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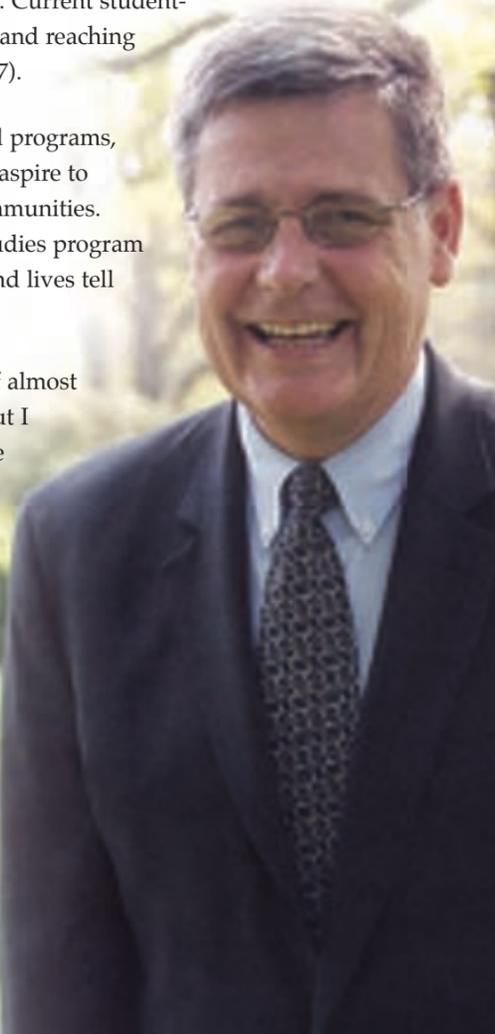
Spiritual formation is a vital element of the Christian education students receive here at Eastern. For many young men and women in the College of Arts and Sciences and at Palmer Seminary, this process takes place not just in the classrooms, but also on our athletic fields. People like Aaron Soby '93 (p. 9) were nurtured here and given the spiritual foundation for their dreams; in his case, spreading the Gospel through sports ministry. Current student-athletes are achieving academic honors (p. 8) and reaching out to our brothers and sisters in Africa (p. 6-7).

For students in our graduate and professional programs, spiritual growth is equally important as they aspire to greater achievements in their careers and communities. For example, students in our MA in urban studies program who are working to change neighborhoods and lives tell their stories on page 17.

As you've already seen, faith is at the heart of almost every story or news item featured in *Spirit*. But I also invite you to enjoy our Faith and Practice Section (p. 13-19) where we bring together a variety of stories that show Eastern people throughout the University taking our core values of faith, reason and justice into the business world, counseling offices, churches, and overseas to Africa, China and a thriving Arts Institute in Hungary.

Thank you for supporting life-changing education that directly impacts our world.

David R. Black



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On the Cover: Women's lacrosse midfielder Liza O'Keefe. Photo by David Christenson.

Athletics Plays a Key Role in Spiritual Formation

Developing student-athletes on the field and in the classroom

By Mark Wagner, athletic director and head men's soccer coach

Last fall, the Eastern University Men's Soccer team won its third PAC Championship in five years. For the first time in school history the team advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament. Oddly enough, that will not be my prevailing memory.

The defining moment occurred during a team meeting the night before the Conference Championship. Over the course of a very trying season, we had encountered many highs and lows. The team meeting gave both players and staff an opportunity to reflect on some of what had been learned. In what turned into a three-hour meeting, we reached a level of depth where several players made life-changing decisions. Our time was filled with care, candor, and depth, all important components in our team culture.

Athletics is a place where student-athletes in all stages of the discipleship process can grow. Athletics plays an integral role in the process of forming the whole person.

The Foundation

We believe that Christ is Lord of all things, including athletics. Lordship requires stewardship, which in this case involves athletic gifts. These gifts are intended to point not to ourselves, but back to the Giver. This reality dictates the way we train and interact with our teams and those we compete against. It necessitates that the standard be humble but high. Athletics has intrinsic value. Its worth is not contingent upon connection to a community service project, a missions trip, or team devotions – although these activities have significant value.

The Whole Person

Our Athletic Department reports to Student Development. This decision is based on a belief that

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intercollegiate athletics plays a significant role in spiritual formation, which is a primary goal of Student Development. "Spiritual formation," according to Robert Mulholland, Jr., "is a process of being conformed to the image of Christ for the sake of others." The larger culture places emphasis on the outcome. We choose to make athletics about a process.

The pressures and demands of sports uniquely position coaches to address young men and women for the transformational change that it produces in their lives. Executing a play in the last seconds of a basketball game, or finding the confidence to get a key serve in play under pressure are stressful moments that provide opportunities for growth. As we come alongside our athletes in the process of preparing for these moments, we prepare them for other tests in their lives.

In the same way, Athletics supports student-athletes as they seek to grow in the classroom. Many of the lessons of teamwork, responsibility, accountability, attention to detail, and pursuit of excellence that enable Eastern teams to succeed, also strengthen the academic experience.

Nate Seifert, a four-year tennis player and two-time PAC Champion, graduated in 2007 with a 4.0 grade point average. Our field hockey team won a conference championship in the fall of 2006 and had the highest GPA of any Division III field hockey team in the country for two straight years. We had 59 athletes honored this past fall with a spot on the conference All-Academic team. (See page 8.)

Their work in the field of competition will help our athletes to apply the lessons they learn in the classroom. Whether they become teachers, doctors, or lawyers, the lessons of competition will prepare them to not only succeed professionally, but also to succeed professionally in a way that brings honor to Christ. Spiritual formation is an important component of whole person education.

A Lasting Impact

We often have had the privilege of seeing lives transformed. Student-athletes who have matured in faith leave Eastern to build the Kingdom. Men's Soccer alum **Jon Ruiz '06** is working as a math teacher and coach at Fels High School in Philadelphia. Jon could have chosen easier jobs, but his "others focus," which was nurtured through his involvement in our athletic program, led him

to follow God's call to the city. Several of our current players, because of their relationship with Jon, on occasion drive into the city to help Jon with his team.

