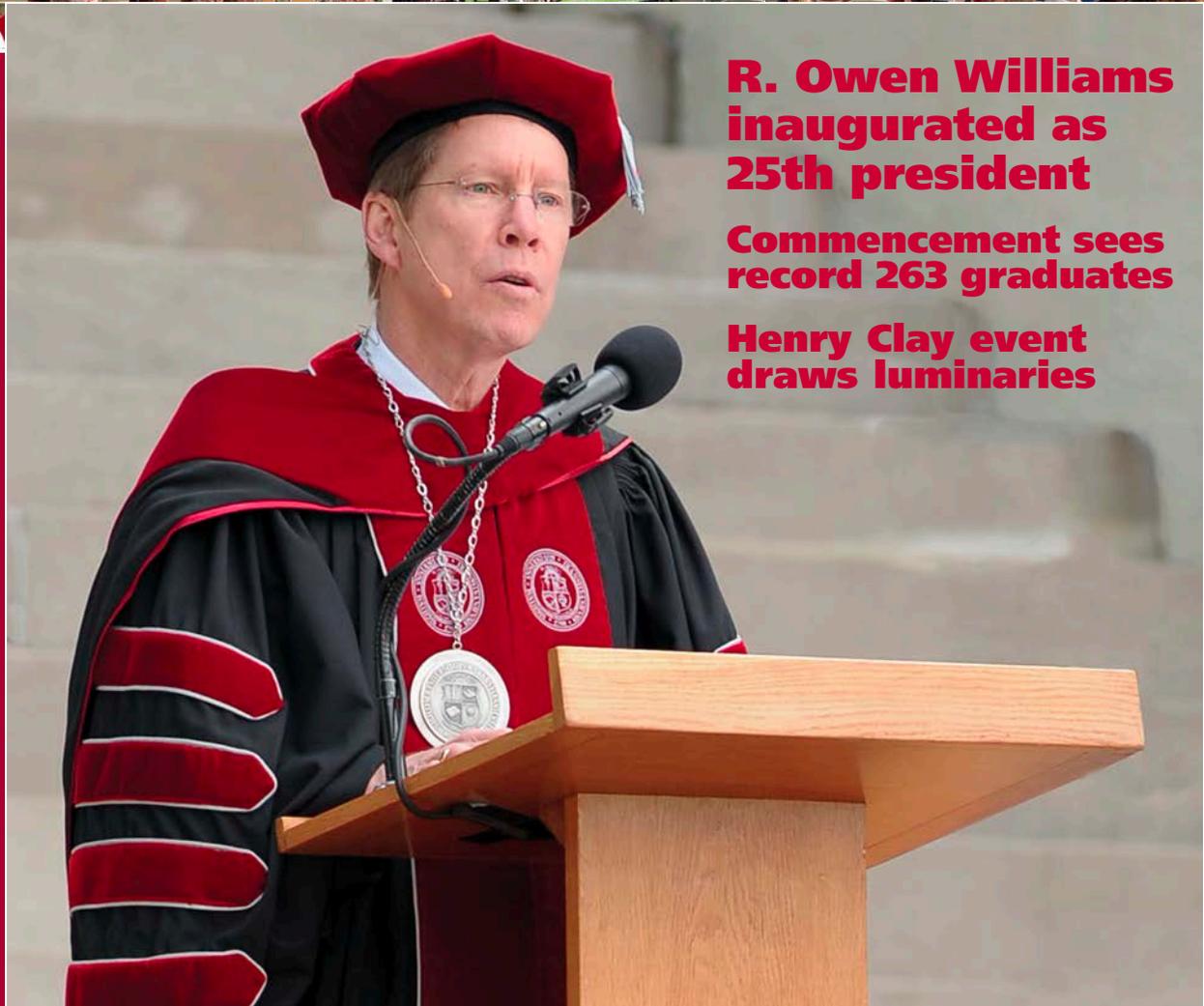
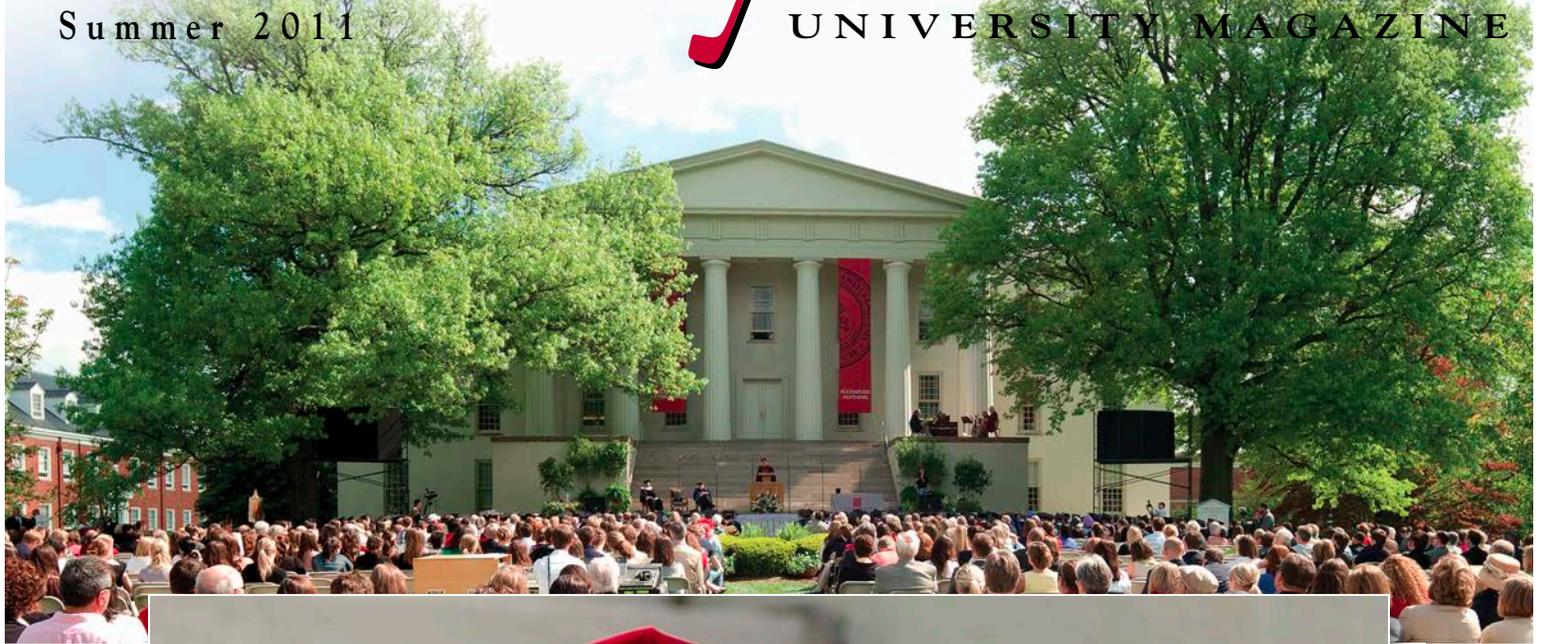


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**R. Owen Williams
inaugurated as
25th president**

**Commencement sees
record 263 graduates**

**Henry Clay event
draws luminaries**



Left, enjoying a chat at the celebration luncheon are, from left, Ellen Bebb, Finbarr Saunders '66, President R. Owen Williams, Glen Bagby '66, and Terri Bagby.



Below left, Suzanne Romano Keen '71, left, and Jan Schick Roby '71 attend the celebration luncheon.

Sweet Home Transylvania

Approximately 600 alumni and guests were in Lexington April 28-May 1 for Alumni Weekend 2011. For a wrap-up of President R. Owen Williams's first address to the alumni, plus more stories and photos, see coverage beginning on page 25. Photos by Joseph Rey Au.

Near right, shown at the class of 1961 reunion at the home of Bill '61 and Anne Arvin are, from left, Volindah Johnson Costabell '61, Bill Stroker '60, Tom Marshall '61, Stan Rullman '61, and Jim Stephens '60.



Far right, Michael and Barbara Oney Garvey '71 enjoy the celebration luncheon.



Below, pictured at their class of 1991 reunion reception are Chris Watkins, left, and James Brown.



Enjoying the reunion reception are, from left, Annette Souder Rizzo '91, Melissa Young '91, and Lisa Meek Mallory '88.



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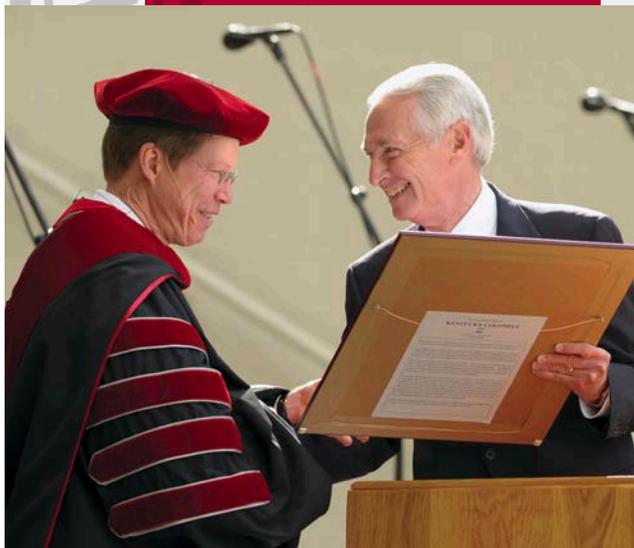
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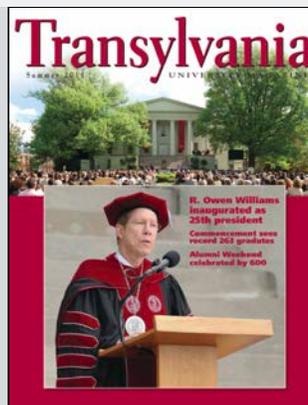


Kentucky Governor Steve Beshear presents President R. Owen Williams with a certificate making him a member of the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels. Beshear was among the seven official greeters who brought good wishes on behalf of their constituencies to Williams upon his inauguration as Transylvania's 25th president. See story on page 14.

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On the cover:

R. Owen Williams was installed as the 25th president of Transylvania University in an impressive and colorful ceremony from the steps of Old Morrison on April 29. See story on page 14.

Photos by Joseph Rey Au

Present and former House Speakers honor Henry Clay with discussion on history, role of Speaker of the House

Current Speaker of the United States House of Representatives John Boehner, R-Ohio, joined with former Speaker and current House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., and former Speaker, Republican Dennis Hastert from Illinois, in a moderated discussion on the history and nature of the Speaker position that drew a capacity audience to Transylvania University's Haggin Auditorium Friday, June 24.

The forum, titled "The Role of the Speaker of the House: A Tribute to Henry Clay," was the culminating event in Lexington's first Henry Clay Week and was an observance of the 200th anniversary of Clay becoming Speaker of the House in 1811. Historians have said it was Clay, Kentucky's leading politician in the early 1800s, who made the Speakership the powerful position it is today.

In his introductory remarks to the evening, Robert Clay, co-chair of the Henry Clay Center for Statesmanship, pointed out the close relationship that Transylvania enjoyed with Clay in its formative years. Clay joined the

university's seminal law department as a professor in 1805 and was elected a trustee in 1807.

Although Clay left Kentucky to become nationally prominent as a statesman, he maintained a home in Lexington at beautiful Ashland and always kept Transylvania in his thoughts, remaining a trustee and friend of the university until his death in 1852.

"Henry Clay was committed to education," Pelosi noted.

"Just think how proud he would be to see Transylvania University as it is today."

"This evening's forum was a penetrating and enlightening look at the importance of the Speaker's role in the House of Representatives and how much we owe to Henry Clay for being the first to realize how influential this key position could become," said Transylvania President R. Owen Williams.

In a discussion that was moderated by CNBC Chief Washington Correspondent John Harwood, each of the panelists paid tribute to the legacy of Clay and discussed his or her experiences as Speaker during sharply differing eras of

the political life of the country and under different presidents.

Pointing to Clay's enormous influence on the national political scene from the 1820s to the late 1840s when forces were at work that eventually led to civil war, Boehner said, "No one person in the United States was more responsible for holding the Union together during that time than Henry Clay. He has been a role model for me."

Pelosi noted that Clay was a bridge from the nation's founders, such as James Madison, to Abraham Lincoln in his early political career. He also benefitted from the people's aversion to too much presidential power.

"Clay was able to build up not only the Speaker's role, but a strong legislative establishment overall because Americans at that time feared a strong executive," she said. "They did not want a king."

All of the panelists touched on the delicate balancing act that a House Speaker must create between the interests of his or her own party and the overall interests of the House.

"As Speaker, you represent and lead your party, but you are also Speaker for the entire House," Hastert said. "The issue of fairness is an overriding one.

You have to keep this in mind."

At the conclusion of the presentations, Richard Decamp, chairman of the Henry Clay Memorial Foundation, awarded Boehner, Pelosi, and Hastert the Henry Clay Medallion in recognition of their life's work that reflects Henry Clay's ideals.

The event was sponsored by the Henry Clay Memorial Foundation and the Henry Clay Center for Statesmanship. Among the audience members were 51 college students from all 50 states and the District of Columbia who were in Lexington to attend the Henry Clay Center for Statesmanship's fourth annual Student Congress at Transylvania and the University of Kentucky.

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KET special airdates

Kentucky Educational Television will air a special on "The Role of the Speaker of the House: A Tribute to Henry Clay," produced by Michael Breeding Media, on these dates (all times EDT):

Tuesday, August 16, 9 p.m. (KET)

Wednesday, August 17, 11 a.m. (KETKY)

Thursday, August 18, 11 p.m. (KETKY)

Friday, August 19, 4 a.m. (KET), 8 p.m. (KETKY)

Saturday, August 20, 9 a.m. (KETKY)

Sunday, August 21, 7 p.m. (KETKY), 9 p.m. (KET2)



Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives John Boehner (second from left) makes a point during the Henry Clay tribute while, from left, CNBC Chief Washington Correspondent John Harwood, who moderated the discussion; former Speaker and current House Leader Nancy Pelosi; and former Speaker Dennis Hastert look on.

Shakespeare troupe will bring exciting change to fall Kenan Lecture

The Kenan Lecture Series will offer something different this fall. For the first time in its 26-year history, the series will feature a theater performance.

The American Shakespeare Center on Tour will present *'Tis Pity She's a Whore* on Monday, November 7, and *A Midsummer Night's Dream* on Tuesday, November 8. Both performances will be in Carrick Theater at 7:30 p.m. and are free and open to the public.

"This is an opportunity to broaden the scope of the Kenan series to include non-lecture events that are intellectually stimulating and have a high likelihood of drawing community interest," said psychology professor Meg Upchurch, who coordinates the program.

ASC on Tour is the touring arm of the American Shakespeare Center. Their home stage in Staunton, Virginia, is a replica of Shakespeare's original indoor theater, the Blackfriars Playhouse, and they bring that atmosphere alive on other stages. They perform with the house lights on, and the actors speak directly to the audience and include audience members in the world of the play.



"High caliber, exciting, and outrageously fun"

Sully White



"I've seen their work, and it is high caliber, exciting, and outrageously fun," said theater professor Sully White. "While the troupe has traveled to Kentucky, they have never been to Lexington."

ASC on Tour has honed its art since 1988, performing in 47 states and five foreign countries. *The Washington Post* called its offerings "shamelessly entertaining," and Bob Mondello of National Public Radio commented that the company is "blowing the cobwebs out of Elizabethan drama."

Transylvania's Kenan Lecture series is funded by a grant from the William R. Kenan Jr. Charitable Trust. Past lecturers have included former president of Ireland and U.N. commissioner for human rights Mary Robinson, presidential historian Richard Norton Smith, vocalist and Paralympic athlete Ronan Tynan, Civil War historian Shelby Foote, and historian and author Doris Kearns Goodwin.

American Shakespeare Center actors, shown in scenes from *As You Like It*, will bring *'Tis Pity She's A Whore* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream* to Transylvania in November.

Three Transylvania students had their musical compositions selected for compilations by Vox Novus, a contemporary music organization. **Sophomore Joey Perkins** and **senior Nadia Smith** had their pieces chosen for the Vox Novus 2011 International Mix, which is comprised of 60 electronic compositions, each 60 seconds long, by 60 composers. **Sophomore Molly Crain's** piece was accepted for the international Vox Novus 60x60 Athena Mix, which is comprised of 60 electronic compositions, 60 seconds long, by 60 women.

Transylvania has been named one of the **Top 100 Social Media Colleges** in the country, a list that includes more than 6,000 colleges and universities, by StudentAdvisor.com, a *Washington Post* company. Schools are judged on how effectively they use Twitter, Facebook, YouTube, iTunes, and other social media tools. "Transylvania has tactfully mastered the art of the retweet by sharing stories about student life, academics and athletics under the school's main Twitter account," the report said.

Transylvania was named a **Gold level Fit-Friendly Company** by the American Heart Association. Fit-Friendly companies are recognized as employers who go above and beyond when it comes to their employees' health. The wellness program at Transylvania encourages healthy living decisions by faculty and staff.

Music professor Timothy Polashek's "Micro-Coastings," electro-acoustic music and video, was performed in New York City by the New York University New Music Ensemble, led by artistic director and clarinetist Esther Lamneck.



Music technology students, shown in the Fine Arts Technology Lab, from left, Nadia Smith, Molly Crain, and Joey Perkins. Inset, music technology professor Tim Polashek.

Joseph Rev. Au

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Experience Transylvania events online

The spring saw many great events on Transylvania's campus, including the inauguration of President R. Owen Williams, commencement, and a tribute to Henry Clay. If you missed seeing them in person, here are online links for each event.

Inauguration

Go to www.transy.edu/inauguration/video.htm to see a huge collection of photos and videos from inauguration events ranging from the inauguration ceremony to the symposium on the Civil War in the Border States. There you can hear President Williams's inauguration speech that outlines his vision for Transylvania's future.

Commencement

This year marked the largest commencement in the history of Transylvania and the first under President Williams. Watch highlights from the ceremony and hear comments from Williams, speaker Aris Candris '73, and student speaker Virginia Hamilton '11 by visiting www.transy.edu/commencement/video.asp.

Tribute to Henry Clay

Transylvania attracted attention from all over the country when it hosted "The Role of the Speaker of the House: A Tribute to Henry Clay," which featured three of the six living Speakers of the U.S. House of Representatives in a forum discussing the Speaker position, which Transylvania trustee and former law professor Henry Clay first held in 1811. See a roundup of photos, videos—including an interview with President Williams by CNBC Chief Washington Correspondent John Harwood—and articles from news organizations like *The New York Times*, *Lexington Herald-Leader*, and *The Courier-Journal* (Louisville) by going to www.transy.edu/news/events/henry_clay/coverage.htm.

What's that weird box?

Launching further into the age of social media, Transylvania is beginning to use the QR code in publications to direct people to our Facebook page, Twitter, and main website (top to bottom at right).

