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# Class of 2012 snapshots

Kelly Hieronymus '12



Kelsey McComas, a biology major from Ashland, Ky., has been active in community service since her high school days and continued that dedication while at Transylvania. She volunteered at her community's hospice, took a Transylvania service learning course in the Philippines, and helped raise funds for the Children's Miracle Network. She left June 20 on a 10-week, 3,700-mile cross-country bicycle ride as part of the Bike and Build non-profit program that will take her to Vancouver, British Columbia, helping to build affordable housing for deserving citizens along the way.

Joseph Rey Au



Caleb Ritchie, a music technology graduate from Corinth, Ky., is a musician keeping busy working on a variety of projects post-Transylvania. He is releasing a CD of pop music, playing with the band Fourscore, and teaching piano. He's also working on writing a web video series called "Rube's Cube," which he's doing audio and music composition for.



Matt Durr '14

Transylvania's campus was home to a pair of twins the past four years who share an uncommon devotion to one another.

Alyson (left in photo) and Caitlyn Vincent are from Winchester, Ky., and have been practically inseparable all through their school years, including their Transylvania time. Both majored in education, graduated with program and Latin honors, and will teach in Montgomery County, Ky., this fall, Alyson at Montgomery County Intermediate School (fifth grade) and Caitlyn at Mapleton Elementary School (first grade). Both are also national champion cloggers, as a team and as individuals.

Joseph (left in photo) and Stephen Porter are from Madisonville, Ky. They roomed together during their Transylvania years, were members of the swimming and diving team, and both graduated with a biology degree, earning program and Latin honors. Their togetherness continues this fall as both will be enrolled in the University of Louisville College of Medicine.

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### Pioneers and Wildcats will play once again in Rupp Arena

*For the second year in a row, Transylvania's men's basketball team will take on the University of Kentucky Wildcats in an exhibition game at Rupp Arena. The game will take place Monday, November 5, with tip-off tentatively set for 7 p.m. The two teams played for the first time in 100 years last fall, and the UK victory left the series record 8-7 in favor of the Wildcats. The Pioneers used the excitement created by that contest as stimulus for a highly successful season (see page 14) that included a 23-5 record, a conference title, and an appearance in the NCAA Division III championship. Kentucky (38-2) went on to win its eighth NCAA Division I national championship.*

*Photo: UK's Marquis Teague and Transylvania's Tate Cox in last year's game.*

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Graduation day comes for the 241 members of the class of 2012

### On the cover:

Graduating seniors Ruth Kloha and Joseph Underwood capture the moment while Isabel Barr anticipates the upcoming graduation ceremony for the 241 members of the class of 2012. See article on page 16.

*Photo by Joseph Rey Au*



## Lexington named a 'brain hub'

There's another reason for prospective Transylvania students to love Lexington. The city recently ranked No. 9 in the nation among metro areas with the highest percentage of workers with a bachelor's degree or higher. The ranking was published in *The Wall Street Journal* and comes from an analysis of census and Labor Department data by Edward Glaeser, professor of economics at Harvard University. "The emergence of well-educated 'brain hubs' over the past few decades has widened their advantage over much of the rest of the country, leaving them better off through the recession and primed for future growth," said the *WSJ* article. "A select number of high-flying places are hoarding a growing share of the nation's most valuable workers, best-paying jobs and attracting a lopsided share of new investment and young companies."

Brad Goan, vice president for enrollment and dean of admissions, pointed out that Transylvania's location near downtown Lexington is important when prospective students are searching for a college home. "The opportunities available for internships, part-time jobs, research projects, alumni connections, entertainment, and many other urban experiences provide a benefit that few other small liberal arts colleges can match."

The brain hub listing is the latest of a number of top rankings for Lexington that include:

- No. 1** best city for finding a job (*Forbes Magazine*, 2011)
- No. 2** best city for education (*Parenting*, 2010)
- No. 6** best city for college graduates (*The Daily Beast*, 2011)
- No. 7** best metro city for quality of life (*Business Facilities*, 2010)
- Top 10** college towns (*Relocate America*, 2010)
- No. 13** top hotspots for young, talented workers (*NextCities*, 2009)
- 100 best** communities for young people (*America's Promise*)

**#9 Brain Hub**  
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### Students attend Clinton Global Initiative University

Sophomore **Annie Wright** (left), junior **Jennifer Lancaster**, and senior **J. P. Peckinpaugh**, were accepted to the Clinton Global Initiative University March 31- April 1 in Washington, D.C. The CGI-U is a conference bringing together 1,000 students and leaders from around the world focusing on pressing global issues in education, environment and climate change, peace, human rights, poverty alleviation, and public health.

## APPLAUSE

### Education professor

**Angela Hurley** participated in and presented a paper at an Oxford Round Table on Education and Religion: An Interdisciplinary Perspective. The event was held at Lincoln College, Oxford University. The international round table had participants from Australia, Finland, Japan, and the United States, with schools such as Stanford, Columbia, and The Citadel sending representatives. Hurley's paper was titled "Viewing Schools as 'Problem.'"

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In recognition of his published work, **English professor Anthony Vital** has been invited to participate in an international multidisciplinary colloquium on Globalization, Narrative and the Environment at the Rachel Carson Center in Munich, Germany, October 11-14. He will join 19 other scholars and writers from various countries in exploring critical issues in the representation of long-term environmental problems in relation to a history of globalization and colonialism.

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**Seniors Erica Clark and Ben Costigan** were among the 20 recipients nationwide of Juan Manuel Sampere Scholarships for summer study abroad from Sigma Delta Pi National Spanish Honorary. Both will study Spanish for four weeks at the Estudio Internacional Sampere, Clark in Spain and Costigan in Ecuador.

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### Anthropology professor

**Barbara LoMonaco** is featured in the new documentary film *General Admission: Layin' it On The Line for U2*, where she discusses the aca-

demic research she conducted on the social organization of fan culture. Learn more about the film at [www.generaladmissionthefilm.com](http://www.generaladmissionthefilm.com).

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### Women's studies professor Simona Fojtová

was selected as a fellow at the School of Criticism and Theory at Cornell University this summer. Through seminars, public lectures, and colloquia, the school provides an opportunity to work with preeminent figures in critical thought and to reassess theoretical approaches that have emerged over the last 50 years. Fojtová will participate in a six-week seminar titled *Feminisms and Post-colonialities*.

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**Senior Ruth Kloha** was awarded a Fulbright grant for 2012-13, which includes service as an English teaching assistant in Malaysia. She will also coordinate a community engagement project. Fulbright grants are highly competitive, and recipients are chosen for their academic and leadership potential.

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### The Student Government Association

hosted students from Transylvania, Centre College, Georgetown College, and Berea College for the first annual Intercollegiate Student Research Symposium March 31. The symposium included oral and poster presentations on topics including Adderall use among college students, residential housing patterns in Louisville, and the symbol of the horse in James Joyce's *Ulysses*.

## Nordhaus encourages students to address global warming with new strategies

Ted Nordhaus, cofounder and chairman of the Breakthrough Institute, gave the spring Kenan Lecture titled "The Long Death of Environmentalism" March 7 in Haggin Auditorium.

Nordhaus sprang onto the environmentalism scene in 2004 after publishing a report on the politics of global warming with Breakthrough Institute cofounder Michael Schellenberger called "The Death of Environmentalism: Global Warming in a Post-Environmental World." The duo sought to find what U.S. environmental leaders had learned since James Hansen's testimony on global warming to Congress in 1988.

"We came away from the experience (writing the report) deeply disappointed," Nordhaus said to the students, faculty, staff, and visitors in attendance. "Not one of the environmental leaders we interviewed articulated a compelling vision or strategy for dealing with the challenge.

We heard again and again the same old riffs that environmental leaders had been using since the 1980s when they talked about global warming—it would be resolved through the same kinds of policies that were used to address the types of problems in the past like acid rain."

The report went viral, and Nordhaus established himself as a widely recognized, and controversial, expert on climate and energy policy. Since then he has worked trying to affect climate and energy policy and founded the Breakthrough Institute, a political think tank in Oakland, Calif.

He said that efforts today to adjust

climate change "lie in ruins," pointing to specific instances in recent years where Congress rejected climate legislation that, even if passed, he believes would not have had the desired effect. He spoke to the audience about a "post-environmental movement" that learns from the mistakes of previous environmentalists who either

were ineffective or short sighted, giving 12 theses for the movement. Those included better understanding of the evidence of climate change, moving away from fear-based publicity, and making clean energy technologies cheaper.

"The rising economies of the developing world will continue to develop whether we want them to or not," he said. "The solution to the ecological crises wrought by modernity, technology, and progress will be more modernity, technology, and progress. An ecological politics capable of addressing global

warming will require us to reexamine virtually every prominent strand of post-war green ideology."

Nordhaus and Schellenberger wrote the book *Break Through: Why We Can't Leave Saving the Planet to Environmentalists*. The book was called "prescient" by *Time* and "the most important thing to happen to environmentalism since 'Silent Spring'" by *Wired*. Nordhaus has been profiled in *The New York Times*, *Wired*, *The National Review*, *The New Republic*, and on NPR. In 2007, he and Schellenberger received the Green Book Award and *Time*'s 2008 "Heroes of the Environment" award.

The lecture was part of Transylvania's Kenan Lecture Series, which is funded by

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Ted Nordhaus

## International affairs major is created

Transylvania will adopt international affairs as an official major beginning in the 2012-13 academic year.

International affairs has been a minor for several years, and students in the past have self-designed the major under the guidance of political science professor Jeff Freyman. Political science professor Michael Cairo will be program director.

"Elements of what Dr. Freyman designed as a self-designed major are part of what is becoming the new major," Cairo said. "It's mainly using courses that are on the books—there's really only the new senior capstone."

The major focuses on international economics, history, and political science, with a foreign language requirement beyond the general education requirement. Core requirement includes courses such as Principles of Microeconomics, International Trade and Finance, International Politics, and Western Civilization.

There will also be several electives revolving around three specific themes—developmental issues, region, and political history. Students can be guided toward electives that will support their desired career or further study fields.

"There is a wide range of opportunities for students in the program," Cairo said. "Some students might be interested in working with a non-governmental organization, others might be interested in governmental work. We might have students interested in human rights or maybe even business."

Elizabeth Hardt, a rising sophomore from Louisville, plans to declare an international affairs major. She was interested in the program coming into Transylvania and had planned to self-design the major.

"I think international affairs is really relevant right now—everything has become more globalized," she said. "I'd love to have a job with something like the state department or the United Nations that lets me travel and work in another country. I think it will be a useful degree in the future."

Cairo described the program as "multi-disciplinary," taking elements from several areas to build a syllabus.

"There aren't necessarily a lot of classes that are team taught or have focus on interdisciplinary actions except the senior capstone," he said. "You're taking multiple courses to try and create synthesis and connections across these disciplines."

## Professors organize 1,000 Dolls art project for Lexington

Through their Community Engagement Through the Arts course, Transylvania art professor Kurt Gohde and English professor Kremena Todorova organized 1,000 Dolls, an art project that placed 1,111 dolls in downtown Lexington in April. Transylvania students and Lexington community groups made the dolls from socks, clay, clothespins, and wood. The project culminated with a viewing at the Kentucky Theater before placing the dolls around town for people to find.



Kurt Gohde/Kremena Todorova

## Shearer portrait to be hung in Glenn Building



Joseph Rey Au

A portrait of President Emeritus Charles L. Shearer will be hung in the lobby of the newly renovated Glenn Building.

Board of Trustees Chairman William T. Young Jr. presented the painting on behalf of the university as a tribute to Shearer's 27-year tenure (1983-2010) as president, a period that saw significant increases in enrollment, endowment, scholarships, and campus buildings.

"Charles Shearer was in office longer than any other Transylvania president and guided the university to some of its greatest achievements," Young said. "It is with great affection and admiration that we commemorate his service to Transylvania with this striking portrait."

The painting was created by Robert Kuester, an award-winning artist who lives and paints in New Mexico. Kuester holds a degree from the Art Center College of Design in Pasadena, Calif. The oil-on-canvas portrait, done in a realistic style, measures 30 by 40 inches.

"Robert did a very nice job of creating a warm, not overly serious likeness," Shearer said. "I'm very honored and grateful for this portrait."

Leslie Baldwin, wife of Transylvania business administration professor Bill Baldwin and a sales associate for Kentucky with the international firm Portraits, Inc., facilitated the selection of Kuester from among the 175 portrait artists represented by the organization. Transylvania art professor Nancy Wolsk was a consultant for the project.

## Yale scholar presents Harlan lecture on 'America's Symbolic Constitution'

Americans are a distinct people with a national narrative that shows an abiding concern for equality, fairness, and inclusion. The U.S. Constitution reflects those values and gives them legal standing in a formal, written context.

There is also a symbolic constitution that Americans hold dear, drawn from texts that put forth concepts relating to the written Constitution and that occupy a special place in constitutional discourse.

Those were the fundamental themes explained by Akhil Reed Amar in his presentation "America's Symbolic Constitution," given April 26 in Carrick Theater as part of the John Marshall Harlan Lecture Series. Amar is Sterling Professor of Law and Political Science at Yale University and one of this era's most accomplished constitutional law scholars.

"In a polyglot nation of many faiths, ethnicities, and ideologies, the Constitution stands as uniquely unifying American symbol," Amar said. "But several other iconic texts epitomizing the American way also help to bind Americans together."

Amar said there are six texts that comprise America's symbolic constitution: The Declaration of Independence, The



Akhil Reed Amar

Federalist Papers, The Northwest Ordinance, The Gettysburg Address, *Brown v. Board of Education*, and the "I Have a Dream" speech by Martin Luther King Jr.

Amar said the texts share these common characteristics: They all connect to the written Constitution and to each other, they relate directly to either Thomas Jefferson or Abraham Lincoln, and both Democrats and Republicans have influenced which texts comprise the symbolic constitution. In addition, he said references to God or religion appear in five of the texts; only the U.S. Supreme Court case *Brown v. Board of Education* is secular from start to finish.

"The written Constitution was ratified and amended by the American people," Amar said. "Each element of our symbolic constitution at some point won the hearts and

minds of a wide swath of the American people, thereby helping to bind us together as a legal and political entity."

While the symbolic constitution texts are not on the same legal level as the written Constitution, Amar said, they are extremely important in our understanding of the written document.

"These works set forth background principles that powerfully inform American Constitutional interpretation," he said. "Wherever the written Constitution is fairly susceptible to different interpretations, interpreters hesitate to embrace any reading that would violate the clear letter and spirit of these other canonical texts."

Amar gave some telling statistics about the frequency with which several of the symbolic constitution texts have been cited in Supreme Court cases, including more than 300 cases for The Federalist Papers and more than 125 for The Northwest Ordinance.

He also gave examples of the interconnectedness of the texts, such as Lincoln's Gettysburg Address that refers back to the themes of higher law, freedom, and nationhood explicated in The Northwest Ordinance, a

1787 document that restricted the spread of slavery to the western states of that era.

Amar gave several examples of texts that he said symbolized what Americans reject and abhor, including the 1896 Supreme Court decision in *Plessy v. Ferguson*, which upheld the constitutionality of state laws requiring racial segregation in public facilities under the doctrine of "separate but equal." Associate Justice John Marshall Harlan, namesake of the lecture series and an 1853 graduate of Transylvania's law department, is remembered as the lone dissenter in this case. His ringing dissent included the words, "Our Constitution is color-blind....In respect of civil rights, all citizens are equal before the law."

Amar said that Harlan's dissent also included the statement, "The judgment this day rendered will in time prove to be as pernicious as the decision made by this tribunal in the Dred Scott case."

"That was a remarkably canny and prescient prediction," Amar said. "It's like Babe Ruth's called home run shot—it's stunning."

View this lecture at [www.youtube.com/transylvaniainiv](http://www.youtube.com/transylvaniainiv).



# Cowgill, Rosenthal, and Young honored for service to Transylvania

Three long-serving members of the Board of Trustees were recognized by the presentation of major awards that salute exceptional service to Transylvania and its programs. The ceremony took place during a Board reception in May at the home of President and Mrs. R. Owen Williams.

