing guitarist with many connections to local musicians.

After Nick and Ryen’s presentation last May, MBA Program Director Dr. William Pearce and Doug Campbell from the Beaver County business incubator StartingGate jumped on the idea. “Nick and Ryen did an outstanding job,” said Dr. Pearce. “They presented a viable and marketable product that possesses a sustainable competitive advantage and is attractive to investors.”

Entrepreneurs are regularly invited to speak to the Entrepreneurship class each semester, and they are usually well-established business people who bring years of experience to share with students. When Nick visited the class at the beginning of the spring semester, though, it was the first time the guest was a recent graduate. But the story of NJB & BRS, Partners provides an inspirational example for Geneva students.

Nick explained to the students, “Resources are available if it’s a good idea and you want to do it. Dr. Pearce and Mr. Campbell told us, ‘We think this is a good idea and we think you can get some funding.’”

Backers became interested in the guitar pedal because a significant differentiation exists between this product and anything else currently available on the market. The pedal is also an extendable product, with options to present both premium and value models, and cost projections show that a profit can be made on a low volume of sales.

“Additionally, because Nick is creating a unique circuit that can produce analog sound through digital controls, the product will be patentable,” explained Dr. Pearce.


With the help of Dr. Pearce, NJB & BRS, Partners has partnered with StartingGate, “an organization dedicated to assisting entrepreneurs, new business start-ups and existing businesses looking to expand in the Beaver and Lawrence County

region.” StartingGate works with people like Nick and Ryen to help them overcome barriers to starting up a business. It helps generate money for development and equipment, offers a space to work and provides accounting and administrative resources.

And the education they received at Geneva provided the valuable practical skills which have helped the pair along the way. “The Geneva faculty prepared us through doing, not just theoretical learning,” said Ryen. “Receiving guidance from professors who possess such a wealth of knowledge, like Dr. Pearce, has been invaluable.”

“As entrepreneurs, we’ve been through the process before and know what mistakes we made,” Dr. Pearce said, “so we’re in a position to help.”

God’s direction, Geneva’s Entrepreneurship class and a lot of hard work have opened this window of opportunity for Nick and Ryen—and they mean to take full advantage of it. A prototype pedal is being developed and tested, and the duo is currently looking for investors as they move into the operational stage of the company.

“We are attempting to faithfully follow God’s leading,” said Nick. “The process has so far been a lot of work, with periods of discouragement along the way, but it has also been an exciting time. We’re passionate about the product and now, God willing, we’re on the path to profitability.” 



RYEN SMITH '10

- majored in music business.
- was awarded a residency at the Contemporary Music Center.

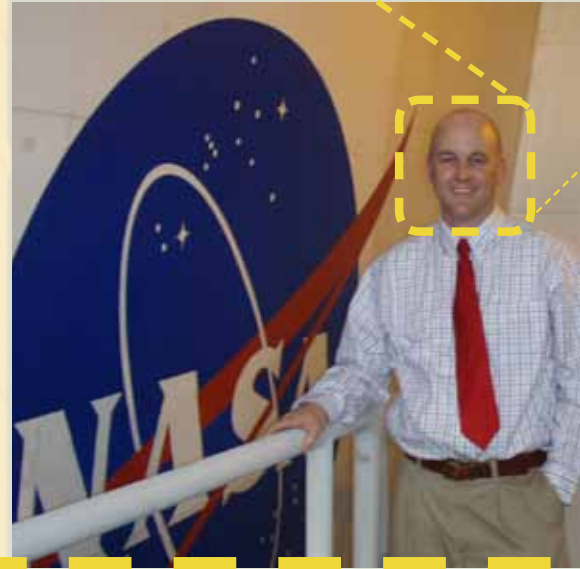
NICK BLOOM '10

- majored in electrical engineering with a minor in business.
- was captain of Geneva’s first SAE Baja Competition team.

For more information, contact NJB & BRS, Partners directly at NJB.BRS@gmail.com or through StartingGate, 2750 Constitution Blvd., Beaver Falls, PA 15010, 724.847.6440.

MAJOR STEVEN HART '97

- majored in electrical engineering.
- is currently working with cadets on designing FalconSAT-6.



Above and Beyond

BY JENNY (BOWER '05) PICHURA

Far above our atmosphere, an extraordinary satellite is circling the planet. Designed, built, tested and operated by cadets in the U.S. Air Force Academy (USAFA), the FalconSAT-5 is the most ambitious small satellite ever constructed by an undergraduate engineering program. The project took a total of four years, the involvement of numerous students and faculty, and the dedication of instructor and mentor Major Steven Hart (USAFR), a 1997 graduate of Geneva College.

Steven is an electrical engineer and an expert in the area of satellite design. He has been involved in spacecraft design for the Air Force Research Lab, as a civilian for Ball Aerospace and Technologies Corporation and now at the United States Air Force Academy. He has served full time as a researcher and mentor in the Department of Aeronautics at the USAFA and for the past four years on the FalconSAT-5 Satellite program.

“[At Geneva] If you were struggling, it was apparent and help was readily available. At a big school, you could drop a class or even change your major and no one would care.”

“The mission of the Astronautical Engineering Department at USAFA is that cadets ‘learn space by doing space,’” Steven says. “This program gives them exposure to what’s required to turn a concept into reality. Once graduated, our lieutenants go out into the Air Force for additional training, graduate school or jump straight to their careers.”

Steven’s own career began as an electrical engineering student at Geneva College. He graduated with a close-knit group and says that Geneva’s small class sizes played a major role in his academic and professional success. “If you didn’t understand something, there was no hiding in the back of the room. If you were struggling, it was apparent and help was readily available. At a big school, you could drop a class or even change your major and no one would care.”


He enlisted in the Air Force Reserve in January of his freshman year. Inspired by trusted members of his family, as well as Geneva’s motto “For Christ and Country,” he completed basic training and returned to campus as a reservist in August. Upon graduation, with the help of his mentor and senior design project advisor engineering professor Dr. Seong Kim, Steven found civilian employment as an

antenna design engineer at Ball Aerospace in Colorado and transferred his reserve job to Peterson AFB.