The Gospel impacts student-athletes at all stages of their journey of faith. In some cases, the discipleship that takes place in our programs involves a big first step of faith.

Jim Henderson, my longtime assistant and dear friend, came to Eastern without a Christian faith. Through the active discipleship of my predecessor, which was supported by the work of others at Eastern, Jim encountered the grace of Christ in a way that changed his life. His father once pulled me aside to tell me, "We spent a lot of money to send Jimmy to Eastern, but we would have spent a hundred times that. This place changed his life."

Not every story is so dramatic, and yet the process of discipleship and spiritual formation is real. Each graduate will, by God's grace, continue that growth in the years ahead. It is deeply humbling and rewarding to witness God working in the lives of our student-athletes. We have faith that He will use that work to continue the process in their lives and to impact our world.

The Process

In sitting down to write, I was challenged to explain how spiritual formation happens in our teams. The answer is not simple but philosophical and nuanced. Within each program in our athletic department, formation looks a little different, but there are always the constants of high standards and personal involvement.

We ask our students to run the gauntlet, a very demanding, timed fitness test, at the end of their summer training. We expect excellence in both fitness regimen and technical training. The expectation of excellence is foundational for a culture of formation.

Matt Nadelhoffer brings his basketball team into his family. "I want my players," he says, "to see my commitment to my marriage and to my children. We talk a lot about commitment, but as they grow in character, I feel it is important for them to see it." Over the break between the semesters, the Nadelhoffers often have team dinners in their home.

Dan Mouw's women's soccer team has become a top team in the region. He attributes much of it to his ability to be accessible to his athletes. He says, "So much of the

growth in our team happens during office hours. I feel that my players can find me, and we have substantial conversations about soccer, life, and things that matter. I would not say that we win games solely because we have this dynamic, but our success as a team stems from our ability to function as a community."

Women's Lacrosse is the two-time defending PAC Champion. Under **Coach Urban** and now **Coach Azzarano**, the team has developed a culture of achievement and excellence. Within the larger context of creating a winning culture, Azzarano takes her team (joined by Men's Lacrosse) on a preseason trip to serve with Habitat for Humanity in Florida. The focus of the trip is to prepare to win a championship, but interestingly enough, much of the conversation comes back to serving and honoring others. Teammates often must subjugate their own interests for the good of the team. Much of the challenge of living the Christian life is the same. We serve by offering our best.

Finally, there is the winning thing. We believe that winning is important. Our teams strive to compete at the highest level possible and seek to win within the spirit of the rules of each sport. We honor and respect our teammates, our opponents, and our God when we compete at our highest level. The passionate pursuit of excellence in service to God and others is central to formation in athletics. The process is a constant challenge.

The challenge is worthwhile. One of the most rewarding aspects of coaching at Eastern is knowing that what we do on the field or court has impact that lasts beyond their time on this campus. We are encouraged as we hear stories of Eastern athletes who go on to impact society in myriad ways, and we are grateful for the support of so many who make our work possible.

Mark Wagner is in his 10th year as head men's soccer coach at Eastern University. His teams have developed a strong tradition of excellence and are consistently recognized in the Mid-Atlantic Region. Prior to taking on athletic director responsibilities in the fall of 2007, Wagner served the University as a director of athletic development. Dan Mouw also wrote some of the articles in this section.

Nearly 250 students compete on Eastern's 15 intercollegiate sports teams. Eastern will be joining the Middle Atlantic States Collegiate Athletic Corporation in the fall of 2008.



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- Mark Wagner



Balancing Family and Coaching

Camrin Azzarano graduated from Eastern in 1993 after playing lacrosse and field hockey for four years. She and her husband, Michael, have three children and live in Wayne. She also coached two Eastern teams to PAC Championships last year. In addition, Eastern's field hockey team took the No. 3 spot on the 2007 National Field Hockey Coaches Association Division III National

Academic Squad for the third consecutive year with a 3.46 team grade-point-average.

Azzarano came to Eastern to be

part of an established field hockey program and a lacrosse program that was new. While she was here, she was a key contributor to both teams. She points to Virginia Weber, the field hockey coach at the time, as a model for balancing coaching and family. Lacrosse won a PAC Championship in her senior year.

After living in Costa Rica, her family moved back into the area to be close to Eastern. She had Eliza then; now she has Eliza, David, and Jude. Soon after her return, she saw **Carolyn Urban**, a former lacrosse teammate at homecoming, and Urban asked her to help out with lacrosse. She stepped in to take leadership of the field hockey program. She took over the lacrosse program last year.

Azzarano says, "I want to be here for my players. It is a blessing that I am able to live so close to campus so that I can balance time with my family and my teams."

When asked to compare the two teams, she says, "I love them both equally, but they each bring distinctive joys and challenges."

Still a competitor, Azzarano loves to win. Her players appreciate her demanding nature. They also know that she cares deeply for them.

She admits she is a growing Christian and that sometimes she falls short. She says, "I lead as

one who understands where they are. I think the players appreciate my openness with them." Expectations are high and her teams respond. Eastern Field Hockey and Women's Lacrosse are consistently at the top of the league and have earned regional and national recognition. More importantly, her players learn and grow through their time in her programs.

She says, "I try to stress gratefulness for the athletic ability that we have been given. That mindset puts the glory for any accomplishment back to God, which is part of our culture." This past fall, Field Hockey helped the Radnor Fire Department for an evening, and the Department showed up with a truck for the Eagles' Conference Semifinal win over Misericordia.

Courtney Brennan, a junior lacrosse captain, speaks of the intensity and urgency that Azzarano brings to practices and games and marvels at her coach's ability to do all she does for her teams and children.

Field hockey forward **Olivia Derr** says, "She cares about us in our life outside of hockey. She is easy to talk to and she believes in us as a team. We love that she will jump into practices, and that she will run sprints with us. She can still keep up for a while."