Short for Quick Response, the QR code is easily read by smart phone cameras and can store data such as web-site URLs.

To use the QR code, download a QR code or barcode reader to your smartphone. Launch the application, and point the camera to the code. Your phone's web browser will be automatically directed to the link.



McEuen authors *Making War, Making Women*

In the opening lines of her latest book, *Making War, Making Women: Femininity and Duty on the American Home Front, 1941-1945*, history professor Melissa McEuen relates a newspaper account about the positive effects of free cosmetics on a particular group of women who had been drawn into the work force during World War II.

She writes, "It recounted a *Vogue* magazine feature about a New York factory that had recently installed large mirrors in its women's restrooms and offered employees free cosmetics—changes linked to favorable results on the factory floor."

That passage sets the tone for the primary theme of her book, which is how a notion of ideal womanhood was promoted to American women as a vital force in achieving victory in the war effort. It also introduces the idea of the visual images that are referred to and depicted throughout the book, many of which stressed to women their duty to maintain their physical appearance and thereby help sustain their own, and

the nation's, morale in a time of great stress.

Making War, Making Women examines how women's bodies and minds became "battle-grounds" in America's fight for victory in the war. Drawing on war propaganda, popular advertising, government records, and personal accounts written by women in the 1940s, McEuen explains how women were told that their faces, clothes, and comportment indicated how seriously they took their responsibilities as citizens.

"For women, it meant not letting themselves go physically," McEuen said. "It was their patriotic duty to remain fashionable, to buy the right lipstick, to adorn themselves in ways that would be acceptable to the men who would come home to them, and to the community at large. In this way, they could be a stabilizing force to keep America the way it always was. The message was that the home front will not change, even though the world around them was changing. This was seen as a key factor in keeping up

national morale."

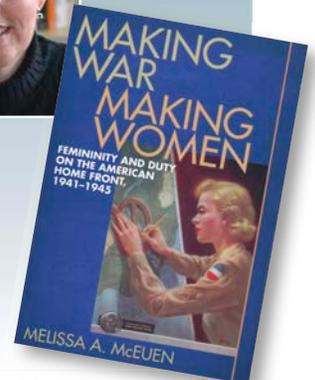
McEuen also shows that the wartime rhetoric of freedom, democracy, and postwar opportunity coexisted uneasily with the realities of a racially stratified society. She explores how African Americans grappled with the idea of whiteness representing the true American identity.

McEuen spent considerable time doing research at the National Archives and the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., and at Duke University, which has an extensive collection of materials relating to business marketing and sales. She was able to bring some of this material into her classroom this past May term when she taught a course entitled *American Women in World War II*.

"My research feeds my teaching, and vice-versa," she said. "They are inextricably linked. I brought copies of documents and images to this class that are not readily available to our students otherwise, since they have not been digitized."



Tim Mekko



That May term course also gave McEuen an unexpected satisfaction when she found that her students used her book as a jumping off point for further research.

"Based on questions the students asked and on the research projects they did—which were not assignments, but things they just did on their own—I found that the book stimulated a lot of follow-up investigations."

McEuen is also the author of *Seeing America: Women Photographers between the Wars*.

The book is available at www.amazon.com.

John Marshall Harlan Lecture Series created

The newly created John Marshall Harlan Lecture Series at Transylvania University, honoring one of the most distinguished graduates of Transylvania's nineteenth-century law department, will bring to campus prominent figures in law for free public lectures in the fall and spring.

The series will launch September 26 with William Wiecek, legal and constitutional historian and professor of public law at Syracuse University. The spring lecture will be delivered by Akhil Reed Amar, professor of law and political science at Yale University.

"We created this lecture series to showcase highly esteemed legal figures of national or international prominence who have distinguished themselves in constitutional law or history," said President R. Owen Williams. "We are delighted to have William Wiecek and Akhil Amar as our first two speakers."

John Marshall Harlan earned his law degree from Transylvania in 1852 and served as an associate justice on the U.S. Supreme Court from 1877-1911. He is

highly regarded as an early champion of civil rights. Harlan was the lone dissenter in two important cases that were setbacks for the cause of civil rights: the Civil Rights Cases (1883), which struck down as unconstitutional federal anti-discrimination legislation, and *Plessy v. Ferguson* (1896), which upheld Southern segregation statutes.

Harlan's ringing dissent in *Plessy v. Ferguson* is his most famous and is often sourced for quotes, as in: "Our Constitution is color-blind....In respect of civil rights, all citizens are equal before the law." This courageous dissent was referenced a half-century later by Thurgood Marshall, an attorney arguing for the plaintiffs before the Supreme Court in the 1954 *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka* case, which overturned *Plessy v. Ferguson* and struck down the separate-but-equal principle in the case of public education. Marshall went on to become a Supreme Court justice, serving from 1967-91.

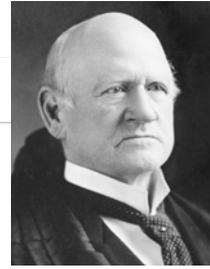
Williams was familiar with Harlan before becoming president of Transylvania in 2010

because of his Yale University dissertation entitled "Unequal Justice Under Law: The Supreme Court and the First Civil Rights Movement, 1857-1883."

"John Marshall Harlan is my hero and the central figure in my dissertation," Williams said. "So I felt as if there were a spiritual connection between Transylvania and me even before coming here."

Wiecek, the first speaker, is currently the Lassiter Distinguished Visiting Professor at the University of Kentucky Law School and is the author of numerous books. His most recent, *The Birth of the Modern Constitution: The United States Supreme Court, 1941-1953* (volume 12 of the *Holmes Devise History of the Supreme Court of the United States*), won the John Phillip Reid Prize awarded by the American Society for Legal History for the best book in legal history published in 2006.

Amar teaches constitutional law at both Yale and Yale Law



U.S. Supreme Court Justice John Marshall Harlan graduated from Transylvania's law department in 1852.

School. His B.A. is from Yale and his J.D. from Yale Law School, where he was an editor of *The Yale Law Journal*. After clerking for Judge Stephen Breyer, U.S. Court of Appeals, 1st Circuit, Amar joined the Yale faculty in 1985. He is the co-editor of a leading constitutional law casebook, *Processes of Constitutional Decisionmaking*, and the author of several books, including *The Constitution and Criminal Procedure: First Principles, The Bill of Rights: Creation and Reconstruction*, and, most recently, *America's Constitution: A Biography*.

"We are very grateful to our friends at McBrayer, McGinnis, Leslie & Kirkland, PLLC, for making the John Marshall Harlan Lecture Series at Transylvania possible," Williams said. "Their generosity reaches beyond the Transylvania campus. We know that many people in the Lexington community and surrounding areas will be interested in hearing some of the country's brightest constitutional law historians, authors, and scholars."

Portrait of beloved professor given to university

Ben Lewis '43, the late professor of philosophy and religion, loved Transylvania and was very proud of teaching there for 29 years. So his wife, Glenva Starcher Lewis, decided to honor his



The portrait of Ben Lewis hangs in the library. Pictured from left, president emeritus Charles L. Shearer, friend John Campbell, religion professor emeritus Phillip Points, Glenva Starcher Lewis, psychology professor Mike Nichols, and history professor emeritus Joseph Binford.

memory by giving Transylvania an oil portrait of Ben to hang in the university library. The portrait depicts Lewis in his black and crimson academic regalia and was formally installed in May.

Lewis was a popular professor, and hanging the portrait seems a fitting tribute to a man who gave so many years to the university. He retired in 1983 and was honored with Transylvania's Morrison Medallion in 1985.

"He was clearly one of the most talented teachers I ever had, and I think he caused thousands of students to think in new ways, to be more reflective, and to enjoy the exciting history of ideas so central to the liberal arts curriculum," psychology professor Mike Nichols '68, a former student of Lewis's, said. "I still feel the influence today of classes I took with him."

Lewis graduated from Transylvania with a degree in philosophy and religion. He earned a bachelor of divinity degree from the College of the Bible, now Lexington Theological Seminary, in 1946, a master's degree in theological sciences from Harvard University in 1950, and a doctorate in philosophy from the University of Cincinnati in 1961.

In addition to his Transylvania work, Lewis was a pastor in West Virginia and Kentucky. He was minister of New Union Christian Church in Woodford County, Ky., for 28 years until his death.

Canadian Brass will perform Smith Concert

The internationally acclaimed Canadian Brass will perform a concert in Haggin Auditorium on Wednesday, September 21, at 7:30 p.m. in the Dorothy J. and Fred K. Smith Concert Series at Transylvania.

With a discography of over 90 albums and an extensive worldwide touring schedule, Canadian Brass is a pioneer in bringing brass music to audiences everywhere. The five members of the group, who first came together in 1970, helped to transform a previously undervalued group of instruments with a limited repertoire into a versatile ensemble proficient in everything from Gabrieli to Gershwin. They have sold well over two million albums worldwide.

The group's repertoire includes renaissance and baroque masters, classical works, marches, holiday favorites, ragtime, Dixieland, Latin, jazz, big band, Broadway, and Christian music, as well as popular songs and standards. They are especially known for their holiday concerts at Christmastime and for helping reestablish Scott Joplin with modern audiences through their research, arrangements, and recordings of his rags and other works.

"These are the men who put brass music on the map;

with their unbeatable blend of virtuosity, spontaneity and humor, they brighten the rosters of concert halls, international festivals and orchestra series throughout the world," wrote a reviewer in *The Washington Post*.

Canadian Brass was the first brass group from the West to play in China and the first to take the stage in Carnegie Hall. They have also performed in Australia, the Middle East, the former Soviet Union, and South America.

Millions of television viewers have seen the group on *The Tonight Show*, *Today*, *Entertainment Tonight*, and *Sesame Street*. They have appeared as guest artists with the Boston Pops, Beverly Sills' Music Around the World, and numerous PBS specials.

Members of Canadian Brass are Chuck Daellenbach (tuba), Christopher Coletti and Brandon Ridenour (trumpets), Achilles Liarmakopoulos (trombone), and Eric Reed (horn). They are known for their engaging stage presence punctuated by lively dialogue and theatrical effects.

In addition to their concert, the group's members will present a workshop for Transylvania students. They are committed to educating the next generation of players and often offer master classes on their travels around the world.



Senior Challenge award goes to Lexington student

Briana McIntosh has been chosen by the class of 2011 to receive this year's Senior Challenge scholarship. The incoming first-year student is a graduate of Bryan Station High School in Lexington and



has been active in the National Honor Society, the Spanish Honor Society, and theater productions. She plans to follow a pre-med curriculum at Transylvania.

The 2011 Senior Challenge committee co-chairs were Julia Blankenship, Rebecca Pasco, and Sarah Zembrodt. Through promotions that included a kick-off event, Facebook and e-mail campaigns, an iPad give-away, and a Senior Week barbecue, they helped raise \$10,100 in pledges from 78 classmates.

"This year we added GEM (Giving Electronically Monthly) to our giving options," said Rikki Starich, assistant director of annual giving and Senior Challenge coordinator. "We were pleased that several of the students who chose that option started giving last fall. It's a great way to get into the habit of giving back to your alma mater."

Senior Challenge was established by the class of 1990 as an expression of gratitude for their Transylvania education. The scholarship is awarded annually to a student with high potential and financial need. It is renewable for four years.

Cook retires after 11 years; Muravchick named public safety director



Richard Cook

During his first week as Transylvania's director of public safety in June 2000, Richard Cook took a call from someone who needed access to a room in Poole Hall.

"I hadn't made it over to the Poole Residence Hall yet, but I knew there was a pool table in the Campus Center Canteen," Cook recalls. "I was puzzled about what the caller was asking. Did they call the room with the pool table the 'pool hall'? It took a few minutes to figure it out."

Cook soon became familiar with all the nooks and crannies of campus. He and his staff of 12 officers, three dispatchers, and two security guards work around the clock, 365 days a year, to keep the area safe. Their most common calls are noise complaints, and their

busiest time is 8 p.m.–1 a.m.

"Transylvania is my last hoorah after more than 25 years in law enforcement," said Cook, who retired in June after 11 years at Transylvania. "It's a great place to work and I'll miss it tremendously—especially the people—but I'm looking forward to having some time off and taking a few motorcycle trips."

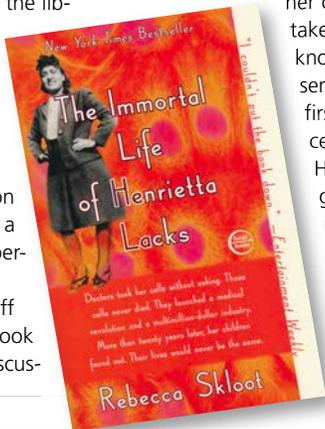
Succeeding Cook is Gregg Muravchick, who brings experience with the Kentucky State Police, the Kentucky Justice and Public Safety Cabinet, the Franklin County (Ky.) Sheriff's Office, and Franklin County Schools.

"I'm very familiar with student life, and I'm anxious to gain the trust and confidence of the Transylvania DPS staff members as well as the students, faculty, and staff," said Muravchick.

The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks chosen as First Engagements text

Rebecca Skloot's riveting book about cancer, racism, and science ethics, *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*, has been selected as this year's text for First Engagements: A Community Book Project at Transylvania.

First Engagements is designed to give first-year students an introduction to the liberal arts and the high academic standards at Transylvania through small-group discussion and analysis of a text. Many upper-class students, faculty, and staff also read the book and join the discus-



sions that take place during the first week of classes in September.

The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks, a *New York Times* bestseller, tells the story of a poor African American woman who died from cervical cancer at age 30 in 1951. A sample of her cancerous tissue, taken without her knowledge or consent, spawned the first viable human cell line, known as HeLa, that could grow and survive indefinitely in a laboratory.

HeLa gave scientists a building block for countless

breakthroughs, beginning with the polio vaccine and leading to gene mapping and cloning. Her cells eventually lived on in thousands of labs and in giant factories churning out polio vaccines and have become essential to modern medicine.

Skloot, a science journalist, creates a moving work of non-fiction narrative that looks at the story from various perspectives, including the fundamental questions of ethics, racism, and intellectual property in the world of scientific research. She also writes of the effects on Lacks's family, especially her daughter, Deborah.

Alumni, parents, and friends are encouraged to read the book and watch Transylvania's Facebook page for discussion.

In a related event, Harriet A. Washington, author of *Medical Apartheid: The Dark History of Medical Experimentation on Black Americans from Colonial Times to the Present*, was chosen as this year's speaker for convocation, set for Sunday, September 11, at 5 p.m. in Haggin Auditorium. She is a journalist and bioethicist who has worked at Harvard Medical School and Tuskegee University.

Washington's groundbreaking study shows that the infamous Tuskegee experiment of the 1930s, in which black syphilitic men were studied but not treated, was only the most publicized in a long and continuing history of the American medical community using African Americans as human guinea pigs.

Transylvania, Carnegie Center agree to explore partnership

Transylvania and the Carnegie Center for Literacy and Learning have signed an agreement to explore the possibility of a significant partnership that could lead to new programs and more Transylvania student participation in volunteer activities at the center.

The year-long commitment began July 1. It calls for the Carnegie Center and Transylvania to share space for programs, concerts, lectures, receptions, and similar events; to expand or modify current programs at the center; and to formalize and expand service learning and volunteer support opportunities.

"We are excited to have this collaborative effort with Transylvania formally acknowledged," said Eileen M. O'Brien, president of the board of directors of the Carnegie Center. "Both organizations have demonstrated a tremendous commitment to lifetime learning and the literary arts, which bodes well for our future."

President R. Owen Williams stated, "Our goal is for Transylvania and the Carnegie Center to work

together to better enhance our dedication to lifetime learning."

Transylvania has a long history of its students volunteering in various capacities at the center, including as tutors. "We believe we can do more than what we've been doing and are excited about the possibility of making the Carnegie Center even stronger," Williams added. "This is a wonderful agreement."

The Carnegie Center is housed in a three-story, 1905 neoclassical building at the south end of Gratz Park, which is just across Third Street from the Transylvania campus. The facility was originally funded by industrialist and philanthropist Andrew Carnegie as the Lexington Public Library. When the library moved to a new location in 1989, the building was extensively renovated and reopened in 1992 as the Carnegie Center.

Because of its proximity to the Transylvania campus, Gratz Park has long been a favorite destination for students, faculty, and staff. The park is home to the oldest surviving former Transylvania structure, the 1819 East Dependency. This low brick building supported the university's first administration building, which burned to the ground in 1829, to be replaced by Old Morrison in 1833. The land now known as Gratz Park was Transylvania's original Lexington campus.



The Carnegie Center building dates from 1905 and is home to literacy and learning opportunities for all citizens, young and old.



Eileen M. O'Brien, president of the Carnegie Center board of directors, joins President R. Owen Williams in signing an agreement to explore partnership opportunities.



Four professors honored with Bingham Awards

Four Transylvania professors have been recognized for their outstanding work in the classroom with Bingham Awards for Excellence in Teaching. The award comes with annual salary supplements for five years. A committee of outside educators selects the award winners based on classroom visits, essays from the candidates, and student evaluations.

Assistant professor of biology Sarah Bray has been at Transylvania since 2007. She



came to Transylvania from Midland Lutheran College, now Midland University, in Fremont, Neb. She earned a Ph.D. in botany from the University of Florida in 2005. Her research interests include native ecosystems, and most recently she has been working at the University of Kentucky to examine how bush honeysuckle is impacting microbial communities and ecosystem processes.

"I challenge students to devise ways to examine and test real hypotheses and analyze data both in the classroom and laboratory," she said.

Assistant professor of English Elizabeth Corsun came to Transylvania in 2007 from



the University of Iowa, where she was a visiting assistant professor. She earned her Ph.D. in English from the University of Iowa in 2005. Corsun's research interests include nineteenth- and twentieth-century

British literature, popular fiction, Victorian theater, and the British novel tradition.

"To make reading literature a lifelong habit is an invaluable accomplishment, and the most gratifying reading experiences are often the most exacting," Corsun said. "Therefore, as a teacher, I help students who are already readers to hone their analytical skills and to deepen their understanding of historical context and literary tradition."

Assistant professor of mathematics

Ryan Stufflebeam came to Transylvania in



2007 from The Ohio State University, where he was a postdoctoral fellow. He earned a Ph.D. in mathematics from the University of Iowa in 2004. Stufflebeam's research interests are in represen-

tation theory and number theory. He has been working for two years in p-adic numbers, the Collatz conjecture, continued fractions, and transcendental numbers.

"My ultimate goal is to have students working with the course material in a hands-on fashion and arriving at their own understanding of the concepts rather than rote memorization," he said. "To achieve this, I believe that an environment in which discussion and curiosity are valued is a necessity."

Assistant professor of education Tiffany Wheeler '90 joined the faculty in 2002. She



earned her Ed.D. in curriculum and instruction with a focus on literacy from the University of Kentucky in 2007. Her research interests include literacy and language learning, multicultural education, and culturally responsive instruction.