The next several years were intense for Steven: in addition to his new position as an electrical engineer, he was accepted to officer training school and commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Air Force Reserve. He also enrolled as a graduate student at the University of Colorado. Upon completion of his master’s degree in electrical engineering, Steven opted to leverage his civilian training and experience to more effectively serve the Air Force Reserve at the Air Force Research Lab. His work at the Air Force Research lab led the way to his latest career endeavor at the United States Air Force Academy.

Working with the cadets on the satellite has been a tough job, especially in terms of balancing his work and family life. But Steven says that in addition to preparing him academically, his professors at Geneva made sure he was ready for the personal challenges that would come with the engineering field.

“In Engineering 100, we read a book that discussed the early days of the VAX computer development,” Steven recalls. “The book



“Tackling any large challenge requires...creativity,flexibility, perseverance and teamwork.”



In 2010, Maj. Hart (second from left) won an award for his work with aerospace cadets.

discussed engineers sleeping in the lab, working for days on end, just to get that computer system up and running. At the time, Dr. Gidley, Professor of Engineering and Chair of Geneva's Engineering Department, explained that it was not uncommon for that to happen. I was somewhat surprised and in disbelief at the concept, but now I understand it. Ownership is a tough thing. Now that I've spent so many hours on this satellite, I feel a sense of responsibility to it and my team. I want to succeed and I'm now willing to sleep in my office for it if necessary."


Steven also learned these lessons growing up in Wampum, Pennsylvania, not far from Geneva's campus. His grandfather, Pete Agostinelli, was a talented welder and mason who could build anything using wood, brick or even specialty alloy. He taught his grandson the value of hard work and perseverance. "His perfectionism and creativity is evident in every house he ever built, from the design to the brickwork—his care was obvious," Steven says.

Steven's grandfather also planted the seed that would influence his future decision to work with students.

"I struggled a bit with high school math, specifically my second year of algebra," Steven says. His parents took him to his grand-

father's house, and he helped the boy along until the concepts finally clicked. "Once I got it, it became fun. So much so, that as I went on through high school, I remember tutoring a friend's brother with his college algebra class. I also worked briefly as a math tutor at Geneva. Whether teaching was a goal or a skill, I'm not sure. But I like helping others, and anything I can do to support that end is certainly a good thing."

Steven is grateful for the opportunity to teach his students with the same passion and commitment that his grandfather and Geneva professors showed him. Under his guidance, the cadets involved in the FalconSAT-5 have learned every aspect of satellite engineering, from data handling to orbit control. But most importantly, the project has equipped them to become officers, engineers and leaders of excellence.

"If the cadets have learned only one thing in this class, it's that satellite development is not easy," Steven says. "Tackling any large challenge requires skills that make for great officers: creativity, flexibility, perseverance, and teamwork. I'm hopeful that the cadets have learned a little of each of those traits from me, because I learn it from them regularly." 

Music Business 101

BY GREG WISE '95

“Get involved and find ways to gain experience. You never know where it will lead,” advises Jeff Riden ’95. This is the message that he shares with the students of Geneva College—and he speaks from experience. As an undergraduate at Geneva majoring in music business, Jeff actively sought opportunities to help organize and promote campus events, and those opportunities have led to his current position as Partner/Artist Manager for The Caliber Group in Nashville, Tennessee.

“One of the biggest things Geneva did for me was to be supportive,” explains Jeff. “I came here and said, ‘I’m excited about the music business. What can I do?’”

What he did was pursue an internship with an area concert promoter and help with numerous campus events. “I got involved in a lot of things, like the Guest Artist and Lecture Series (GLAS) and the Hangin’ In band,” he says. As a result, Jeff gained enough confidence to tackle the enormous task of booking, organizing and promoting a sold-out Newsboys concert in Metheny Fieldhouse during his senior year.

From that moment on, Jeff’s journey in the music business has been on an upward trajectory. “While working on the Newsboys concert, I sought out their road manager and asked him a million questions. He helped put me in touch with other people in the industry and the ball just started rolling,” he says.

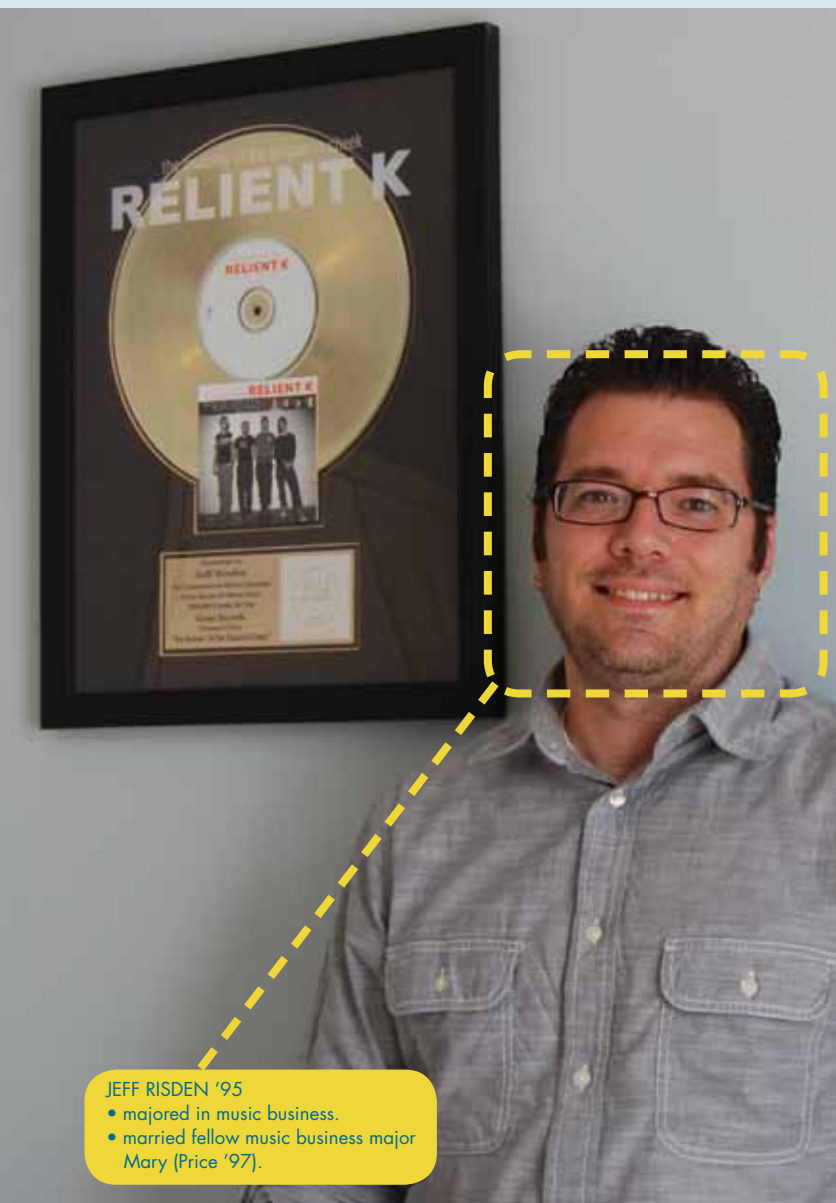
After graduation, Jeff promoted concerts at local venues near his hometown in New Jersey, eventually moving to Nashville and joining Vanguard Entertainment as a booking agent, where he booked such artists as Third Day, All Star United, Plumb, Skillet and more. He then moved from Vanguard to become the general manager for Davdon Artist Agency.