Azzarano continues to lead her programs with humility and intensity and does more than just keep up.

A Challenging Season for Heidi Peachey

Anyone planning to go for popcorn might have missed it. With just seconds remaining in the first half of Eastern Women's Soccer's first ever NCAA tournament game, midfielder **Heidi Peachey** challenged for a head ball near midfield and landed awkwardly. The junior co-captain went down with a season-ending knee injury with the Eagles leading 1-0. Eastern went on to win the game, but their emotional leader was unable to return to the field for the second half. Through her injury and recovery, Peachey has learned that the process of formation happens through many circumstances.

In the fall, the Eagles enjoyed their best season ever. Peachey challenged her teammates before the season started to "make history," and they responded with a program best 19-4 record, a PAC Championship, and a trip to the second round of the NCAA tournament. The season was not without challenges, but the closeness of the team as they won 15 of 16 games heading into the NCAA tournament allowed each individual to grow in confidence and in her understanding of her role on the team.

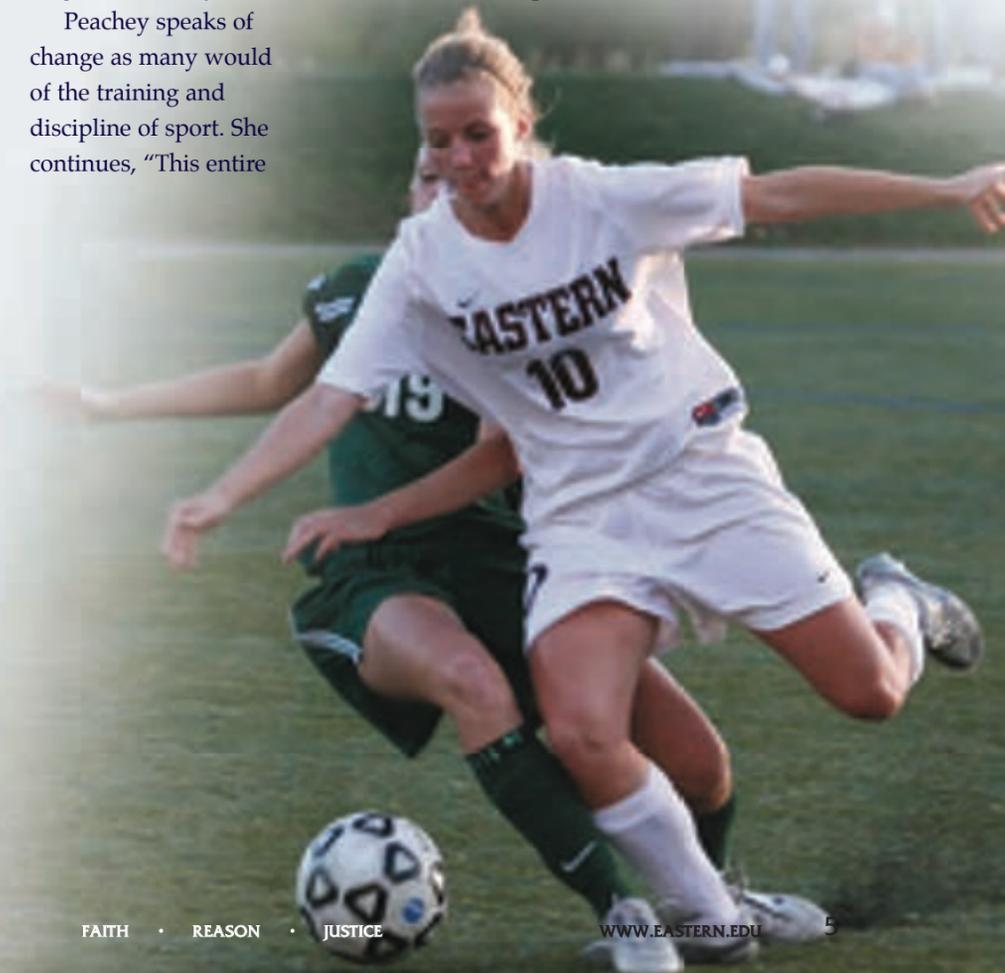
Peachey could only cheer for her teammates through their last game-and-a-half of the year. A 4.0 student who is paying her own way through Eastern by working and with scholarships, she was confronted with something very unfamiliar. Peachey was forced to rely on others.

With her parents in India on a mission trip, she had to ask teammates for rides and get friends to help her get to class. That humility was a challenge. She found a deepening faith and an understanding of important spiritual lessons. She says, "I've learned to trust God and His goodness, and I've discovered His incredible strength in the midst of my own weakness. God had to bring me to a place of brokenness so that He could strip away my pride and self-reliance and rebuild me into a woman of character. He had to make me small so that He could be glorified in my life."

Peachey speaks of change as many would of the training and discipline of sport. She continues, "This entire

process of formation has been a constant dying of self and daily surrender to the One who loves me more than I can possibly imagine. While my transformation is nowhere near complete, my heart has begun to change, and I have come alive like never before. God knew what He was doing."

The doctor rebuilt Peachey's knee over the Thanksgiving holiday. With the growth in medical technology, the knee will actually be stronger and more stable after the surgery than it was before. Through the intense process of formation the person will be, too.



Bicycles for Ghana

Some would have forgotten. **Manan Abdulai** had enough to do as an Eastern University student and soccer player. He was working a pair of jobs to pay tuition and could have thought only of himself, but that would not be Manan.

Abdulai came to Eastern from Ghana after spending time working after high school as a tour guide in Accra. He met people and came to the U. S. to explore business opportunities and pursue an education. Here he met Eastern soccer player **Josh McGready** while playing together in a men's league in Norristown. McGready told **Coach Wagner** about Manan, and they began the process of helping Manan get to Eastern.