William T. Young Scholarship and the JGK III Scholarship.

"Buddy is always available on behalf of the college—indeed, his commitment is tireless," said Williams. "Of particular note is his drive to expand the campus. For many years, he has been a one-man acquisition machine for Transyl-

vania. Simply put, we would not be where we are today, and have the opportunities that lie ahead, without Buddy Cowgill."

member of the Executive Committee, the Long Range/Strategic Planning Committee, and Nominating and Governance Committee.

His generous financial support has touched Transylvania in many areas, beginning with his loyal support of the annual fund. He led the way with a donation and fund-raising for the Rosenthal Residence Complex, named in his honor, and he chaired the Campaign for Transylvania. Besides being a major donor to the project, he chaired the fund-raising effort and was a key figure in planning for the Clive M. Beck Athletic and Recreation Center. The Brown Science Center laboratory renovation project and the Charles L. Shearer Art Building also bear his stamp of support. He and his wife, Betty, put forth the \$1 million Inauguration Challenge in honor of Owen Williams's presidency.

"No board member has been more actively involved in the affairs of this college for a longer period of time, or been more generous to the college, than Warren Rosenthal," said Williams. "In fact, Warren has given so much in the way of time, advice, support, and attention to Transylvania that he truly is in a class of his own."

Rosenthal retired from the food service industry in 1989 as chairman of Jerrico, Inc., a company he joined in 1948 when its entire holdings consisted of two five-cent hamburger stands called White Taverns and one eight-stool Jerry's sandwich shop. Upon his retirement, the organization had more than 1,500 Long John Silver's Seafood Shoppes in 37 states and two foreign countries, plus over 60 Jerry's restaurants and the beginnings of the now robust Fazoli's Italian restaurant chain. Today, he is the owner of Patchen Wilkes Farm, a thoroughbred horse operation.

## The Transylvania Medal

*Presented to non-alums for friendship and outstanding service to Transylvania*

**WILLIAM T. YOUNG JR.**

Bill Young's service to the Board of Trustees now extends over 29 years, beginning with his election to the board in 1983. He has served as Executive Committee chair, vice chair of the Finance Committee, and as a member of the Investment Committee, Development Committee, and Nominating and Governance Committee. He was elected chairman of the board in 2000 and is also a member of the Bingham Board of Trust.

His generous financial support of Transylvania begins with his loyal contributions to the annual fund. He was a major supporter of the Clive M. Beck Athletic and Recreation Center and a lead donor to the new location for the alumni and development office. He has supported many other targeted campaigns and scholarship funds, including the JGK III Scholarship.

"In my two years as president of Transylvania, no one has offered me more careful counsel or more consistently wise advice than Bill Young Jr.," said Williams. "I am forever amazed at the extent to which Bill makes himself available on behalf of this college. When one thinks of the many other organizations that would love to wrestle him away from us, it is impossible not to reflect on how lucky we are that Bill has chosen Transylvania as the object of his affections."

Young is chairman of W.T. Young, LLC, the parent company of W.T. Young Storage, a commercial warehousing and real estate development firm. He is a 1970 graduate of Princeton University who went on to earn an MBA from the University of Virginia.



President Williams presents Norwood Cowgill with the Irvin E. Lunger Award at a trustee reception in May.

## Irvin E. Lunger Award

*Named in honor of Transylvania's twenty-first president, presented to*  
**NORWOOD COWGILL JR. '65**

Buddy Cowgill has been an active and valuable member of the Transylvania Board of Trustees since 1990. He currently serves on the Executive Committee, the Committee on Trustees, and the Development Committee. His prior service includes chairing both the Physical Plant Committee and the By-Laws Advisory Committee.

He has backed up his considerable donations of time and expertise with substantial financial support. From 1992-97 he chaired the alumni phase of the \$25 million Campaign for Transylvania, which exceeded its goal. He and his wife, Judith King Cowgill '64, provided a generous lead gift for construction of the Cowgill Center for Business, Economics, and Education. He was a major supporter of the Clive M. Beck Athletic and Recreation Center and has helped endow various scholarships, including the

## Charles and Susan Shearer Award

*Named in honor of Transylvania's twenty-fourth president and his wife, presented to*  
**WARREN W. ROSENTHAL**

Warren Rosenthal was elected to the Board of Trustees in 1972 and is currently a member of the Development Committee and the Committee on Trustees. He has served as vice chair of the board and as a

## Programs retained in new division lineup

A reconfiguration of Transylvania's academic divisions has resulted in four divisions instead of six, but five academic programs in the two eliminated divisions have been retained.

Accounting, business administration, and economics are now part of the Social Sciences Division. Education has been assigned to the Humanities Division, and exercise science is now part of Natural Sciences and Mathematics. The fourth remaining division is Fine Arts, which now includes writing, rhetoric, and communication.

"We are streamlining the academic administration of the college so that we reduce the number of committees faculty members have to serve on," said President R. Owen Williams. "This will give them more time for teaching and scholarship."

Interim vice president and dean of the college Kathleen Jagger said the new alignment better reflects Transylvania's liberal arts mission and also puts the university more in line with its peer institutions.

"We examined other institutions and found in many cases we had more divisions than our peers," she said. "This suggested that there are more efficient ways to structure our academics. Our four divisions align precisely with the four different approaches to learning in a liberal arts environment designated in our general education curriculum. Thus, we expect all students will graduate having taken at least one course in each division."

Accounting professor Judy Jones looks forward to the advantages of being in a larger division.

"Formerly, we were such a small division that it was a struggle to staff all the faculty and ad hoc committees," she said. "Now that we are part of a larger division, the committee workload can be more evenly divided, which will allow additional time for our scholarly activities."

Jagger said the new alignment will be carefully monitored during its first year.

"Because this change has many consequences for the college, we will take the coming year to implement any necessary adjustments and evaluate the impact of the change."

## Philosophy, politics, and economics is new interdisciplinary major

A new interdisciplinary major in philosophy, politics, and economics acknowledges the historical connections and overlapping concepts seen in these areas of study while offering Transylvania students excellent preparation for careers in public life.

Philosophy professor Peter Fosl, program director for the new major, pointed out the commonalities inherent in the topics and cited his undergraduate semester study abroad experience at the London School of Economics and Political Science as invaluable in exposing him to those shared issues. His bachelor's degree includes a double major in economics and philosophy.

He made particular reference to Adam Smith (1723–90), the Scottish social philosopher widely acknowledged as the father of modern economics and capitalism because of his book *The Wealth of Nations* (1776).

"There is a very natural, historical, customary union of these topics," Fosl said. "For example, if you go back to people like Adam Smith and ask, 'Was he a philosopher or an economist or political theorist?', the answer is 'Yes.' He thought of himself principally as a philosopher of moral theory. His work in economic and political theory was, in his mind, a natural extension of that. It was only in later years that we pulled those disciplines apart and came to think of them as different from each other."

The course of study in philosophy, politics, and economics will draw from existing courses in those disciplines while adding at least three new major-specific courses: an introductory course, a senior seminar, and an advanced reading course. It will also include a required internship that could be fulfilled at such entities as law offices, government organizations, or non-government policy institutes.

"We're hoping this new major will attract students interested in careers in public life," Fosl said. The course application suggested that outcomes might include advanced graduate work and careers in law, social work, and community organizing.

Junior Bethany Davenport will become one of the first students to complete the philosophy, politics, and economics major. She plans to attend graduate school to study non-profit development and possibly have a career in higher education. She is completing her course internship this summer in the Transylvania alumni and development office.

"I feel the three topics really do inter-

twine with each other," she said. "My mindset is very much non-profit philanthropy. You have the philosophy—'Why do we want to help people?' The politics involve how you go about it—what laws are in place, how does government affect your goals? And then there are the economics of how you help people monetarily."

Fosl has high hopes for the future of the philosophy, politics, and economics major.

"It's not very common among colleges and universities in the United States yet, so I believe this will give Transylvania an advantage," he said. "We already have a strong background in law, and this should help us recruit young people interested in going on in law and public policy positions. I'm really hoping it will become a flagship program for the university."

## NYU nutrition expert to give fall Kenan Lecture

Marion Nestle, Paulette Goddard Professor of nutrition, food studies, and public health and professor of sociology at New York University, will deliver the fall Kenan Lecture on Tuesday, October 23, at 7:30 p.m. in Haggin Auditorium.

Nestle's research focuses on how science and society influence dietary advice and practice. More specifically, she studies food and nutrition policy (domestic and international) with an emphasis on dietary guidance, social and environmental influences on food choice, the politics of food safety, and the effects of food industry marketing on children's diets and health.

Nestle, who is also visiting professor of nutritional sciences at Cornell University, was senior nutrition policy advisor in the Department of Health and Human Services from 1986–88 and managing editor of the 1988 Surgeon General's Report on Nutrition and Health. She is the author of the award-winning *Food Politics: How the Food Industry Influences Nutrition and Health* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2002), which is also the title of her Kenan Lecture. She earned a B.A. in bacteriology, a Ph.D. in molecular biology, and a master of public health in public health nutrition, all from the University of California, Berkeley.

Transylvania's Kenan Lecture series is funded by a grant from the William R. Kenan Jr. Charitable Trust.



## Pollard steps down as vice president, dean of the college

William F. Pollard stepped down as vice president and dean of the college, effective July 31, after an eight-year tenure that saw significant changes in a number of areas, including the curriculum, student advising, outreach to peer institutions, and staffing. Following a one-year sabbatical, he will return to teaching as professor of English on the Transylvania faculty.

"Bill has been an extraordinary contributor since arriving at Transylvania," said President R. Owen Williams. "While I will miss working with him as dean, I am delighted that he will remain at the university as a senior member of the faculty."

Pollard's areas of scholarship are English, medieval English literature, and medieval theology. He has written numerous papers, essays, and reviews while giving presentations at conferences in the U.S. and England. He earned his bachelor's degree from Centre College and his M.A., M.Div., and Ph.D. from Duke University. He did post-doctoral study at Keble College, University of Oxford.

"I enjoyed my tenure as dean of the college, and I am proud of all that was achieved working in concert with faculty and staff," Pollard said. "But I am excited about returning to the classroom and look forward to becoming a medievalist again."

Curricular changes during Pollard's tenure include the addition of Chinese language, several minors including Latin American and Caribbean studies, and eight new majors: art history; biochemistry; educational studies; German studies; international affairs; music technology; philosophy, politics, and economics; and writing, rhetoric, and communication.

"One of the hallmarks of Transylvania is a continued emphasis on intellectually exciting interdisciplinary programs," Pollard

said. "My focus was always on helping to develop good, coherent interdisciplinary majors. The new philosophy, politics, and economics major is an excellent example of that."

Ten new faculty positions were added during Pollard's tenure, the full-time position of director of institutional research and assessment was created, and a new associate vice president and associate dean of the college position was added. The latter position has had a positive impact on student advising and retention.

"Having an associate dean who has primary responsibility for working with students at all levels of ability and success—from those who are struggling to those who are high-achieving and need encouragement to apply for national scholarships—has made an enormous difference to the college," Pollard said.

Pollard worked in several areas to help make Transylvania better known among its peers. He was active in Transylvania's involvement with the Annapolis Group, served as president of the Association of Chief Academic Officers of the Southern States, was a member of the American Conference of Academic Deans, and for 15 years was an evaluator for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools' Commission on Colleges. He facilitated the university's membership in the Council of Independent Colleges, an organization that recognized his efforts with its 2010 Chief Academic Officer Award.

In conjunction with political science professor Jeff Freyman and associate vice president and associate dean of the college Kathleen Jagger, Pollard developed the Transylvania Seminar, an annual summer faculty seminar on liberal education that attracts invited professors at national liberal arts colleges from around the country.

"This seminar is a service to our colleagues at the other national liberal arts colleges and is a way of promoting Transylvania while being central to the national conversation about liberal education," Pollard said.

Pollard's colleagues on the Transylvania faculty have appreciated his service to the university.

"Bill Pollard did a tremendous amount as dean to enhance the academic culture at Transylvania," said English professor Martha Billips. "He worked tirelessly to increase faculty lines in needed areas and thus enriched the curriculum and fields of study available to students."

Political science professor Michael Cairo voiced appreciation for Pollard's leadership style.

"As dean, he led from the sidelines, letting others share the spotlight," he said. "He is an exemplar of excellence and raised the standards of all those around him by providing a model of high moral character."



"I am excited about returning to the classroom and look forward to becoming a medievalist again."

William F. Pollard

## Jagger appointed interim vice president and dean of the college

Associate Vice President and Associate Dean of the College Kathleen Jagger became interim vice president and dean of the college on August 1, replacing William F. Pollard, who stepped down from his position effective July 31.

A national search for a permanent dean of the college will begin this fall, with the position expected to be filled by the summer of 2013.



"Kathleen is a proven teacher and administrator, and I look forward to working with her on a broader spectrum of issues," said President R. Owen Williams. "I am deeply grateful to her for agreeing to serve in this important capacity."

Jagger came to Transylvania in 2002 as professor of biology. She became associate dean of the college in a half-time position in 2007 while continuing as a biology professor, then became full-

time associate vice president and associate dean of the college in 2011.

Her major responsibilities have been in mentoring, advising, retention, diversity, and academic support services. She is vice chair of the university's Quality Enhancement Plan Development Committee and serves on the President's Advisory Committee.

Jagger holds a B.A. from DePauw University, an M.P.H. from Harvard School of Public Health, and a Ph.D. from the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine. She is a recipient of Transylvania's Bingham Award for Excellence in Teaching.

# WELL DONE

Professors, staff member retire after impressive tenures



*Retiring chemistry professor Alan Goren speaks to a crowd of faculty and staff during his retirement luncheon in the William T. Young Campus Center gym.*

Tyler Young

## Chemistry professor retiring after 27 years

Chemistry professor Alan Goren is retiring after 27 years at Transylvania. Fall 2012 will be his final term.

Goren arrived on campus in 1985 after a tenure at New England College, where after teaching at its main campus in New Hampshire, he went to a campus in Arundel, England, to chair the engineering program. He met his wife in Arundel and got the opportunity to become dean at the England campus, but decided instead to return to the New Hampshire campus for a year, then found the position at Transylvania.

"At New England I was just teaching general education classes—we didn't have a major," he said. "I was happy to come here and teach chemistry majors."

What he found in Lexington assured him that this was the place he wanted to spend the rest of his education career.

"The people here were very nice, and the students have been challenging," he said. "They make you work. They can't be bluffed, and I like that. The administration has expectations of us, and the faculty have expectations with each other that we should be scholarly and involved in our fields."

That involvement has always defined Goren's approach to chemistry. After earning his Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of Delaware, he worked in industry at

a polyester manufacturer in North Carolina. While at Transylvania, he took great advantage of his sabbaticals, using them to study at the University of Sussex in England, the University of Washington in Seattle, and his most recent one at the University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy.

"One of the things I'm most thankful for is the three great sabbatical opportunities while I was here," Goren said. "I'm very appreciative of Transylvania supporting those. To be able to go off and be a student again—that's just a treat. I got to go to meetings in England and France, meet people all over the world. Research is so stimulating and challenging."

A close second to his passion for chemistry was his love for Transylvania students. Mathematics professor David Shannon, who had an office next to Goren's and became close friends with him, said his students felt comfortable sitting in Goren's office and talking about any number of subjects.

"He enjoyed talking with students about their various interests, and that made him a very popular teacher," Shannon said. "Students felt they could come talk to him not just about chemistry, but about their interests outside of the classroom. He took very

seriously the notion that the faculty needed to be mentors to the students and even to the rest of the faculty."

Goren, a Massachusetts native, enjoys being able to connect with people over a wide variety of topics, especially if they happen to share his love for the Boston Red Sox. Goren has always been an athlete, growing up playing baseball and developing that into a penchant for cricket while in England. He played on a village team with players from ages 16 to 60 and older.

"It was like the softball leagues around here—everyone thinks they can still play the game," Goren said. "They play on Sundays during the summer months with other small villages. It's a friendly game, and there's always a pint or two at the end."