When Davdon was later purchased by Alabaster Arts, Jeff shifted to working in artist management. Over the years, his management clients have included such well-known, chart-topping acts as Relient K and House of Heroes. He also managed an artist familiar to those members of the Geneva community who attended the Third Day concert held on campus this spring, singer/songwriter Trevor Morgan.

Jeff’s job is to handle the business side of an artist’s career, ensuring, among other things, that concerts are scheduled and running smoothly, and coordinating marketing and sales with record labels. “Working with artists is exciting,” says Jeff. “You get to be involved in every aspect of their career: writing, recording and releasing music. You help them plan, strategize and organize, and act as their point person—freeing them up so that they can be creative.”

Recently Jeff felt called to leave Alabaster Arts and join with three other music industry veterans to form artist management company The Caliber Group. Jeff explains, “I saw some of the changes happening in the music industry and decided to be a solution for Christian artists instead of just responding to the issues, finding new ways for them to earn a living beyond being dependent on record contracts and sales.”

The Caliber Group has a growing roster of clients comprised mainly of Christian artists, producers and songwriters including Dustin Ruth, 7eventh Time Down, Tal & Acacia, Ashes Remain and more. “We work primarily with Christian artists, many of whom have a strong and deep faith, but want to cross over into the mainstream and take their message to a broader audience,” says Jeff. “Many Christian artists are focused primarily on writing music for the church, which is fine and necessary. Some, however, hope to reach more people with the Christian message. They often feel that




they've hit the ceiling where they are and want to expand what they're working on, wherever it may be that God leads them."

However, as Christian artists look to take their message to a mainstream audience, they often have to overcome the stark materialism of the secular music industry. According to Jeff, "Though there is a lot of concern about money in the Christian market, in the mainstream market it's all about money."

"I try to find artists who have a really good idea of who and what they are," he explains. "The artists have to identify what they're willing to let their songs be used for, and people in the music industry often don't understand. They'll say, 'What do you mean? This is a great opportunity.' But I have to let them know the artists don't want their music to be associated with certain messages."

Fortunately, Geneva helped Jeff develop the strong Christian foundation that helps him navigate these challenges when advising his clients. "Spiritually, Geneva provided the environment where I figured out what I believed and why I believed it," Jeff says. "Being here helped deepen and strengthen my faith."

And Jeff remains thankful for the experiences that Geneva provided that are so critical to his career in the music business. "You know, I've never even had a résumé," he laughs. "One opportunity has led to the next—from concert promotion to booking to artist management." And it all started at Geneva College. "It's amazing that there were so many people at Geneva willing to give me a chance and be so supportive." 

Ministry House

BY CHRISTINE CARUGATI '11



KERRI (LANDES '08) CLAUSER

- majored in political science and human services.
- was president of Geneva's chapter of the International Justice Mission.

Clockwise from left: House member picking up trash during Homewood Redd Up Day; Geneva students visit during a 2011 Quest Trip; Redd Up Day; Ministry House residents

Geneva College challenges students to develop a lifestyle of service by offering local, national, and international mission and service opportunities. Bringing relief to an area struck by natural disaster on a spring break Quest Trip, performing community service through the Our Town program, ministering to Beaver Falls locals while living in the off-campus City House—these experiences not only impact the communities and people being served, but can also inspire in students a lifelong desire to follow Christ's example of loving and serving others.

As a student at Geneva, Kerri (Landes '08) Clauser participated in two Quest Trips to New Orleans, once as a student leader, aiding communities devastated by Hurricane Katrina. Those experiences planted a seed that grew into the Ministry House, Kerri's community outreach project. "These trips impacted me in understanding the concept of earning your right to be heard within a community," explained Kerri. "And because of this, my husband and I see the importance of living and taking residence where we are involved with the community."

The Ministry House was established in the Homewood-Brushton community of Pittsburgh's East End in August 2010. Kerri, who earned bachelor's degrees in both political science and human services, teamed up with husband Casey to plan the community ministry with the help of Dr. John Wallace, Jr., the pastor of Bible Center Church and board president of the Homewood Children's Village.


Before launching the house, Kerri and others put together a planning model and began researching which methods worked best. This included a meeting with Dr. Brad Frey '73 and Wendy Van Wyhe (MAHE '04), coordinators of City House, an off-campus residence and ministry located in the lower end of Beaver Falls. "We hope we can continue to collaborate with Geneva College students in any way possible," Kerri stated.

The official name of the ministry is the Ralph and Bernice Groce Ministry House and it was named for the founders of Bible Center Church, started in 1956, who willed the house for ministry purposes. Since August 2010, Kerri and her husband have lived there as house leaders.

"We want to build Christian community within the house, while simultaneously doing ministry within our community. We stand as an outpost of Bible Center Church, participating in Kingdom advancement, and we feel it is important to live where we worship and do ministry," Kerri said. "There are many community-based initiatives occurring to improve the community. The community has strong assets upon which to build, one of those being the community members themselves."