On the field he was an impact player and soon became an All-Conference and All-Region player. Though he did not score many goals, he became an integral component in Eastern's success.

Twice in his four-year career, Eastern won PAC Championships and advanced to the NCAA tournament.

Abdulai struggled academically early on in his career and spent many nights with little sleep trying to keep up. Manan remembers, "It was tough adjusting

to the way they do things here. Trying to assimilate into the culture and academic system was the most difficult part of it all." His teammates and coaches helped him through the assimilation process, and he began to succeed in the classroom as well.

Remembering Those at Home
Abdulai never forgot about Ghana. Even in the midst of his own difficulties, he felt that he could do



something to help families to make a better life back home. He thought of bicycles. Manan realized that transportation was a major obstacle

for the poor of his country. He felt he could find enough bicycles from the community around Eastern to make a difference. He enlisted the help of friends in the University community for his project of collecting usable bikes and securing over \$10,000 for their transport.

In the spring of 2005, right before his graduation, he traveled to Ghana. There Manan met a container of 450 bicycles in the town of Yendi. In addition to the bikes, he was able to raise money for school uniforms and shoes for the children. He also brought soccer gear, including a full set of Eastern uniforms for a local team.

Manan plans to put together another bicycle drive in the fall of 2008. He says, "I want to help support the school system and send hospital supplies to the local hospital. Health care and education are very important in helping the poor to have a chance."

In addition to his work for Ghana, he is pursuing an MBA in international business and working for Verizon in the Philadelphia area.



R4Kenya

Eastern University sophomore **Mike Wilson** has run the distance of a marathon, 26.2 miles, over 20 times for leisure. The biblical studies major from Stow, Ohio, a member of the cross-country team, took up the sport his junior year of high school. When he runs the Philadelphia Marathon course on November 23, 2008, however, his motives will be much deeper.

"I've realized that I want to use my ability for something mission-al," Wilson said.

With the desire to break out of the mold of contributing to common established charities and clubs, Wilson created his own group called R4Kenya. While the Philadelphia Marathon was the original event through which to fundraise, R4Kenya has quickly transformed from a running group to a networking group, where all participants have begun to raise money for the organization's charity, Word Ablaze (www.wordablazeministries.org). Word Ablaze, a Kenyan group, supports families by providing education, food, clothing and support to children, while also providing teaching seminars, pastor/leader conferences, and Bible Training Centers throughout Kenya.

Wilson's mission aligns directly with that of Word Ablaze – to make Bible training available to all church leaders, from all denominations, and to all groups of people. By seeking donations and sending the

money directly to Word Ablaze, R4Kenya is hoping that their dedication will help to transform lives through Jesus Christ.

"The group seeks to empower the community, which is so important to me," Wilson said. "Right now, with all the political chaos in Kenya, Word Ablaze has set up a refugee camp for the displaced people. They have had so many

opportunities to be the hands and feet of Jesus and share His love with these people."

R4Kenya has expanded far beyond the running world. The diverse organization now consists of more than 30 individuals with a wide variety of talents. For example, three R4Kenya members, (sophomore **Kait Lynn Dudley**, and first-year students **Rachel Mayshura**, and **Joanna Halliburton**) are teaching dance for free and hosting a fundraising recital where 100% of the proceeds will go to Word Ablaze.

"For us, it was deeper than just running," Wilson said. "I originally wanted to use the idea of running, something I'm good at, to do something missional. Some of the people on the Cross-Country team agreed



that it was a good idea to use our talent to fundraise for missions. Then, others started getting involved, using their hobbies to help our cause. It's really becoming a great thing."

The group is not exclusive. Anyone who shares this mission and desire to use their talents to help are welcome to join forces with R4Kenya.

"It's easier to see the big picture when your weaknesses are complemented by others' strengths. We want to find fun, talented ways to fundraise that will bring awareness to the situation in Kenya and our mission to help reach people for Christ. The Gospel is spreading quickly in Kenya, and I love being a part of that."

For more information about R4Kenya, contact Mike Wilson at mwilson@eastern.edu or 330.687.9793. You can also find him on Facebook, at: Mike Wilson – Eastern '10.

Fifty-Nine Eagles Earn Academic All-PAC

Fifty-nine Eastern University Athletes were recognized on the Pennsylvania Athletic Conference (PAC) list of Academic All-PAC performers for the fall of 2007. To be recognized, an individual had to earn varsity status in their sport and maintain a 3.2 semester grade point average (GPA).

Eastern Field Hockey, which reached the PAC Finals, led the way with a 3.46 team GPA and 14 student-athletes on the All-PAC Academic list. A complete list of honorees:

Field Hockey

Kim Campbell, *Elementary/Special Ed., Havertown, PA*
 Hope Donnelly, *Undeclared, Willow Grove, PA*
 Kelly Garland, *Elementary/Special Ed., Lenhartsville, PA*
 Lisa Gocht, *Undeclared, Bedford, MA*
 Jaimie Heck, *Business/Marketing, Butler, NJ*
 Ellen Hivner, *Elementary/Special Ed., Landisville, PA*
 Carrie Kline, *Management/Marketing, Harrisburg, PA*
 Katelyn Maguire, *Undeclared, Wayne, PA*
 Christy McCoy, *Undeclared, Freehold, NJ*
 Leslie Messick, *History, Bridgeville, DE*
 Lindsay Moyer, *Management/Marketing, Telford, PA*
 Stephanie Moyer, *Elementary/Special Ed., Telford, PA*
 Elya Troup, *Sociology, Richfield, PA*
 Olivia Wilson, *Biokinetics, Portland, ME*

Men's Cross-Country

Andrew Bradstreet, *Physics, Norristown, PA*
 Nick Kakolowski, *English, Perkasio, PA*
 Ben O'Donnell, *Biokinetics, Syracuse, NY*
 Lou Palazzo, *Mathematics, Montgomery, PA*
 Mike Wilson, *Theology/English, Stow, OH*