Goren's travels and ability to make friends wherever he ventured gave him an appreciation for people of differing backgrounds and worldviews—a true liberal arts

mindset. He noted his time in Seattle, where he noticed there was an Asian American governor, two female senators, and a Jewish mayor, saying, "It's how the world should be."

"I've learned a lot," he said. "Meeting people around the world, you realize that we're all the same, and you realize it sitting around having a beer or a coffee."

Goren plans to go back to Massachusetts to be near his daughter and grandsons. He and his wife also kept her home in England, and they'll

visit there often. He recently took his oldest grandson to his first Red Sox game at Fenway Park.

"It's my grandsons that are so exciting—the thought of meeting them after school and taking them to their sporting events," he said. "I have no regrets, but for me it's time to go. I've worked for good people, and it will be hard to leave."

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Alan Goren



## English professor Tay Fizdale retires

English professor Tay Fizdale retired in May after 33 years (1979-2012) of service on the Transylvania faculty.

Fizdale taught many Shakespeare courses, along with a variety of courses on seventeenth- and eighteenth-century writers. He was known especially for his film courses that emphasized the medium as a major contemporary art form. He billed the weekly film screenings he organized as the "Film Junkies."

"Tay introduced the serious study of film at Transylvania," said Vice President and Dean of the College William F. Pollard. "He was always very careful to make sure students understood that it was not simply watching movies, but was a very rigorous study of film as literature."

Pollard also noted Fizdale's devotion to students and his attention to detail in preparing for his classes and analyzing student evaluations.

"Tay was one of the most appreciated and demanding professors we have had in the classroom," he said. "He cared very much about how students responded to his courses. He spent so much of his effort on very difficult, complex courses, and they became complex because he took the feedback from students so seriously."

"Many students felt he was a mentor to them, in a very honest way, talking with them about what they might do with their English major and whether graduate school would make sense for them."

Fizdale holds a B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. from the University of California–Los Angeles, where he studied under renowned early English literature scholar Earl Miner.

## Mills retires after 28-year tenure as registrar

Registrar Jim Mills retired from Transylvania June 29 after 28 years with the institution.

Mills came to Transylvania in 1984 from Western Kentucky University, where he was assistant registrar. He earned a master's degree in clinical psychology from WKU, which he joked sometimes came in handy with students who came to his office.

"The part I liked most about this job was working individually with students and working them through whatever problems they may have had—working as an advisor and consoler sometimes," he said. "But it's surprising how little acrimony there is. There's as much being a bearer of good

tidings as bad."

His work as registrar involved managing Transylvania's curriculum records while helping students fulfill their degree requirements. He oversaw the transition into the computerization of the registrar's office, and eventually into offering student forms and registration online. He also had faculty status, teaching a psychology course during the summers and serving on faculty committees like the Committee on Admissions and Academic Standards.

"One of the great things about this position is you have contact with everybody at the school—faculty, students, staff," he said. "It's easy to get tied up in drop/add periods and deadlines and lose sight of what we're really here to do. But being in a classroom refreshes the notion of what's really important, which is an undergraduate liberal arts education. Transylvania is a wonderful school, and we do well what we claim to do well."

Throughout his time at Transylvania, Mills developed a keen sense of the history of the college, not just in regard to classes and professors, but also the campus itself and events surrounding it.

"If you ever need a Transylvania trivia

*"When I read the alumni publication, somebody I knew as not much more than a child is doing things far beyond what I did. It's a satisfying thing to ...know you might have had some input in moving somebody along."*

Jim Mills

Lexington home. According to executive assistant to the president Deana Ison '95, who was a work-study student in the registrar's office, he even named his chickens after his student workers. One Halloween saw Mills dressed up as a farmer while Rawlings and administrative support specialist Ashley Coons '09 dressed as chickens.

Ison spoke about Mills at his retirement luncheon in May, giving an idea of what he meant to her over the years beyond his administrative position. Mills had recommended Ison for an admissions counselor position, one that she didn't even know had opened.

"His endorsement, and the training that I received working for him, set the stage for everything I have achieved up to this point in my professional life," she said. "His influence has meant so much to me that to this day, I still cannot bring myself to refer to him as anything other than Mr.

Mills. His true legacy at Transylvania is not in the meticulous records that he kept on our students, or the number of diplomas he delivered at commencement. Rather, Jim Mills will forever be remembered for his commitment to students, which was extraordinary."



team, put him and B. J. (Gooch, Special Collections librarian) together, and they'll win it," said Michelle Rawlings, who was promoted to registrar from associate registrar. "I don't know if my brain will ever hold as much knowledge about the campus as his."

He's also known around Old Morrison for his quick wit and for his chickens, which he raises for eggs at his downtown

Mills took a great interest in the students and remains in touch with several.

"I appreciate all the people I've come to know here and have been amazed by the talent that has gone through," he said. "When I read the alumni publication, somebody I knew as not much more than a child is doing things far beyond what I did. I'm just always amazed. It's a satisfying thing to see that happen and know you

## Three professors earn Bingham Awards for quality in the classroom

**Three Transylvania professors have earned Bingham Awards for Excellence in Teaching** in recognition of their outstanding work in the classroom. The award includes 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.

**Art history professor Wei Lin** has been at Transylvania since 2006. She came to Lexington from The Ohio State University, where she taught and earned a Ph.D. in art history. She also holds a bachelor of arts in archaeology from Nanjing University and a master's degree in archaeology from Beijing University. Her research interests include typology and periodization of the Tang Dynasty and the Buddhist caves at Qixia Mountain.

"When teaching the history of art, I see myself as a guide leading students along a path of learning," she said. "The core of my teaching philosophy is to convey my enthusiasm for the subject, to share my knowledge and experience, and to encourage students' participation and involvement in what they are learning."



### English professor Kremena Todorova



came to Transylvania in 2005 from the University of Notre Dame, where she earned an M.A. and Ph.D. in English and completed a teaching postdoctoral fellowship. She also holds a B.A. in English

from Hope College. Her research interests include twentieth-century American literature, comparative ethnic American literature, and race studies.

"All of the pedagogical decisions I make are informed by my belief in the tremendous value of community-based, interdisciplinary, and collaborative teaching and learning," she said. "Therefore, one of my primary goals as a teacher is to facilitate learning experiences that highlight the importance of community—both the community within the classroom and those

beyond it. I believe that enabling students to know each other is an essential part of teaching them about what Nussbaum calls the 'narrative imagination'—the ability to be intelligent, informed, and engaged readers of other people's stories."

### Chemistry professor George Kaufman



joined the Transylvania faculty in 2007 after time as head teaching fellow in physical-organic chemistry at Harvard University. He earned an M.A. and Ph.D. in chemistry from Harvard and a B.A.

in classics, B.S. in chemical physics, and M.S. in chemistry from Brown University. His research interests include electrets and electrostatic, magnetic, and biomolecular self-assembly.

"I strive to foster intuition, confidence, and skills in reasoning and problem solving, and to instill passions for science and the environment by expressing my own," he said. "From Foundations of the Liberal Arts (developing into first-year seminar) and general chemistry to quantum chemistry, I take great strides to maintain students' interest and enthusiasm—learning is exciting, and science is exciting—and to illustrate the relevance of chemistry to their other courses of study, to current events and scientific discoveries, and to their daily lives."

### Promotions

#### English professor Martha Billips '78

was promoted to full professor. She began teaching at Transylvania in 1997 after earning a Ph.D. in English from the University of Kentucky.

**Spanish and French professor Martha Ojeda** was promoted to full professor. She joined the Transylvania faculty in 1997. She holds a Ph.D. in Spanish from the University of Kentucky.

#### Women's studies professor Simona Fojtová

was tenured and promoted to associate professor. She has been on the Transylvania faculty full time since 2007 after spending time on campus as a visiting assistant professor. She holds a Ph.D. in American studies from the University of New Mexico.

**Writing, rhetoric, and communication professor Scott Whiddon** was tenured

and promoted to associate professor. He joined the Transylvania faculty in 2006 after teaching and earning a Ph.D. in English/rhetoric and composition from Louisiana State University.

#### Education professor Tiffany Wheeler

'90 was tenured and promoted to associate professor. Wheeler came to Transylvania in 2002 and holds an Ed.D. in curriculum and instruction with a focus on literacy from the University of Kentucky.

**Art history professor Wei Lin** was tenured and promoted to associate professor. She came to Transylvania from The Ohio State University, where she taught and earned a Ph.D. in art history.

**Spanish professor Jeremy Paden** was tenured and promoted to associate professor. He joined the Transylvania faculty in 2008 from Georgia State University and holds a Ph.D. in Spanish from Emory University.

**Biology professor Sarah Bray** was tenured and promoted to associate professor. She was an assistant professor of biology at Midland Lutheran College, now Midland University, before coming to Transylvania in 2007. She holds a Ph.D. in botany from the University of Florida.

## Billips accepts new associate dean position



English professor Martha Billips '78 became associate dean for first-year academic programs and advising, effective August 1. She will remain a tenured member of the faculty,

teach at least one course per year, and assume her rank as professor of English.

Billips taught in the Foundations of the Liberal Arts program for first-year students from 1997-2012 and directed the program from 2001-12. She has also served as humanities division chair.

"This new role is an excellent fit for Martha," said President R. Owen Williams. "She has already contributed enormously to the way we educate first-year students at Transylvania. Through her 15 years of experience with our former FLA program, she gained a keen understanding of the critical transition that first-year students make in adjusting to the rigors of college-level academics. That background will serve her well as she guides our students through



their liberal arts experience at Transylvania."

Billips looks forward to the challenges of her new role and feels the timing is especially significant.

"With the advent of August term and the creation of our First-Year Seminar program, we can provide our students with a distinctive, challenging, and multi-disciplinary first-year curriculum," she said. "This will prepare them well for the rest of their educational experience at Transylvania. I look forward to playing an important role in this initiative."

Billips came to Transylvania in 1997 after earning a B.A. in English from Transylvania and an M.A. and Ph.D., both in English, from the University of Kentucky.

## Rawlings named registrar



Michelle Rawlings, who had served as associate registrar at Transylvania, was promoted to registrar effective July 1, filling the vacancy left after Jim Mills's retirement.

Rawlings was registrar at Sullivan University in Lexington until February 2009, when she came to Transylvania as associate registrar. She holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Kentucky and a master's in business from Sullivan.

She will be a familiar face to students returning in the fall, as she's worked closely with hundreds of students for the past three years.

"Just about every student that comes in, I know their face or their name," she said. "I like knowing that the students know they can come in anytime. They're not scared of this office."

Rawlings has her work cut out for her right off the bat, as the inaugural August term is this year, Transylvania added two new majors, and both the registrar's office and the dean of the college's office will have new heads. She said she welcomes the challenge.

"There are so many changes going on that it's going to completely consume me to figure out how to make things work with August term and changes in curriculum, not to mention the changes in staff," she said. "I love trying to make all the pieces fit. If there's a problem with a student's degree audit, I find it to be a fun challenge to figure out how to make it all fit together. It's a puzzle."

"Michelle will do great," Mills said. "She's very good, especially with the new online registration. If it wasn't for her, I don't know how we would have gotten by the last few years."

Rawlings said that the registrar's office will be the same friendly, helpful place it's been for years.

## Vetter steps down from dean's office, begins new role as special assistant



Mike Vetter stepped down as vice president for student affairs and dean of students on June 30 after a 15-year tenure and immediately began a new position as special assistant to the university.

His new role will involve Vetter in development, alumni relations, admissions, and special assignments from the president's office.

"Mike has provided great service to the university as dean of students, and I look forward to his contributions in this new role," said President R. Owen Williams. "Mike seems to know everyone in the Transylvania family, and his connections will prove invaluable as he pursues key fund-raising initiatives and new ideas toward involving alumni more in the student recruitment process."

One of Vetter's new roles will be to serve as a major gifts officer in the development office, which is where he is now located. An emphasis will be on fundraising for the new athletics fields to be constructed on a 10-acre plot along West Fourth Street recently purchased by the university, and for projected new residence and academic facilities that are part of strategic planning now taking place.

Vetter will also work with the alumni office and admissions office to increase participation by alumni in identifying and helping to recruit prospective students.

As he begins this new work for Transylvania, Vetter looks back on a number of changes in student life over the past 15 years in which he played a key role.

One such area is the improved support for ethnic minority students. A concern for these issues first brought about an office of multicultural affairs and now has resulted in the university's first office of campus diversity and inclusion.

"You must have these kinds of programs in place in order to attract a diverse student body and make them feel welcome and valued," Vetter said. "My office played a role in informing the entire campus community through cocurricular activities that stressed diversity education. I'm very pleased with how all of that developed."

Another office created during Vetter's tenure is a full-time position for a coordinator of community service and civic engagement.

"This allowed us to increase our opportunities for students to reach out to the surrounding community," Vetter said. "Working with Arlington Elementary School in an after-school daycare program and with the Carnegie Center for tutoring situations are great examples of these programs."

Student retention received major emphasis during Vetter's tenure. A Retention Committee was created to coordinate all aspects of enhancing the university's graduation rate and helping ensure that first-year students return for their sophomore year. A closer relationship with the academic dean's office and bringing counseling services on campus were key developments in this area.

"Athletics is something I was especially interested in," Vetter said. "I wanted to help that department have a student-athlete program that gave equal support regardless of the varsity sport you're taking part in. The fact that we have won the Commissioner's Cup (for best overall achievement from women's and men's teams in the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference) the past two years, I think, demonstrates our commitment to that ideal."

As he leaves the dean's office, Vetter reflected on his goal in coming to Transylvania and the fulfillment he experienced being in that role.

"My intent was to come back to a small college after working at larger state and regional schools," he said. "I wanted to work more directly with students, faculty, and staff to help create a better learning environment. That's been the joy of this Transylvania experience."

One of Vetter's colleagues who appreciated the work he did is athletics director Jack Ebel '77.

"Mike has been a great friend to athletics," he said. "One of his goals when I started as athletics director was to try to show that all the sports and all our student-athletes were important, regardless of the team they played on. Knowing that the dean's office believes in that value goes a long way toward making it a reality. Mike did a great job in that respect."

## LoMonaco heads up student life administration changes

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**Anthropology professor Barbara LoMonaco** became vice president for student affairs and dean of students on July 1. She continues as a voting member of the faculty and will teach one or two courses per year.

In addition, Michael Covert '91, Robert Brown, and Wilson Dickinson '02 were named to key positions in student life.

LoMonaco came to Transylvania in 1996 after earning her B.A. in philosophy and M.A. and Ph.D. degrees, both in cultural anthropology, from Southern Methodist University. During her tenure at Transylvania, an anthropology major was added to the curriculum.

LoMonaco's extensive faculty service record includes a number of positions directly related to student life, including her membership on the Alcohol Task Force, Judicial Council (chair), Selection Committee for Student Orientation Leaders, Transylvania Scholarship Committee (chair), Sexual Grievances Judicial Board, and Delta Delta Delta First-Year Woman Award Selection Committee.

"I am delighted that Barbara has accepted this key position," said President R. Owen Williams. "She is a one-person nuclear power plant who will completely transform the face of student affairs on our campus. From her earliest days at Transylvania, Barbara has been heavily involved in student life. She has an excellent rapport with students as advisor and mentor, and I am sure she will

bring energy and dedication to her new role."

LoMonaco said she has ideas for initiatives in several areas of student life, including community service, leadership training, campus recreation, and social and wellness programming.

"I want to continue to tie students to the community through service projects and to create more sustained activities so that we have semester-long involvement," she said. "I'd like to see service permeate all aspects of campus, and tie that to leadership development."

"I think we are on the verge of wonderful changes at Transylvania over the next few years through our campus planning and other strategic planning initiatives. The timing for me to assume this new position could not be better in terms of thinking about new opportunities."

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**Michael Covert '91** became



associate vice president for retention and associate dean of students on July 1. His prior Transylvania positions were associate dean of students and director of retention programs, assistant dean of students, and coordinator of student life and financial aid services.

"Michael's 16 years of experience in student life at Transylvania will serve him well in his new position," said vice president for student affairs and dean of students Barbara LoMonaco. "Retention of the

outstanding students who come to Transylvania and the introduction of August term are critically important, and Michael has the perfect background to lead in these areas."