Ministry House residents are certainly putting forth a great effort in connecting with their community. The entire house, along with members of the church, is involved in a youth soccer program organized by Casey. The Ministry House also participates in neighborhood beautification projects, such as trash pick-up and cleaning vacant and abandoned lots. In addition, residents serve as mentors to local elementary and high school students, and teach weekly lessons for the church's youth group and Sunday school.

Kerri hopes to use Ministry House and her Quest experiences help current Geneva students develop a desire to serve others. A group of Geneva students recently visited Ministry House as part of a 2011 Quest Trip, where they met with Kerri, the house members and Pastor Wallace, heard about the ministry and took a neighborhood asset tour. "It was a privilege to be able to meet with these students. I enjoyed sharing our ministry with them, and how the Quest Trip that I once led impacted my life," Kerri commented.

And working with current students helps fulfill Kerri's vision for Ministry House: "Growing together in Christian community, developing Christian leaders and transforming spaces for God." 

If you would like to know more about the Ralph and Bernice Groce Ministry House, contact Kerri at rbgministryhouse@gmail.com.

quest trips

Worth the Price:

The True Value of a Christian College Education

BY DR. KENNETH A. SMITH '80



Christians who are planning to pursue an academic degree face some difficult questions, not the least of which is “Can I afford to attend a Christian college?” Many factors influence college selection—choice of major, location, reputation—but, along with academic quality, the deciding factor is often affordability. Christian schools are often believed to have higher tuition costs than some public institution options, but research shows that secular colleges and universities can sometimes charge the highest price of all—the loss of a student’s commitment to the Christian faith. The most important question for students and their families, then, becomes, “Is the savings worth the cost?”

The college years are a period of transition, when young people form their own personal identity and values. This is a natural time for young adults to examine and question the beliefs handed down by their families as they progress toward an owned and personal faith. But the fact that students raised in Christian homes attending secular schools often abandon their faith during these years is especially troubling because research indicates that these changes in religious values will remain into adulthood.

Steve Henderson, the president of Christian Counseling for Colleges and Ministries, Inc., conducted a study of 16,000 students from 133 institutions and, according to his research, more than half of Christian students who attend a public or private secular university will no longer profess their faith four years later. For Christian families, this is quite a sobering statistic. After all, they have spent nearly two decades teaching their children to love and serve the Lord, only to find everything undone in four short years.

So why do Christian students at secular schools walk away from their convictions in such large numbers? “College students are asking deep questions about their faith,” says Henderson. “Unless they are at a Christian college, they may find themselves in an environment that is not conducive to providing supportive answers.” Pressure from peers is part of the problem, of course, but so too is pressure from faculty. In the March 29, 2005 *Washington Post* article “Study Finds College Faculties a Most Liberal Lot,” author Howard Kurtz reveals that 72 percent of professors at American colleges identify themselves as liberal. Additionally, 51 percent of faculty members at these schools attend

religious services rarely or not at all. Students tend to view their professors as mentors, and these statistics show that most faculty members at public institutions do not support traditional Christian values.

The good news is that Henderson’s research provides confirmation that students attending Christian institutions, particularly schools that are members of the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities (CCCCU), become significantly more committed to their faith. He says, “Attending a CCCCU school is clearly correlated to increases in nearly all measures of religious commitment. The differences in choosing a CCCCU school versus a non-CCCCU school are dramatic: one-fourth the drop in church attendance, one-seventh the drop in prayer and meditation, and nearly five times the increase in overall religious commitment.”

Member institutions of the CCCCU are intentionally Christian colleges and universities that aim to “transform lives by faithfully relating scholarship and service to biblical truth.” They are committed to hiring only believers, so students are continually challenged to grow in their faith by professing Christians as opposed to having their faith challenged by liberal professors. Campus programs at CCCCU schools are designed to support Christian principles, and students are exposed to chapel and other worship experiences as well as a full integration of faith and learning in the classroom. Perhaps most importantly, students spend these critical years of transition living in a community of believers that endorses and strengthens Christian values.

Not every student who attends a secular school abandons their faith, just as not every student at a Christian school maintains it. However, the numbers clearly show the positive impact of enrolling in a CCCCU institution like Geneva College. And there are ways to make a Christian education more financially affordable, like need-based funds from federal and state government sources, merit scholarships, private grants, and institutional funds. At Geneva, 95 percent of students receive some form of financial aid. I encourage everyone facing this challenging decision to seek the Lord’s guidance. Some families opt for the lower sticker price at a public college—but remember, the total price paid by over half of those students includes walking away from their faith, and that is a cost not worth any amount of savings.



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As the director of Geneva College's International Student Services, Ann Burkhead '91 is more than just an advisor to international students—she is also their mom away from home. And when your home is as far away as Africa or China, you really do need someone who can provide a little motherly love at times.

Ann has been working at Geneva for 20 years in a variety of positions. She has been an admissions counselor for the Adult Degree Completion Program (ADCP), special enrollment admissions counselor for adults and international students, and currently serves as the Director of International Student Services and the Crossroads office, Geneva's center for off-campus study.

She has touched many lives while advising and helping international students make the most of their experience at Geneva. And the relationships she builds with students do not end at graduation. Ann still keeps in touch with many alumni, and the only thing that has changed is the method—Facebook. "It's such a blessing to see former students' growing families through Facebook," she said. "I get to see pictures of their wives, husbands and children and stay connected with them." Facebook has turned out to be very helpful as well. After the March earthquake in Japan, it allowed her to immediately get in touch with alumni in Japan to make sure they were safe.

But the internet isn't the only way she stays in touch with her students. Last summer, three of her former students from Taiwan came back to visit her. "The students I work with are great. Even though they go off and graduate, I know I'll keep in contact with them."

Ann Burkhead

BY MONICA MILLER '12

In recent years, interest in Geneva's study abroad programs has risen, creating the need to organize new programs to assist with these efforts. "Off-campus study is becoming accepted as just an ordinary part of a college experience," she said. "More and more students come to college simply expecting to study abroad for a semester." With 35 semester-long programs and seven short-term programs available for students, Ann has helped develop pre-departure orientation, re-entry debriefing, risk management and emergency management plans to assist the students' experience.