"I try to create a classroom atmosphere where a variety of perspectives are encouraged and valued and where students feel comfortable challenging each other and me in respectful ways," she said. "I collaborate with the students to set ground rules for discussion in my courses, especially ones that address contentious issues such as race, ethnicity, and social inequalities. I have found that when the students help to create the tone of the classroom environment, they feel a great deal of ownership and connection to their classmates, which promotes thoughtful, engaging, and respectful discussion during the course."

Promotions

Computer science professor Kenny

Moorman '91 was promoted to full professor. He came to Transylvania in 1997 from the Georgia Institute of Technology, where he was a computer science instructor. He holds a Ph.D. in computer science with a focus on artificial intelligence from the Georgia Institute of Technology.

English professor Kremena Todorova

was granted tenure and promoted to associate professor. Todorova joined the Transylvania faculty in 2005 after spending time at the University of Notre Dame as a visiting scholar. She earned a Ph.D. in English from Notre Dame.

Chemistry professor Robert Rosenberg

was granted tenure. He came to Transylvania in 2007 as an associate professor from Salem State College, where he was an assistant professor for six years. He holds a Ph.D. in chemistry from Yale University.

Kirk Purdom is new vice president for advancement



Kirk Purdom, 41, joined Transylvania April 18 as vice president for advancement. He comes to Transylvania from Kentucky Wesleyan College in Owensboro, Ky., where he served

in that same position for three years. He has worked in higher education since 1993, including 16 years in alumni and development at the University of Mississippi, the University of Tennessee, and Middle Tennessee State University, in addition to KWC. He holds a bachelor of science in history from the University of Mississippi.

Purdom comes to Transylvania at an exciting time with a new president who has a new vision of the university.

"It's been a whirlwind," Purdom said. "We've had inauguration, alumni weekend, graduation, a lot of events going on, and it's been fun. There's been a lot of excitement around the university. I think (President) Owen (Williams) is bringing a unique perspective to the institution from his background. It's something we want to continue to grow on and enhance."

Purdom said he has been impressed with the fund-raising efforts he saw when he arrived at Transylvania, and in his first year he is focusing on enhancing major gifts to help fund some of the big plans that are in the works for the university.

"We have a great annual fund staff and a great alumni association, and they've done a really good job with getting the word out there and having pretty high participation levels," he said. "But now we have to really go out and target some major gifts for changes that President Williams wants to implement at Transylvania. We're going to have more people out on the road. It's that personal contact, that face-to-face cultivation, solicitation, and stewardship that we want to build with our alumni and friends."

Associate Vice President for Development Mark Blankenship '81 had been serving as interim vice president for alumni and development.

SPORTS

Baseball makes run at HCAC regular season title

The baseball team made a run at the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference regular season crown, leading the league late in the season, but fell on hard times in the final five games and finished just out of the running for the conference tournament.

After sweeping a doubleheader from Earlham College, the Pioneers stood atop the HCAC with a 12-4 record. But the next five games, all on the road, eluded Transylvania. The final league record of 12-9 caused the Pioneers to just miss the four-team tournament field as Anderson University took the last spot with a 14-8 mark. Under head coach Chris Campbell '00, Transylvania's overall season record was 21-12.

An early season highlight occurred when Transylvania took on No. 18 Thomas More

College on the road and rallied for two runs in the top of the ninth inning to defeat the Saints 8-6. The Pioneers were on a six-game winning streak and had an 8-3 record. Five of those wins came during a spring break trip to Auburndale, Fla., to play in the Russ Matt Invitational.

Senior outfielder/designated hitter Ben Kuebbing and senior catcher Drew Zuckerman were named to the All-HCAC first team. Kuebbing led the team with a .453 batting average and added six home runs and 33 runs batted in to go with a .670 slugging percentage. Zuckerman was second in batting with a .387 average and had a team-best eight homers and 38 RBI.

Senior catcher Drew Zuckerman was an All-HCAC first team selection.

Pioneers win first Commissioner's Cup

For the first time since becoming eligible to compete for tournament championships in the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference in 2004, Transylvania won the Commissioner's Cup by leading the league in combined points for both men's and women's teams.

Transylvania's point total of 107.66 outdistanced Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology (103.33), Franklin College (99.66), and Hanover College (93.83). The Pioneers' total is the highest for any school since the award was created in 2005.

The Pioneers also won the All-Sports trophy for women's athletics for the second year in a row, garnering 63.33 points and winning championships in soccer, volleyball, and softball. The men were fifth in All-Sports competition, amassing 44.33 points with championships in soccer, golf, and tennis.

It marks the first time a team outside of Indiana has won the Commissioner's Cup. The HCAC has six member schools in Indiana, three in Ohio, and one in Kentucky.

"This is a great accomplishment for our student-athletes and coaching staff," said Transylvania athletics director Jack Ebel '77. "It shows we are very competitive in all our programs and that we are achieving at a very high level."



Helena Hau

Transylvania will add lacrosse to intercollegiate sports in 2012

Men's and women's lacrosse will become the latest additions to Transylvania's lineup of intercollegiate sports teams beginning with the 2012-13 season.

"Lacrosse is growing in popularity in Kentucky and around the country," said President R. Owen Williams in making the announcement. "We want to give student-athletes who play lacrosse and who are also seeking a top-level liberal arts education the opportunity to consider Transylvania."

A number of colleges and universities in the region play lacrosse, including Hanover College, Defiance College, and the College of Mount St. Joseph, all of whom are mem-

bers of the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference with Transylvania.

"Lacrosse, a spring sport, has become one of the most popular sports at every school that has added it," said athletics director Jack Ebel '77. "I believe prospective players will find Transylvania to be an attractive option and that our students will enjoy watching the games. Lacrosse could easily become another HCAC-sponsored sport in the near future."

The 2011-12 season will be used for recruiting and club play. Various venues in the Lexington area are being considered as playing fields.

Terry Justice, head boys' lacrosse coach at Lexington Catholic High School, has been named Transylvania's men's lacrosse head coach.

Justice has been head coach at Catholic since 2004 and was Kentucky High School Coach of the Year in 2004 and 2005. He led the Knights to second place in the KHSAA State Tournament in 2006 and 2008.

Justice helped form the first lacrosse team at the University of Kentucky as a player from 1979-83 and coached at UK from 1984-93.

The women's coach had not been named at press time.



Helena Hsu

Sophomore guard Brandon Rash was named to the All-HCAC first team.

Men's basketball wins first Don Lane Classic

The championship of the inaugural Don Lane Classic was a highlight of men's basketball as the Pioneers finished with an 18-9 record after ending their season in the semi-final game of the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference tournament.

Named for Transylvania's all-time winningest men's basketball coach, the Don Lane Classic honors the father of head coach Brian Lane '90. When he retired from coaching in 2001, Hall of Fame coach Don Lane had compiled 509 victories during his 26 seasons at Transylvania.

At the end of the 2010-11 season, Brian Lane's win total of 168 moved him ahead of Lee Rose '58 (160 wins) and into third place among Transylvania coaches, behind his father and C. M. Newton, in second place with 176 victories.

The Pioneers dispatched Millikin University 82-37 in the opening game of the Classic, then defeated Westminster College 70-57 for the title. Sophomore guard Brandon Rash was tournament Most Valuable Player after a nine-for-13 shooting night and 21 points in the final.

Transylvania sported a 9-2 record in early January after knocking off then-No. 24 Carthage University 75-66 in the final non-conference game of the season. Earlier, the Pioneers got a good road win over Centre College 56-51.

Transylvania was inconsistent during league play, sporting a 6-1 streak at one point before losing to Manchester College 79-62 in the HCAC regular-season finale. That left the Pioneers with an 11-7 league record, good for fourth place.

"Injuries made this year one of the most unusual since I've been coaching," said Lane. "Only four players appeared in all 27 games. Our starting point guard, first-year student Tate Cox, missed half the season with a broken hand."

Transylvania got by Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology 54-49 in the opener of the conference tournament, held at Manchester, then fell again to the host team in the semi-finals by 68-65. The Pioneers held an 11-point lead in the first half against the Spartans, but lost in the final moments as Manchester hit key free throws. Finally rounding into form after his injury, Cox had a brilliant night with 24 points, including seven of nine from three-point range, and was named to the All-HCAC tournament team.

Rash finished the season as Transylvania's leading scorer with an 11.9 average, was second in rebounding with 4.7 a game, and shot 52 percent from the field, including 42 percent from the three-point line. His exploits earned him a place on the All-HCAC first team.

Student-athletes receive honors

Baseball standout Ben Keubbing, softball record-setter Kendra DeArk, and soccer star Sarah Zembrodt were named male and co-female Pioneer Athletes of the Year during the annual awards ceremony in May. An academic and a leadership award were also presented.

Keubbing, a senior designated hitter, outfielder, and pitcher from Burlington, Ky., helped lead the baseball team to a 20-win season. He is a two-time All-Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference performer, and his career-high .453 batting average this past year was the second best season ever for a Transylvania player.

Keubbing was also named the winner of the

George H. Stopp Award as the student-athlete with the highest grade-point average for a four-year career. A business administration and economics double major, he was named to the Dean's List seven times, graduated *magna cum laude* with honors in both his majors, and won the Rara-Avis Award for outstanding scholarship in economics.

DeArk, a senior from Jeffersonville, Ind., is a right-handed pitcher who led the Pioneer softball team to a 20-win season and a third straight HCAC championship. She is a two-time HCAC Pitcher of the Year and a four-time All-HCAC first team member. She ranks second on the Transylvania career wins list with 50 and is in the top five of every major pitching

category.

Zembrodt, a senior from Edgewood, Ky., helped the women's soccer team to its second straight HCAC title this past season and into the NCAA Division III championships for the second year in a row. This past season she was the HCAC Defensive Player of the Year and was named to the All-Great Lakes Region team and a second-team All-American by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America. She is a two-time All-HCAC performer.

Rebecca Pasco won the Student Athlete Advisory Committee Leadership Award.



From left, Ben Kuebbing, Kendra DeArk, Rebecca Pasco, and Sarah Zembrodt.

Swimming, diving teams win seven meets

The women's swimming and diving team won five meets during the regular season while the men's team won twice. In the season-ending Bluegrass Mountain Conference championship, the women took sixth place and the men finished in 12th position. The Pioneers were led by new head coach Kyle Dunaway.

The women won home meets against Union College and Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology and went on the road to defeat Baldwin-Wallace College and Franklin College. They outswam Wilmington College at a neutral site. On the men's side, the Pioneers won against Wilmington at a neutral site and at Franklin.

The Bluegrass Mountain meet was held at the Mecklenburg County Aquatics Center in Charlotte, N.C., and included both NCAA Division III and II schools. For the men, junior Brent Vorst turned in a 100-yard freestyle time of 48.18 while junior Yunan Yang had a time of 2:11.55 in the 200-yard breaststroke. The women were led by first-year swimmer Chelsea Diamond's seventh-place performance in the 200-yard backstroke in 2:11, first-year swimmer Carly Hubbard's eighth-place finish in the 200-yard butterfly in 2:11.87, and junior Allison Cahill's sixth-place finish in the 200-yard freestyle in 1:56.26.

For the season, the teams broke eight school records (12 record-breaking performances) and dropped a combined 596 seconds.



David Coyle

Sophomore Amanda Skinner broke school records for the 100-yard breaststroke and the 400-yard individual medley.



Joseph Rev Au

Softball has its best Heartland record ever

The softball team compiled its best record ever in regular season Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference play with a 15-1 mark, good enough for the Pioneers' third straight regular season league crown and the opportunity to host the HCAC tournament on Hall Field. Under head coach Michelle Manning, Transylvania was 23-13-1 overall.

Transylvania's only HCAC regular season loss came at the hands of Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology by 7-6. The Pioneers then reeled off 14 straight wins to head into the conference tournament with great momentum.

The Pioneers lost to Defiance College 3-2 in the opener of the double-elimination event, then easily handled Bluffton University 10-2 in the second round. Anderson University brought Transylvania's season to an end with a 2-0 win that ended the Pioneers' tourney hopes.

Earlier, the Pioneers spent spring break in Clermont, Fla., taking part in the NTC Spring Games. A 4-6 record for the week included wins over Wesleyan University (Conn.) by 15-7 and the University of Wisconsin-Superior by 6-5.

Transylvania players won two of the most valuable player awards in the HCAC when senior Kendra DeArk was named Pitcher of the Year and sophomore infielder Megan Mitchell was selected as Hitter of the Year. Both were also named to the All-HCAC first team.

DeArk posted a 7-1 record against league



Helena Hau

Senior Kendra DeArk was Pitcher of the Year in the HCAC.

opponents with a 0.78 earned run average. Overall, she was 8-7 with a 2.13 ERA and 110 strikeouts in 95 innings.

Mitchell had 17 home runs, tying her own school single-season record. She set HCAC marks with a .629 batting average, 27 runs scored, and 11 homers. She led the league in runs-batted-in with 28, slugging percentage at 1.629, on-base percentage at .722, and walks with 21. She was also the National Fastpitch Coaches Association NCAA Division III National Player of the Week for the April 25-May 1 period.

1911 Crimson



The 1910-11 Transylvania men's basketball team was the last Pioneer men's team to play the University of Kentucky.

Pioneers will play UK in Rupp Arena in November

For the first time in a century, the Transylvania Pioneers and the University of Kentucky Wildcats will meet in a men's basketball game when the two teams take the floor in Rupp Arena on November 2 in a pre-season exhibition game.

"We are realistic about our chances to be competitive," said Transylvania head coach Brian Lane '90. "We want to use the game to get ready for our season and give UK a disciplined opponent to contend with. It's a great opportunity for our program. Not many NCAA Division III teams get to play in Rupp Arena, especially against what will probably be the nation's No. 1 or No. 2 ranked team."

Transylvania last played the Wildcats in 1911 in a game won by UK 30-24. The two teams helped inaugurate intercollegiate basketball in Kentucky eight years earlier in a 1903 game won by Transylvania 42-2. During those years the schools played 14 times, with each winning seven games. Transylvania has outscored the Wildcats 303-182 in the series.

Lane said he expects his players to be sky-high for the UK game.

"I'm sure they'll be excited," he said. "It's something they'll remember for a very long time. I think they will want to come back to campus this fall in the best shape of their lives."

Track and field shows well at St. Joseph meet

In their second year of modern-era competition, the men's and women's track and field teams made a good showing at the College of Mount St. Joseph Invitational and gained more valuable experience while taking part in both the indoor and outdoor meets of the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference. Both teams are led by head coach Jason Moncer.

At the Mount St. Joseph meet, the women's team finished third behind the host school and Georgetown College, and ahead of Northern Kentucky University, Indiana East University, Thomas More College, and St. Catharine College. Among the top individual performers for the Pioneers were junior Lucy Wright, who won the shot put and hammer throw and was third in the discus, and sophomore Ria Keegan, who took second in the 800-meter run.

On the men's side, junior Aaron Carriethers won the javelin, and sophomore Ryan Stockdill was sixth in the 800-meter run.

Transylvania took part in the first HCAC indoor meet, held at Anderson University, where both men's and women's teams finished ninth. Wright captured second place in the women's shot put. The outdoor meet was held at Hanover College, and both teams came in 10th.



Joseph Rey Au

Men's golf wins HCAC, goes to NCAA tourney

For the fifth straight year, the men's golf team captured the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference tournament and competed in the NCAA Division III championship.

The Pioneers cruised to a 28-shot victory in the HCAC meet, which was played for the first two rounds at the University of Kentucky Club in Lexington and at the Anderson Country Club in Anderson, Ind., for the final two rounds. Transylvania's four-day total of 1,255 bested the College of Mount St. Joseph (1,283) and Franklin College (1,291).

Junior Justin Tereshko led the way for Transylvania with a total of 308, just three shots back of medalist Eric Whitaker of Franklin. Other Pioneers were first-year golfers Clay Hinton at 310 and Jantzen Latham at 317, sophomore Hunter Frazier with a 322, and junior James Dawson at 337.

In the NCAA championship, played at the

Head coach Brian Lane '90 looks at a putt with junior Justin Tereshko during the first round of the HCAC tournament.

Grandover Resort in Greensboro, N.C., Transylvania just missed qualifying for the final two rounds of the four-day meet after finishing the first two days in a three-way tie with La Verne College and Redlands College for the 15th and final spot. Leading the way for the Pioneers were Tereshko with a 145 (71-74) and Latham (76-73) and Dawson (75-74), both at 149.

Highlights from fall and spring regular season play include a second-place finish in the Anderson Invitational, hosted by Anderson University, and a victory in the Hanover Invitational, hosted by Hanover College. At Hanover, Transylvania's 604 total outdistanced runner-up Mount St. Joseph (614), Defiance College (634), Thomas More College (652), Manchester College (652), and Anderson (653). Transylvania's Hinton was medalist (148: 79-69).

Hinton and Tereshko won All-HCAC honors, and Hinton was also named HCAC Freshman of the Year. Transylvania head coach Brian Lane '90 was named HCAC Coach of the Year for the fifth straight season.



Joseph Rey Au

Women's basketball finishes runner-up in HCAC regular season and tournament

A tie for second in the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference regular season race and a runner-up finish in the conference tournament were the rewards for a 20-8 season turned in by the women's basketball team.

After opening the year with a 79-75 win over Wilmington College, the Pioneers split a pair of games in the Sodexo Classic, held in the Beck Center, falling to Ohio Northern University 66-58 in the opener and defeating Kalamazoo College 83-58 in the second game. Transylvania defeated Centre College handily 82-62 before beginning conference action.

Transylvania started slowly in HCAC play, dropping its first two league games, but then

caught fire and went on an 8-0 streak before ending the season with a 13-5 league record, tying Franklin College for the runner-up spot.

In the conference tournament, played at Hanover College, the Pioneers easily got by Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology 71-50 in a first-round game, then dispatched Franklin College 74-59 in the semifinals. Facing the 24-1 Hanover Panthers on their home court proved too much for Transylvania as the host team won 82-71 and clinched the league's automatic bid to the NCAA Division III championship.

"Our team continued to get better as the year progressed, and we played our best basketball in the conference tournament," said head coach Greg Todd. "We were blessed to have outstanding seniors who provided leadership and productivity on the court."

Two of the seniors—Olivia Akridge and

Senior center Holly Milburn launches a free throw in an 80-62 win over Muskingum College in the Beck Center.

Holly Milburn—had stellar years and were each named to the All-HCAC first team. Akridge led the conference in scoring with an 18.1 average while Milburn averaged 15.9 points and seven rebounds per contest. Akridge finished her Transylvania career with 1,259 points, placing her at No. 9 on the school's all-time list, and Milburn wound up with 1,183 points, good for No. 11. Milburn's total of 549 rebounds is 11th best in school history.

"It's rare to have two players reach the 1,000 mark in career points in the same season, and Olivia and Holly did that within a week of each other," said Todd.