Covert earned a B.A. in psychology from Transylvania, a master of science in college student personnel administration from Indiana University, and a Ph.D. in educational policy studies and evaluation from the University of Kentucky. Before coming to Transylvania in 1996, he held student life positions at Washington University in Saint Louis and Indiana University.

"August term is a very innovative first-year experience for our students, and I'm looking forward to working with faculty members, staff, and student leaders to make it a success, and to enhancing our overall university retention efforts," Covert said.

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**T. Wilson Dickinson '02**



became associate dean for religious life on July 7. He was a visiting professor of philosophy at Transylvania the past academic year and is an ordained minister in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

"Transylvania is committed to enabling students to know and experience the history and practices of various religious traditions and to interact with people of other faiths and practices," said President R. Owen Williams. "This position provides another element in our attempt to shape proactive leaders in today's diverse world."

Dickinson will promote spiritual development, theological reflection, and social awareness on campus. He will serve as chaplain for the campus community, advisor for student religious organizations, and liaison between the university and the various religious bodies of central Kentucky.

He earned a B.A. in philosophy from Transylvania, a master of divinity degree from Vanderbilt University, and a Ph.D. in religion from Syracuse University. He is the co-founder of Young Adult Ecumenical Forum and was a worship leader at the Fayette County (Ky.) Detention Center the past year.

"I anticipate that a synergy will develop between the experiential components of my teaching, student immersion experiences, and regular meetings such as quiet reflections, lunch discussions, and service projects," Dickinson said.

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**Robert Brown** became asso-



ciate dean for student affairs on July 1. He came to Transylvania in 2001 as assistant

director of residence life and became director of residence life in 2005.

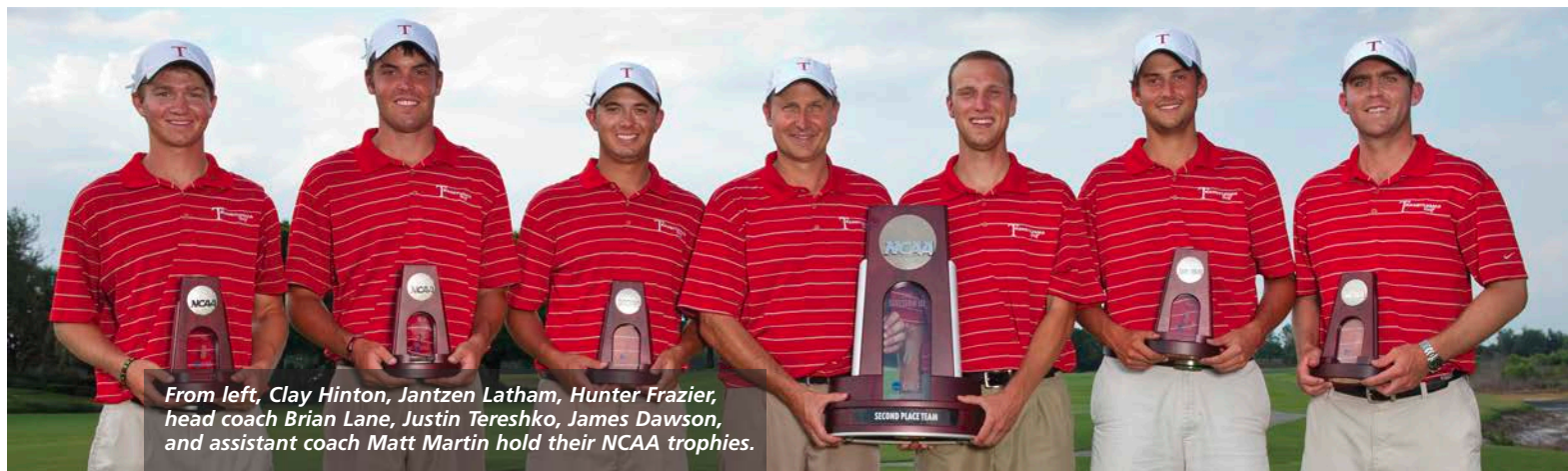
His new responsibilities include residence life, student involvement and leadership, judicial affairs, community service and civic engagement, and the William T. Young Campus Center. He will be involved in refining the university's student affairs policies, supporting general student needs, and planning for future construction.

"This is a much deserved progression in Bob's Transylvania career," said vice president for student affairs and dean of students Barbara LoMonaco. "He will now have the opportunity to use the student life skills he has demonstrated over the past decade in a number of new areas."

Brown earned a bachelor of science degree in mathematics from the University of Kentucky and a master of science in higher education and student affairs administration from Indiana University.

For additional student life changes, go to [www.transylv.edu/campus/staff.htm](http://www.transylv.edu/campus/staff.htm).





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## Men's golf finishes as national runner-up in NCAA championship

The men's golf team capped off a brilliant season by finishing as national runner-up in the NCAA Division III championship. Under head coach Brian Lane '90, the Pioneers claimed four invitational tournament victories during the regular season, then captured the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference tournament crown to qualify for the NCAA event.

During the fall schedule, the Pioneers won invitational tournaments hosted by Centre College and Manchester College. In the spring, Transylvania won invitationals hosted by the College of Mount St. Joseph and Hanover College.

When the HCAC tournament rolled around, Transylvania had risen to a No. 4 national ranking and was the favorite to repeat as champion. The Pioneers led every round and ran away with the trophy, finishing 42 shots ahead of runner-up Mount St. Joseph. Senior Justin Tereshko led the way

with a four-round total of 279, seven under par, which earned him the medalist title. Sophomore Jantzen Latham shot a 289, good for second in individual play. The victory moved the Pioneers to No. 3 in the nation, the team's highest-ever ranking.

The NCAA championship was held in mid-May on the Mission Inn Resort's El Campeon Course in Howie-in-the-Hills, Fla., just north of Orlando. The Pioneers were in 18th place after round one, but rallied in the fourth and final round to make up nine strokes on Methodist University and finish in second by one shot, 1191 to 1192. Oglethorpe University won the title with a 1171 score.

"I was really proud of the way our players battled back after our rough opening round," said Lane, voted Coach of the Year in the HCAC. "We buckled down and competed in the last three rounds and played the way we knew we were capable of. It

was a great confidence-builder heading into next year."

Tereshko again paced the Pioneers with a four-round total of 298, good for a tie for 17th place. He had started the tournament with an uncharacteristic 82, a round that included an ace, then played par golf the rest of the week. Sophomore Clay Hinton and Latham each had a 301, followed by junior Hunter Frazier at 303 and senior James Dawson with a 304.

Tereshko, who was Player of the Year in the HCAC, and Hinton were named to the Ping All-America third team by the Golf Coaches Association of America. Earlier, Tereshko, Hinton, Frazier, Latham, and junior Stephen Montgomery were selected for the All-Great Lakes Region team by the same organization. Frazier and Hinton were also on the All-HCAC team.

## Men's basketball wins HCAC, plays in NCAA tournament

An exciting early-season exhibition game against the University of Kentucky Wildcats in Rupp Arena set the stage for one of the all-time best seasons in men's basketball history. At year's end, Transylvania had won the regular season Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference title, participated in the NCAA Division III national championship, and fashioned a 23-5 record that included a 16-2 mark in the HCAC.

Head coach Brian Lane '90, named Coach of the Year in the HCAC, had high praise for the determination his players showed from start to finish. The Pioneers' poise was evidenced by their leading the nation in fewest turnovers per game with a 10.1 average, and they climbed to a No. 14 national ranking at one point in the season.

"I just really liked how confident this team was throughout the season," Lane said. "They took a very mature approach to not only the season as a whole, but to each individual game. Their preparation was

good, and they understood how hard you have to play every night out."

Transylvania and UK, who were tied at seven wins each in a series that began in 1903, played for the first time in 100 years on November 2. Although the Pioneers held early 11-4 and 19-17 leads, the Division I Wildcats prevailed 97-53 in the opening salvo of what became their eighth national championship season.

The Pioneers then tied a school record for most consecutive wins at the start of a season with 10 victories, including No. 10 against the University of La Verne in the D3hoops.com Classic in Las Vegas. Three games later, they began an 11-0 run in HCAC play on their way to winning the season title by four games over runner-up Hanover College.

Transylvania hosted the HCAC tournament and won its opening game over Anderson University 71-59 before falling 76-73 in overtime against Rose-Hulman

Institute of Technology in the title game.

After receiving an at-large bid to the NCAA Division III championship, the Pioneers hosted first-round games where they lost 84-74 to Carroll University.

Junior forward Ethan Spurlin was named Player of the Year in the HCAC. He led Transylvania in scoring with 16.8 points a game, rebounding with 6.4 boards a contest, and shooting percentage at 55.4. The National Association of Basketball Coaches named Spurlin a first-team All-Midwest District player and a third-team All-American, and he was named to the D3Hoops.com All-Midwest Region first team.

Junior forward/guard Brandon Rash joined Spurlin on the All-HCAC first team. He averaged 15.9 points and 4 rebounds while shooting 54.3 percent from the field. He was also named to the D3hoops.com All-Midwest Region third team.

## Women's basketball has winning season

Sporting a lineup dominated by first-year players, the women's basketball team put together a winning season at 14-13 and finished fourth in the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference regular-season race with an 11-7 record.

"Considering we had nine first-year players on the roster, including four who started, I thought we had a pretty successful year," said head coach Greg Todd. "It was a transition year, but we got valuable playing experience. We were an aggressive, physical group, and we rebounded well."

Transylvania won its first game in the inaugural Pat Deacon-Hilliard Lyons Invitational at the Beck Center in mid-December with a 78-66 decision over St. Mary of the Woods College before falling to Kenyon College in its second game. Deacon was a coach, administrator, and teacher at Transylvania for 29 years before retiring in 1999. She was head coach of women's basketball for 16 seasons, compiling a 175-146 record from 1971-87.

In early January, the team's record was 4-8, but the Pioneers pulled together for a 6-1 streak that helped secure fourth place in the HCAC and a spot in the conference tournament. After defeating Defiance College in the quarterfinals, Transylvania lost in the semifinals to eventual tourney champion Franklin College.

Transylvania's exceptionally strong first-year class won several top honors in the HCAC. Guard Nicole Coffman was named Freshman Player of the Year and was one of three Pioneers selected for the All-Freshman team. She led Transylvania in scoring with a 14.6 average and in free-throw accuracy at 81 percent, and was third leading rebounder with 4.1 per game. She was also named to the 12-person All-HCAC team.

Coffman was joined on the All-Freshman team by guard Jariana Gillespie and forward Alex McKenzie. Gillespie was Transylvania's second leading scorer at 11.2 points per game, while McKenzie led the team in rebounding with 7.1 per contest and was third in scoring at 11 points per game.

"For one team to have three of the five spots on the All-Freshman team in a 10-team league is very rare," Todd said. "It says a lot about the quality of this class."

## Men's tennis takes second in HCAC

Transylvania put together a nearly perfect regular-season Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference record in men's tennis at 8-1 before falling in the finals of the conference tournament to Earlham College. Under head coach Chuck Brown, the Pioneers were 11-6 overall.

Transylvania clinched second place in the regular-season HCAC title race with a 9-0 home court win over Bluffton College that gave them a 7-1 record. In their final match before the tourna-

ment, the Pioneers took a narrow 5-4 home decision over the College of Mount St. Joseph to secure the No. 2 seed.

In the HCAC tourney, played at the West Indy Racquet Club in Indianapolis, Transylvania got past Franklin College in the semifinals 5-3 before losing 5-2 to Earlham, the only school to defeat the Pioneers in regular season HCAC play.

Junior Keith Henderson and senior Will Palmer were named to the All-HCAC first team. Henderson had a 9-3 singles record and a 10-3 doubles mark, while Palmer was 9-4 in singles play and 12-5 in doubles.

## Softball finishes third in HCAC

The softball team finished third in regular-season Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference play but fell short in the league tournament, losing two games to finish the year with a 19-19-1 record and 10-6 in the HCAC.

Under head coach Kim Tackett, the Pioneers were on the road for the first 14 games of the season, playing in Memphis in the Rhodes College Invitational, in Atlanta in the Emory University Invitational, and in Kissimmee, Fla., in the Rebel Spring Games. They got off to a fast start in conference play with a 5-1 record in the early going. When tournament time rolled around, Transylvania lost a close one 3-2 in the opener against Bluffton College, then fell to Manchester College 7-0 to end the season.

Junior infielder Michelle Ladanyi was named to the All-HCAC second team after leading the Pioneers in hits (40) and runs batted in (34) while hitting .308. Senior catcher/outfielder Emily McCarty was an honorable mention pick. She led Transylvania in runs scored with 35 and batted .319, second best to junior infielder Megan Mitchell at .326.

First-year player Elizabeth Young led the pitching corps with a 10-6 record and 2.37 earned run average, followed by senior Kaitlyn Foree at 9-9.

## Baseball just misses HCAC tourney

Transylvania got within a single win of qualifying for the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference baseball tournament before losing to Manchester College 3-1 in the season finale. The Pioneers ended the year with a 21-19 record, including 14-11 in HCAC play.

Head Coach Chris Campbell '00 guided Transylvania to a fourth place tie with Manchester in the HCAC regular season. The Spartans then claimed the fourth and final spot in the league tournament by having won two of three games against the Pioneers, earning the tie-breaker.

Transylvania compiled a 3-3 record in the Russ Matt Invitational, held over spring break in Lakeland, Fla. Conference play took up most of the remaining season, and the Pioneers put together a late five-game win streak to give themselves a shot at making the conference tournament.

*See Baseball, page 15.*

## TU wins Commissioner's Cup for second straight year

Transylvania became the first school to win the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference Commissioner's Cup in successive years when the Pioneers claimed the honor for the second straight time by coming out on top for the 2011-12 season.

The cup is won by the school that

captures the most all-sports points in both men's and women's athletics. Transylvania's women's teams won 61.17 points while the men claimed 50.83 points for a combined total of 112. That bested second-place Franklin College (111.50) and third-place Rose-Hulman Institute of

Technology (110.17).

The women Pioneers won team championships in tennis and volleyball, finished second in golf, and were third in soccer. The men won titles in soccer, basketball, and golf and were second in tennis.

## Baseball, continued

Five Pioneers were named to the All-HCAC first team. Senior starting pitcher Taylor Bugh posted a 7-2 record to lead the team, and his 2.45 earned run average was lowest among the starters. Sophomore outfielder Zach Bynum was Transylvania's top hitter with a .380 average and led in runs (37) and hits (57). Sophomore catcher Sam Liggett finished with a .298 batting average, three home runs, and 25 runs batted in.

Senior outfielder Johnny Renz was the team's second leading hitter with a .352 average, and his three triples were a team high. Senior first baseman Ken Riley batted .319 with a team-best four homers and 36 RBI.

## Track and field teams improve in HCAC meets

The women's track and field team made better showings compared with last year in both the indoor and outdoor Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference meets, while the men moved up in the outdoor meet. Both teams are led by head coach Heidi Pinkerton.

The women took eighth place in the indoor meet, hosted by Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, one place better than in 2011. Senior Lucy Wright, who became the first Pioneer field athlete to be named Player of the Week in the HCAC, led the Pioneers with a second in the shot put while senior Betsy Heines was fourth in the 5,000-meter run. Wright made the All-HCAC first team.

At the outdoor meet, the women moved up three places, from 10th in 2011 to seventh. First-year runner Nicole Coffman took second in the 400-meter run, while Wright was fourth in the discus.

The men equaled their ninth-place indoors finish from 2011 and moved up from 10th to eighth in the outdoor meet. Outdoors, the 4 x 100 relay team (sophomore Browning Smith, senior Curtis Puryear, first-year runner Ben Lyvers, and sophomore Mason Williams) took fifth place, and senior Aaron Carrithers was sixth in the javelin.

## Swimming, diving teams win six meets

The women's swimming and diving team captured four regular-season meets while the men's team won twice. In the season-ending Bluegrass Mountain Conference Championships, the women took eighth place while the men finished 12th. Both teams are led by head coach Kyle Dunaway.