Men's Soccer

Noah Bartelt, *Communications, Sewell, NJ*
 Alex Clark, *Biokinetics, Canandaigua, NY*
 Mike Dorsch, *Accounting/Finance, Wilmington, DE*
 Cliff Gehret, *Political Science/Communication, Telford, PA*
 Nate Goble, *Management/Pre-Law, Shrewsbury, PA*
 Mike Leitzel, *Biokinetics, Manheim, PA*
 Chris Middleton, *Management/Marketing, West Chester, PA*
 Kyle Richards, *Undeclared, Pittsgrove, NJ*

Volleyball

Nicole Burns, *Undeclared, Horsham, PA*
 Bridget Carey, *Management/Marketing, Forest Hill, MD*
 Carrie Gillen, *Mathematics, Bohemia, NY*
 Katie Ressler, *Elementary/Special Ed., East Petersburg, PA*
 Stephanie Weaver, *English/Writing, Denver, PA*
 Elise Yarnell, *Undeclared, Beaverton, OR*

Women's Cross-Country

Grace Ciak, *English/Writing, Hunlock Creek, PA*
 Kristina Daniels, *Political Science/English, Ramsey, NJ*
 Kathleen Dolan, *Social Work, Sewell, NJ*
 Lindsay Dunn, *Youth Ministry, Pompton Plains, NJ*
 Mary Fitch, *Psychology, Sicklerville, NJ*
 Karen Goulding, *Biology, Harvard, MA*
 Erica Horning, *Communications, Oley, PA*
 Melody Mead, *Elementary/Special Ed., Stanton, MI*
 Alison Ridington, *Elementary/Special Ed., Malvern, PA*
 Jennifer Schifano, *English/Writing, York, PA*
 Rachel Snow, *Psychology, Denver, PA*

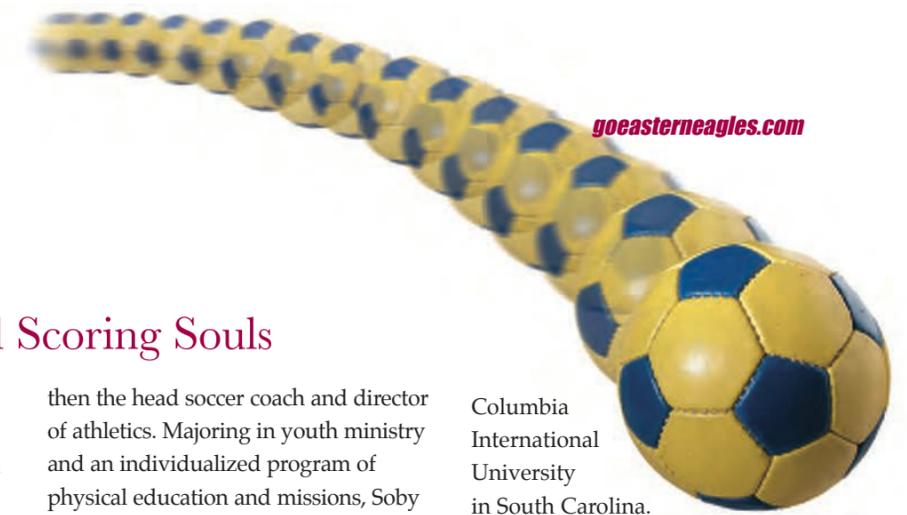
Women's Soccer

Amy Achey, *Undeclared, Schaferstown, PA*
 Christa Clark, *Undeclared, Selinsgrove, PA*
 Kaylena Crompton, *Undeclared, Quakertown, PA*
 Amber Cummins, *Undeclared, Pottstown, PA*
 Ashley Hackman, *Sociology, Perkasio, PA*
 Kara Neef, *Biokinetics, Havertown, PA*
 Cheryl Palevo, *Biokinetics, Holmdel, NJ*
 Heidi Peachey, *Elementary/Special Ed., Mifflintown, PA*
 Lauren Roe, *Elementary/Special Ed., Succasunna, NJ*
 Steffie Sauder, *Biokinetics, Manheim, PA*
 Kristin Watson, *Elementary/Special Ed., Stratford, NJ*
 Kate Weber, *Undeclared, Barrington, NJ*

Women's Tennis

Mandy Kuiken, *Biokinetics, Pompton Plains, NJ*
 Hannah Tobin, *Biokinetics, Paxinos, PA*
 Allison Verdic, *Elementary/Special Ed., Dunellen, NJ*

Volleyball Player
Elise Yarnell



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Aaron Soby '93 Still Scoring Souls

Only 1% of the people in the Czech Republic report any type of church affiliation. But that's changing through the efforts of people like Eastern alum **Aaron Soby**. Sharing the Gospel starts by reaching people where they are – and in Eastern Europe, they are at soccer matches (called football there).

That's why Soby has been working with Ambassadors in Sport (AIS) for the past five years in a soccer ministry for youth and young adults. "The Czech people love soccer," he says, "and we use that to build bridges with people and to build the church."

Originally from Colorado, Soby was recruited for Eastern University by **Wayne Rasmussen**, who was

then the head soccer coach and director of athletics. Majoring in youth ministry and an individualized program of physical education and missions, Soby says he is thankful that Eastern helped him put all the pieces together to reach his life's goal of doing missions work.

"Eastern prepared me by laying a good foundation," he says, citing **Professor Duffy Robbins** and Coach Rasmussen as having a big impact on him. Soby distinguished himself as a soccer star and led a missions trip to Trinidad.

After graduation, he headed to the Czech Republic to begin his sports ministry. He later earned a master's degree in church planting at

Columbia International University in South Carolina.

Today, he and his wife, Becky, and their children Daniel and Michaela are back in the Czech Republic winning souls through soccer. He advises universities on overseas missions, including the trip planned this summer by the Eastern University Women's Soccer team. Soby sums up his work as "a great blessing serving God through sport."