Joseph Rey Au

Men's tennis shares HCAC season crown

The men's tennis team turned in another highly successful season with a 7-1 regular-season record against Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference teams, good for a tie for the title with Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology. It was the ninth straight year the Pioneers had either won or shared the title. Under head coach Chuck Brown, Transylvania's overall record for the year was 10-5.

Even with those achievements, however, the season brought a shocker to the program as the Pioneers lost a match to an HCAC foe for the first time in nine years. Before Earlham College defeated Transylvania 8-1 in a home match for the Pioneers on April 17, Transylvania had won an astounding 68 matches in a row against conference opponents. The last loss had

come in 2002 against Anderson University.

Earlham came back to eliminate Transylvania 5-1 in the finals of the HCAC tournament, an event the Pioneers had won eight years in a row. Playing at the West Indy Racquet Club in Indianapolis, Transylvania could win but one match, a No. 6 singles victory (7-6 [5], 6-0) by sophomore Tyler Pewitt.

A highlight of regular-season play came during the spring break trip to Orange Beach, Ala., when Transylvania defeated Spring Hill College 7-2.

Transylvania placed three juniors on the All-HCAC first team: Patrick Corbett, Keith Henderson, and Will Palmer. Palmer, a two-time HCAC Player of the Year, was a first-team pick for the third straight season. Henderson was honored for the second time, and Corbett made the team for the first time.

Junior Will Palmer was an All-HCAC first team performer.

A Presidential

R. Owen Williams installed as 25th president of

R. Owen Williams was installed and celebrated as the 25th president in the 231-year history of Transylvania University on April 29 in a colorful and impressive ceremony on the steps of Old Morrison. Looking on was a gathering of trustees, faculty and staff members, students, alumni, friends, political leaders, and representatives from more than 80 colleges and universities in the United States and abroad.

After several weeks of rainy weather, the clouds parted and the mid-morning sun shone brilliantly from a crisp blue sky on Transylvania's first presidential inauguration in 27 years. William T. Young Jr., chairman of the Board of Trustees, spoke the official words of installation and conferred upon Williams the presidential medallion and university mace, symbols of the authority and responsibility of the office and of the transformative powers of the university.

"With his education, experience, scholarship, energy, enthusiasm, and supportive family," Young told the crowd, "Owen Williams is the right person to lead Transylvania into the next century and into the ranks of the top liberal arts colleges in the nation."

Williams came to Transylvania after a 24-year career as a Wall Street investment banker and a 10-year period of scholarly preparation at Yale University, Harvard University, and New York University. He holds an A.B. in philosophy from Dartmouth College, an M.A. in intellectual history from the University of Cambridge in England, a Ph.D. in American history from Yale, and an M.S.L. in law from Yale Law School.

The ceremony was the highlight of a three-day celebration that began on Wednesday with a bluegrass barbeque and student fine arts showcase and concluded Friday evening with a reception, black-tie dinner, and inaugural ball. In between there were an academic symposium (*see page 16*), a piano concert, a celebration brunch, and many other events.



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Helena Hau

Left, the Transylvania Choir, under the direction of music professor Gary Anderson, performs "How Can I Keep from Singing," an American folk hymn arranged by Ronald Staheli. Center, President Williams is joined by his wife, Jennifer, daughter, Penelope, and son, Tucker, following the inauguration ceremony. Right, Mayor Jim Gray offers remarks about the long-standing bonds between Transylvania and the city of Lexington.

Inauguration

Transylvania

Williams used his inaugural address to pay homage to the rich history of Transylvania, to articulate the value and relevance of a liberal arts education, and to present a vision for the university's future that calls for exciting new directions.

Recalling Transylvania's founding in a virtual wilderness area in 1780 as the first college west of the Alleghenies and the 16th in the nation, Williams said, "Transylvania served boldly as a 'lamp in the forest,' a beacon of enlightenment....For over 230 years, Transylvania's pioneers have cut new paths on behalf of our larger society."

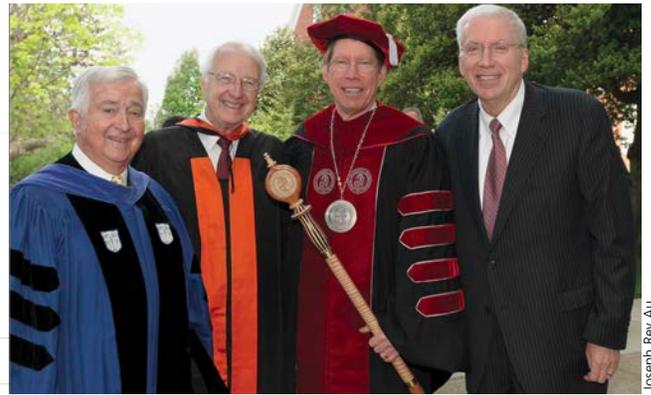
Reaffirming the essentiality of a liberal education, he said, "The liberal arts and sciences teach students how to think about thinking, resulting in self-discipline, integrity, and empathy. Thus begins a process of self-education that continues for a lifetime."

Finally, Williams articulated an ambitious future for Transylvania encompassing a rise in enrollment to 1,500, a more international student body and faculty, changes in the curriculum to reflect a more international outlook, a more robust endowment, and a campus dedicated to sustainable practices. That led to his concluding remarks, based on ideas stated in the university's slogan—Question Everything; Accomplish Anything—which was unveiled at the inauguration:

"I look forward to our continued resilience, reflection, and resolve, to the journey that lies ahead, to being part of the pioneering family of Transylvania, to the many questions that we will ask, and to the accomplishment of our dreams."

See page 20 for a transcript of Williams's address.

Valerie Winn, sister to President Williams and a teacher at the Maryland School for the Deaf, signs during the inaugural address.



President Williams is joined by former Transylvania presidents, from left, William Kelly, David Brown, and Charles Shearer.

Joseph Rey Au



Symposium panelists Annette Gordon-Reed and David Blight, shown with President Williams, received honorary degrees from Transylvania.

Joseph Rey Au



Helena Hau



Joseph Rey Au

Tammie Williams, administrative assistant in the Division of Fine Arts, brings greetings on behalf of the Transylvania staff.



Helena Hau

Transylvania alumni representing Transylvania and other institutions in the academic procession are, from left, James Moak '75 (Georgetown College), Jill Stratton '91 (Washington University in St. Louis), William Martin '60 (Franklin College), Kara Little Covert '90 (Eastern Kentucky University), Alton Templeton '61 (American University), Rose Mary Stamler Dow '88 (Transylvania), William Drake '78 (Midway College), Robert Hughes '77 (University of Louisville), and G. Philip Points '57 (University of Chicago).

Civil War symposium features prominent scholars



David Blight, far right, discusses a point during the question-and-answer portion of the symposium as, from left, Jed Shugerman, John McCardell, and Annette Gordon-Reed look on.

An academic highlight of Transylvania's presidential inauguration was a Civil War symposium featuring four prominent scholars of nineteenth-century American history and legal history. "The Civil War and Reconstruction in the Border States: History and Memory at the Sesquicentennial" included presentations by three panelists, a reflective summary by a moderator, and a question-and-answer session.

John McCardell Jr., vice-chancellor and president of the University of the South, led off the discussion by noting the difficulty of defining the "South" prior to the Civil War and how that leads to questions about which states can be considered "border" states, and at what point in time the call is being made.

By way of example, he pointed out that as late as April 1861, Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Arkansas were thought of as border states and were, at the same time, slave states still in the Union. Those states very soon joined the Confederacy and ceased being border states.

Kentucky was a slave state at the beginning of the Civil War, but never joined the Confederacy and attempted to remain officially neutral. It thus became the classic battleground where brother fought against brother and competing factors in state government tried to pull the state toward the Union or the Confederacy.

McCardell said that for these reasons, Kentucky became a very special state in the playing out of the Civil War. "I hope to have God on my side," McCardell quoted Abraham Lincoln as saying, "but I must have Kentucky."

Annette Gordon-Reed, professor of law and history at Harvard University, looked at themes involving the Reconstruction period, primarily through an analysis of the attitudes and policies of Andrew Johnson, who became President upon the assassination of Lincoln.

Gordon-Reed feels that Johnson's role as President during the early stages of Reconstruction represents a "lost opportunity" for African Americans because of Johnson's opposition to

basic rights for blacks.

"Once Johnson realized that emancipation was something that had to be done, he went along with it," Gordon-Reed said, "but he also said, 'Emancipation of blacks, but that's it. No political rights, no civil rights for African Americans.'" Johnson vetoed the Freedman's Bureau, which would have given land to blacks and helped with their education, and the Civil Rights bills.

"Johnson held out the hope of a white man's government," Gordon-Reed said, "and he didn't think the South should be reformed. If blacks had been given land, think of the difference between economic development in the African American community, the difference between owning your own property and being a sharecropper. So when you think of Andrew Johnson and Reconstruction, I do think of it as a lost opportunity."

David Blight, professor of American history at Yale University, spoke of the nature of Civil War memory in the border states by referencing moving passages in the works of Kentucky author and literary critic Robert Penn Warren, notably in Warren's book *A Legacy of the Civil War*.

"Robert Penn Warren was a great Kentuckian, a great southerner, a great American writer who I think has as much to say in some of the deepest and most lasting ways about the Civil War as any American writer," Blight said. "He gave us a genuine sense of the tragedy of that event."

Warren was born in 1905 in Guthrie, Ky., near the Tennessee border. His grandfather, a Confederate veteran, told him tales



On display was a Civil War-era flag stitched from his wife's dresses by Transylvania graduate Robert Peter, former dean of the Transylvania medical school. The flag was flown over Old Morrison during the war.

of the Civil War that stoked his imagination and formed many of his impressions of the great conflict.

“As a boy,” said Blight, “Warren recollected the war with some mixture of ‘wickedness of the Yankees, justice of the southern cause—whatever it was, I don’t know—and the slave question with Lincoln somehow a great man but misguided.’ Now if that’s not a border state interpretation of the Civil War, I don’t know what is.”

Finally, **Jed Shugerman**, professor at Harvard Law School and moderator of the symposium, revisited each presentation and offered amplification and alternatives to the themes discussed.

He framed his response by referring to a theme common to all three of the presenters: the debate about the relative importance of fate versus free will, destiny versus choice, in relation to a sweeping, overpowering event like the Civil War.

Shugerman added a Warren quote, from his book *Wilderness*, to augment his analysis of Blight’s presentation:

“Can we, in fact, learn only that we are victims of nature and

history, or can we learn that we can make, or at least have hand in, the making of our future.”

While agreeing with Gordon-Reed’s overall point about the negative influence of Johnson on Reconstruction issues, he pointed out that congressional Republicans were able to override the President and protect some Reconstruction initiatives. “But how much more could have come from Lincoln’s moral leadership and unifying presence?,” Shugerman asked. “We can’t know.”

As for McCardell’s look at the idea of border states, Shugerman added to the presentation by stating, “All these border states played a crucial role, and any swing one way or the other could have swung the Civil War. There might not have been a Civil War at all had Virginia not jumped into secession, but there might have been a Southern victory had some of these border states, whether it was Missouri, Kentucky, or Maryland, gone toward secession. That border line of geography was also a border line of politics and commitments.”



Far left, William Wiecek, Syracuse University legal and history professor and the first speaker September 26 in the John Marshall Harlan Lecture Series at Transylvania, looks at historical displays in the library as junior Joseph Underwood looks on. Left, physics professor Jamie Day and library director Susan Brown, both at right, talk with alumni. Below, part of the display of 340 congratulatory letters and greetings from colleges and universities.



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Clockwise, from above (photos taken at Thursday night's cocktail party on Transylvania's campus, and at Friday's inaugural dinner at the Hilton Lexington/Downtown): from left, associate vice president and associate dean of the college Kathleen Jagger, art professor Nancy Wolsk, philosophy professor Peter Fosl (background), and Harvard University law and history professor Annette Gordon-Reed. From left, psychology professor Iva Katzarska-Miller, Spanish professor Jeremy Paden, and religion professor Carole Barnsley. Physical education professor Don Lane and his wife, Monna. Chairman of the Board William T. Young Jr. and Jennifer Williams, president Williams's wife. From left, trustee Ann Rosenstein Giles '75 and her husband, Bill, and former Transylvania president David Brown and his wife, Lin.



Shown at President Williams's table during the black tie dinner are, clockwise from left foreground, Betty Rosenthal and Trustee Warren Rosenthal, senior Holly Milburn, President Williams, Board of Trustees Chairman William T. Young Jr., Laura A. (Sutton) Candris '75 and Trustee Aris Candris '73, senior Ben Kuebbing, Tom Klein (friend of the president's), and French and Spanish professor Simonetta Cochis.



Music professor Greg Partain presents a solo concert of classical and contemporary compositions.

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Helena Hau

From top: Andrea Warner '10 (right) and Alyson Burke, who comprise the country music duo aly'an, perform for an enthusiastic crowd in the Beck Center at the Bluegrass Barbecue, the kickoff event for inauguration festivities. Juniors Tiffany Buchanan and Chris Beal enjoy the ice cream social on Haupt Plaza. Sarah Allison, an incoming first-year student from West Carrollton, Ohio, enjoys the juried student exhibition in Morlan Gallery with her father, Jerry. Members of the Transylvania a cappella singing group Formerly Known As entertain the crowd at the student fine arts showcase in Carrick Theater.



Helena Hau



Joseph Rey Au

Quotes from the inauguration

"The university's campus marks our city's history, and we are marked by it. As city dwellers attached to this institution, we have all inherited, and we all live, Transylvania's rich legacy. It's part of our DNA. It's a touchstone, a talisman for our city, representing the best of our purpose and promise."

*The Honorable Jim Gray,
Mayor of Lexington and Fayette County*

"It is indeed an exciting day for Transylvania, for Lexington, and for the Commonwealth of Kentucky. People involved with Transylvania tell me there is a renewed sense of purpose at the school, energized by the vision that President Williams is determined to turn into reality."

The Honorable Steve Beshear, Governor of Kentucky

"Today, Transylvania's past converges with its future. President Williams, you inherit an institution steeped in tradition, yet poised for the future. We, the alumni, will support you as you carefully guard our traditions while rendering them relevant to future generations."

*The Honorable Karen K. Caldwell '77,
United States District Judge, Eastern District of Kentucky*

"Students at Transylvania are forever dedicated to the liberal arts mission that this college was founded upon. President Williams has a strong vision for Transylvania and has developed a passion for our beloved university. With his direction and the support of the Transylvania student body, I am confident he will achieve his goals."

*Jessica Beard, class of 2011,
Student Government Association president*

"Owen Williams has proven that he understands and, better yet, appreciates what being the president of Transylvania University is all about. We cultivate the future of excellence together. I look forward to Dr. Williams's leadership in the next chapters of Transylvania's esteemed history."

*Tammie Williams,
administrative assistant, Division of Fine Arts*

"No particular name covers the vigilance, the constant imaginative interpolation that marks a good faculty mind. We are grateful to Dr. Williams for showing how having that disposition invites us to bold intellectual adventure and most especially, within that enterprise, to strong engagements with diversity. He has that habit of mind crucial to those upon whom nothing is lost and has encouraged that in us. For that reason, and many more, we faculty welcome him as one of us."

Jack Furlong, professor of philosophy

"Owen Williams brings to Transylvania a rare combination of skills, honed both in the world of corporate finance and in academe. His academic focus reflects an appreciation for all Transylvania has been and provides a vision for our place among the very best liberal arts colleges in the twenty-first century."

INAUGURAL ADDRESS

R. Owen Williams

April 29, 2011

It has been a year since my appointment as president and in that time two questions continuously emerge: “What is Transylvania?” and “What might we become?”

Ever since the eighteenth century, Transylvania has been many things to many people, but one distinctive characteristic defines us. At Transylvania we question everything.

Transylvania is a bridge between dreams imagined and dreams achieved. Far more than preparing students to do something, Transylvania empowers young people to accomplish anything.

At Transylvania we question everything so as to accomplish anything.

For over 230 years, Transylvania’s pioneers have cut new paths on behalf of our larger society. It has taken resilience, reflection, and resolve.

Try to conjure those early days of Transylvania, when the land where you are sitting was desolate wilderness and the trees were all that separated early settlers from nature’s cruelty and the ravages of war. Can you imagine the audacity, bravery, and foresight that it took to establish an institution of higher learning in a place where colonial civilization had only the slightest toehold?

Long before there was a Commonwealth of Kentucky, when crossing the Appalachian Mountains was barely conceivable, Daniel Boone traded with the Cherokees for a large tract of land, later named Transylvania (which, we know, is Latin for “across the woods”).

Transylvanians sent a representative to the Continental Congress in the hope of becoming America’s 14th state.

Among those original settlers were the founders of a university, the 16th such institution in this nation’s history. Since 1780—when the only other colleges in the country were Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Brown, Dartmouth, and a handful of others—Transylvania University served boldly as “a lamp in the forest,” a beacon of enlightenment.

So bright was the light from Transylvania that, 175 years later, in 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower stood on this very spot where I stand today and marveled at the accomplishment of our founders, with this observation: “Ladies and gentlemen, it is almost overpowering to think that someone at that time—before we were even a nation, before the War of Independence had been successfully concluded, eight years before the meeting of our Constitutional Convention—was establishing here an institution to disseminate knowledge and to propagate...the values that are at the heart of our [American] system.”

Indeed, Transylvania contributed mightily to the establishment of that American system: we produced a disproportionate 101 U.S. representatives, 50 U.S. senators, 36 governors, 34 ambassadors, two U.S. vice presidents, two Supreme Court justices, as well as countless theologians, physicians, lawyers, scientists, and writers who corresponded actively with intellectual centers throughout America and Europe.

The influence of Transylvania also led to the founding of the University of Kentucky and several medical institutions in the Ohio Valley.

We must pay tribute to the extraordinary accomplishment of our predecessors.

In every period of our history, Transylvania demonstrated a resilience that saw us through the tumult of wars, religious upheavals, economic depressions, changing demographics, and a

multitude of cultural shifts.

While the majority of colleges founded before the Civil War ceased to exist, Transylvania lives on.

So, how have we endured? To survive the nation’s many transformations, to contribute to American development, Transylvania assumed a philosophy of dedicated reflection.

From the very start, this college has been imbued with an insatiable sense of inquiry, perfectly illustrated by the most esteemed president of Transylvania in its formative years, Horace Holley, who embodied Transylvania’s ideal of intellectual inquiry.

A graduate of Yale University who studied philosophy and theology, Holley gave a speech on July 4, 1819, to an audience that included professors, students, and two visiting national dignitaries—President James Monroe and future president Andrew Jackson.

At one point in his oration, Holley asked his audience, “What shall we do, what shall we be, what principles, affections, habits, and motives shall we follow and cherish in order to enjoy our existence permanently?”

Those questions posed by President Holley are timeless and have been at the heart of Transylvania’s discourse since the beginning; indeed, they became our DNA.

Thomas Jefferson, who counted Holley as a friend, once praised our strong inquisitive bent and rich intellectual heritage, stating, “If we are to go a begging anywhere for education, I would rather it should be to Kentucky [and Transylvania]...”