The women won home meets against Wilmington College of Ohio, Franklin College, Lindsey Wilson College, and Campbellsville University. On the men's side, the Pioneers won home meets against Franklin and Lindsey Wilson.

Held at the Mecklenburg County Aquatics Center in Charlotte, N.C., the Bluegrass Mountain meet included 360 student-athletes from both NCAA Division III and II schools. Top finishers for the women included junior Amanda Skinner with a sixth-place finish in the 200 breaststroke (2:25.47) and 10th-place performances by sophomores Chelsea Diamond in the 200 backstroke (2:08.08) and Carly Hubbard in the 200 butterfly (2:13.79). For the men, Transylvania had two strong finishers in the 200 breaststroke—senior Yunan Yang in seventh place (2:10:94) and first-year swimmer E. J. Quijano in 16th place (2:14.59).

Skinner was chosen for the All-BMC team for her efforts in the 400 individual medley (4:33.29) and the 200 breaststroke. Yang was All-BMC for his performance in the 100 breaststroke (57.54).

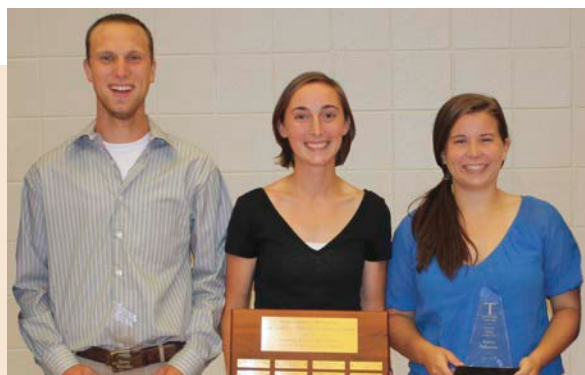
For the season, the teams established 13 school records and

improved their cumulative times by over 300 seconds.

## Women's tennis plays in NCAA tournament

The women's tennis team fell to Ohio Northern University 5-1 in a first-round NCAA Division III championship match, hosted by Emory University in Atlanta in mid-May. Under head coach Chuck Brown, the Pioneers had qualified for the event by winning the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference tournament in the fall after finishing with a 12-4 season record.

The Pioneers got their only point in the match off an 8-2 win by their No. 1 doubles team, seniors Kelsey Fulkerson and Stephanie Townsend.



Senior athletic awards winners Justin Tereshko, Betsy Heines, and Kelsey Fulkerson

Stacey Corry

## Student-athletes receive honors

Golf All-American **Justin Tereshko** and **Kelsey Fulkerson**, a two-time Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference women's tennis Player of the Year, were named male and female Pioneer Athletes of the Year during the annual awards ceremony in May.

Tereshko, a senior from Madison, Ind., was a first-team All-American as a junior and third-team as a senior. He took medalist honors in the HCAC tournament his junior and senior years, earning him Player of the Year honors both times, and was first-team All-HCAC as a sophomore. A winner of seven tournaments in his career, he is the first Transylvania golfer to average under 72 strokes per round for an entire season. The team won the HCAC tournament and played in the NCAA Division III championship each of Tereshko's four seasons.

Fulkerson, a senior from Lexington and a Dean's List student, was the 2008 HCAC Freshman of the Year, a four-time All-HCAC selection, and a two-time HCAC Most Valuable Player. She led the Pioneers to conference titles and into NCAA championship play in the 2009 and 2011 seasons. She advanced to the round of 16 in singles at the International Tennis Association regional tournament in 2011, the best showing for a Transylvania women's player in school history.

**Betsy Heines**, a senior from Shepherdsville, Ky., won the George Stopp Award for the highest cumulative grade point average for a Transylvania student-athlete. A cross country and track star, she holds five school records in track and field and has the second-best time in the 6K cross country run. She was an All-HCAC performer in cross country.





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# Graduation Day

Bachelor's degrees conferred on 241 members of the class of 2012



President R. Owen Williams conferred the bachelor of arts degree on 241 students in the class of 2012 during a commencement ceremony on the steps of Old Morrison May 26.

**Bianca Spriggs '03**, a renowned Afrilachian poet and multi-disciplinary artist, gave a unique commencement address, presenting a poetry reading accompanied by graduating senior Caleb Ritchie on piano. She had asked seniors to submit thoughts about their careers and how they grew as people during their Transylvania years, ideas that she used in her presentation.

Wisconsin-Milwaukee and is in the doctoral program for creative writing at the University of Kentucky. She has had an active career that includes writing, teaching, performance art, and filmmaking.

Graduating senior **Ashley Howe**, a German studies and history double major from Danville, Ky., gave the student address, titled "Gemütlichkeit." It focused on finding comfort in discomfort and how her Transylvania experience prepared her to tackle seemingly insurmountable issues in the world outside the campus.



*Clockwise, from bottom left, graduating senior Danny Woolums and his mother, Maria Woolums (center), enjoy talking with English professor Kremena Todorova at the Friday evening parents reception in Haupt Plaza; graduating senior Betsey Heines with her mother, Joy Heines; graduating seniors, from left, Lindsay Jagoe, Kelsey Fulkerson, and Katie Gruner; graduating senior Chris Beal is shown with his parents, Joe and Marie Beal.*



Spriggs talked to the students about measuring time not in minutes and hours, but rather in non-traditional ways like how many fortune cookies you've cracked open, lines you've stood in, daydreams you've had, and perfect peanut butter and jelly sandwiches you've created. She ended by saying, "In this time, in this life, let us count on you, the most precious time capsule of them all."

Spriggs, a history major and studio art minor at Transylvania, earned a master of arts in English composition/creative writing at the University of



"Gemütlichkeit is a (German) word best used when describing coziness—an environment or state of mind marked by cheerfulness, calmness, and a sense of belonging or social acceptance," Howe said. "What I have come to respect most about my class has been our eagerness to preclude discomfort—to move away from gemütlichkeit—and this is a quality that makes us Transylvania graduates unique."

See commencement videos at [www.youtube.com/transylvaniauniv](http://www.youtube.com/transylvaniauniv).





**VIKTORIA SAFARIAN**  
Fulbright grant to teach  
English in South Korea,  
followed by Harvard  
Law School

**BEN COSTIGAN**  
Fulbright grant to teach English  
Madrid, Spain

**RACHEL WILLIAMS**  
College of  
Veterinary Medicine  
Purdue University

**ELI GLASS**  
Trader with investment  
firm Edward Jones  
Saint Louis

**ELLEN GILBERT**  
Master's program in  
international development  
The New School, New York

## The Places They're Going

Joseph Rey Au

South Korea and Spain on Fulbright awards, The New School in New York City, Edward Jones financial company, and Purdue University veterinary school are among the interesting destinations for members of the class of 2012

**ELLEN GILBERT**, an anthropology major from Lawrenceburg, Ky., will attend The New School in New York City this fall to pursue a master's degree in international development.

Gilbert wasn't certain of her major when she came to Transylvania, but she knew she was interested in humanitarian aid or social work on a global scale. A course her first term with anthropology professor Barbara LoMonaco brought everything into focus for her.

"I took Cultural Anthropology and knew from the first lecture that it was absolutely for me," she said. "I'm really obsessed with experiencing the world as much as possible. Learning about other cultures and how people think about the world is very intriguing."

Matching her interests with an appropriate graduate school occurred after a suggestion from then-vice president and dean of the college William F. Polard that she look into The New School.

"I went to their website and looked at some of the departments, and it was like this destiny moment when you just

know what you're supposed to do," she said. "The programs there are very interdisciplinary, much like my Transylvania classes. There's no way I could participate in that kind of setting if it weren't for my Transylvania experiences—the discussion format in class, everything."

The chance to live and study in Manhattan was the final piece of the puzzle for Gilbert. She pointed out the many internship and career opportunities there at organizations like the Women's Empowerment Branch of the United Nations, Amnesty International, and C.A.R.E International.

"It's almost as much about New York as it is the school I'm going to," Gilbert said. "I feel like you can find your niche there. It's a center for global, international people and all those ideas. I'll be excited to be in the center of all that."

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**ELI GLASS** completed a double major in business administration (finance concentration) and economics and went directly from graduation to his

position as a trader with the investment firm Edward Jones at the organization's North American headquarters in Saint Louis.

The Metropolis, Ill., native said he has always liked the world of investments, and an internship with Edward Jones after his junior year gave him a direct path to his full-time job.

"I enjoy watching the market and reading the news of different events in the world to see how they affect the market," Glass said. "Why the market is up one day and down the next has always intrigued me."

After his summer internship at Edward Jones, the firm, which has more than 11,000 offices in the United States and Canada serving nearly seven million customers, offered him the opportunity to interview immediately for a full-time position after graduation. He received the good news that September that he had been hired to begin the following summer.

"I was hired as part of the rotational development program," Glass said. "We

spend our first year rotating through the firm, experiencing several different trading desks. For example, we may have an order from a client to sell a municipal or corporate bond, and we'll go out in the market to find the best bid."

Glass attributes his good showing during the internship in part to a Money and Banking class he had as part of his economics major.

"That class talked a lot about the bond market, which really helped me to come in and be a little bit ahead of the rest of the interns that summer," he said. "They (Edward Jones) were impressed with what I already knew."

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**RACHEL WILLIAMS** is a biology and French double major from New Albany, Ohio, who will attend the College of Veterinary Medicine at Purdue University in the fall.

Although she was "pretty sure" she wanted to go to veterinary school when she arrived at Transylvania, she was still trying to decide between pursuing a Ph.D. and going into research or becoming a practicing veterinarian. Two experiences over the same summer helped her to decide.

"I took part in the Summer Medical and Dental Education Program at Case Western Reserve University, which is for rising college sophomores and juniors to help them with the MCAT (Medical College Application Test), mock interviews, and personal statement writing," she said. "And then that same summer I went home to New Albany and shadowed my vet, and I really liked it."

Williams was locked in on a biology major from the beginning, but found a second love in her French studies.

"I met (French professor) Dr. (Simonetta) Cochis, and she was so exciting and fun to be around," she said. "I had taken AP (Advanced Placement) French in high school. I've been to France twice and would love to go back. Purdue has three-week externships your fourth year where you can go abroad, including to France. It would be great to see how my two fields of science and language interact."

Purdue appears to be an ideal fit for Williams, both academically and for its overall living and learning environment.

"At Purdue, I'll be around the same 84 people in my class for four years, and I'll get to know them really well," she

said. "It will be kind of like a family, which I feel was true during my time at Transylvania. I think I'll feel right at home at Purdue."

And the kicker?

"My father went to Purdue for his undergraduate and graduate work. He's so excited!"

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**BEN COSTIGAN**, an economics major and Spanish minor from Frankfort, Ky., will spend his next several months out of the country studying and teaching to prepare himself for a career in foreign relations.

Costigan won a Juan Manuel Samper Scholarship through Sigma Delta Pi, the national Spanish honorary, and took four weeks of intensive Spanish courses in Cuenca, Ecuador, in July. Costigan, who was vice president of Transylvania's Sigma Delta Pi chapter, was one of 20 recipients in the country and one of only two in Ecuador. He will use that training to travel for nine months starting in the fall to Madrid, Spain, to teach high school English as part of a Fulbright grant he was awarded.

"I took a lot of economics classes the last two terms, so I haven't had as much Spanish practice as I'd like leading up to the Fulbright," he said. "So I'm hoping to improve my Spanish-speaking abilities and learn more about a specific culture. I think in the future with this experience in Spain, there's a potential for me to work more directly with them in whatever career path I decide to take."

Part of the Fulbright includes creating an independent project to do while you're teaching. Costigan plans to start an English resource library at his school. He is working with the International Book Project in Lexington to gather materials to send over with him to get the library underway.

"I'm going to try and get some interesting young adult fiction for the students to read," he said. "When I was learning Spanish, it was always with outdated textbooks and boring recordings, so I want to get some more interesting things for them to learn English with."

Costigan's goal is to work in diplomacy and foreign relations, particularly in development. He wants to use his economics degree not strictly for economics, but in the political realm.

"Transylvania has opened my mind

a lot," he said. "I came in without a whole lot of direction academically, and they helped me realize that it's OK. Throughout my four years, I've thought about doing a dozen different things from law school to a Ph.D. in economics, and now to diplomacy. It's opened my mind that I can do any of these things."

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**VIKTORIA SAFARIAN**, a philosophy major from Lexington, has enrolled in Harvard Law School but will first spend a year in South Korea teaching English to secondary students as part of a Fulbright award. She will be in South Korea from July 2012 to July 2013, and she'll start at Harvard in fall 2013.

Safarian, who is native Armenian, hopes the fellowship will make her more marketable when she earns her law degree.

"I knew I wanted to do some kind of fellowship, and the Fulbright is very well known," she said. "I want to learn to speak Korean, and I want to learn how to cook Korean food. I'll also be traveling to Japan and China."

Part of the fellowship includes an independent project in conjunction with her time teaching. Safarian is working with Bryan Station High School in Lexington to develop collaborative art projects that students from Bryan Station and from her school in South Korea can do at the same time. She'll start an after-school art program where students will work from similar prompts as the ones in Lexington.

Safarian is interested in public interest law, particularly immigration and refugee status. She has previously traveled to India and the Philippines on research projects through Transylvania Kenan Grants and to Yale University's summer bioethics internship. South Korea will be another big step in furthering her global experience to prepare her for that field.

"I've worked really hard, and all of those experiences have made me a better candidate for the Fulbright and for Harvard," she said. "Transylvania professors were really invested in me because I showed interest from the very beginning, and I got these opportunities by having personal relationships with them. And in the classroom, my communication skills, writing, and critical thinking all improved." ■





# Return. Remember. Renew.

## Alumni return to campus to revisit Transylvania experience

Transylvania welcomed more than 600 alumni to campus and Lexington April 27-29 for Alumni Weekend. The celebrations kicked off with the traditional golf outing and culminated in the Robert Barr Society luncheon at the home of President and Mrs. R. Owen Williams.

The theme of the weekend was “Return. Remember. Renew.” Alumni took that theme to heart, reconnecting with old friends and reminiscing about their time at Transylvania.

**Julie Dodd '72**, journalism professor at the University of Florida, addressed a group of alumni, faculty, and staff at the alumni celebration luncheon Saturday in

the William T. Young Campus Center. She encouraged the alumni to hop into the time machines in their minds and travel back to their college days.

Dodd reflected on her first day on Transylvania’s campus in 1968. She talked about the experience of unloading her “technology,” consisting of a clock radio, hairdryer, and electric typewriter, which drew laughs from the audience.

She also described some pranks—a tried and true college tradition—that she pulled with her friends. One such event involved climbing onto the roof of Forrer Hall and throwing oranges at the men’s basketball team, then dodging the

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*Top, pictured at the celebration luncheon are, from left, Cathy Nicholson Allan '72, Pat Hocker Riddle '72, Anne Ford Snell '72, Scottye Sanders Eakin '71, Julie Dodd '72, Linda Miller Hilgeford '71, Nancy Finney '73, Pat Barnes '73, and Susan Redwine Riggs '73.*

*Above, E'Corbin Crutcher '47 checks in at the reception desk with sophomore Esi Kalefe.*

## University Alumni Awards 2012

### Morrison Medallion

*Presented to alumni for outstanding service to Transylvania and its programs*



**ELIZABETH ANN VOIGT '44** is a charter member of the James Morrison Society, which recognizes donors for making deferred gifts to the university. She has been active and supportive in many areas of Transylvania life, including phonathons, reunion planning committees, as class agent, the annual fund, scholarship funds, and renovation projects for the laboratories in Brown Science Center and Haupt Plaza. She is a Silver Benefactor and a member of the President’s Circle giving club. She earned a bachelor’s degree in nursing from Vanderbilt University and enjoyed a long career as a nurse and later as a bookkeeper for Parrish Hill Farm in Midway, Ky., her hometown, where she now lives in retirement.