Ann also started the International Student Organization (ISO) with the aim to "enable foreign students, missionary kids and other students coming from outside the US to be comfortable and successful at Geneva College. Students receive academic, immigration and personal guidance in an atmosphere that encourages their adjustment to a new culture."

"Ms. Ann is like a mentor to me. She is always there to talk to me about school and daily life, and has opened my eyes to a different culture and traditions," explains freshman Jennifer Tran. "She is also my mother at school. Sometimes I go to her office and it is nice to have a place where I can relax when school becomes overwhelming."

Ann isn't just busy on campus, but also in the Beaver Falls community. She is involved with Young Lives, a ministry for single moms in high school. "After my husband died, I was a single mom—and I know how hard that is. I have a special feeling for them. Young Lives is a wonderful ministry that provides mentoring to high school-aged moms who allowed their babies to be born rather than being aborted." Once a month she hosts a dinner for the mentors, moms and their babies.

She is also a member of the Beaver Falls Forever (BFF) Community Task Force. The goal of this organization is to provide Beaver Falls with financial restoration, encouraging community activity and pride, and fixing up areas around the city. "As a member of a community I think it is my responsibility to contribute to its well-being. And my purely selfish motivation is that I would like the town I live in to be as good as it can be."

"This is home for me; Geneva and Beaver Falls have been a great community for me," she said. Even though there are times when her family has asked her if she would move back to her home in Baltimore, she said, "I never even considered. It's a refuge."

During hard times, Ann clings to 2 Corinthians 4:17-18, "For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal."

"I love my job. I love the community. I love the students. It really is a joy. How many people can say that? God has been good to me."



class notes

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1957

Dr. David S. Nelson is a retired physician. He received his M.D. in 1961 from Wake Forest University. He and his wife Patricia reside in Advance, NC.

1959

Louise Delyte (Dee) Morris was inducted into the National Christian College Athletic Association's Hall of Fame on June 3, 2011. She was a pioneer in getting Men's and Women's Tennis developed and approved as a National Championship sport within the NCCAA in 2000. Dee has served as the NCCAA National Sports Chair since 2007, although she was the "unofficial" chair since the 2000 approval of the sport. Her leadership talents also spread to other associations as she serves on the NAIA National Tournament Committee and the NAIA Rating Committee. Most importantly, Dee has been a humble servant of Jesus Christ within the NCCAA for three decades. She has given of her time, talents and treasure to insure the young ladies within her care have grown spiritually, academically and athletically. She has also displayed excellence in her service as an NCCAA leader within her region, sport and the National Administration Committee.

1965

Joseph A. Narkiewicz was recently inducted into the Florida Housing Hall of Fame. He also recently retired as the executive vice president of the Tampa Bay Builders Association. He and his wife Sally reside in Lutz, FL.



1968

Dr. James D. Evans was recognized in February 2011 by the *St. Louis Business Journal* as one of St. Louis' Most Influential People, and the Lindenwood University Board of Directors named the school's new student center "The Evans Commons" in recognition of his service and leadership. Jim and his wife Lois A. (Palyash '69) Evans reside in Saint Charles, MO.

1969

Rev. James M. Hilliard retired from 15 years of serving in pulpit ministry. He is still involved in developing and teaching religious courses, guiding Bible studies and leading retreats. He spends the rest of his time in Biker Ministry, riding his "iron horse" and visiting his seven grandchildren.

Lois A (Polyash) Evans – See Evans 1968

1974

Barbara L. (Gillespie) Linko of New Brighton, PA received her M.A. in Psychology at Geneva in 1990. She is the executive director of Family Services of Beaver County in New Brighton. She and her husband Thomas J. Linko, whom she married in 1974, have two grown sons, Jonathan and Matthew.

1976

Sue Ann (Heitzenrater) Curtis received her M.S. in Library Science from Clarion University of Pennsylvania on May 7, 2011.

1980

Olga M. (Fernandez) Waters is a physician assistant for St. Luke's Cornwall Hospital in Newburgh, NY. Since 2006, she has been involved in missions with several church groups from different states. Recently, she began taking her own small groups to

conduct medical clinics for evangelical outreach. She is in the last phase of establishing a 501(c)(3) non-profit foundation for women and children who are victims of sexual abuse and human trafficking in the Third World.

1985

Nila Y. (Canfield) Bill is a nursing home administrator at The Village at Luther Square in Erie, PA. She and her husband James reside in Cambridge Springs, PA.

Raymond D. Randall accepted a new position at Waste Management as regional manager, providing him opportunities to assist large companies as they explore strategies related to sustainability. These strategies help businesses become better stewards of natural resources while delivering added value to customers and shareholders. He and his wife Kristi reside in Winter Park, FL with their four children; Marlee, Sabrina, Lisa and Davis.

1986

Dr. Suzanne L. Maslo is dental director at East Liberty Health Care Center in Pittsburgh, PA.

1988

Lieutenant Commander Peter C. Hakewessell has been deployed to Afghanistan to support U.S. Coalition Forces with IT Systems Management.

1990

Philip T. Isett (MSOL '02) recently moved into a new position as the director of care strategy and implementation at Time Warner Cable's Enterprise Customer Care Department in Herndon, VA. He and his wife Melissa K. (Lancaster) Isett reside in Huntingdon, PA with their daughters, Natalie and Olivia.



1993

Joanne A. Peterson is currently completing the courses for her Ph.D. and will begin her dissertation in the summer following the comprehensive exams. She is an art teacher at Scotland County School and an adjunct professor at Richmond Community College. She lives in Laurinburg, NC with her husband James.

Mark J. Segnari is a director of software programming and lead programmer. He and his wife Regina have two children, Christine and Daniel, and reside in Woodbridge, VA.

1994

Valerie L. (Mazur) Willson and her husband Kevin have doubled the size of their family with the birth of daughter Samantha Gayle in September and adoption of daughter Matia Faith in December. They join sisters Elizabeth and Josephine in Phoenix, AZ.



1995

Nathan S. (MAHE '00) and Kara M. (Martin) Hartman announce the birth of their son, Caedmon Samuel, born on February 26, 2011. He joins siblings Esther, Jenna, Kaelyn and Peter in Beaver Falls, PA.

1996

Shawn C. German DCP #055 is a regional director of human resources at Loews Hotels & Resorts in Orlando, FL. Shawn is pursuing certification through the Florida Supreme Court

as a professional mediator. He, his wife Sara and daughter Nyah reside in Orlando, FL.