Inquiry. Who am I? Where am I going? How can I make a difference in the world? These are the investigations we routinely encourage our students to pursue.

We recognize intellectual curiosity as the *sine qua non* of individual and institutional advancement. This campus is regularly invigorated by open investigation and intellectual exchange between our award-winning faculty and superb student body.

In fact, the faculty is currently engaged in careful consideration of the what, how, and why of learning. In the same way that we encourage students to examine who they are and where they are going, the administration and faculty are taking careful inventory of the institution at large. What constitutes a worthy twenty-first century liberal arts education? Questions like that are always and everywhere on our campus.

Perhaps the best evidence of our creative approach to the liberal arts can be found in the Transylvania Seminar on Liberal Education, which has brought national acclaim and attention to this college. In these intensive summer seminars, Transylvania invites faculty from around the country to help us reexamine the merit and direction of the liberal arts.

It has been said that the liberal arts “are those areas of knowledge where practical-minded parents hope their children will not major.” Yet the beauty of the liberal arts is that their very essence defies obvious practical justification.

Liberal education is a fluid course of inquiry, not a static compilation of knowledge. More concerned with the questions than the answers, a liberal education creates the intellectual and moral capacity to grapple with and even embrace life’s labyrinths and ambiguities. Because the answers change with time and circumstances, those who ask the best questions will solve the big problems.

According to a recent study of CEOs, chief executives succeed

not for their answers, but for their “passionate curiosity” and for “asking the right questions.”

The liberal arts teach students to think as if their choices were essential, to read as if their books might hold “eternal truths,” to write as if their words could appeal to the ages, to live as if their efforts might change the world. The liberal arts and sciences teach students how to think about thinking, resulting in self-discipline, integrity, and empathy. Thus begins a process of self-education that continues for a lifetime.

Questioning everything is the ultimate result of what is perhaps more aptly called, “the liberating arts.” They liberate us from the limits of our own experience, from prejudice, ideology, and impetuosity, but most of all, from the inclination toward hubris instead of analysis. The liberating arts allow us to dream, to improve upon all that we know.

Transylvania students come to understand the true “spirit of liberty,” what the incomparable judge and legal philosopher Learned Hand once described as “the spirit which is not too sure that it is right.”

Learning to question everything is what comes of an education at Transylvania—the freedom and ability to question everything: our thoughts, our actions, and our purpose. That is what we do at Transylvania: we question everything.

Building upon our resilience and reflection, we here today resolve to do even more for Transylvanians still to come than our predecessors have done for us, to make this one of America’s very best liberal arts colleges.

As one of our former deans observed, Transylvania is committed to pioneering: “never clear, the future is always across the woods.”

Through our resolve, we intend to cross those woods.

Surrounded as we are by the enormous talent and intelligence of our students and faculty, it is exciting to envision what Transylvania might become over the next decade.

Join me as we take a tour of Transylvania’s campus in 2021, as the Class of 2011 convenes for its 10th reunion.

Our tour guide is Bahumathi Kumar, a senior from India who proudly informs us that she is president of the Transylvania International Society, housed on the recently renovated Bourbon Avenue.

Bahumathi, whose name is Hindi for “scholar,” is the second person to attend Transylvania from her high school, where she graduated valedictorian. She has been very comfortable at Transylvania, partly because about 10 percent of the college’s 1,500 students hail from outside the United States.

As we walk through the greenery of Haupt Plaza and past the rainwater collection system at the fine arts building, we bump into Professor Don Dugi, who still looks fetching in shorts and flip-flops. He reports that one of his students has been awarded a Rhodes Scholarship, the second at Transylvania in the past 10 years. He also mentions the national debate generated by the most recent edition of the *Transylvania Liberal Arts Journal*, founded in 2012.

We stop by the alumni office, at 415 Broadway, which, like all offices on campus, has been paperless for years. The electronic monitor in the hallway shows that the annual campaign crossed the 65 percent alumni participation rate and surpassed the \$100 million campaign goal.

As we head into the newly expanded William T. Young Campus Center, we hear the lacrosse team celebrating its third

straight undefeated season, which has our rivals at Sewanee and Centre fit to be tied.

Can you imagine all of that as our future? I suspect you can, because you know that Transylvania is destined for distinction. We maintain an unwavering commitment to education and to each other.

Perhaps most of all, we are committed to the quest for enlightenment, the very same quest that has directed this campus from the beginning. Back in the 1780s, when our founders first crossed the woods to Transylvania, the German philosopher Immanuel Kant wrote an essay entitled “Answering the Question: What is Enlightenment?” He challenged his readers to courageously pursue reason and independent thinking: “*Sapere aude.*” “Dare to be wise.”

That principle, the bold devotion to inquiry and learning, informed the philosophy of Horace Holley and continues to animate the liberating arts at Transylvania University. It is “the lamp in the forest” that has guided our every pioneering step and that drives us to question everything and accomplish anything.

To the students here today, I say think big; be ambitious; dare to change your surroundings; embrace the world’s ailments as your opportunities. With all that goes on here, Transylvania will help you find your passion, but to be successful, you must clothe that passion with perseverance.

To the faculty and staff, I am inspired by your devotion to our college. You know that greatness is dynamic, a constant striving, not an end point. So don’t play it safe; experiment and explore with an aggressive commitment equal to what we demand of our students.

To the Board of Trustees, I thank you for the generosity you have already shown and respectfully submit that you will need to provide still greater leadership for Transylvania to attain the heights it deserves.

To the Lexington community, Transylvania benefits enormously from our exceptional location. This is a warm and wonderful city and we

are ready to broaden and fortify our relationships here.

To my friends, I am eternally grateful that you enrich my life with our every encounter and I ask that you visit often.

To my family (especially my wife and children), know that while Transylvania now courses through my veins, my heart is forever yours.

Like our graduates, I have already imbibed Transylvania’s emblematic spirit of belonging. The sense of connection within the Transylvania family is not easy to describe, but a dear friend told me it is like the German notion of *heimat*, or the French concept of *terroir*. Our students don’t attend college; rather, they are from Transylvania, in a way that nurtures, inspires, and renders them ethical and responsible citizens.

Our mission at Transylvania is clear: We cultivate open-mindedness, independent thinking, creativity, lifelong learning, self-awareness, and social responsibility, all through thoughtful engagement with the liberal arts in preparation for a fulfilling personal and public life.

Thank you all for the honor of your presence and the privilege of your trust. I look forward to our continued resilience, reflection, and resolve, to the journey that lies ahead, to being part of the pioneering family of Transylvania, to the many questions that we will ask, and to the accomplishment of our dreams.

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**Transylvania University: Question Everything;
Accomplish Anything**

RECORD-BREAKING GRADUATION

Commencement sees 263 walk across the stage, most in school history

Transylvania sent 263 graduates from the class of 2011 into the world on May 28, the most in the school's 231-year history, during the first commencement ceremony under President R. Owen Williams, who completed his first academic year at the helm.

Transylvania trustee Aris Candris '73, president and CEO of Westinghouse Electric Company and uncle of graduating senior Stamatios Kandris, gave the commencement address from the steps of Old Morrison. Drawing from his experience in nuclear power and environmental issues, he urged graduates to work hard and take risks while making sure to find a vocation that will fulfill them and bring them happiness.

"We have an energy crisis on our hands, and global warming is a very real issue," Candris said. "And if we don't do something about it now, we will place future generations at risk. As a society and as a planet, we must get past short-term thinking, and start long-term planning.... Every day that I go to work, I sincerely believe that I'm playing a part in leaving this earth better than I found it."

Candris completed his Transylvania B.A. in three years with three majors—mathematics, physics, and pre-engineer-

ing—and earned an M.S. and a Ph.D., both in nuclear engineering, at Carnegie Mellon University. His 36-year career with Westinghouse has included increasingly responsible positions on both the engineering and management sides of the company, beginning in 1975 with his first role as a senior engineer in the former advanced reactor division.

He reminded the students of the value of their liberal arts educations, regardless of the fields they enter as professionals. As an example, he cited the issue of public perception versus reality in the wake of the March 11 tsunami and earthquake in Japan. The state of the damaged Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant has been featured prominently in the world media, but Candris said the reality is not as grim as has been portrayed.

"That's because historically, the nuclear energy industry has done a less-than-adequate job of educating the public as to the realities of nuclear energy," he said. "We have not been good communicators. And that's too bad, because we have an excellent story to tell. Although many people can master the technical skills of a job, few also have the communication skills needed to present ideas clearly and concisely. This ability will be

invaluable to you in the coming years."

Graduating senior Virginia Hamilton, a writing, rhetoric, and communication major and psychology minor from Bardstown, Ky., was the student speaker. She recalled Scott Turow, whose book *Ultimate Punishment* she and her classmates were assigned the summer before their first year at Transylvania for the annual First Engagements reading program.

"Four years ago, we each read the words of Scott Turow and maybe didn't pick up on the lifelong insights he buries beneath the lawful jargon," Hamilton said. "Now, we leave with more than his explanation of the Illinois state laws on capital punishment. We leave with a new outlook on our active futures. And now, my sentiment for you, in conjunction with Turow's words and Transylvania's mission, is this: Don't just be an optimist; be a leader. And don't just be a leader; be a pioneer now, and in the future. Because if we fail to maximize on the potential that Transylvania University has instilled in each one of us, now that would be the ultimate punishment."

**Commencement speaker
Aris Candris '73**



Photos by Joseph Rey Au





From left, Kat Thacker, Stamatios Kandris, Jessica Short, and Virginia Hamilton

Where will they go from here?

American University, the University of Edinburgh, the University of Kentucky, and Nickelodeon are among the interesting destinations for members of the class of 2011.

Kat Thacker completed a double major in Spanish and international affairs and will attend American University in Washington, D.C., this fall in a four-year, dual-degree program that leads to a law degree and a master's degree in international studies.

The Lexington native has always had an interest in languages, which accounts for her Spanish major. After taking a number of political science and history courses, Thacker decided to add a special major pattern in international affairs, a popular self-designed major at Transylvania in recent years.

She is thrilled with her acceptance into the dual program at American.

"The program is perfect for me," she said. "I'll be able to take classes in law school such as international law organizations that will also count in the international studies program, so I don't have to take the same subject twice. International politics will be my concentration in the master's program."

Thacker's long-term goal is to work for a foundation, perhaps one that deals with human rights issues in different parts of the world, where she can use her language skills. She plans to continue her language education with classes in German and maybe Chinese.

Her focus on international issues was fueled during her Transylvania years by a study-abroad experience in Spain and her work at Kumon, a tutoring center in Lexington, where she worked with students from ages three to 17, many from Asian nations, including India and China.

"All of those experiences were eye-openers for me, and I believe they will really help me in the program at American and in my future career."

Stamatios Kandris, a philosophy and computer science

double major from Athens, Greece, is going to the University of Edinburgh in Edinburgh, Scotland, to study in the cognitive science master's program.

Kandris found there were not many schools that offered the exact program he wanted, so when he finally ran across Edinburgh, he got excited.

"I looked into the program and the courses, and it was exactly what I wanted," Kandris said. "It's one of the best schools for cognitive science."

Cognitive science is the study of the mind, including brain functions and artificial intelligence. Kandris said he's not sure what his focus will be, but he was exposed to a wide range of subjects through classes like Mental Organs with philosophy professor Jack Furlong and computer science professor Kenny Moorman.

"I almost created a major as a first-year student, but I realized that because of the interdisciplinary study that's offered, there was no point," Kandris said. "I had Dr. Moorman teaching about artificial intelligence and computer science and Dr. Furlong teaching morality and philosophy—the two created a perfect mentor."

The Edinburgh program begins in September and is a year long, culminating with a dissertation. Currently, Kandris's plan is to continue studying for his Ph.D. From there, he'd like to explore the possibility of teaching or going into bio-engineering.

"It's fascinating to study about thought and how the human mind works," he said. "I want to figure out what is going on in our heads using different methods than what we know already."

Jessica Short, a mathematics and physics double major from Lexington, will attend the University of Kentucky this fall on a Kentucky Research Opportunity Fellowship in the Ph.D. program in physics.

Her interest lies in theoretical physics, in part because of how intrigued she is with the illusions of the physical world, such as the impression that one is standing on an inert piece of flat land when in fact we are spinning and hurtling

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through space on a globe.

"I became intrigued by the idea that things are not always as they seem to us," Short said. "For example, while we might think of time as something constant, theoretical physics shows us that time actually changes depending on our velocity. It's mind boggling."

Short spent the summer after her junior year taking advantage of an undergraduate research experience in mathematical biology at the University of Utah that further fueled her interest in science.

"We were studying how you could use math and computer programming to model biological systems," she said. "I worked on a project to model the immune system."

Short is undecided as to her ultimate career goal at this point, but she may use her Ph.D. in physics in the commercial world. She won't rule out law school because of her interest in the Americans with Disabilities Act and public accommodation for disabled people. She has dealt with cerebral palsy her entire life, as a result of damage at birth.

"I didn't think I was any different at first," she said. "It's always been normal to me to be this way. I think if anything, it's made me more stubborn. I have always liked to be as independent as I can."

Virginia Hamilton, a writing, rhetoric, and communication major and psychology minor from Bardstown, Ky., got a job as a production assistant with Nickelodeon Preschool Brand Creative in the promotions department. She moved to New York City immediately after graduation to begin working.

The position will have Hamilton coordinating with produc-

ers, writers, and the rest of the creative team in the production of promotions within television shows on Nick Jr. that are aimed at preschool-age children. The channel does not show traditional commercials, so the production team gives promotional space to companies that integrate teaching opportunities—for example, promoting family dinner time with a pasta company.

It's a job that Hamilton cut her teeth on during an internship at Nickelodeon in the summer of 2010. She got familiar with the industry and with the company, and she was able to secure a position based on that experience. And she had a chance to use the skills she developed while studying writing, rhetoric, and communication at Transylvania.

"For my senior seminar project with (writing, rhetoric, and communication professor) Scott Whiddon, I wrote a television pilot 70 pages long," she said. "It was the hardest thing I've ever done in my life, but I learned so much about writing and television through that. To be able to use my senior seminar project in a direct way to help me in my career, I'm lucky in that sense."

The marriage of television entertainment and education was a big draw for Hamilton, who comes from a family of educators. Her internship allowed her to see that combination play out, and she's excited to get going as a full-time employee.

"As an intern, I would work on these projects for the production assistant, and I would write a little and help pull them together, and within a week it was on television—immediate feedback," she said. "It's going to be really cool."

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Sweet home Transylvania

Alumni return to their alma mater to reminisce and celebrate

Approximately 600 alumni and guests came to Lexington for four days of Alumni Weekend 2011 events April 28-May 1, beginning with the traditional outing at Keeneland Race Course on Thursday and ending Sunday morning with a Barr Society brunch at the home of President and Mrs. Owen Williams.

The alumni celebration luncheon on Saturday, held in the William T. Young Campus Center, was a perfect setting for alumni to get reacquainted with classmates and favorite professors. It was also a chance for many of them to get to know R. Owen Williams, who was just completing his first year as president of Transylvania.

Williams used his luncheon address to update the alumni on changes taking place at Transylvania, which he said are following a blueprint laid down in the 2009-2012 Strategic Plan prepared during the presidency of Charles L. Shearer, who retired in 2010.

"All I'm doing is implementing what Charles and the contributors to the strategic plan came up with," Williams said. "They created a wonderful plan for the future. It's one of the reasons I wanted to come to Transylvania, since the plan resonated so well with my values."

Williams cited five areas of focus from the plan: sustainability, technology, diversity, internationalizing the campus, and community outreach.

As an example of sustainability initiatives, he noted that the university has nearly halved its use of paper, which was 2.6 million pages for the previous year. "That's 342 trees a year, and that's not sustainable," he said. "This approach sends the right message to our students and to prospective students."

Williams said that expenditures on technology have gone up about three times just in the past year, providing professors and students with new tools. "Three years from now, we will see almost no textbooks on this or any other campus," he predicted. "Textbooks are going online, becoming digitized, allowing students to interact with each other and the material."

Diversifying a campus like Transylvania's takes a special commitment, Williams said, because the university is so

traditionally wedded to the state of Kentucky. This is crucial right now, since the college-bound demographic in Kentucky is dropping significantly. Citing progress, he noted that applications from students outside the state were up by 22 percent this year.

In terms of a global outlook, Williams pointed to study abroad and a more international approach to the curriculum as key factors in plans going forward. He also said that Transylvania will recruit outside the United States to bring international students to campus. "We must provide our students with exposure to the world they're going to be competing in," he said.

Community outreach means forging more bonds with Lexington, which Transylvania is so fortunate to have as its home, Williams said. "Lexington in many ways is one of the most distinguishing features of Transylvania. Most great liberal arts colleges are in rural destinations that are impossible to get to, and don't offer much once you get there, except what's on campus. In Lexington, we have so much to offer."

As an example of new initiatives with Lexington, Williams cited the recently signed agreement with the Carnegie Center for Literacy and Learning to explore new programs between the two institutions. (See article on page 7.)

Finally, speaking directly to the alumni in the audience, Williams said, "This is your institution. I had a dream to be a college president, but I never really believed it would happen. But had I

known, my dream would have been to be president of this college, because it is such a perfect place. I'm thrilled to be here. It is the honor of a lifetime."

At the conclusion of the luncheon, the Alumni Association elected Candice Caine Zaluski '71 president of the Alumni Executive Board and David Johnson '92 president-elect.



Enjoying their class of 1981 reunion are, from left, Janet Sears Bitzko, Amy Black Cross, Jeff Reeves, and Kim Noss Blankenship.



Pictured at the celebration luncheon are, from left, Vince Mongiardo '89, Mac Thompson '92, and Jessica Lagrew Thompson '94.



President R. Owen Williams accepts the \$1,039,257 reunion gift check from gift co-chair Betsy Boden McGehee '61 on behalf of this year's 10 reunion classes.

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Alumni Weekend 2011

University Awards

Morrison Medallion

Presented to alumni for outstanding service to Transylvania and its programs

Joe M. Thomson '66, a former member of the Board of Visitors, was elected to the Board of Trustees in 2004. He and his wife, JoAnn, made the lead gift for Thomson Residence Hall, opened in 2008, which houses 61 students in 31 suite-style units and also includes the 1780 Café and a meeting room. He is the owner of Winbak Farms of Delaware, New York, Maryland, and Canada and is a partner in the Lexington harness racing track The Red Mile. He is senior vice president and director of business development for PLANCO, a company founded by him, his wife, and a partner and subsequently purchased by Hartford Life.



Irvin E. Lunger Award

Presented for unique and exceptional service to Transylvania

Byron Young '61 has been a member of the Board of Trustees since 1994. He currently serves on the Executive Committee and co-chairs the sub-committee overseeing the university's reaffirmation of accreditation with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges. He previously served on the Academic Affairs Committee, Planning and Evaluation Committee, and Development Committee. He was alumni chair for the \$9.2 million Brown Science Center laboratory renovation project. He is professor of neurosurgery in the University of Kentucky College of Medicine and director of the Kentucky Neuroscience Institute.