### 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*



**MARY BRUNO ENGOLA '02** was gift chair for her class’s 10th reunion and is a member of the Crimson Circle annual giving club. As a Transylvania student, she spent two summers interning on Capitol Hill, where she discovered that a career involving political processes appealed to her. While working on a master’s in public policy at George Mason University, she accepted a position with Ball Aerospace & Technologies Corporation, where she is now customer and industry relations manager. She is a co-founder of the Ball Aerospace Young Professionals Association and deputy chair of the Coalition for Space Exploration, a national collaboration of space industry businesses and advocacy groups.



return tosses.

"Remembering those lapses of good judgment helps me to be more understanding when I work with college students in my job at the University of Florida," she said. "When they tell me about an unwise stunt that they pulled that explains why they missed class or turned in a paper late, I'm a little bit more sympathetic."

A common theme among alumni at events like Alumni Weekend is how, when they look back on their Transylvania experience, they realize what a great opportunity they had attending a school that has such a culture of community and learning. Dodd expressed those same sentiments, recounting a six-week travel course to Europe and the effect of the Vietnam War on college campuses around the country. She described a situation where University of Kentucky students held a protest rally on the steps of Mitchell Fine Arts Center and the National Guard came to campus with rifles to shut it down.

"Transylvania faculty embraced those learning opportunities for us in the classroom," Dodd said. "I took classes in black literature and women's literature, and what a great experience it was to study the whole process of human change. The readings, writings, and discussions promoted critical thinking and a better awareness of the ongoing process of human existence."

Concluding her presentation, Dodd challenged her fellow alumni to reclaim the fearlessness and sense of discovery they cultivated while at Transylvania.

"Remember those times when we may have had some doubts about our decisions—maybe even about ourselves—as we had so much that we were contending with," she said. "We were out of our comfort zone. We were having new experiences, learning new skills, and meeting new people, and we were learning a new life routine—including laundry. And look at how well it all turned out."

"We return to campus to remember our experiences as students and to renew our special friendships. I encourage us to renew that sense of adventure we had as students, willing to try new things and being open to new experiences."

During the luncheon, the Alumni Association elected David Johnson '92 president of the Alumni Executive Board and Rachelle Williams Dodson

'98 president-elect.

## On the scene at ALUMNI WEEKEND



*Above left, from left, Kate Shirley Akers '07, Lauren Covert '08, Kelly Herbolich '07; above, Shawn Stallings '92, Jeff Violette '92, Chris Cook '90; left, Darren Hobbs '07, John David Christman '08, Hamilton Alverson '08, Mason McCauley '07, Michael Snedegar '07, John Pfingston '07.*



*Clockwise, from lower left, Barby Stone Clark '67, Julie Davis McDonald '70; Eric Minns, Bob Stauffer '62, Martha Stauffer, Laura Drake '61; Christy Cowgill Harris '93, Susan Thompson Stallings '92, Jennie Scruggs Johnson '92; Janie Judy, Melony Lane '90, Betty Drymon Dickey '43.*

*Alumni Weekend photos by Joseph Rey Au, Helena Hau, and Tracy Dunn '90*





Joseph Rey Au

# Pioneer Hall of Fame

*From left, Elizabeth Boyd Fryar '81, Emily Veeneman '96, Orbreys Gritton '89, Andrea Barton Lane '90, Mark Turner '77, Jay Ecleberry '92, U. S. Representative Ben Chandler (standing in for his late grandfather, Albert B. "Happy" Chandler)*

## Albert B. "Happy" Chandler honor highlights Pioneer Hall of Fame ceremony

A posthumous award to former Kentucky governor and national baseball commissioner **A. B. "Happy" Chandler '21** was a highlight of the Pioneer Hall of Fame dinner and induction ceremony held April 27 during Alumni Weekend 2012. The Hall of Fame recognizes former athletes, coaches, and others who have made outstanding contributions to Transylvania athletics.

Chandler was captain of both the baseball and football teams at Transylvania, leading the Pioneers with a .356 batting average and playing quarterback. He also played basketball and was a cheerleader. After earning a law degree at the University of Kentucky, he entered politics and served as lieutenant governor and governor (twice) of Kentucky, state senator, and U.S. senator. He was commissioner of Major League Baseball from 1945-51 and became famous for approving the signing of Jackie Robinson by the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1946 as the first African-American to play in the National League, effectively integrating the big leagues. He was elected to the Major League Baseball Hall of Fame in 1982. He died in 1991. (U.S. Representative Ben Chandler (D-Ky.) accepted the honor on behalf of his grandfather.)

**Jay C. Ecleberry '92** was an NAIA Swimming All-American, and 20 years after his graduation he still holds school records in the 200 freestyle and 400 free relay. Formerly director of sports medicine at the University of Kentucky's

Chandler Medical Center, he is now director of pharmacy networks and pricing, corporate pharmacy management, for Humana in Louisville.

**Elizabeth Boyd Fryar '81** was a member of the tennis team for four years, earning four varsity letters. She was the team's most valuable player in 1979 and 1981, and competed in the regional tournament in Williamsburg, Va., in 1979. She was a member of the Women's Athletic Association for four years. She is currently a physical therapist at Baptist East Hospital in Louisville.

**Orbreys H. Gritton III '89** was a four-year letterman in basketball and holds the career record for best field goal percentage at 59.6 percent. Ranking 13th on the all-time scoring list with 1,573 points, he was an NAIA All-American in 1988-89 and was named District 32 Player of the Year that season. He was Pioneer Male Athlete of the Year in 1989. He played professionally briefly in Holland and in the NBA's summer league with Sacramento. He is now marketing president at the Town & Country Bank and Trust Company in Lawrenceburg, Ky.

**Andrea Barton Lane '90** earned four varsity letters and was a captain for two years on the tennis team, leading the Pioneers into the NAIA national tournament each of her four seasons. She led the team to an overall record of 93-25 during her career and played on Transylvania's highest ranked women's

tennis team. She has been a tennis coach, teaching pro, and teacher in North Carolina and a teaching assistant in the Fayette County (Ky.) school system.

**Mark W. Turner '77** was on the basketball team for two years, then served as a student assistant coach on the team his last two years. He also played on the tennis team for three years. He was assistant women's basketball coach for four seasons before becoming head coach in 1987. Upon his retirement after 18 years at the helm, he was the winningest coach in the program's history with a record of 312-175. He took the team to its first NAIA national tournament appearance in 1997 and was the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference Coach of the Year in 2003. He now coaches the women's golf team and was HCAC Coach of the Year in 2008 when he led the Pioneers into the NCAA Division III tournament for the first time. He also directs the Transylvania All-Sports Camp in the summer.

**Emily T. Veeneman '96** earned four varsity letters in both field hockey and softball, winning Most Valuable Player honors for both teams, along with being a Kentucky Women's Intercollegiate Conference Scholar All-American. In field hockey, she set single-game, single-season, and career records for most goals scored. She is now a physician with Medichieve Associates, Endocrinology, in Louisville.



# Alumni

## NEWS & NOTES

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**'62 LaNell Wooldridge Barnes and James M. Barnes '64**, Louisville, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary March 31. They have two children, Sean and Brian, four grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. LaNell and Jim are retired from Jefferson County Public Schools.

**'68 Michael R. Nichols**, Versailles, Ky., has been named Outstanding Advisor of the Year for 2011-12 by Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society for First-Year Students. The award is given annually to the most outstanding chapter advisor in the nation. Mike advises the Omicron Delta Kappa chapter at Transylvania, where he is visiting professor of psychology.

**'71 Susan Griffin Smith**, Frankfort, Ky., has been awarded the Gene W. Childress Leadership Award from the Kentucky Society of Certified Public Managers for her contributions to public service. Susan is a board trustee of the Kentucky Retirement Systems for more than 300,000 public employees statewide and has served as state president of the KSCPM and the Network of Women in State Government.

**'73 Michael E. Toncray**, Frankfort, Ky., is retired but still busy with coaching high school and middle school soccer as well as select and recreational soccer. He has also been talked into playing in the United States Tennis Association senior citizens league.

**'79 J. Anthony "Andy" Jackson**, Keller, Tex., is vice president/chief information officer for Allied Electronics, Inc., in Fort Worth. Prior to joining Allied, he held executive leadership positions at The Ohio State University, R.J. Reynolds Tobacco, Brown & Williamson Tobacco, and Brown-Forman Corporation.

**Sheila Gurr Jaynes**, North Fort Myers, Fla., is enjoying life in Florida working as a lead software engineer. In her free time, she volunteers in various capacities with the Fort Myers Power Squadron, a unit of the United States Power Squadrons, including being a qualified vessel examiner, helping the Coast Guard in verifying that recreational vessels of all sizes have the required safety equipment, serving as a certified instructor

of safe boating courses, and working as webmaster at [www.fortmyersboating.org](http://www.fortmyersboating.org).

**'83 Robert A. McCullough**, Corbin, Ky., has been named publisher of the *Somerset Commonwealth-Journal*.

**'84 C. Leslie Johnson**, Madison, Ala., published two science fiction books through Baen Books—*Back to the Moon*, published in December, and *Going Interstellar*, published in May. He's also published three popular science books about space and space exploration—*Living Off the Land in Space*, *Solar Sails: A Novel Approach to Interplanetary Travel*, and *Paradise Regained: The Regreening of Earth*. Read more about Les and his books at [www.lesjohnsonauthor.com](http://www.lesjohnsonauthor.com).

**'86 Patrick L. Burba**, Paducah, Ky., is a psychiatrist working for the Department of Veterans Affairs in Marion, Ill. He has two wonderful daughters in high school.

**'89 Mark A. Bond**, Mount Washington, Ky., is vice president of internal audit at Citizens Union Bank.

**Carol L. Devine**, Versailles, Ky., has been named pastor of Providence Christian Church in Nicholasville, Ky.

**'94 Daniel F. Swintosky**, Louisville, has been named general manager for Amteck, an electrical contracting company, and is responsible for planning and directing operations in the Louisville and southern Indiana regions.

**'96 J. Erik Bell**, Plantation, Fla., is risk management counsel at The School District of Palm Beach County in Florida.

**'97 Erin Weaver Geesaman**, Cynthiana, Ky., is library director at Brown Mackie College.

**Anne Jenkins Kruchten**, McMinnville, Ore., represented Transylvania in February at the Willamette University presidential inauguration.

**Matthew J. Lee**, Atlanta, has opened his own law firm and will focus on bankruptcy, debtors' and creditors' rights, and commercial litigation.

**Jennifer L. Price** (center, photo), Georgetown, Ky., psychology department chair at Georgetown College, has received the Curry Award for Faculty Excellence from the college.



**'99 Patricia Cheese Johnson**, Woodstock, Ga., was named Lexmark International's Account Manager of the Year for North America in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands. Trish works in Lexmark's Atlanta office.

**'00 P. Dewayne Lawson**, Macon, Ga., is teaching social studies at Stratford Academy in Macon, where he also serves as middle school technology coordinator and an assistant soccer coach for the defending state champion Stratford Eagles.

**Bridget G. Trogden**, Macon, Ga., was promoted to associate professor of chemistry at Mercer University. She was also named director of the First-Year Integrative Seminar Program at Mercer, working with faculty across the university to design and implement a new first-year general education curriculum.

**'01 John M. Davidson**, Denver, is assistant director of development at University of Colorado Foundation in Denver.

**Jessica McCarthy Lotz**, O'Fallon, Ill., has been named vice president of the O'Fallon-Shiloh Chamber of Commerce. Jessica has been on the board of directors since 2007. *Suburban Journals of Greater St. Louis* selected her for "Generation Next: Young People Making a Difference," a feature article highlighting young professionals and their contributions in the St. Louis MetroEast.

**'02 Hannah F. Cook**, Maricopa, Ariz., taught history and English at a new online hybrid charter school in Maricopa during the 2011-12 school year.

**David J. Verville**, Lexington, has been promoted to vice president, portfolio manager, for American Founders Bank.

**'03 Jared C. McCubbin**, Louisville, has been named vice president, assistant corporate counsel, at J.J.B. Hilliard, W.L. Lyons, LLC, in Louisville.

**'06 Colleen M. Comer**, Lexington, is associate director of alumni affairs at Centre College.

**Joshua T. Guerin** (center, photo), Versailles, Ky., received the University of Kentucky's Provost's Award for Outstanding Teaching in the teaching assistant category during the Founders Day Ceremony in February.



**'07 Aaron T. Anderkin**, Lexington, chair of the Kentucky Commission on Community Volunteerism and Service, was the lunch keynote speaker at the 4th Annual Kentucky Collegiate Leadership Conference held at Georgetown College in February. Aaron is director of sales at Integrated Sign and Graphics Inc.

**Ronald J. Brooks** has moved to Dallas, where he is field application specialist at Alternative Biomedical Solutions.

**'08 Jessica S. Biddle**, Louisville, graduated from Northern Kentucky University with master of business administration and juris doctorate degrees and has joined the Louisville accounting firm of Louis T. Roth Certified Public Accountants.

**Allison P. Ray** has moved to Garland, Tex., and is minister to children, youth, and young adults at First Christian Church.

**'09 Marshall A. Jolly**, Avondale Estates, Ga., was ordained a transitional deacon in the Episcopal Diocese of Lexington January 22 and is preparing for ordination to the priesthood this summer. He and his wife, **Shayanna Little Jolly '09**, graduated from Emory University with master of divinity degrees in May.

**'10 Celia A. Finfrook**, Murfreesboro, Tenn., graduated *summa cum laude* from the Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University with a master of church ministries (Christian education) degree in May. She is director of children's ministries at Trinity United Methodist Church in Murfreesboro.

**'11 Grant T. Buckles**, Decatur, Ga., has been nominated for the 2011 David Hughes Memorial Award for his paper titled "The Impact of Scarcity and Historical Materialism on 20th Century European Thought: Sartre, Foucault, Baudrillard, Zizek,

Marcuse, Horkheimer, and Adorno," which was presented at the 2012 Kentucky Political Science Association annual conference in March. Grant is in the political science doctoral program at Emory University.

**Jordan W. Michael**, Versailles, Ky., is staff accountant for Radwan, Brown & Company, P.S.C. in Lexington.

## Marriages

**James Egan Brumley '94** and Amanda Oakley, January 21, 2012

**Catrice Lashea Bolton '04** and Derrick Reese, March 31, 2012

**Julie Ann Potter '06** and Jonathan Byrne, April 21, 2012



**Stephen Noss Blankenship '09** and **Dana Marie Runyon '09**, March 24, 2012 (Photo: Stephen's sister, Kelsey Blankenship '06, presiding)

**Mallory Jeanne Harlow '09** and **Joshua Allen Morris '09**, October 22, 2011

## Births

**Vincent A. Mongiardo '89** and **Natasa Pajic Mongiardo '96**, a daughter, Lidia Sida Mongiardo, April 2, 2012

**Anna Staib Peterson '91** and Patrick Peterson adopted a son, Nathaniel Grant Peterson, born January 20, 2012

**Katherine J. Griswold '94** and **Theodore J. Loeffelholz '94**, a daughter, Aurora Tomei Griswold Loeffelholz, March 2, 2010

**Cleveland S. "Landy" Townsend '94** and **Allison Sheckels Townsend '96**, a son, William Taylor Townsend, January 24, 2012

**Gwendolyn Green Carter '96** and Mike Carter, a son, William Douglas Carter, January 10, 2012

**Erin Weaver Geesaman '97** and Travus Geesaman, a daughter, Bristol Lynn Geesaman, April 5, 2012

**Stacie L. Walker '97** and Christopher Clough, a daughter, Ireland Josephine Clough, April 8, 2012

**Kirsten Winn Carr '98** and Tom Carr, a son, Henry Samuel Carr, February 4, 2012

**Jack Tsai '99** and Jen Tsai, a daughter, Juliet May Tsai, April 4, 2012



**Kelly Hoskins Tyler '99** and Jaret Tyler, a son, Dean Alexander Tyler, December 14, 2011

**Whitney Collins Fouts '00** and James Fouts, a son, Spencer Riley Fouts, April 4, 2011

**Eric S. Guerrant '00** and **Farrah Pond Guerrant '00**, a son, Andrew Stephen Guerrant, January 7, 2012

**Christy Cole Harpring '01** and Brian P. Harpring, a son, Jack Joseph Harpring, April 16, 2012

**Ashley Hunt Martin '01** and Seth Martin, a son, Rex Stephen Martin, April 11, 2012

**Shana Spitzer Page '01** and Steven Page, a son, Leonard Alan Page, March 13, 2012

**Emma Sowards Thacker '03** and Nathan Thacker, a son, John Vinton Thacker, January 27, 2012

**Ashley Bostic Adams '04** and Kyle Adams, twins, Sebastian Parker Adams and Aubrey Elizabeth Adams, March 22, 2012



**Rachel Meier Jones '04** and Keith Jones, a son, Caleb Ralston Jones, October 3, 2011

**Emily Ann Prather-Rodgers '04** and James Prather-Rodgers, a son, Isaac Shawn Prather-Rodgers, December 15, 2011



**Patrick M. Marsh '06** and **Molly Eakins Marsh '07**, a son, Caleb Michael Marsh, February 21, 2012



**Aaron T. Anderkin '07** and **Lauren Oberst Anderkin '07**, a son, Avery Richard Anderkin, February 17, 2012

**Ashley R. Koch '07** and Doug Costa, a daughter, Scarlett Rae Costa, January 27, 2012

**Denise Sachtler Luedeke '09** and Justin Luedeke, a son, Bradley David Luedeke, January 20, 2012



## Distinguished Achievement Awards

Distinguished Achievement Awards were presented during Alumni Weekend 2012 to five alumni who have distinguished themselves as Transylvanians through their professional lives, standards of excellence, and community service.