Visit www.AISint.org and www.Ambassadors.cz

The Palmer Seminary Football Team

By Randy Frame, executive director, marketing and communications, Palmer Seminary

Those who attended what was then Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary in the 1950s will remember that in those days the Seminary had a football team. And it was not touch football, but tackle, with full pads. The team played against other schools in the Philadelphia area. (Photos of the team can be found in the book *Praise & Promise*, a history of the Seminary published in 2000.)

Now football is back at Palmer Seminary. But it's not the kind that most of the world knows as "American football." Rather it's the original football, what Americans refer to as soccer. The Seminary's talented soccer team competes in the Casa Soccer League, a Philadelphia-based amateur league. Their jerseys read "Palmer F.C.," which stands for Palmer Football Club.

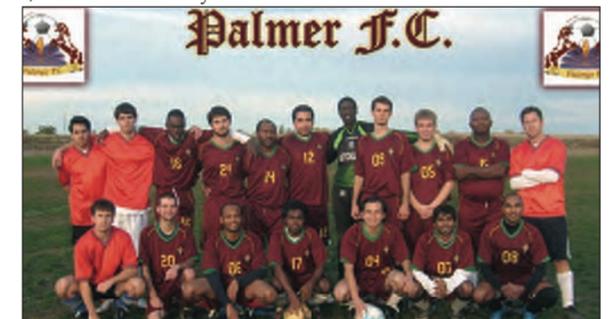
The Palmer Football Club also plays exhibition matches against next-door neighbor St. Charles Seminary. The

Palmer team includes a few women players (though none were able to make it to the team photo).

If a league champion were to be crowned based on countries represented, Palmer would be the hands-down winner. In addition to the U.S., the PTS team represents Jamaica, Cameroon, Uganda, Sierra Leone, Mexico, South Africa, Swaziland, and Canada.

Says team organizer and co-captain **Paul Mokake**, a native of Cameroon, "This has done so much more for us than giving a chance to get some physical exercise and have some fun. It's also helped us to build relationships."

These relationships are not just among Palmer players. Recently, two players signed up to play in the league,



but did not have a team to play for. The Palmer Football Club welcomed them, and as a result, two people are being disciplined by one or more Palmer team members. The Palmer Football Club begins and ends each game with prayer.

The Palmer Football Club is in many ways a microcosm of the Seminary community. From teenagers to people in their 40s, gathering for fun and fellowship, working together toward a common goal and always keeping in mind the primary mission of sharing the love of Christ, the whole Gospel, with all the world.



COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS OF EASTERN UNIVERSITY



Barnabas Servant Leadership Award

The Barnabas Servant Leadership Award is given annually to four Eastern University seniors, in the College of Arts and Sciences, who demonstrate excellence in leadership and community service. The \$350 award is funded by the Barney II Foundation of Illinois and in addition to recognizing the importance of servant leadership, it allows students to designate an additional \$100 to a nonprofit organization of their choice.

This year's award winners and respective organizations that they donated to are (left to right), **Clifford Gehret** (Transformed), **Kevin Bennet** (David Black Scholarship), **Edie Doane** (Student Development), and **Peder Wiegner** (SPEAK).

CCGPS Grad Shawn Wolfe Named President of Wright Manufacturing

by Rebecca Druckenmiller, Communications

Shawn Wolfe, a 1996 graduate of Eastern's Management program, in what is now the Campolo College of Graduate and Professional Studies (CCGPS), was appointed President of Wright Manufacturing, a lawn and maintenance manufacturer in Frederick, MD, on February 4, 2008. "At first I came on with the company as a marketing consultant eight years

responsibility," said Wolfe. Now, as president, his focus is no longer just sales and marketing but the overall growth and success of the company. "I hope to help the company grow and keep it moving forward as a leader in the industry. As a leader, I always have the future on my mind," said Wolfe.

Wolfe is also mindful of his past. As a student in Eastern's Management program he found counsel with **Dr. Harold Howard**, his professor in strategic planning. "Harold had the biggest influence on how I manage, how I think and how I lead others," said Wolfe. "He also stressed the importance of everyone having their own strategic plan, it is what will guide your success throughout your career." Dr. Howard instructed each of his students to prepare a personal mission guide, which he believed would serve to drive their life and direction. "I always go back to my mission statement, it drives what is God's mission for me," said Wolfe.

His strategic plan and mission statement are only two of the things that contribute to his success; the other is his faith. He finds a way to gently weave

his faith into his work at Wright Manufacturing. "My faith defines who I am so it permeates everything I do, how I act, how I care and how I lead people. Everyone knows where I stand with my faith, because it's part of me and it comes out of me. It's also important as a leader to let my employees and potential employees know, though, that their understanding of faith plays no part in their role in the company," said Wolfe.

In addition to his newly assumed title, Wolfe also had the opportunity to meet with President Bush when he took a tour of Wright's facilities. "The President let us know right away that he wanted to meet our people and learn about our business. He showed genuine interest in everyone he met. It was such a great experience," said Wolfe.

Currently, Wolfe is enrolled in a doctoral program at Regent University where he takes classes online. He is finishing his first year and even though he finds it tough to balance work, school, and life with his wife and three children, he's more than willing to accept the challenge.

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Shawn Wolfe (center) on the job.

ago, but as the needs of the company grew so did my involvement. I was hired as the COO of sales and marketing and then for the next three years started to take on more and more

Off to Cairo, Egypt

by Allison Auclair, CCGPS Web manager

Seven students from Eastern in the City (EIC), part of the School for Social Change at Eastern University's Philadelphia campus, left the January cold to travel to Cairo, Egypt. Warm weather didn't seem to bother them, but that's not why they went. Their travel, in partnership with BuildaBridge International, was part of coursework to provide "a cross-cultural experience intended to change students' perception of the world and develop culturally competent graduates prepared for the challenges of a global society," said **Dr. Nathan Corbitt**, professor of cross-cultural communication.