Transylvania Medal

Presented to non-alumni who, through friendship and outstanding service, have promoted Transylvania

David L. Shannon, professor of mathematics, has taught at Transylvania for 34 years. He was program chair for mathematics from 1984-2000 and served as interim vice president and dean of the college from 2002-04. He is a recipient of the Bingham Award for Excellence in Teaching. Among a long list of service activities to Transylvania, he is currently director of the university's reaffirmation compliance certification with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges and chair of Transylvania's Phi Beta Kappa application. He has been involved with the Holleian Society since 1978 and has served as the student honorary's president at various times. He chaired the honorary degree committee and served as university marshal from 1990-2011.



Charles and Susan Shearer Award

Presented for transformative service to Transylvania



Charles and Susan Shearer

served Transylvania for more than three decades, including 27 years as the university's president and first lady, the longest such tenure in the 231-year history of the college. Charles was elected to the presidency in 1983 after four years as vice president for finance. During his years in office, Transylvania was transformed through the revitalization of its academic programs, a rebuilding of much of the university's physical campus, a significant increase in enrollment, and strong growth in the endowment. Susan has been a partner to her husband every step of the way, serving as a sounding board for his ideas and a gracious ambassador for Transylvania at numerous events.

Outstanding Young Alumni Award

Presented to an alumnus or alumna who graduated no more than 18 years ago, with a strong record of volunteer service and support of their alma mater

Bradley T. Sullivan '03 has been a member of the Board of Visitors since 2007 and served as reunion gift chair for the five-year reunion of the class of 2003. He assists in managing United States-managed commodities business in the U.S. and Europe for ICAP Energy, the commodity arm of ICAP PLC, an interdealer broker that carries out transactions for financial institutions with a daily volume in excess of \$1.5 trillion. He was previously personal aide to U.S. Senator Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) and legislative correspondent for the senator, covering judicial nominations and transportation and foreign policy issues.



Enjoying a look at an old Ramble newspaper are, from left, Kelly Lannum Zaeh '66, Stephanie McGann Gardner '66, Bill Gardner '65, and Billy Reed '66.



From left, Daniel Swintosky '95, Brynn Rentz Wade '77, Vince Bingham '98, Lori Rechter Harper '84, Elaine Russell '98, Muffet Harmon Eskra '93, Fred Peters '77, Mark Browning '90, David Windley '65, Sean Carey '92

Ten alumni inducted into Pioneer Hall of Fame

Ten alumni representing six sports and four decades of Transylvania athletics heritage were inducted into the Pioneer Hall of Fame on May 22. The Hall of Fame recognizes former athletes, coaches, and others who have made outstanding contributions to Transylvania athletics.

Vince Bingham '98 is men's basketball all-time leading scorer with 2,109 points. He played on four straight NAIA tournament teams and helped the Pioneers win 94 games during his four seasons. In 1998 he became the first Pioneer to be named a first-team All-American in basketball and was also Great Lakes Regional Player of the Year and male Pioneer Athlete of the Year. He played professional basketball in Austria for two seasons. He has served as Transylvania's coordinator of multicultural affairs since 2001.

Mark Browning '90 was a four-year letter winner in golf and basketball. He played in two NAIA national golf championships, was a district medalist, and was part of a district championship team. In basketball, he played on teams that won 85 games, including the 1987-88 team that posted a 26-4 record and advanced to the NAIA national championship. He played on four straight NAIA tournament teams. He is vice president of pricing and traffic for Dayton Freight Lines in Dayton, Ohio, and lives in Springboro, Ohio.

Sean Carey '92 was a three-time letter winner on the soccer team. He was selected for three NAIA All-American teams, including first-team status as a senior. He played for Pioneer teams that won 48 matches, including a 20-3-1 mark in 1990. In his senior year he was elected male Pioneer Athlete of the Year and named a third-team All-American by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America. In New England, he played

semi-professional and professional soccer and became a head coach. He teaches third grade in Northborough, Mass.

Muffet Harmon Eskra '93, a three-sport standout, was a four-year star in softball and field hockey, and played basketball for a season. In field hockey, she was twice named to all-tournament teams for two separate conferences. She is an investment executive with Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Inc., in Shawnee Mission, Kan.

Lori Rechter Harper '84, a two-sport standout, starred in field hockey and tennis. She played No. 1 singles and No. 1 doubles for the tennis team and was a two-time Kentucky Women's Intercollegiate Conference doubles champion and winner of the KWIC singles title as a senior. She serves on the board of the Penryrile Tennis Association as a tennis official and referee for the United States Tennis Association. In 2010 her team advanced to the USTA national championship. A member of the Transylvania Board of Trustees, she is vice president for the Rogers Group, Inc., in Hopkinsville, Ky., a crushed stone producer that employs more than 1,600 persons in five states.

Fred Peters '77 was a standout tennis player, earning three varsity letters. He is a life member of the United States Tennis Association. He refereed basketball for the Kentucky High School Athletic Association from 1975-93. He has served on the Transylvania Board of Visitors, Alumni Executive Board, and reunion planning committees. A member of the Kentucky and national associations of criminal defense lawyers, he is self-employed as an attorney in Lexington.

Elaine Russell '98 starred in basketball and field hockey for four years. In field hockey, she was a four-year starter, a

team captain, and a conference Most Valuable Player, earning all-region recognition three times. A four-year starter in basketball and twice named team captain, she is Transylvania's second all-time career scorer with 1,664 points and first in rebounding with 1,085. She was female Pioneer Athlete of the Year in 1998. She is director of sports marketing and alumna adviser for Chi Omega at Western Michigan University.

Daniel Swintosky '95 starred on the basketball team as an NAIA All-American as well as an All-Region and All-District performer. He is second on the school's all-time scoring list with 2,000 career points. He played on teams that won 92 games, including a 26-8 mark in 1994-95 when the Pioneers qualified for the NAIA national tournament. After playing professional basketball in Germany for one season, he returned to his hometown of Louisville, where he is now president of Marine Electric Company.

Brynn Rentz Wade '77 was a standout on the tennis court, winning varsity letters each of her four years on the team. A member of the Holleian Society at Transylvania, she taught in the Fayette County public schools from 1977-79 and now serves on the Lexington Christian Academy board of directors while volunteering for Sunshine Ministries and Lighthouse Ministries.

David Windley '65 was a four-year letter winner on the golf team and a team captain as a senior. He was chosen for the Senior Athletic Golf Award and was also active in the intramural program throughout his career. He retired in 2007 from Blue & Co. LLC, a regional CPA firm in Carmel, Ind., that he founded in 1970 with five employees and that celebrated its 40th year in business in 2010 with 300 employees.

Alumni

NEWS & NOTES

Transylvania would like to publish your photos of alumni events and personal milestones. For consideration, please send photos to *Transylvania Magazine*, Transylvania University, 300 North Broadway, Lexington, KY 40508-1797.

'35 **Rose Hart Dale**, Livingston, Tenn., celebrated her 100th birthday on October 23, 2010, with an open house at the Chamber of Commerce. More than 200 family, friends, and former students attended. She lives with her niece, **Rebecca Officer '59**, and likes to play bridge, read, and watch University of Tennessee sports, news, and *Jeopardy!*.

'47 **Ann Cloyd Warner**, College Station, Texas, sends a "hello" to all of her classmates.

'64 **James A. "Gussie" Hands Jr.**, Maryville, Tenn., represented Transylvania in April at the Maryville College presidential inauguration.

'66 **Judith Haller Little** is enjoying living in her dream home in Port Charlotte, Fla.



From left, Lyla L. Haggard '66, Tampa, Fla., reunited with Alice Caroland Stifel '66, Judy Wheat Wood '66, and Dona Swiger Cooper '66 in Tampa in January. They were dorm counselors and Chi Omega sorority sisters.

'67 **Brenda S. Bell**, Maryville, Tenn., works internationally in conflict and post-conflict countries with education programs for youth and young adults.

'71 **Ann Updegraff Spleth**, Indianapolis, has been named chief operating officer of the Kiwanis International Foundation. The foundation has partnered with UNICEF to wipe out neonatal and maternal tetanus in third-world countries.

'74 **Christopher "Pete" Herrick**, New Brunswick, N.J., joined Q Analysts, LLC of California in February as a VMS Systems manager consultant to AT&T and is in charge of more than 30 systems nationwide.

Eric Mobley makes Haitian children smile again

Eric Mobley '88 watched the aftermath of last January's devastating earthquake in Haiti on television just like everyone else and was heartbroken for the people in that area. So when he got the opportunity to put his pediatric dentistry to work in the country, he jumped on it.



Mobley and a team of medical professionals from the Central Kentucky Haiti Foundation went to Haiti in January to open a temporary medical facility at a boarding school in Ouanaminthe. The group stayed in the dorms and for a week took patients, mostly children and some adults. Mobley had his repertoire tested, performing procedures ranging from teeth cleanings to root canals to major dental work.

"An 8-year-old girl, an orphan from Port-au-Prince, came in with one of the teachers," Mobley said. "She opened her mouth, and the whole right side of her mouth was

in horrible shape; it hadn't been touched by a toothbrush. The left side was perfect. It was the strangest thing."

After Mobley cleaned all of the debris and rotted teeth out, he saw she had a scar across her chin where a wall had fallen on



her. It was the same wall that had killed her parents.

"She suffered so much from that injury," he said. "And no one knew. Her permanent molars were fractured into the root; she was in terrible pain. You can't imagine how grateful she was and how the difference was night and day when we were done. That one hit me hard."

The trip was an eye-opener for Mobley and the rest of the team, who saw poverty and destruction mixed with happiness and perseverance. And through helping the children in that country overcome miserable physical ailments, they got to see incredible gratitude and hope.

"I've never gotten so many hugs and kisses in my life," Mobley said. "That environment was really special to me. It was a special trip for all of us."

'76 James H. Frazier III, Lexington, managing member of the law firm of McBrayer, McGinnis, Leslie & Kirkland, has been appointed by Lexington's vice mayor to the redistricting committee that will examine the 2010 U.S. Census numbers for Fayette County and recommend new council district boundary lines based on the new population.



Teresa A. Isaac, Lexington, former Lexington mayor, conducted four Campaign Strategy and Election workshops for women in Uganda in January as part of the U.S. Government's efforts to support democratic development in the country.

'77 Eileen M. O'Brien, Lexington, has been named chief of the family practice law group at Stoll Keenon Ogden.

'78 Gwendolyn Mayes, Alexandria, Va., has been named executive vice president of government affairs for the National Patient Advocate Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to creating avenues of improved patient access to healthcare through public policy reform at the state and federal levels.

'79 Elizabeth Davis "Lisbon" Hardy, Frankfort, Ky., has been promoted to executive vice president and chief operating officer for Farmers Bank in Frankfort.



Michael S. Smith, Lawrenceburg, Ind., is very proud of his daughter Bethany Ann Smith, who will be attending Transylvania this fall.

'80 R. Given Harper, Normal, Ill., professor of biology at Illinois Wesleyan University, has been named to the George C. and Ella Beach Lewis Endowed Chair of Biology.

'85 James C. Baughman, Lexington, president of Office Suites, has been elected secretary/treasurer of Office Business Center Association International for 2011.

'87 Billy F. Van Pelt, Lexington, ran the Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, D.C., in October in 4 hours and 4 minutes.



'88 Jill K. York, Grayson, Ky., has been elected to the Kentucky General Assembly and will serve the 96th House



Alumna in Japan writes of earthquake

When a series of massive earthquakes and a tsunami struck Japan beginning on March 11, killing thousands and crippling the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant, President R. Owen Williams sent a message to alumni and friends living there expressing the university's concern. One response came from Hitomi Okumura Ishiyama '93. She sent this e-mail on March 26:

Dear President Williams:

Thank you so much for your concern and e-mail. My family and I live in Tokyo, and the earthquake was something I have never experienced before. It was unbelievably powerful and shook quite long. Ever since March 11, countless aftershocks have rattled the area, and my two-year-old daughter gets scared every time she hears an aftershock warning. Besides that, we are extremely worried about the damaged reactors at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant.

Even though we are more than 200 kilometers away from the plant, the tap water in Tokyo contained twice the legal radioactive iodine a couple of days ago. We are advised not to eat leafy greens and milk from the neighboring prefectures to the plant. Empty shelves at stores are something we see on a daily basis now.

The situation in Tokyo is far better than in the Tohoku area in the northern part of the main island, where more than 20,000 people are believed to be dead or missing. Many people are still out of water, electricity, and gas, and it gets below zero degrees at night.

Although they are facing challenges and difficulties, they are trying to replenish their battered spirit and move forward. Just listening to what they say on TV shakes my soul, and my heart goes out for them.

I have been getting e-mails from my friends from Transylvania who have sent me prayers. I feel really loved. Eighteen years have passed since I left Transylvania, but I feel our friendships are true.

Thank you for contacting me Mr. Williams. Congratulations on your presidency at Transylvania, and I wish you many prosperous years to come.

Sincerely,
Hitomi O. Ishiyama

In a follow-up e-mail written May 9, Hitoma added:

Our life here in Tokyo is getting back to normal, even though I have the feeling we will have a chaotic summer, for the power supply is very limited due to the nuclear plant situation. Now, another nuclear power plant that is much closer to Tokyo has decided to suspend its operation temporarily because it is built on an active fault that is said to have an 80 percent chance of an 8.0 level earthquake within 30 years. They will build an even bigger tide barrier of about 12 meters. This plant does not supply to the Tokyo area, but does supply the central part of Japan where many factories are located, including Toyota and its supporting companies. This will hit our economy badly I suspect.

Anyway, we are great for now, and I believe Japan will make a strong and even better comeback. Thank you for your kind words, and I wish all people at Transylvania are happy and well.

District representing Carter and Lewis counties in northeastern Kentucky.

'89 Douglas C. Smith, Bowling Green, Ky., has been named head of the department of sociology at Western Ken-

tucky University.

'90 Melony Jo Lane, Louisville, represented Transylvania in April at the Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary presidential inauguration.



Alumna has challenging teaching experience in Bhutan

Carolyn Barnes '08 didn't know exactly what to expect when she began a teaching assignment last fall at Sherubtse College in the tiny Himalayan country of Bhutan. She had first visited there during her junior year study abroad experience at Transylvania.

"On the first day of classes, I asked my students to write about what they thought learning was and how it was best done," she said. "I was amazed then—and still am now—at how the answers surprised me."

It turns out the cultural differences between her own background and that of her students created challenges in the classroom.

"I am from a culture that highly values independent thinking and work, whereas in Bhutan, those things can sometimes be seen as divisive or even 'anti-social.' So I struggled in negotiating my own academic standards, which hinge on independent work and intellectual property, in a wholly different educational system.

"In the end, my students challenged my worldview, but I like to believe I also made them think in innovative and creative ways. Like all cross-cultural encounters, it wasn't always easy, but it was a fruitful experience for us all."

For her study abroad term, Barnes went through the School for International Training's Tibetan and Himalayan studies program, which was based in northern India. The experience included a month-long trek to Bhutan that left lasting impressions.

"I fell in love with the the breathtaking scenery of the country and its proud people," she said. "I became especially interested in the recent shift in governance. Bhutan had been an absolute monarchy for more than 100 years, but held its first democratic elections in 2008. A new constitution was being drafted while we were there."

Immediately after her Transylvania graduation, Barnes began a multidisciplinary social science master's degree program at the University of Chicago. Specializing in anthropology, she wrote her thesis based on ideas drawn from the Bhutan study abroad experience, including that country's innovative theme of "Gross National Happiness." The phrase was coined in 1972 by former king Jigme Singye Wangchuck and soon gained international prominence.

Following her recently completed year of teaching in Bhutan, Barnes returned to the U.S. and is now living in Boston, where her husband is enrolled in a master's program at Clark University. She is in the job market.

"I'm considering pursuing a Ph.D. in cultural anthropology, but the funding is bleak right now, so I'm applying for jobs in the Boston area. I would even like to return to Bhutan sometime in the future to conduct research on GNH, cultural preservation, and democratization. All of this is to say that my Transylvania study abroad experience continues to greatly shape my life in wonderful ways."

'91 K. Jane Grande-Allen, Houston, associate professor of bioengineering at Rice University, has been selected for the A.J. Durelli Award by the Society for Experimental Mechanics, Inc., for her research into the structure-function relationship of heart valves.

Pamela A. Marsh, Nicholasville, Ky., is the technical project manager for the law firm of Wyatt, Tarrant & Combs, LLP, in

Lexington.

Lance F. Tucker, Louisville, has been named chief financial officer of Papa John's.

'92 Brent A. Donovan, Berkeley Heights, N.J., represented Transylvania in April at the Union County College presidential inauguration.

Susan B. Marine, Waltham, Mass., has joined Merrimack College as an assistant

professor and program director of the higher education program in the Graduate School of Education. Prior to accepting this position, she served as Harvard's assistant dean of student life and director of the Harvard College Women's Center.

'93 Robert R. Tatum, Louisville, received his Pharm.D. from the University of Kentucky and is assistant professor of medicine at the University of Louisville. Rob is involved in research with infectious diseases and works in the division of gastroenterology/hepatology.

'95 T. Clay Stinnett, Louisville, has been promoted to executive vice president of Stock Yards Bank & Trust Co. and will continue to hold the position of chief strategic officer.

'97 Jason H. Hobson, Portland, Ore., represented Transylvania in April at the Lewis & Clark College presidential inauguration.

Erin Weaver McGee, Cynthiana, Ky., has been named librarian for Antonelli College in Cincinnati. She will also teach courses in professional development, freshman experience, and computer application.

'99 W. Scott McConnell, Somerset, N.J., has been promoted to district sales manager of the diabetes division of Sanofi-aventis in Honolulu. He and his wife, **Alexandra Silver McConnell '00**, plan to live in Oahu and welcome visitors anytime.

'00 Travis A. Crump, Louisville, has been promoted to member of the law firm of Stoll Keenon Ogden PLLC. His wife, **Faith Hawkins Crump '02**, has been promoted to associate director of tax services at Dean Dorton Allen Ford.

Mary Meurer Ford, Louisville, has joined Baptist Healthcare System as senior business system analyst for the health information exchange program.

'01 Craig S. Bolte and Teri Cox Bolte '01 live in Covington, Ky., with their daughter, Miriam. Craig is a research fellow in pharmacology at Cincinnati Children's Hospital, and Teri is a licensed psychologist in the residential substance dependence program at the Cincinnati Veterans Affairs Medical Center, specializing in trauma and addiction.

Jonathan E. Fitzpatrick, Stafford, Va., a defense contractor for GeoEye Analytics, has been presented with the Joint Civilian Service Commendation Medal for the work he did while deployed to Afghanistan in

2009 as an analyst with the Department of the Navy. The JCSCM is the highest-ranking joint civilian service award under the approval authority of the combatant commanders and heads of joint organizations within the Department of Defense.