**WILLIAM O. COOPER '87** is a professor of pediatrics and preventive medicine in the Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, where he is also director of the Master of Public Health Program and vice chair for faculty affairs. He earned both his M.D. and master of public health from Vanderbilt, and completed an internship and residency at Cincinnati Children's Hospital and a fellowship in general pediatrics at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital.

Among his numerous awards are the Highly Effective Teacher Award from the Department of Pediatrics, Vanderbilt School of Medicine (2003), and the Vanderbilt Academy for Excellence in Teaching (2010). In 2009 he was the featured medical expert on an NPR *Morning Edition* segment focusing on antipsychotic drug use in the treatment of children.



**JULIE E. DODD '72** is a professor in the College of Journalism and Communications at the University of Florida. She earned a master's degree in communications and a doctorate in curriculum and instruction from the University of Kentucky. Before moving to Florida, she taught high school English and journalism and advised student newspapers and yearbooks in Kentucky and Tennessee.

She was also a health and fitness columnist for *The Oak Ridger*, director of the Kentucky High School Press Association and the Kentucky High School Speech Association, and executive director of the Florida Scholastic Press Association. Among her many honors are the Columbia Scholastic Press Advisers Association's James F. Paschal Award (1995), Teacher of the Year (1996) and Service Award in the University of Florida College of Journalism and Communications, and the Journalism Education Association's Carl Towley Award.



**ALYCE STERLING EMERSON '77** is on staff at the United Way of the Bluegrass in Lexington coordinating volunteers for Trailblazers, which places adults in academic and youth development programs in Anderson, Clark, Scott, and Woodford counties in Kentucky. She spent 31 years teaching social studies at Tates Creek High School in Lexington before retiring in 2008. In 2003 she co-authored "The Individual and the Holocaust," a multi-

media resource for high school students in world civilization classes. She earned a master's degree from Eastern Kentucky University, a Rank I from Georgetown College, and a doctorate in educational leadership from the University of Kentucky.



**SHIRLEY FREY MCCONAHAY '62** is an internationally recognized artist whose work has included masks, life-size figures, and soft sculptures of animals, birds, trees, and flowers. She is the founder and director of Art for Indigenous Survival, where she teaches soft sculpture to indigenous groups from Canada to Costa Rica and throughout the United States, including the Navajo, Algonquin, Cherokee, Arapaho, Occaneechi, Lakota, Quileute, and Chippewa.

Her work has been exhibited at Yale University, Duke University, Radford University, George Mason University, and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Wilmington, and Asheville. It has been pictured in *Smithsonian*, *Southern Living*, and *Fiber Art*. With her late husband, John, she previously ran Data Associates, a jury selection firm.



**LEWIS J. WEINSTEIN '62** served as a judge on the New Jersey Superior Court from 1993 until his retirement in 2001. He was previously in private practice while also a staff attorney for Irvington General Hospital in Irvington, N.J. He was a member of the Township of Harding Zoning Board of Adjustment for 11 years, including chair for four years, and the township's Planning Board for seven years and chair for one. He earned his

law degree from Rutgers School of Law.



## Distinguished Service Awards

Five alumni received Distinguished Service Awards during Alumni Weekend 2012 for their outstanding service to Transylvania.



**MELONY J. LANE '90** is a longtime member and former president of the Louisville Alumni Chapter board of directors. She helped plan her 10th and 15th class reunions, and chaired her 20th reunion. After a three-year term on the Alumni Executive Board, she served as president-elect and president of the board and chaired the AEB's admissions committee. She has consistently supported her alma mater through giving to the

endowment, the annual fund, the Ron Whitson Scholarship, and the Sherri Greer Tri-Delta Scholarship. She is a member of the Transylvania Women's Club.



**WILLIAM H. MCDONALD '67** is a former member of the Alumni Executive Board and served on committees for his 2007 and 2012 class reunions. His band, The Cane Ridge Revival, has provided entertainment at several reunions and alumni functions. He has been a leader for Transy and TEAM (Totally Excited About Ministry), a program that encouraged high school students to enter the ministry. He served on Transylvania's

Church Relations Advisory Board from 2000-08. A member of Phi Kappa Tau Fraternity, he has been a member and president of the board of governors of Transylvania's Theta Chapter.



**MARY LEE CHANCE SMITH '92** is a former president of the Student Alumni Association and former Senior Challenge chair. She became class agent in 1992 and has served on every five-year reunion committee, including as gift chair in 2002 and reunion chair in 2007. She is a former member of the Alumni Executive Board and a member and officer of the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky Alumni Chapter's board of directors.

She assisted music professor Gary Anderson in coordinating a Transylvania Choir performance at her church. She is an active alumna in Chi Omega, serving as chapter visitor, chapter coordinator at the executive headquarters, State Day speaker, and Kentucky state recruitment chair, and is a member of the Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky Alumnae Association.



**PALMER GENE VANCE '87** is a member and former president of the Bluegrass Alumni Chapter board of directors. A former member of the Greek Alumni Council, he served as reunion gift chair in 2002 and 2007. He has supported the annual fund as a member of the Crimson Circle giving club and has given to capital and endowment campaigns as well as the Paul Fuller Scholarship. For the past several years he has been

instrumental in securing Stoll Keenon Ogden's sponsorship of the annual Bluegrass Alumni Chapter Fourth of July picnic. He served as district governor and on the Grand Council for his fraternity, Delta Sigma Phi, while also assisting Transylvania's Beta Mu chapter. He received the national Mr. Delta Sig Award in 2011. He has served as Omicron Delta Kappa's national counsel and was elected president of the ODK Foundation in 2010.



**BILLY G. VAN PELT II '87** has served on his last two reunion committees and has been class agent and a member and former president of the Bluegrass Alumni Chapter. He is a former member of the Alumni Executive Board. He has been a volunteer alumni phonathon caller for years, has participated in career networking events on campus, and has hosted alumni events in his home. A member of the James Morrison Society and the

President's Circle giving club, he has been a loyal financial supporter while also helping identify community donors.



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*Julie E. Dodd '72 was the principal speaker at the celebration luncheon during Alumni Weekend 2012.*





**Robert Barr Society Reunion**

*Front row, from left: Guy Waldrop '59, Josephine Stroker Elkins '57, E'Corbin Crutcher '47, Virginia Marsh Bell '44, Wayne Bell '40, Garey White '48, Carol Ann Barnes White '50, Randel Martin '52, Ivar Aavatsmark '57; back row: Ralph Wilson '57, John Elkins '57, Bill Endicott '57, Mary Frances Thomas Endicott '57, Clyde Arnold '50, Mary Catherine Emmert Henry '57, Howard Fawbush '57, Martha Howard Fawbush '57.*



**Class of 1962 – 50th  
Reunion/Newest Robert Barr Society  
Members**

*Front row, from left: Shirley Frey McConahay, Sara Davis Hellard, Sandy Johnson Little, Bettie Lou Duff Evans, Laura Drake; second row: Bob Stauffer, Diane Birch Thomas, Judy Gaines Young, Mary Hopkins Reeves, Judy Thomas MacDuffee, Dot Couch Watson, John Compton; back row: John Williams, Julie Kaeser Everett, Connie Watson Caudill, Lew Weinstein, Randy Dyer, Reece Little.*



**Class of 1967– 45th Reunion**

*Front row, from left: Ann Hood Brooks, Ellie Harris Ward, Jan Allinder Anestis, Virginia Neuhoﬀ, Bill Hiles, Brenda Bell, Bettye Stehle Burns, Sally Willett Adkin; second row: Kathy Morris Riester, Barby Stone Clark, Georgia Green Stamper, Barbie Bushnell Gay, Penney Sanders, Wanda Poynter Cole, Glenda Harney Cruise, Ann Kirkland Emery, Jerry Hester; third row: Ernie Stamper, Richard Buchbinder, Mac Harris, Dave Miller, Jim Wheeler, Bud Fairchild, Rich MacAlpine; back row: Larry Webster, Steve Hombach, Daniel Richardson, David McFadden, Bill McDonald.*





**Class of 1972 – 40th Reunion**

*Front row, from left: Beth Noble Campbell, Ellen Imes Trachtenberg, Janet Willey McCauley, Julie Dodd, Sandy Steele Bowling, Pat Daugherty Drinkwater, Phyllis Brown Rogers, Becky Kennedy Burdick, Linda Stred Gagnon, Anne Ford Snell; second row: J. B. Embry, Sherrill Anderson Nance, Jim Gearhart, Leon Hirsh, Pat Hocker Riddle, Marilyn Price Smedley, Linda B'hymmer Mauser, Cathy Nicholson Allan; back row: Debbie Bird Phelps, Chuck Knowles, Charlie Baird, Bob Coates, Bob Drinkwater, Jim Wilson.*

**Class of 1977 – 35th Reunion**

*Front row, from left: Mary Teesdale Taylor, George VanMeter, Kay Highbaugh Brown, Mark Turner, Linda Wise McNay; back row: Rusty Rechenbach, Tarbell Patton, Richard Comley, Malinda Beal Wynn, Frazier Lebus, Scott Brown.*



**Class of 1982– 30th Reunion**

*Front row, from left: Mandy Allen Dini, Judy Webb Lowry, Debbie Barbour Montgomery, Maureen Connolly Olson, Kim Scott, Gina Evola Perry, Lisa Brackett Montgomery, Lisse Willoughby Lawson; second row: Vince Dini, Susan Thompson Kearns, Sheri Blair Shelley, Lisa Humes Hebert, Mark David Goss, Steve Dobler, Jim Penney; back row: Jack Hillard, Peter Heywood, Scott Duncan, Kirk Tolle, Brent Logsdon, Tim Sullivan, Vince Barber.*





**Class of 1987 – 25th Reunion**

*Front row, from left: Yvonne Yancey Zavada, Karen Craig Ogle, Brandl Skirvin, Steve Amato, Jennifer Echsner, Leigh McMurry Carr, Lisa Behle Gaines, Jennifer Mackey Degler; second row: Gary Beiland, Mary Anne Hobbs McDaniel, Pam Hall Campbell, Kathy Jo Elkins, John Gaines, Lisa Morgan, Nancy Adams Clark, Gene Vance; back row: Vince Taormina, Steve Stoltz, Brad Thomason, Maury Sparrow, Billy Van Pelt, Todd Page, Laura Brinton, Sam Simpson.*



**Class of 1992 – 20th Reunion**

*Front row, from left: Mary Lee Chance Smith, Nancy Simms Rose, Phoutie Niravong Bansal, Amy Williamson Wargelin, Laura Jo Simms Nopper, Jennifer Robinson Proud, Beth Parsley Bruner, Natalie Ensminger Wyatt, Cindy Cowgill Brumley, Susan Thompson Stallings, Amy Adams Schirmer, Sara Vance Oliver; second row: Kristina Moxley Lynch, Suzanne Miles, Jodi Hammond, Lucy Points, Mary Tom Tudor Hamrick, Haley Ammon Taylor, Lynn Whitson, Amy Underhill Lang, Graeme Lang, Jeff Truitt, Dave Johnson; back row: Joe Brumley, Jennie Scruggs Johnson, Jason Jones, Brent Donovan, Mac Thompson, Tony Hardin, Chip Currens, Dave Wise, Jeff Violette, Shawn Stallings, Chris Dillard.*



**Class of 2002 – 10th Reunion**

*Front row, from left: Tara Pennington Clark, Karen Bryden Joyce, Erin Monfort Hansen, Becky Sanders Wallace, Megan McHugh, Jessica Lowry McNamara, Elisha Reed Bowman, Billy Bradford; second row: Tammy Bentley Caudill, Leah Hatton Ahn, Mary Bruno Engola, Amanda Harris, Avery Edwards Garner, Josie Ghosal Long, Mary Daniel LaFave, Nathan Isaac; back row: Wilson Dickinson, Aaron Sutton, Melonie Proctor, Jennifer O'Connor, Lance Garner, Sally Francisco Billings, Katie Havelde Dent.*



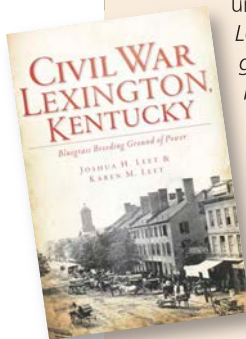


#### Class of 2007 – 5th Reunion

**Front row, from left:** Alyssa Rice, Molly Eakins Marsh, Kate Shirley Akers, Brittany Osborne Wolfe; **second row:** Bradford Johnson, Michael Snedegar, Megan Coors, Alaina Stephens, Kelly Herbolich, Melissa Coombs, Haley Trogdlen McCauley; **third row:** Jack Brnum, John Pfingston, Darren Hobbs, Lauren-Ashley Pope, Kim Clark, Lauren Oberst Anderkin, Meredith Feck, Liz Parker, Lilly Lang, Erik Weber, Jodi Garrison, Mason McCauley; **fourth row:** David Riley, Blake Howell, Ben Nichols, Amy McCleese Nichols, Meredith Plant, Aaron Anderkin; **fifth row:** Ben Eaton, Eric Weining, Joey Searle; **back row:** Elizabeth Poindexter, Caitlin McGuire, Angie Gabbard.

### Transylvania Civil War links explored in book by alumnus

Civil War political, military, and medical leaders with ties to Transylvania figure prominently in *Civil War Lexington Kentucky: Bluegrass Breeding Ground of Power*, a book co-authored by **Joshua H. Leet '04**, a third-generation Transylvanian, and his mother, Karen M. Leet.



Cassius Marcellus Clay, Henry Clay, Jefferson Davis, John Hunt Morgan, and Robert Peter are all featured in the book, published by The History Press (Historypress.net) as part of a series honoring the Civil War sesquicentennial.

## Obituaries

*Only alumni survivors are listed.*

**Emily Gross Carpenter '35**, Lexington, died January 26, 2012. She was a member of Alpha Delta Theta sorority. She was a teacher at Henry Clay High School in Lexington

and Prince Georges County in Maryland and in her free time was an avid bridge player.

**P. Byron Carlisle '39**, Owensboro, Ky., died March 17, 2012. After Transylvania he attended the College of the Bible and became a minister in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). He pastored churches in Pfafftown and Wilmington, N.C., Mexico, Mo., and Owensboro. He also served as vice president of Lakeland College and executive secretary of Church-related Colleges of Nebraska.

**Robert M. Delcamp '39**, Cincinnati, husband of **Dorothy Hackworth Delcamp '39**, died January 7, 2012. He was a chemistry and mathematics major and a member of Kappa Alpha fraternity, of which he was elected president in 1938-39. He was a faculty member at the University of Cincinnati for 43 years, serving as professor of chemical engineering and assistant, associate, and acting dean of the college. At UC, he was honored with the Robert M. and Dorothy H. Delcamp Polymer Laboratory in the UC Engineering Research Center and the Robert M. Delcamp Scholarship. The Engineers and Scientists of Cincinnati presented him with the Lifetime Achievement Award to the Engineering and Scientific Professions and the Distinguished Scientist Award. He earned a Distinguished Achievement Award

from Transylvania in 2002.