1997

Daniel M. Reed and wife Sarah announce the birth of their fourth daughter, Elizabeth Faith, on March 31, 2011. She joins her three older sisters, Savannah, Caroline and Charlotte, in McMurray, PA. Dan is a property technical specialist at Travelers Insurance.

1998

Dr. Carrie A. Judy and her husband Dr. Ike Stewart are the proud parents of a daughter, Grace Elizabeth, who was born January 28, 2011. Grace and her parents live in Sumter, SC. Dr. Judy recently appeared on the Discovery Channel show "Mystery Diagnosis" as a result of diagnosing a very rare disease in one of her patients.

1999

Jon and Susan M. (Farley) Creese (MAHE '02) announce the birth of their son, Owen Jacob, born on March 30, 2011. He joins siblings Jack and Emma in Baden, PA.

Amy L. (Tomes) Lanz married Brian Lanz on August 28, 2010. She is an IVE specialist at Diversified Care Management of Allegheny Co. in Pittsburgh, PA. They reside in New Kensington, PA with daughters Catherine and Bethany.

Erin S. (Stewart) Stewart – see Stewart 2000

2000

Ryan G. Estes and his wife Kelly welcomed their youngest daughter, Piper Hope, into the world on January 30, 2011. She joins big sister Vienna in Pottstown, PA. Ryan is the owner/photographer of Ryan Estes Photography.



Jeremiah P. Johnson and his wife Nadia welcomed their daughter, Skyler Ashlyn Faith Johnson, into the world on January 14, 2011. Baby Skye joins her big sister Tayler and brother Hunter in Bethel, CT, where the Johnsons have lived for the last three years. Jeremiah recently completed his third year of doctoral study at John Jay College and was honored as the school's 2011 Fyfe Fellow.

Jarod R. (MBA '08) and Erin S. (Stewart '99) Stewart announce the birth of their daughter, Nora Kaylynn, born on October 7, 2010. She joins big sisters Ava and Elliana in Harmony, PA.

Brandie L. (Young) Conniff married Lt. Commander Shawn Conniff, USN on April 23, 2011. They are living in Orange Park, FL.



Photos appear within or after the corresponding class note.

2001

Joshua R. and Tiffany D. (Tucker) Devore announce the birth of twins, Kaitlyn Elizabeth and Alexa Grace, born on November 6, 2010. They join big brothers Caleb and Logan. The Devore family lives in East Liverpool, OH.

James and Sharon (Zorkocy) Ecker are proud parents of two girls, Hailey Veronica and Kaitlyn Paige. They reside in Jamaica, NY.



Carrie E (Harman) Bowers – See Bowers 2002

Holly M. (Klinger) Ragland and her husband Jon have a daughter, Evangelia Marie, who was born on March 3, 2010.



Erin J. (Ward) Witman (MAHE '09) is a third grade teacher at Carlisle Area School District in Carlisle, PA. She and her husband Michael reside in Harrisburg, PA, with their three children, Jillian, Kendall and Collin.

2002

Justin R. Bowers finished his masters in transformational leadership from Bethel Seminary in May of 2010. On November 13, 2009, Isabella Nicole Bowers joined her sisters, Malia and

Pressley. In April 2011, Justin and his wife Carrie E. (Harman '01) moved to Caro, MI where Justin accepted a job as pastor to students at Colwood Church. Carrie continues to stay at home with their three daughters while working to build her own photography business.

Frankie M. (Chundrlek) Stahl – see Stahl 2003

Elizabeth M. (Watson) Meyer and her husband Eric announce the birth of their son, Nathan Louis, born on December 26, 2010. They reside in Aliquippa, PA.



2003

Michael J. Barton (MAHE '07) changed jobs after serving Parkwood United Presbyterian Church for the last five years. He is now the youth director at Wexford Community Presbyterian Church and resides in Allison Park, PA.

Levi R. and Frankie M. (Chundrlek '02) Stahl announce the birth of their daughter, Avery Noel, born on January 17, 2011. Avery joins her brother Greyson. The family resides in Baden, PA.

Brad J. Mawhinney was named business manager of "The Encore on 7th" apartments by Lincoln Eastern Management Corp. In this position, Mawhinney oversees all on-site operations of the luxury hi-rise community located in Pittsburgh's downtown Cultural District. He joined Lincoln in 2005 and has eight years of experience in the multifamily housing industry. He resides in Pittsburgh, PA.



Sarah (Pellegrini) Young – see Young 2004

2004

Jason K. and Sara E. (Motily) Fleeger announce the birth of their son, Kerrington Hetrick, born on February 1, 2011. They reside in Butler, PA.

Jeremiah J. and Beverly M. (Perry) Kvasnik announce the birth of their fourth child, Angelina Marie, born on January 19, 2011. She joins siblings Amber, Anna and Micah. The Kvasnik family lives in Baltic, CT.

Kelly Young was awarded the 2010 Municipal Excellence Award for his work with the city of Jacksonville, TX, where he is employed as the pretreatment coordinator/media relations officer and resides with his wife Sarah (Pellegrini '03). Only two of these awards are given each year in the state of TX.



2005

Jenny (Bower) Pichura – see Pichura 2006

Joel and Tabitha M. (Stahl) Ward (MSED '09) announce the birth of their daughter, Helen Rosalie, born on March 8, 2011. They reside in Beaver Falls, PA.

2006

Fred and Wendy Lates of Holmes, NY are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Kristen, to **Eric R. Holland**, Beaver Falls, PA. Eric is a civil engineer project designer for Gannett Fleming, Inc. An August 2011 wedding is planned.

Michael S. and Jenny (Bower '05) Pichura announce the birth of son Seth Michael, born on December 24, 2010. They reside in Beaver Falls, PA.



Katherine E. (Thomas) White is employed with the UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh as a speech-language pathologist. She received her master's degree at the University of Pittsburgh in 2009. She resides in Canonsburg, PA with her husband Zachary J. White.

Edward R. Wright is an engineer for Wright Manufacturing in Frederick, MD. He and his wife Amanda were married on June 27, 2009, and reside in Frederick, MD.