L. Elizabeth Tipton, Chicago, received her Ph.D. in June from Northwestern University and will join Teachers College, Columbia University in New York, in the fall as assistant professor of applied statistics.

'02 Blair A. Myers, Macon, Ga., has been recognized with the Platinum Award from Exit Realty International for closing more than 150 residential units in 2010 and ranks in the top 1 percent of agents worldwide. He has consistently ranked as the number-one realtor in closed sales in central Georgia out of more than 300 agents.



Catherine C. Prewitt, Denver, has been named director of world wide sales for Hyatt Hotels Corporation.

'03 Bridget E. Hatfield, Charlottesville, Va., graduated from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro in August 2010 with her Ph.D. in human development and an Institute of Education Sciences Postdoctoral Fellow at the Center for Advanced Study of Teaching and Learning at the University of Virginia.



Bianca Spriggs-Floyd, Lexington, has released a new chapbook entitled *How Swallowtails Become Dragons*, which is available through Accents Publishing (www.accents-publishing.com). Bianca's website is www.biancaspriggs.com.

'04 Nicholas D. Mudd, Louisville, graduated from the University of Kentucky College of Law in May 2010, where he was a member of the state and national mock trial competition teams and recipient of the UK College of Law Best Overall Advocate Award. He is an assistant Jefferson County commonwealth's attorney in Louisville in the general trial division and in the economic crimes unit.

'05 Phillip P. Thurman has been promoted to the position of shareholder with the Shelbyville, Ky., public accounting firm L. Ballard & Company, PSC. Phil resides in Shelbyville with his wife, **Allison Higgins Thurman '06**.

'06 Nicholas A. Karaffa, Jeffersonville, Ind., an attorney with the law firm

of Smith Carpenter Thompson Fondris Cummins & Lewis, has joined the Southern Indiana United soccer team as a specialized coach for goalkeepers.

Jennifer Howard Tasman and her husband, Aaron, live in Louisville.

'07 Kate Shirley Akers, Lexington, has completed her Ph.D. in educational policy studies and evaluation with a focus in

quantitative methods, measurement, and statistics at the University of Kentucky and is the research analyst for the office of the commissioner at the Kentucky Department of Education.

'09 Holly W. Gilbert, Lawrenceburg, Ky., has been hired by CNN as part of the network's staff for all Washington-based shows including Wolf Blitzer, John King,

Alumni travel in 2012 includes GoNext cruises and Europe, South Africa trips with Transylvania faculty



Baltic Treasures - Oceania Cruises - Copenhagen to Stockholm is June 8-19, 2012. The best of Northern Europe is revealed on this magical voyage aboard the elegant Oceania Cruises Nautica. Discover distant monarchies, Baroque palaces, and stunning harbors as you cruise to captivating ports in Germany, Denmark, Poland, Sweden, Latvia, Estonia, Russia, and Finland. Per-person cost based on double occupancy from \$3,999 includes roundtrip airfare.

Alaskan Discovery - Regent Seven Seas Cruises - Seward to Vancouver is August 15-22, 2012. Discover Alaska's rugged beauty while enjoying an all-inclusive luxury cruise with Regent Seven Seas Cruises. See the magnificent Hubbard Glacier and visit the stunning Alaskan ports of Sitka, Juneau, Skagway, and Ketchikan aboard the elegant *Seven Seas Navigator*. Per-person cost based on double occupancy from \$4,999 includes roundtrip airfare.



Best of the Mediterranean and Greek Isles - Oceania Cruises - Venice to Athens is October 3-14, 2012. Discover the famed and unique ports and islands of the eastern Mediterranean while aboard Oceania Cruises' newest vessel, the elegant *Riviera*. The past comes to life with visits to Italy, Croatia, Montenegro, Greece, and Turkey. Per-person cost based on double occupancy from \$3,799 includes roundtrip airfare.

The **Transylvania Choir** will perform in Europe in 2012. Alumni are invited to join the tour, which departs May 8 and includes stops at the Gamla Stan and Skansen open-air museum in Stockholm; Tallinn's Old Town; Parnu, Estonia, and the historic center of Riga, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Cost per person will be \$3,789, which includes airfare from Cincinnati, accommodations, and breakfast and dinner daily.



Discover Spectacular South Africa with Ntaba Tours, based in Frankfort, Ky., and owned and operated by South African natives Robin and Stella Mountain. Robin

will be your personal guide of his homeland, using a close-knit network of professional contacts to offer Transylvania travelers a safe, convenient, and unforgettable South African experience. Anthropology professor **Chris Begley '88** will join this trip, which departs March 24, 2012. Start your journey with five nights in historic and culture-rich Cape Town. Then visit the Kapama Private Game Reserve in the internationally renowned Greater Kruger National Park to experience the wondrous wildlife of the African bush. Extend your trip by adding a unique Viticulture Experience in South Africa's famous Cape Wine Region prior to the main tour, or end your trip by visiting one of the Seven Wonders of the World, the breathtaking and magnificent Victoria Falls. Per person cost based on double occupancy is \$4,195 (land only). We encourage you to book your trip by August 1, 2011, to take advantage of an early booking discount of \$200.

For more information and a trip brochure, contact Natasa Pajic Mongiardo '96, director of alumni programs, at npajic@transy.edu or Tracy Dunn '90, assistant director of alumni programs, at tdunn@transy.edu, or either at (800) 487-2679.

and news clips for CNN News and Piers Morgan.

Marriages

Robert N. Neske '69 and Katiri R. Berry, May 1, 2010

Jennifer Brown Tincher '93 and Jason Buha, December 29, 2010

Teri Ann Cox '01 and **Craig Steven Bolte '01**, September 12, 2009

Lauren Marie Garvey '04 and Charles Allen Ammerman, March 5, 2011

Jennifer Marie Howard '06 and Aaron M. Tasman, July 20, 2010

Sarah Lynne Harcourt '08 and **Luke Ensign Watts '08**, July 17, 2010

Megan Elizabeth Messick '09 and Andy Hood, June 6, 2009



Brandy Nicole West '02, center, and Kyle Michael Richey were married October 16, 2010. Also pictured is maid of honor and sister Kathryn West '08, left.

Births

James H. Chambliss '86 and Nicola Chambliss, a daughter, Chloe Anna Chambliss, March 18, 2011



Phillip J. Anderson '90 and Catherine C. Anderson, a daughter, Summer Mae Anderson, March 14, 2011

Ana-Claudia Everton '92 and James Dunne, a son, Ambrose James Dunne, March 17, 2011

Regan Ladenburger Jernigan '92 and Michael Jernigan, a daughter, Caroline Mae Jernigan, December 27, 2010

Brigid Bakanowski Wickson '93 and Arthur Wickson, a son, William Arthur Wickson, November 2, 2010

Robert S. Cartwright '94 and Jonna Cartwright, a son, Joseph Charles Cartwright, July 10, 2010

Shannan Stamper Carroll '94 and John Carroll, a daughter, Georgia Jane Carroll, March 9, 2011

Ginnia L. Bills '98 and Luis A. Lopez, a daughter, Ariane Virginia Lopez, February 13, 2011

John R. Pearman '98 and **Julie Staton Pearman '01**, a daughter, Campbell Reece Pearman, February 20, 2011



Margaret "Meg" Tucker Smedley '98 and **Charles "Chad" K. Smedley '98**, a daughter, Elizabeth "Eliza" Miller Smedley, November 4, 2010

Janette Vaughn Horn '99 and Garet Horn, a daughter, Mary Addison Horn, November 12, 2010

J. William Monarch '99 and **Emily Korfhage Monarch '99**, a daughter, Margaret Miller Monarch, March 3, 2011

Patrick M. Wallace '00 and Jackie Wallace, a son, James Alexander Wallace, October 19, 2010

Natalie Gray Ballash '01 and Adam Ballash, a daughter, Caroline Gray Ballash, March 8, 2011

Teri Ann Cox Bolte '01 and **Craig Steven Bolte '01**, a daughter, Miriam Talmage Bolte, October 26, 2010

Catherine Deehan Rasner '01 and Jerod Rasner, a son, Liam Henry Rasner, April 18, 2011



W. Byars Wells '01 and Nycole Wells, a son, Grayson Harrell Wells, April 26, 2011

Mary Bruno Engola '02 and Paul Engola, a son, Benjamin Edward Engola, January 29, 2011

Katherine Hawes Reardon '02 and Marc Reardon, a daughter, Charlotte Taylor Reardon, January 25, 2011

Lisa Bell Strunk '02 and David Strunk, a son, Caleb James Strunk, July 27, 2010



M. Shayne Gallaher '03 and **Janelle Mingus '05**, a son, Finn Emmanuel Gallaher, March 15, 2011

W. Michael Ray '03 and **Tara Hutchison Ray '04**, a daughter, Isabette Joann "Izzy" Ray, February 26, 2011

Kaelin G. Reed '03 and Amanda Reed, a son, Tanner James Reed, January 18, 2011

Alexander M. Roig '03 and Jamie S. Roig, a son, Carter Alexander Roig, March 3, 2011

Shanda Cool Berrios '04 and Alexander Berrios II, a daughter, Abigail Grace Berrios, January 18, 2011

Jessica Parker Robbe '04 and Brian Robbe, twins, Grace Meadow Robbe and Griffin Parker Robbe,



November 16, 2010

Fielding B. Isaacs '05 and Jeanine Isaacs, a son, Xavier Samuel Isaacs, December 11, 2010



Ashley Linville Norris '05 and Sam Norris, a son, Jackson Samuel Norris (right), February 8, 2011

Emily Baker Rector '05 and Brandon Rector, a daughter, Shelby Kristine Rector (left), March 21, 2011

Rhea Badgett Ashby '08 and Joey Ashby, a daughter, Elizabeth Grace Ashby, January 4, 2011



Obituaries

Mary Margaret Clark Lowe '33, Paris, Ky., died February 4, 2011.

Douglas J. Paine '36, Lexington, died April 25, 2011. He was the owner and artist of the Art Shop in Lexington for more than 50 years.

Charles E. Murphy '39, Columbus, Ohio, died December 20, 2010. He lettered in football and basketball.

Lorraine Grow Adams '40, Houston, died March 15, 2011. She was a member of the math club and the women's independent group. She taught high school math in Kentucky, Mississippi, Georgia, Arkansas, Ohio, and England.

Margaret Daulton Gillespie '40, Hilliard, Ohio, died January 5, 2011. She worked for Federated Department Stores in Cincinnati, where she was senior marketing analyst.

Judith Kirby Shearer '41, Lancaster, Ky., stepmother of **Robert L. Shearer '65** and step-grandmother of **R. Alexander Shearer II '94**, died February 8, 2011. She majored in English with minors in history and psychology. She was a member of Lambda Omega sorority, of which she served as president during her senior year. She was inducted into the Robert Barr Society in 1991. She taught elementary school in California and Kentucky.

Betty Talbott Buttermore '42, Lexington, wife of **Harry K. Buttermore '41**, died Jan-

uary 27, 2011. She was a member of the Crimson Club, Stagecrafters, Transylvania Day Committee, the *Crimson* staff, YWCA, intramurals, and the Women's Athletic Association. She was inducted into the Robert Barr Society in 1992. She owned a bookstore and taught Sunday school.

James W. Rainwater '42, Little Rock, died October 9, 2010. He was a member of student council. After leaving Transylvania, he earned a bachelor of divinity degree from Vanderbilt University. In addition to pastoring several congregations, he was regional executive minister for the Christian Church in Arkansas.

J. T. Perry Jr. '43, Lexington, died March 2, 2011. He earned a degree in engineering from Washington and Lee University and served in the U.S. Navy as a pilot during World War II. He was the owner of Perry Lumber Company and Perry Construction Company.

Sarah Marie Rozzell Rainwater '43, Little Rock, died March 16, 2010.

Jennie Gayle Richardson '44, Richmond, Ky., died March 3, 2011. She was a music major and a member of the choir, band, and orchestra. She was inducted into the Robert Barr Society in 1994. She worked for the state and federal governments and was active in music groups.

James A. Dick '47, Knoxville, died February 6, 2011. He came to Transylvania in 1938 on a football scholarship but left in 1941 to serve as a captain in the U.S. Army during World War II before returning in 1946 to complete his studies. He established the Ernest Woodruff and Susan Mitchell Delcamp Endowment Fund in 1996 to bring distinguished lecturers in writing and music to campus. He was regionally recognized for founding the radio station WIVK in east Tennessee, which became the Dick Broadcasting Company with 15 stations in Tennessee, North Carolina, and Alabama.

W. Kenneth Hughes '47, Lexington, uncle of **C. Glenmore Hughes '66**, died February 2, 2011. He earned an M.Ed. degree from the College of William and Mary and served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He served as a minister in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) for more than 53 years.

Bernard R. Brumfield '49, Maitland, Fla., died February 2, 2011. He was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, men's intramurals, and the Transylvania Day Committee. He received a master's degree in education from the University of Kentucky and served in the U.S. Army Air Corps. He was a teacher in Kentucky and Florida before becoming assistant princi-

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Save the date – Alumni Weekend 2012

Mark your calendar and plan to join classmates and Transylvania friends in Lexington April 27–29, 2012. The following classes will celebrate special reunions: Robert Barr Society (classes of 1942, 1947, 1952, 1957), 1962, 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992, 1997, 2002, and 2007. If you are a member of one of these classes, make sure the Alumni Office has your current mailing and e-mail addresses so you do not miss out on all the fun. If you'd like to help plan your class reunion, contact Natasa Pajic Mongiardo '96, director of alumni programs, at npajic@transy.edu.

Executive Board officers, members elected

The Alumni Association elected Candice Caine Zaluski '71 (Lexington) as president and David C. Johnson '92 (Lexington) as president-elect of the Alumni Executive Board at the Celebration Luncheon during Alumni Weekend. The following were elected to three-year board terms: F. William Bryan '62 (Palm Beach, Fla.), Edward C. Binzel '76 (Dublin, Ohio), Stephen M. Dobler '82 (Louisville), Kim Miller Rolph '85 (Lexington), Karen Utz Allen '88 (Ft. Thomas, Ky.), L. Mac Thompson '92 (Louisville), Elizabeth Monarch '01 (Louisville), and Carl N. Frazier '04 (Lexington).

Let's go for four in a row

With the help of alumni, students, faculty, staff, parents, and friends, Transylvania University is once again the winner in the Association of Independent Kentucky Colleges and Universities (AIKCU) Battle of the Bumpers. After back-to-back titles in 2008 and 2009, Transylvania aggressively promoted its plates again in 2010, beating out the other 19 AIKCU campuses to put the most campus license plates on Kentucky highways and the most dollars in the school's general scholarship fund.

Transylvania's sales rose to 768, an increase of 33 license plates over 2009. Ten dollars from the sale of each plate is returned to the school's general scholarship fund, translating into \$7,680 for student scholarships. Overall, sales of Kentucky Independent Higher Education plates raised almost \$42,000 for student scholarships at AIKCU schools in 2010.

The 2011 license plate competition began on January 1. For more information, including contact information for your county clerk, visit the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Division of Motor Vehicle Licensing at <http://mvl.ky.gov>.

Ways to stay connected

There are lots of ways to keep up with your alma mater and fellow alumni:

www.alumni.transy.edu—an alumni online community where you can register for alumni events and browse the alumni directory for the latest news on classmates.

www.facebook.com/TransylvaniaUniversityAlumni — If you are on Facebook, this is the quickest way to get alumni news and information on events.

<http://www.linkedin.com/groups?mostPopular=&gid=3021249> — If you're interested in professional networking, join the Transylvania University Alumni group on LinkedIn.

To contact the Alumni Office:

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pal at Apopka (Fla.) High School and Mid Florida Technical School and principal at Union Park (Fla.) Elementary School. He also coached football and basketball.

Stanley Bruce McWhorter '54, Dayton, Ohio, died February 20, 2011. He was an English major with a minor in education. He was chair of the English department at Jamestown (Ky.) High School and taught at West Virginia Wesleyan College, the University of South Carolina, Xavier University, and the University of Dayton.

Robert L. Taylor '57, Park Hills, Ky., died February 6, 2011. He was a philosophy major and earned a master's of education from Xavier University and a J.D. from Chase Law School. In addition to his law work, he was a teacher, basketball coach, school administrator, and school board member.

Nell Robinson Waldrop '59, Lexington, wife of **A. Guy Waldrop '59** and mother of **Robin Waldrop Swaringer '84** and **Carri L. Waldrop '91**, died May 4, 2011. She was a member of Chi Omega sorority and the modern dance group. She was Miss Transylvania in 1959 and received the Morrison Medallion in 1990.

Charles L. Costabell '60, Hilton Head, S.C., died February 22, 2011. He majored in history and political science. He was a member of Kappa Alpha fraternity and student council and was chair of the board of student publications. He worked in commercial real estate before managing the Bashford Manor Mall in Louisville. He also worked for the National Center for Family Literacy, the Resolution Trust Corporation, and in various civic organizations.

Peter B. Atchison '61, Orange Beach, Ala., husband of **Elizabeth Bryce Atchison '60**, died February 22, 2011.

Daniel H. Hill '64, Burlington, Ky., died April 20, 2009. He was a social studies major and received a master's of education from the University of Kentucky. He coached football at several high schools in Kentucky and coached football and track and field at Centre College.

Michael D. Sheets '64, Columbus, Ohio, husband of **Susan Marshall Sheets '68** and brother of **Cynthia Sheets Conklin '68**, died March 26, 2011. He was a psychology major with a minor in economics. He was a member of Delta Sigma Phi fraternity. He worked for the Rehabilitation Service Commission and retired from Human Resources-Ross Labs.

Margarite Faris Glenn '65, Ft. Worth, Tex., died January 22, 2011. She was a biology major and a member of Phi Mu sorority, where she served as vice president as a sen-

Distinguished Service Awards

Eight alumni received Distinguished Service Awards during Alumni Weekend 2011 for their outstanding service to Transylvania.



Evolyn Mains Allen '61 and **Ed L. Allen '63** are one of Transylvania's most loyal couples. Both have a long history of helping to identify and recruit prospective students from Daviess County, and of attending alumni luncheons and admissions receptions in the Owensboro area. They have both served on reunion committees for their last three reunions. Ed received a Distinguished Achievement Award in 2003 and was inducted into the Pioneer Hall of Fame in 2005.



Mark V. Blankenship '81 has made countless friends and helped to raise millions of dollars to benefit Transylvania students during his 26 years of employment at the university. He joined the staff in 1985 as assistant director of admissions and, after a series of promotions over the years, is now associate vice president for development. He has served as faculty and alumni adviser to his fraternity, Pi Kappa Alpha, for 25 years. He is a member of planned giving societies at the state and national levels, and is a board member of the Central Kentucky Planned Giving Society.