**Thomas J. Liggett '40**, Claremont, Calif., died March 27, 2012. He was a religion/philosophy and history major, a member of Koinai, and president of A.W. Fortune. He earned a master of divinity from Lexington Theological Seminary and served as a reverend with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Argentina from 1946-57 and Puerto Rico from 1957-67, where he was president of the Evangelical Seminary of Puerto Rico. In 1965 he was appointed Latin America Executive of the United Christian Missionary Society and was its president from 1968-1973.

**Jean Howard Pellegrin '41**, State College, Pa., died December 14, 2011. She was a history and French major and a member of Women's Independent Group, Koinai, the YWCA, and the International Relations Club. She earned a bachelor of science degree in library science from the University of North Carolina and a master of science in library science from the University of Kentucky. She was a librarian and an active volunteer, organizing mothers to staff a local school library; a member of the American Association of University Women; and a volunteer at Schlow Memorial Library at State College.

**Abraham M. Nathan '43**, Spencer, Mass.,

## Former trustee Lois Howard Gray dies



**LOIS HOWARD GRAY '40**, a former member of the Transylvania Board of Trustees who was a strong supporter of the art program at her alma mater, died March 19, 2012.

Gray was Miss Transylvania her senior year and was active in Stagecrafters. She majored in history and English, even though her first love was fine arts. When America entered World War II just a year-and-a-half after her graduation, she supported her country by serving as a WAVES officer in the U.S. Navy.

After the war, she turned to her love of art, earning an M.A. in art education from Peabody College of Vanderbilt University. She used her artistic abilities in creating her own interior design business, and later headed the interior design group within the James N. Gray Construction Company, co-founded in 1960 in Glasgow, Ky., by her and her husband.

When her husband died in 1972, Gray stepped in as chair of the family construction business and became one of the few women to excel in a male-dominated field. Under her leadership, the company grew into one of the largest design/build firms in the country. In 2002 the National Association of Women Business Owners named her National Woman Business Owner of the Year, the highest honor that group bestows. The company was moved in 1992 from her hometown of Glasgow to Lexington, where she lived at the time of her death.

Her passion for art led her to create the Lois Howard Gray Art Endowment for Student Travel at Transylvania, which has funded art student travel to major exhibitions in Los Angeles, New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, and Washington, D.C. She was an accomplished watercolor artist in her own right.

"The trips that are made possible by Lois's generosity have a tremendous impact on our students," said art professor Kurt Gohde. "It's important for art majors to develop an understanding of how their work fits into the contemporary art world, and they see that when they visit galleries and museums in cities known to be capitals of artistic culture. The travel experience gives them a renewed energy for their own work."

Gray became a Transylvania trustee in 1990 and was a life member of the board when she stepped down from active participation. She served on the Executive Committee, the Planning and Evaluation Committee, and as chair of the sub-committee on student recruitment, nurturing, and retention of the Long-Range Strategic Planning Committee for its 1997 report. Transylvania awarded her the Morrison Medallion, the highest honor for an alum, in 1997 in recognition of her service to her alma mater.

Alumni survivors include her son **Howard Gray '71**.

Memorial contributions in Gray's honor are suggested to the Transylvania University Department of Art.

died February 20, 2012. He was a music major and a member of the band, orchestra, and choir. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II in the Atlantic and Pacific theaters, then settled in New York and ran the United Cigar Store and worked at Guardian Life Insurance Company.

**Frances Jones Gaitskill '44**, Mount Sterling, Ky., died March 16, 2012. She was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority. She joined the Robert Barr Society in 1994.

**Joy Leathers Digby '46**, Odessa, Tex., wife of **Arthur Digby Jr. '44**, died January 21, 2012. She was an elementary school teacher in Plainview, Tex., and Arlington, Tex., for 41 years and was named Teacher of the Year three times.

**G. William Foster '46**, Middletown, Va., husband of **Jean Fulton Foster '47**, died December 19, 2011. He was an English major and a member of Kappa Alpha Fraternity. He earned a master of divinity from Lexington Theological Seminary and was pastor of Bon Air Christian Church in Richmond, Va. He also served in the U.S. Army during World War II in the European theater of operations.

**Florence Lorraine "Rene" King '50**, Lexington, died January 20, 2012. She was a secretary and organist at Arlington Christian Church.

**J. Robert Jones '51**, Paducah, Ky., father of **Stanley F. Jones '80**, died February 12, 2011. He was a business administration major and

a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity. He served in the U.S. Army in the Korean War, then moved to Paducah, where he was a salesman with The Petter Supply Co.

**William T. Walton '55**, Flemingsburg, Ky., father of **William T. Walton II '77**, died February 1, 2012. He was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity and was sports editor of the *Crimson Rambler*. He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War and was stationed in Tokyo. After earning a J.D. from the University of Louisville, he practiced law for over 50 years in Fleming County, most recently as a member of MacDonald, Walton, Razor and Thompson, PLLC.

**C. Bruce Fitch '62**, Gainesville, Ga., died February 9, 2012. He was a foreign language major and earned an M.A. and Ph.D. in medieval Spanish literature from the University of Kentucky. He was also a member of Transylvania theater and the *Crimson Rambler* staff. He taught Spanish and other foreign languages at Transylvania, North Georgia College, the University of Georgia, Brenau College, and Brenau Academy, from which he retired in 2009.

**Cherry Watson Marshall '67**, Baltimore, died January 13, 2012. She was a religion major and member of the choir, Student Christian Association, and the Association of Women Students. She went to Princeton Theological Seminary, majoring in New Testament, then earned a doctor of ministry degree from McCormick Theological College. She then became pastor of Hope Presbyterian Church, where she worked for 38 years.

**John L. Oldham '67**, Lexington, father of **Helen C. Oldham '12**, died April 24, 2012. He was a pre-law major and a member of Kappa Alpha fraternity. He was former owner of Oldham Lumber Co. in Georgetown, Ky., and worked at the UPS Store in Nicholasville, Ky.

**Michael R. Moore '70**, Bowling Green, Ky., died January 7, 2012. He was a philosophy major and a member of Phi Kappa Tau fraternity. He was also president of Lampas and a member of Student Government Organization, Phi Alpha Theta, baseball, and the *Rambler*. He earned a master of divinity from Lexington Theological Seminary and was a minister with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and a social worker.

**Bruce B. Coates '75**, Winchester, Ky., father of **B. Blanton Coates Jr. '00** and **Taylor C. Coates '03**, and brother of **Robert K. Coates**



## Harry Stephenson dies at 95, with 63-year Transylvania legacy



**HARRY STEPHENSON '46**, whose relationship with Transylvania as student, coach, teacher, and administrator totaled a remarkable 63 years, died May 15 in Lexington. He was 95.

"Harry was the original jack-of-all-trades when it came to his participation in and contributions to Transylvania," said **Lee Rose '58**, former Transylvania head men's basketball coach and athletics director. "And yet he was much

more than that to me. He was my advisor, coach, and mentor."

Stephenson enrolled as a first-year student at Transylvania in the fall of 1936. His association with the university was interrupted by military service during World War II, a year earning a master's degree after the war, and another year of high school teaching. He joined Transylvania's faculty and staff in 1948, and when he retired in 2006 had achieved a 58-year employment tenure at his alma mater that became a 63-year legacy when his student days were added on.

"Harry Stephenson was the epitome of an educator," said athletics director **Jack Ebel '77**. "Countless Transylvania students and athletes developed lifelong relationships with Harry through his dedication to mentoring young people. Harry was an exceptional friend to the university whose commitment began 76 years ago when he came here as a student."

Stephenson's Transylvania studies were sidelined by his service as a crew chief and engineer on a C-47 troop carrier with the U.S. Army Air Corps from 1942-45. He had played professional baseball with the St. Louis Cardinals organization during the summers while a Transylvania student, and briefly tried to revive his career in 1945 before returning to the university to complete his B.A. degree in 1946. He then earned a master's degree in physical education from the University of Kentucky and taught from 1947-48 at Georgetown (Ky.) High School.

He joined the faculty and staff of Transylvania in the fall of 1948 as assistant professor of physical education and health and as head men's basketball and baseball coach. As the years went by, he also became athletics director and head men's golf coach. Besides being an accomplished basketball official and baseball

umpire, he was a pioneer in Kentucky in improving sports officiating and organized some of the first clinics. He started the Bluegrass Umpiring Association and the Bluegrass Basketball Association for referees.

During his coaching years, Stephenson won several National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics coach-of-the-year awards and was inducted into the Pioneer Hall of Fame in 1996. In 1993 the university awarded Stephenson and his wife, the late **Willie Mae Montague Stephenson '46**, the Morrison Medallion, the highest honor given to an alum for service to their alma mater. He retired from full-time faculty duty in 1983 and was awarded professor emeritus status.

"Harry was my mentor in teaching and coaching, and in becoming a fully dedicated member of the Transylvania community," said Pat Deacon, former head women's basketball and field hockey coach, physical education professor, and associate athletics director. "Harry and his wife, Willie Mae, were the most ardent supporters of women's athletics and the transitions brought about by Title IX. Harry excelled as teacher, coach, administrator, and friend. He leaves a legacy that will be difficult for all of us to follow."

C. M. Newton, former Transylvania head men's basketball coach, had played basketball under famed University of Kentucky coach Adolph Rupp and was pursuing a professional baseball career when Stephenson offered him his first coaching job in 1951.

"I always say—and Harry was largely responsible for this—that I got my degrees at UK and my education at Transylvania," Newton said. "He loved Transylvania and devoted a lifetime to its students. Harry and Willie Mae were great friends to me and my family. He will be greatly missed."

In a 1998 interview on the occasion of Stephenson's 50th anniversary as a Transylvania employee, then-head men's basketball coach Don Lane said, "Harry has always wanted to make Transylvania the best it could be, not just in athletics, but in every respect."

Rose put a final touch on Stephenson's legacy when he said, "Each year, Transylvania elects a Mr. Pioneer, but for my money, Harry will always be Mr. Transylvania."

**'72**, died February 1, 2012. He majored in computer science and was a member of Phi Kappa Tau fraternity, of which he was pledge master and treasurer. He was also Interfraternity Council president and president of Lampas. He was vice president of market development at LexisNexis Risk Solutions and was an insurance agent for 16 years.

**Cecil D. "Moe" Rawlings '75**, Lexington, died March 26, 2012. He was a history and philosophy major and a member of Phi Kappa Tau fraternity, of which he served as pledge master. He was owner of Laser Technology.

**Barbara Worthington Beard '76**, Lexington, died March 31, 2012. She was a member of Chi Omega sorority. She worked as a

marketing specialist with IBM for 20 years.

**Linda Harr Mefford '79**, Greenup, Ky., died February 16, 2012. She was an elementary education major and a member of the Pioneer Christian Community and the psychology honorary. She earned a master's degree in education and worked as a teacher in Greenup County Schools.

**Donna L. Ratliff '83**, Pikeville, Ky., mother of **Tiffany Blackburn Tackett '09**, died February 23, 2012. She was a homemaker and a member of the Pike County Homemaker's Association.

**Mary Sabad Keidel '87**, Lexington, died January 26, 2012. She was an accounting major and worked as an accountant.

### Correction

In the spring *Transylvania* magazine, a listing in the "Marriages" section should have read Susan Michelle Tyler '92. Her married name is Susan Tyler Witten.

■ 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.

## ALUMNI BULLETIN BOARD

### Save the Date—Alumni Weekend 2013

Mark your calendar and plan to join classmates and Transylvania friends in Lexington April 26-28, 2013. The following classes will celebrate special reunions: Robert Barr Society (class of 1943, 1948, 1953, 1958), 1963, 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993, 1998, 2003, and 2008. If you are a member of one of these classes, make sure the alumni office has your current mailing and email addresses so you don't 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 nmongiardo@transy.edu.

### Executive Board officers, members elected

The Alumni Association elected David Johnson '92 (Lexington) as president and Rachelle Williams Dodson '98 (Lexington) as president-elect of the Alumni Executive Board during Alumni Weekend. The following were elected to three-year board terms: William O. Cooper '87 (Nashville), Timothy R. Newton '90 (Atlanta), Thomas R. Shevlin '68 (Cincinnati), Carrie Reed Shufflebarger '96 (Union, Ky.), Charles C. Simms '90 (Bardstown, Ky.), James R. Stephens '60 (Mount Sterling, Ky.), Jill A. Stratton '91 (St. Louis), and Michelle Manning Whittington '83 (Lexington).

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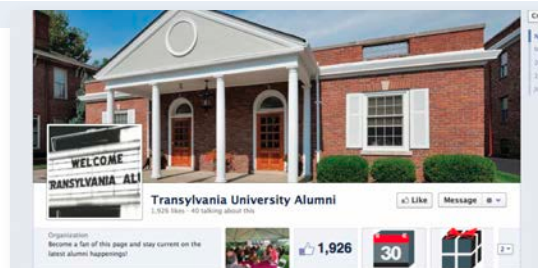
Discounts and savings are available where state laws and regulations allow, and may vary by state. To the extent permitted by law, applicants are individually underwritten; not all applicants may qualify.

### Let's go for five in a row

With the help of alumni, students, faculty, staff, parents, and friends, Transylvania is again the winner of the Association of Independent Kentucky Colleges and Universities (AIKCU) "Battle of the Bumpers." Transylvania beat out the other 19 AIKCU members to put the most campus license plates on Kentucky highways and the most dollars in the school's general scholarship fund.

Transylvania's promotional efforts helped drive sales to 852 in 2011, an increase of 84 license plates over 2010. Ten dollars from the sale of each plate is returned to the school's general scholarship fund, translating into \$8,520 for student scholarships at Transylvania. Overall, sales of Kentucky Independent Higher Education plates raised more than \$45,000 for student scholarships in 2011.

The 2012 license plate competition began on January 1. For more information, including contact information for your county clerk, visit the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Division of Motor Vehicle Licensing at [mvl.ky.gov](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](http://www.alumni.transy.edu)** — alumni online community where you may register for alumni events and browse the alumni directory for the latest news on classmates.

**[www.facebook.com/TransylvaniaUniversityAlumni](https://www.facebook.com/TransylvaniaUniversityAlumni)** — the quickest way to get alumni news and information on events.

**[linkd.in/TUAlumni](https://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=11111111)** — If you're interested in professional networking, join the Transylvania University Alumni group on LinkedIn.

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# Nancy Lee Allf '79

Like many of us, Nancy Lee Allf '79 has heard the expression, "Give until it hurts." She has a different take on that idea.

"I like to say, 'Don't give until it hurts—give until it feels good.' And this gift to Transylvania feels good."

Allf, along with her husband, David Thomas, has included Transylvania in her estate planning. They both believe in the power of higher education to provide the foundation for a successful life. Allf is district judge in the Eighth Judicial District Court, Las Vegas, and practiced law as a business litigator for 27 years.

"Transylvania has always meant so much to me because it was the start of my professional career," Allf says. "I loved my days there. I believe in a liberal arts education, and Transylvania turns out beautifully educated students. If our estate planning helps someone else get the same chances I did from Transylvania, then my dream would be fulfilled."

For more information on including Transylvania in your estate plans, contact Diana Brown Kinslow '95, director of planned giving, at (800) 487-2679, (859) 233-8801, or [dkinslow@transy.edu](mailto:dkinslow@transy.edu). Additional articles about planned giving are available at [transy.giftlegacy.com](http://transy.giftlegacy.com).







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## April showers bring May powders



Transylvania students throw colored powder and perfume in the air during a Holi Festival celebration May 16. Holi is a Hindu spring festival that aims to downplay the strictness of social norms such as gender or caste, celebrates the beginning of spring, commemorates good harvests, and illustrates events in Hindu mythology. Inset: Junior Anna Tussey is doused in powder during the Holi celebration. *Photos by Matt Durr '14*