EIC provides a strong support network with skills and experience to be successful in life. It offers the core – the first two years – of Eastern's undergraduate curriculum to students in Philadelphia. The travel moves students toward greater character development and global competence. To reduce the debt burden with which most students graduate from traditional four-year institutions, all EIC students are awarded a substantial scholarship, including a stipend for travel in the second year.

Readings, lectures, speakers and service engagements allowed students to meet with Christian brothers and sisters in Egypt and to engage others in a culture that is predominantly Islamic. Ministry tours helped the students to understand the role of change agents who

use their professions and their lives to transform communities in Cairo and around the world.

For sophomore **Ulyses Pratt**, the trip was not only educational; it enhanced his personal relationship with God. Speaking of his hike to the top of Mt. Sinai, he said, "Everyone was praying in different languages, but we were unified in our connection to God. Seeing the harmony of prayers was really awesome."

"The trip gave me more passion to pursue my education. It affirmed my purpose for working hard in school and gave me an opportunity to learn from people who are in the field, promoting Christ and making positive changes in the world," Pratt said.

"I really appreciated learning about the other cultures. The trip has given me a desire to get involved and see what I can do to help people all over the world," said **Erica Anderson**. Both Pratt and Anderson hope to obtain their BAs in organizational leadership from Eastern, a program in which Anderson will develop the skills she needs to fill that desire to help all over the world.





Palmer Seminary News



Palmer Theological Seminary New Testament Professor **Craig Keener's** com-

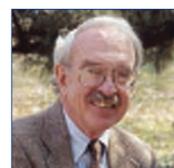
mentary on the Book of Acts is now in the editing stages at Eerdmans. This 5,000-page volume contains a bibliography citing more than 10,000 sources. In February, Dr. Keener gave two lectures as part of the "2000 Years of Christianity in Africa" series at Andrews University in Michigan.

Craig and his wife, Medine, have co-written a booklet on ethnic reconciliation for Africa. Medine has translated the booklet into French.

Old Testament Professor **Emmanuel Itapson** traveled to Nigeria with a group of 17 people from the Cincinnati area. He participated in an \$800,000 fundraising campaign in support of a clean water project in Nigeria under the auspices of SSE (Self-Sustaining Enterprises, www.sseinc.org), an organization he co-founded in 2002. SSE owns three businesses in the U.S.; their profits are sent to various micro-enterprises in Nigeria, Liberia, and India.

Dr. Loida Martell-Otero was invited by the Wabash Center to participate in the 2008-2009 Teaching Colloquy for Latino/a Faculty at Colleges, Universities, and Theological Schools beginning this June. She was awarded a Wabash Center Grant for "Developing Pedagogical Approaches That

Foster Multicultural/ Multiracial/ Multiethnic Diversity" at Palmer Theological Seminary. Dr. Martell-Otero participated at the November AAR as a panel member for the Practical Theology group's topic on "Strangers Among Us: Immigrants in the U.S. Church." Her panel presentation was titled "Creating a Sacred Space: An Iglesia Evangélica Response to Global Homelessness." She reports, "I have been contracted to develop a chapter for a book project on Hispanic Christology, that includes among other notable Latino/a scholars, Virgilio Elizondo. Harold Recinos, a noted Puerto Rican author and theologian, is leading this project."



ESA Founding President and Palmer Theology Professor **Ron Sider** has had opportunities to

voice his support for a peaceful solution to the age-old dispute between Israel and Palestine. Professor Sider appeared on Bill Moyers' *The Journal*. Prior to that, he was part of a small delegation of evangelical leaders who met with U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice. Sider said of the meeting, "I am convinced that Secretary Rice is investing her very best resources and efforts to move the dialogue forward to a just, permanent two-state solution. She needs our prayers and our vigorous support."

Mayor Nutter Visits



Pictured here (from left): Palmer graduate Malcolm Byrd (now with the mayor's Office of Faith-based Initiatives); BSF member Willie Keaton; Bernard Downing, event co-convenor; Mayor Nutter; Valerie Andrews, event co-convenor; and BSF member Genesis Slaughter

Palmer Seminary was pleased to welcome Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter as the luncheon speaker February 18 on Mitchell Lecture day, an annual event at the Seminary. The luncheon was convened by the Black Seminarian Fellowship (BSF).

Mayor Nutter spoke about his priorities for Philadelphia, including making it a safer place and providing people with better educational and employment opportunities.

The Seminary has begun to think about ways it can pursue the social justice dimension of its mission in cooperation with the Nutter administration. Among the ideas is for Palmer students who are focusing on theology and public policy to do internships with the Mayor's Office of Faith-based Initiatives.

Faith & Practice

Teaching Bible Stories to Children – Some Elementary Thoughts

By Phillip Cary, professor of philosophy

We can only be good teachers by first being good students. Our teaching of the Bible will only be as strong as our own study of the Bible. It becomes then a sacred duty for all of us who have the responsibility of teaching the Scriptures to young people to spend a great deal of time ourselves in the study of Scripture. We should understand this as part of our service to the Lord. We are engaged in the work of ministry not just when we are at a soup kitchen or at a meeting, but also, and perhaps most fundamentally, when we are sitting alone with the Bible open in front of us.

Stories are not about concepts or principles but about people—about who they really are.

Bible stories are no exception. They are God telling

us who He really is so that we might find ourselves within the story of His life. So the crucial thing to pay attention to any Bible story is what God is doing in it, and what that tells us about who He is. And the next thing to notice is how we fit into the story. God's story includes us because it was for love of us that He sent His Son, who offered up His life for us and then defeated death for our sake. But notice: we find ourselves in the story not by figuring out what to do to apply it to our lives, but by recognizing that what God is doing in this story already includes us.