Glen Bagby '66 has been a member of the Board of Trustees since 2006. A former member of the Alumni Executive Board, he has served on capital campaign committees and advocated on behalf of grant requests for thousands of dollars in scholarships. He served on his class reunion committee in 2006 and was gift chair for this year's 45-year reunion. In 2008 he agreed to underwrite the cost of organizing and digitizing a treasure trove of photographs in Special Collections; as of today, more than 5,600 images dating to 1895 have been put in an online gallery.



Sue Shadburne Call '71 has strengthened her ties with her alma mater through her participation in Transy and TEAM, a program for high school students interested in careers in ministry. She is senior minister at Downey Avenue Christian Church in Indianapolis, where she is active in the new Indianapolis Alumni Chapter. She served as class agent for six years and as a member of her class's reunion planning committee in 1996 and 2001.



Elizabeth Ann Martin '81 is a former president of the Alumni Executive Board who helped plan two reunions for her class and was gift chair in 2006. She served on the Beck Center Campaign Alumni Steering Committee in 1999. In 2001 she established the Susan Martin Wells '79 Endowed Scholarship in memory of her sister to help students pursuing careers in health-care.



Patsy Alexander Nielsen '61 is a longtime member and former president of the Transylvania Women's Club and the Bluegrass Alumni Chapter Board. She chaired or co-chaired her class's 2011 reunion and her last three reunions. She is always looking for new ways to promote Transylvania and raise money for scholarships.



Robert Winn Turney '65 has served on the Bluegrass Alumni Chapter Board since 1997. A former member and president of the Alumni Executive Board and the T-Club, he and his wife, Sally, are regulars at Transylvania basketball games, lectures, and cultural events.

Distinguished Achievement Awards

Distinguished Achievement Awards were presented during Alumni Weekend 2011 to eight alumni who have distinguished themselves as Transylvanians through their professional lives, standards of excellence, and community service.



Linda Fields '56 was recognized for her achievements in volunteer work with refugees. While teaching in the New York City public school system, she and her husband helped resettle and assimilate into America more than 50 refugees and immigrants. While living later in Nashville, she coordinated and participated in

medical, educational, and faith-sharing missions to St. Vincent, West Indies; Grenada; Mexico; and Brazil, bringing medical care to thousands of patients, including eight who were brought to the U.S. for critical surgeries.



John Mayoue '76 was honored for his accomplishments in law. Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* since 1993, he was named one of Georgia's 2011 Top 10 Super Lawyers by *Atlanta* magazine. He is the author of five books on family law, a subject that has brought him profiles in *The Washington Post*, *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and *USA Today*, and on CNN, Fox, and NPR. A member of Warner, Mayoue, Bates & McGough in Atlanta, his clients include Jane Fonda, Chris Rock, and Marianne Gingrich.



Daniel Mongiardo '82 was recognized for his career in healthcare and politics. He is an ear, nose, and throat surgeon at Appalachian Regional Medical Center in Hazard, Ky., and has also served as the hospital's chief of surgery and chief of staff. He founded the Rotary Free Clinic in Hazard, which provides free health care to the

working poor. Since 2007 he has served as lieutenant governor for the Commonwealth of Kentucky. In 2008 he launched the Kentucky chapter of the National Lieutenant Governor's Association heart health initiative "Your Heart is in Your Hands."



Robert Mucci '81 was honored for his successful career in the financial world. He is senior vice president, treasurer, and chief investment officer for National Guardian Life Insurance Company in Madison, Wisc. A Chartered Financial Analyst, he is responsible for strategic asset allocation of the company's \$2.5 billion portfolio. He

was named Rotarian of the Year in 2010 by the Madison South Rotary Club, serves on the board of directors for Elder Care of Wisconsin, and is a former board member of the Chartered Financial Analyst Society of Madison.

Marvin Rabin '38 was recognized for his prominent role in music education. He is professor emeritus of music and director of the Wisconsin String and Orchestral Development Program for the Department of Continuing Education in the Arts at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. The founding conductor of the Wisconsin Youth Symphony Orchestra, he is known internationally as a string development specialist and youth orchestra leader. He received the Lifetime Achievement Award in Music Education from the Wisconsin Foundation for School Music in 2011.



Angela Ray '86 was honored for her academic career as teacher and author. She is associate professor, Charles Deering McCormick Professor of Teaching Excellence, Department of Communication Studies at Northwestern University. Her 2005 book, *The Lyceum and Public Culture in the Nineteenth-Century United States*, received five national awards. She received the 2007 Galbut Outstanding Faculty Award from the School of Communication. The National Communication Association honored her with its James A. Winans-Herbert A. Wichelns Memorial Award for distinguished scholarship in rhetoric and public address.



Jeff Rogers '81 was recognized for his career in photography and the ministry. The owner of Jeff Rogers Photography in Lexington, he showcased his focus on people, horses, and landscapes in his two critically acclaimed coffee table books, *Kentucky Wide* (2006) and *Kentucky Wide II* (2009). He is a member of the American Society of Media Photographers and the founder of Rat Dog Publishing. An ordained Christian minister, he is on the staff at Crossroads Christian Church and the founder of The Prayer Institute.



Don Speer '76 was honored for his career in public service. He is executive director of the Office of Procurement Services for the Kentucky Finance and Administration Cabinet. He was previously commissioner of the Kentucky Department for Administration, director of purchasing for the Kentucky Finance Cabinet, budget analyst

for the Governor's Office for Policy and Management, and research analyst for the Office of General Counsel with the Kentucky Department of Transportation. He is a former president of the National Association of State Commissioners of Administration.

ior. She taught biology and chemistry and was involved in church leadership in Austin and Ft. Worth.

Robert C. Taylor '65, Bowie, Md., died January 28, 2011. He was a member of Kappa Alpha fraternity, the science club, the pep club, and intramural sports. He earned an MBA from the University of Kentucky and worked in the U.S. General

Accounting Office in Washington, D.C. **Susan Jefferson Clarke '68**, Westlake Village, Calif., died December 29, 2010. She was an English major and earned an M.Ed. from Morehead State University. She taught high school English at Mason County (Ky.) High School until becoming communications director for the Academy of Medicine in Cincinnati and later the

Greater Louisville Medical Society. **Landra L. Cowgill '69**, Chagrin Falls, Ohio, sister of **Norwood Cowgill '65**, died March 15, 2011. She was a homemaker.

Ruth Kalish Melsler '69, Rockville, Md., died April 1, 2011. She was a physical education major and a member of Chi Omega sorority. She was also a member of the Rafinesque Society, student council, the



Class photos by Joseph Rey Au

Robert Barr Society Reunion

From left, Randel Martin '52, Garey White '48, Carol Ann Barnes White '50, Linda Hensley Fields '56, Wayne Bell '40, Virginia Marsh Bell '44, Ruth Marling Lewis '50, Owen Hungerford '51, Jo Garver Wilkerson '54, Clyde Arnold '50.



Class of 1941 – 70th Reunion

Mary Margaret Aldridge Meyer, Dexter Meyer



Class of 1961 – 50th Reunion/Newest Robert Barr Society Members

Front row, from left: Shirley Martin Wingfield, Betty Stewart Davis Dixon, Donna Kay Smith, Pherbia Mathis Engdahl, Betsy Boden McGehee, Susan Miller Stephens, Volindah Johnson Costabell, Brenda McKnight Jones, Carolyn Collier Ware; second row: Betty Nodler Whitaker, Ann Lewis Smith, Eleanor Lollis Rose, Anne Moore Pollitt, Patsy Amburgey Trautner, Betty Lemarr Wampler, Mary Ann Phillips Hisle, Ginger Vaught Lanier, Nancy Lodge, Barbara Whalen Armstrong, Nancy Frankenberger Marshall, Vearl "Skeets" Pennington, Bill Arvin; third row: Evolyn Mains Allen, Marilyn Estridge Cardwell, Patsy Alexander Nielsen, Noel Weller Terrell, Nancy Howser Binns, Jane Smith Frye, Tom Marshall, Owen Hitt, Byron Young, Ron Cella; back row: Keith McDonald, Roger Bishop, Doug Cardwell, Al Templeton, Tom Watson, Sam Ware, Woody Smyth, John Inman, Stan Rullman.

Paul Atkinson



Class of 1966 – 45th Reunion

Front row, from left: Dona Swiger Cooper, D. J. Souther Tabb, Fran Page Ambrose, Kay Anne Frazier Wilborn, Lynne Moesta Windley, Jessie Lackey Fennell, Bobbie Hartmann Brake, LaVece Ganter Hughes; *second row:* Glen Bagby, John Conklin, Jerry Morse, Kelly Lannum Zaeh, Nancy Mackle, Ron Horne, Glen Hughes; *back row:* Larry Langan, Giles Light, Finbarr Saunders, Stephanie McGann Gardner, Anna Margarette Alexander Wilson, Jay Ambrose, Billy Reed, Bill Bell, Bill Hale, Bill Keeling.



Class of 1971 – 40th Reunion

Front row, from left: Debbie Fuller Shwab, Marsha Hart Jones, Sara Lewis Meyer, Jan Roush Gemma, Barbara Oney Garvey; *second row:* Scottye Sanders Eakin, Mary Beth Singers McArdle, David Meyer, John Houston, Cheryl Fisher Houston, Suzanne Romano Keen, Francie Mark Prier, Jan Schick Roby; *third row:* Barbara Versaw Smith, Vee Sealey Boehringer, Bev Carroll, Candy Caine Zaluski, Kevin McGuire, Ed Bowling, Karen Crank Ellis; *back row:* David Rose, Joe Zaluski, Chuck Haines, Chris Compton, Jamie Millard.



Class of 1976 – 35th Reunion

Front row, from left: Marcia Park Cone, Donna Jo Childers, Louie Bosworth, Alycia Rozen, Teresa Isaac, Betsy Brooks Bulleit; *back row:* Malinda Beal Wynn, John Mayoue, Ed Binzel, Jendra Combs.



Class of 1981 – 30th Reunion

Front row, from left: Rich Schennberg, Tony Barber, Kim Noss Blankenship, Beth Rice Hilliard, Beth Martin, Janet Sears Bitzko, Marianne Winchester Birdwell; second row: Dave Carr, Kim Clark, Beth Boyd Fryar, Amy Black Cross, Susan Amato Sorrell, Cathy Miller Wells; third row: Robert Mucci, Jeff Rogers, Gretchen Stempfle Perez, Lillian Fallon, Kellie Erb Considine, Kim Satterly Grater; back row: Jeff Reeves, Mark Blankenship, Bill Wells, Preston Martin, Kim Siebers Cornetet.



Class of 1986 – 25th Reunion

From left: Kevin Welch, Anne Taul, Pat Burba, Sue Snashfold Escobedo, Angela Ray, Cathy Bullard Morgret, Will Harris.



Class of 1991 – 20th Reunion

Front row, from left: Michael Covert, Jill Stratton, Anne Hickerson Jay, Annette Souder Rizzo, Shelley Wallace Hopps, Heather Sanders, Pam Marsh, Chris Watkins; second row: Lance Tucker, Lauren Sheppard Lambert, James Brown, Anne Milner Rust, Amy Elam-Krizan, Missy Newell-Smith, Tex Smith; back row: Chris Arnett, Shawn Cox, Beth Walker Cox, Carlyn Eames, Damon Preston, Karen Combs, Melissa Young, Chris Chaffin.



Class of 1996 – 15th Reunion

Front row, from left: Leigh Burberry Gillies, Natasa Pajic Mongiardo, Ashley Hatcher Drury, Stacy Franz Davis, Andrew Lazzaro, Tara Shrum Pepper, Kim McLean Cron, Amber Fogel Ladd; *back row:* Carrie Reed Shufflebarger, Amy Davie Haigh, Gwen Green Carter, Laura Weathersby, Sushannah Clark Hahn, Ashley Howard Froman, Christy Gatton.



Class of 2001 – 10th Reunion

Front row, from left: Shelly Ferrell, Leigh Wiley Burress, Kate Nelson, Carla Hopkins Griesch, Erin Moran Sutton, Shana Spitzer Page, Kinna Patel, Kara Best; *second row:* Sean Quigley, Emily Turner Weatherholt, Tim Weatherholt, Sara Sanders Sills, Eugenia Calkins Harrison, Adam Harris, Nicole Young, Andrea Perry, Leslie Ghibaudy Stone; *back row:* Shannon Morgan, Heather Rowland, Jeff Brinkman, Jenny Osborne, Debbie Shuttleworth Neff, Ryan Neff, Kelly Wales Napier, Wade Napier, Nicholas Holland, John Davidson, Elizabeth Monarch.



Class of 2006 – 5th Reunion

Front row, from left: Hayley Castle Trimble, MacKenzie Crigger, Rosi French, Sarah Guinn, Jill Taylor Rose, Mendy Freeland, Diana Vetter, Ashley Gray, Sara Palmer, Morgan Smith, Betty Megan Barber; *second row:* Daryl Swartzentruber, Patrick Marsh, Betsy Newman, Chris Rose, David Haney, Whitney Banks, Sarah Kingsbery, Jason Taylor, Brandon Daulton; *back row:* Rusty Belue, Drew Grey, Charles Oexmann, Jeff Gurnee, Lauren Carlisle, Monica Baker, Kelly Langan, Philip Bailey.

Sara Shallenberger Brown, longtime trustee, dies



Sara "Sally" Shallenberger Brown, a longtime Transylvania trustee, died April 30, 2011, at her home in Harrods Creek, Ky. She had celebrated her 100th birthday earlier in the month.

Brown, wife of the late W. L. Lyons Brown, was a generous supporter of Transylvania, offering funds for key projects including the Kenan Fund for Faculty and Student Enrichment, the Cowgill Center for Business, Economics, and Education, the William T. Young Scholarship Program, the 225th Anniversary Campaign, and the general scholarship fund. She received the

Transylvania Medal in 2002 for her philanthropy to the university.

"Mrs. Brown has been a wonderful friend to Transylvania for many years," President R. Owen Williams said. "She helped advance this institution through her endless generosity and willing service. She will be missed by the Transylvania community."

Brown was involved in many other organizations on the state and national level, including the Audubon Society, American Farmland Trust, Locust Grove, and Shaker-town at Pleasant Hill, where she served as director.

She was recognized in 1998 with the National Preservation Honor Award from the National Trust for Historic Preservation for her work with the preservation of the Kentucky River palisades. She was a founding member of the Kentucky Nature Conservancy and received the Oak Leaf Award, its highest honor. The Garden Club of America presented her with its highest award, the Frances K. Hutchinson Medal for National Service for Conservation.



Former professor and artist Joseph Petro dies

Former professor and visiting artist Joseph Petro '53 passed away June 7, 2011, in Lexington. He was 78 years old.

Petro studied fine arts at Transylvania under former artist-in-residence Victor Hammer and got a job as an illustrator for *The Thoroughbred Record* magazine. His work with Hammer introduced him to the field of medical art, and Petro enrolled in the School of Medical Illustration at the University of Cincinnati. He used his equine and medical art knowledge to paint detailed portraits of racehorses for the Keeneland Association in Lexington.

One such portrait was of Man o' War, one of the greatest thoroughbreds in racing history. In 1954 Petro presented the portrait to President Dwight D. Eisenhower during the President's visit to Transylvania on April 23 for the dedication of the Frances Carrick Thomas Library.

Petro eventually landed a position as head of the department of applied art at Loyola University of Chicago and then was visiting professor of art at John Cabot International College in Rome, Italy. During his time in Rome, he traveled around the world doing paintings and received the Leonardo da Vinci Bronze Medal for his art.

He returned to Kentucky in 1977 and became an instructor of art at Transylvania in 1978, where he remained in various faculty roles for 21 years until his retirement in 2000 as a lecturer in natural sciences.

"He was classically trained, and he did very precise drawings," art history professor Nancy Wolsk said. "He was a great realist artist, and a nice fellow."

Petro continued his art while at Transylvania, doing a wide range of paintings, including portraits of Transylvania presidents that are on display in the Presidents Room in Forrer Residence Hall. On September 5, 1984, 30 years after his meeting with Eisenhower, Petro presented an etching to Vice President George H. Bush during a dedication ceremony for an expansion of the same library.



pep club, and was senior class treasurer. She worked as a self-employed tour guide in Washington, D.C.

Peter J. Longeway '70, Baton Rouge, La., husband of **Barbara Bryan Longeway '69**, died March 22, 2011. He was a social studies major and member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity. He was a member of the soccer team, pep club, and the international relations club. He was a history teacher and soccer coach for Episcopal High School in Baton Rouge.

Bradley P. Killian '74, Eugene, Ore., husband of **Deborah Meier Killian '74**, died January 12, 2011. He was pre-law and a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, Phi Alpha Theta, and the Thomas D. Clark Colloquium Historical Society. He earned his J.D. from the University of Oklahoma College of Law while working as a police officer, then became a counselor to people struggling with addictions. He opened his own office in 2010.

Robin Kaiser Ayres '79, Huntsville, Ala., died March 5, 2011. She was an elementary education major and taught at elementary schools in Kentucky, Florida, and Alabama.

Victoria L. McElfresh '79, Park Hills, Ky., died March 5, 2011. She was an English major and member of Sigma Kappa sorority and the theater program. She worked as a buyer of children's wear for discount store chains and owned Victoria's Vault, a women's specialty retail shop in Lexington.

Jeanette Collins Unsell '81, Springfield, Mo., died February 16, 2011. She earned her M.Ed. from Drury University. She served in several organizations in Springfield including John Calvin Presbytery, City Utilities, Water Shed Committee of the Ozarks, and Valley Watermill Task Force.

Friends

Joanne Katherine Warinner Sawyer, Lexington, died April 29, 2011. She was formerly director of admissions for Transylvania and served in several other colleges and organizations during her life, including the National Society of Professional Engineers Auxiliary, Midway College, Berea College, the University of Louisville, Woman's Club, and the Y.W.C.A.

■ Obituaries in *Transylvania* are based on information available in alumni office files and from newspaper obituaries. Please send information concerning alumni deaths to the attention of Elaine Valentine in the Transylvania Alumni Office, 300 North Broadway, Lexington, KY 40508-1797. Newspaper obituaries with complete listings of survivors are preferred.

Commencement 2011

A RECORD 263 GRADUATING SENIORS

took part in commencement 2011,
the largest in school history.

Virginia Hamilton, a writing,
rhetoric, and communication major
from Bardstown, Ky., *(top right)*
delivered the student address.

It was the first commencement in the
presidency of R. Owen Williams and took
place from the steps of Old Morrison on
May 28 during a beautiful spring morning.

See story on page 22.

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Reaching across the aisle



Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives John Boehner, R-Ohio, and former Speaker and current House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi share a light moment during a moderated discussion of the history and nature of the Speaker position that attracted a capacity crowd to Haggin Auditorium on June 24. Also on the program were former Speaker, Republican Dennis Hastert from Illinois, and moderator John Harwood, CNBC chief Washington correspondent. The program was titled "The Role of the Speaker of the House: A Tribute to Henry Clay." See article on page 2. *Photo by Joseph Rey Au.*