2007

Josie Badger of Pittsburgh, PA has been named the 2011 Ms. Wheelchair Pennsylvania. As Ms. Wheelchair Pennsylvania, Badger will have the responsibility of sharing disability awareness throughout the state and representing Pennsylvania at the 2012 Ms. Wheelchair America pageant. Badger is collecting donations in order to spread disability awareness and represent the state at nationals.

Rebecca (Michalek) Williams – See Williams 2009

2008

Julia E. Bavuso is a BSN RN and

works on a long-term care Alzheimer's unit at Asbury Heights in Pittsburgh, PA. She received her BSN degree at Robert Morris College in 2009. She resides in Monongahela, PA.

Gabrielle R. (Murtaugh) Broughton is employed as a calendar coordinator at Veritext in Philadelphia, PA. She and her husband Robert, whom she married on January 3, 2009, reside in Philadelphia, PA.

Nathaniel Campbell – See Campbell 2009

Jonathan D. Sigmon is a youth and worship pastor at the Calvary Assembly Church in Rochester, NY. He resides in Churchville, NY with his wife Sarah, whom he married on August 7, 2010.

Colleen F. (Jones) Baker married William Baker IV on September 28, 2010. They reside in Corning, NY.

Daniel J. and Emily M. (Green) Terracciano were married on July 20, 2010. They reside in Middletown, NJ.

Tiffany N. (Wright) Thayer is a program coordinator at Big Brothers Big Sisters of Beaver County in New Brighton, PA. She and her husband Charlie reside in East Liverpool, OH.

2009

Rima B. (Warren) Campbell is the owner of Rima Campbell Photography in Brooklyn, NY. She and husband Nathaniel J. Campbell ('08) reside in Brooklyn, NY.

Amber D. (Stahlman) Forney is a caseworker at Washington County Children and Youth Services. She and her husband Geoffrey were married on May 23, 2009. Geoffrey recently joined the military and is serving as an Airman 1st Class in the U.S. Air Force in Security Forces. He was recently appointed his station at Langley AFB, VA.



Kyle J. and Chelsea D. (Yarger) Harrington were married on June 19, 2010. He is the technical arts director at Hopewell Christian Fellowship in Elverson, PA and she is the member services coordinator at Scripture Union in Valley Forge, PA.



Vincent B. Latz is the youth ministries director of Hudson Presbyterian Church in Hudson, OH. He is now residing in Stow, OH.

Andrew J. and Ashley R. (Luciano) Nelson announce the birth of their daughter, Autumn Rose Elizabeth, born on February 1, 2011. They reside in Clearfield, PA.



Jared G. and Rebecca (Michalik '07) Williams announce the birth of their daughter, Alena Grace, born on December 31, 2010. They reside in Hookstown, Pa.

2010

Kathleen D. Bloss is employed with PNC Financial Services as Treasury Management Healthcare Sales Analyst in Pittsburgh, PA. She is residing in Cranberry Twp., PA.

IN MEMORIAM

30s

Ruby M. (Fennell '31) Ralston
on April 19, 2011

Mary Alice (Kyle '32) Craig
on May 1, 2011. She taught Latin
at Geneva College from 1971-1982.

Leah E. (Miller '33) Snyder
on December 24, 2010

Carl E. Walcott '34
on April 6, 2011

**Frances M. (McCready '36)
Montini** on March 31, 2011

**Lucile P. (Plummer '36)
Ramsey** on February 2, 2011

Dr. Russell S. Rosenberger '36
on November 12, 2010. Dr. Rosen-
berger taught at Geneva from 1946-
1956 in the Education Department.

Ferndetta L. Caldwell '37
on February 21, 2011

40s

**Elizabeth "Betty" J. (Hornstein
'41) Silas** on December 18, 2010

**Frances M. (Roberts '41)
Wright** on November 18, 2010

Rev. Walter P. Fetterly '42
on February 21, 2011

Dr. Walter J. Helsing '42
on February 9, 2011. Dr. Helsing
served on the Board of Trustees for
37 years and received the Life "G"
award in 2002.

Peter "Pete" B. Kane '44
on January 7, 2011

**Lawrence "Coach Bruno" F.
Bruno, Sr. '47** on December 24,
2010

John D. Budimir '47
on March 13, 2011

Robert S. Strock '47
on March 7, 2011. Mr. Strock
received Geneva's Distinguished
Service Award in 2007.

Lois R. (Walters '48) Gillespie
on May 20, 2011

Warren E. Johnson '48
on April 11, 2011

Amelia B. (Barjuca '48) Nusser
on May 23, 2011

Robert J. Cole '49
on May 8, 2011

John B. Dixon, Jr. '49
on May 11, 2011

William T. Fleeson '49
on April 1, 2011

**Mildred "Millie" M. (Fritz '49)
Hardy** on December 3, 2010

50s

Dr. Wendell H. Butler '51
on March 5, 2011

**E. Jane (Rumbaugh) Smith
'51** on January 20, 2011

Daniel C. Baker, Jr. '52
on February 12, 2011

Howard L. Schweinsberg '52
on April 29, 2011

Raymond A. Johnson, II '53
on March 16, 2011

Anna Mary Douglass '54
on April 27, 2011

Irvin G. Forsythe '54
on December 23, 2010

Ernest P. Waggoner '54
on April 14, 2011

John W. Stragar '55
on October 15, 2010

John "Jack" C. Dunning '56
on April 4, 2011

Denver L. Walton '56
on February 11, 2011

Patsy L. Bacco '57
on December 20, 2010

Donald W. Denhart '57
on February 14, 2011

W. Richard Knowlson '57
on February 4, 2011

David B. McQuiston '58
on April 27, 2011

Robert K. Brown, Jr. '59
on February 4, 2011

Mary F. (Thomasec '59) Frederick
on April 20, 2011

Joseph E. Hardy '59
on April 27, 2011

Dr. Bernard F. Spielvogel '59
on May 10, 2011. Dr. Spielvogel
received Geneva's Distinguished
Service Award in 1996.

Bert D. Spontak '59
on February 7, 2011

60s

James B. "Bean" Fath '61
on January 15, 2011

Robert A. Mujwit '61
on January 16, 2011

Judith A. (Mills '61) Wright
on February 28, 2011

Leonard L. Dietrich, Jr. '62
on March 9, 2011

Gayle A. (Goettman '62) Hamilton
on April 23, 2011

Sandra J. (Kabat '64) McElwain
on December 31, 2010

Arthur "Art" L. Dell '66
on December 9, 2010

Dr. Richard L. Montozzi '66
on October 26, 2010

Paul M. Biega '67
on April 23, 2011

June E. (Knepper '67) Dailey
on January 13, 2011

E. Louise Grine '67
on January 29, 2011

Lois A. Stowell '67
on December 2, 2010

James D. Taylor '67
on November 27, 2010

Eunice M. (Balmer '67) White
on February 24, 2011

Wilber "Wib" H. Estermyer '68
on March 8, 2011

Richard A. Torrito '68
on April 20, 2011

William "Bill" M. Flynn '69
on December 31, 2010

William E. Koach '69
on April 9, 2011

70s
Francis "Joe" Kennedy, III '70
on February 5, 2011

Robert E. Schrecengost '72
on April 8, 2011

Dorothy D. (Roebuck) Happ '73
on February 4, 2011

Becky L. (McConville '75) Garrod
on March 29, 2011

Susan E. (Hunter '76) Hays
on December 31, 2010

Elizabeth "Betty" K. Riegel '76
on January 23, 2011

80s
Joseph I. Omogrosso '88
on April 15, 2011

Friends, Faculty and Staff

Dr. W. Paul Arnold on January 8, 2011. Dr. Arnold was an emeritus professor of Geneva College. He taught mathematics from 1963-1990.

Doris E. Nevin on December 31, 2010. Ms. Nevin taught physical education at Geneva College from 1949-1960.

John R. Snowberger, Esquire on December 26, 2010. Mr. Snowberger was a member of the Geneva College Board of Trustees from 1978-1992.

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New Song

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New Song, a music and drama ministry of Geneva College, marks its 35th year this fall, and all former members are invited to join in the celebration during Homecoming weekend. Alumni of the group have the opportunity to reconnect, reminisce on past tours and perform in a special reunion concert. The New Song reunion schedule for Homecoming at Geneva is:

Friday, September 30

8 p.m. Social time at the Riverview Café

Saturday, October 1

9:30 a.m. Rehearsal

11:30 a.m. Alumni lunch with special seating for New Song members

2 p.m. Reunion concert in John H. White Chapel

For more information, contact Louise Copeland '66 at 724.847.6661 or lcopelan@geneva.edu.

in conclusion

BY BOB CRAIG '83

Dr. Paul Arnold – A Life Worthy of Imitation

The longer I live, the more I reflect on how the events in my life have shaped and influenced me and consider what my legacy might one day be. When I first learned of Dr. Arnold's death, a flood of fond, but faded, memories resurfaced fresher than ever. Fresh because with 50 years behind me and nearly 28 years of work experience under my belt, my awareness of what matters most is more acute than ever. Over the past three decades, I have reflected on my time spent at Geneva College in the early 1980s, and in particular with my professor and mentor, Dr. Arnold. On many occasions I have shared stories and lessons learned from him with people whom I myself have managed and mentored.

Until recently, I never fully appreciated why a busy man who taught a full schedule of classes and counseled so many students took the time to pursue me and provide me with wise counsel and encouragement. He evidenced a belief in me that was both real and yet not fully understood. I knew he believed in me but could not imagine why. Only recently have I come to fully appreciate that while I had no exceptional gifts or talents, Dr. Arnold believed in me the way Christ believed in his disciples. He understood that while I was as fatally flawed as any young man, I had the potential to do more than I believed I could do at that time. I learned to believe in myself largely because Dr. Arnold believed in me.

Dr. Arnold was indeed a rare treasure. My favorite Dr. Arnold story took place in his favorite classroom, the outdoors. Because



I so enjoyed his company, I decided to satisfy my physical education requirement by taking his "Backpacking and Trail Building" course. Our "final" entailed an overnight hike in the Allegheny Mountains sometime in late November or early December. The hike started wonderfully, but after two or three hours, snow started to fall and the ground was quickly blanketed. The pace slowed dramatically and Dr. Arnold grew concerned that we would not make camp by nightfall since a couple of the hikers were inexperienced and had tired quickly. Dr. Arnold encouraged me to go on ahead, find the campground and light a fire. As the hikers straggled in, I was told that Dr. Arnold was bringing up the rear by carrying his own 50-pound pack 100 yards at a time and then putting it down to go back and carry someone else's pack. He did this for hours, finally strolling into the campground well into the evening.

I grew to admire him even more as he smiled and sat down and then proceeded to loosen his boots and light his pipe. He then went on to ask everyone how they were and talk about the beautiful hike. He never complained, never pointed blame or ridiculed anyone. I believe he was 60 years old at the time.

Dr. Arnold's impact on his students is profound and lasting. His is a life clearly worthy of imitation and one to which I aspire. For all students, my advice is to appreciate today the mentors in your life. Don't set your sights so far on the exciting horizon of your future career that you neglect all the wise counsel available to you right now. Finally, decide who in your life is worthy of imitation and then walk with purpose toward building your own legacy.



*Dr. Arnold with students during one of many backpacking trips.
(photo courtesy of Louis Martinage '72)*

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—Jesse Lambert, Elementary Education Major

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August

- 12 Hillsong United concert, Pittsburgh, PA
- 29 Fall semester begins

September

- 10 Alumni Gathering at Albright College
- 21 Geneva Women Opening Program

October

- 1 Homecoming
- 7-10 Fall break
- 21 Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Day
- 28-29 Family Weekend
- Broadway Revue
- Fall Open House

November

- 4 Guest lecturer Mosab Yousef, author of *Son of Hamas*
- 16 Gregg Helvey, 2009 Student Academy Award Winner
- 17-18 Guest lecturer Fred Barnes, American political commentator
- 22-27 Thanksgiving break

December

- 3 December Graduation Reception
- 16 End of fall semester

January

- 9 Spring semester begins

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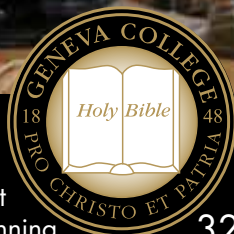
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