So teachers need not worry very much about how to get children to apply the Bible to their lives. What they should work at is getting them to hear, recognize, and tell the story themselves, so that it stays with them for the rest of their lives. It is

like learning good music. Your favorite songs, the ones you've kept in your heart since you were small, have shaped who you are, how you feel, and how you live. The Bible is like that; it shapes our heart like music that we learn by heart and love to sing when we are sad and alone, or when we are gathered together to celebrate—like Christmas carols, which we love to sing every year, and which are so much a part of us that we can sing them by heart. When the story God tells about Himself in the Bible shapes our hearts that way, then what is really happening is that our hearts are being shaped in the image of His Son, Jesus Christ, the Beloved, the way the heart of a bride is shaped by the story of the life of the Bridegroom whom she breathlessly awaits.

Photo: Derek Ritchie '89, vice president for development, reads to children at an alumni gathering.



Reaching out to the City

by Allison Auclair, CCGPS Web manager

Transformation. This summarizes the vision of the Department of Counseling Psychology of the Campolo College of Graduate and Professional Studies (CCGPS) of Eastern University. "We want our students to personally encounter the transformation they hope to facilitate one day in the lives of their future clients. We also want them to take what they've learned to the streets, so to speak. We want to see the application of our work going into communities where people are in need," said **Gwen White, Psy.D.**, chair of the department. "Our mission includes suburban and urban students, but it's the application of the process of change that is at the heart of it all and we want to see that being advanced in the city of Philadelphia in particular."

In addition to her role at Eastern, White founded Circle Counseling in West Philadelphia, providing low-cost therapy for those who would otherwise be unable to afford it. As an affiliate of the Circle of Hope Church Network,

Circle Counseling offers counseling services that are designed to provide quality care for individuals with a wide range of behavioral, emotional and spiritual challenges. Although Eastern University and Circle Counseling are not formally connected, there are strong ties between the two; Circle Counseling is staffed by alumnae of Eastern University who share a vision for bringing transformation to the city.

The Counseling Psychology programs exemplify the CCGPS integration of its mission into teaching, practice, spirituality and action. Through its intentional urban focus, it is becoming increasingly obvious that the Counseling Psychology Department has realized the integration of knowledge and spiritual formation while maintaining a commitment to social justice and the poor.

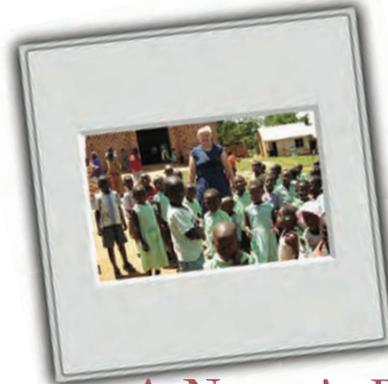
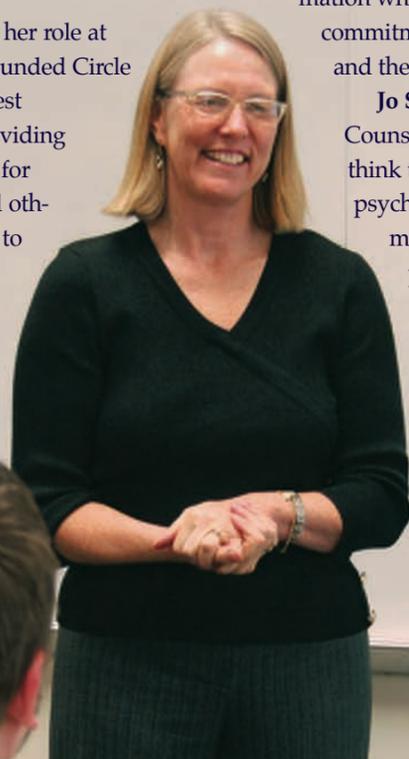
Jo Saba, (MA in Counseling, 2001), said, "I think that the counseling psychology program has molded me into the person I am today. It is very faith based, but it's also clinically solid and really encourages you, as a person, to intertwine your theology with your psychology and to be committed to

the bettering of the community. My classes in the city and my work with Circle Counseling have stirred in me a passion to work with those who feel shunned by society. Eastern weaves that mentality into this work, to be a lighthouse for the Gospel and to realize that you're doing the work of the Kingdom."

Gerry Davis (D.Min., Marriage and Family Ministries, 2002, Palmer Seminary), also spends a great deal of time working at Circle Counseling. "Gwen is really committed to the city and it's very beneficial to provide behavioral health through relationships and a social network over a period of time," Davis said. "We have really seen the guts of a lot of social issues come to the surface during the counseling sessions here, the kind of issues that you don't always see in suburban areas—crime, homelessness, etc."

"Eastern graduates make up the entire staff of counselors at Circle Counseling now," White said. "These individuals are truly dedicated to the good of society and furthering God's mission by going into the areas that need them the most. I am truly blessed to work with people who are so committed to the transformation of the city by walking with individuals in need."

Contact Dr. White at 610.341.1596 or gwhite@eastern.edu.



A Nurse's Blog from Africa

Eastern graduate and adjunct faculty member **Nancy Blackburn, RN, BSN**, recently went to Africa (Uganda and Kenya) to teach nurses about pediatric assessment. She took her knowledge and expertise in pediatric care to nurses and medical staff, helping them find new and innovative ways to care for their patients with their limited supplies. She also found an interesting way to communicate with her friends and family who were praying for her at home, through an online blog.

"Excited or nervous is the question of the week... BOTH! I am nervous about the packing and the traveling alone...but I am really excited about what God might do in and to and through me. This is His trip and will hopefully be to His glory."

"We had a very interesting day in a slum today. I gave a testimony of God's grace and taught some mothers about how they could help their children when ill with colds and vomiting/diarrhea."

Most of her days were spent in Kenya, instructing and assessing the local medical staff and teaching parents how to keep their children from getting sick. Many were sick with respiratory problems that she could link to the way they prepared their food with the use of a fire. She wasn't just the instructor though, in many cases she found herself a student to some of her peers.

"Yesterday, I visited the AMG School and church plant in Namagago. 45 of the parents of these students came to hear me speak on respiratory illness and gastroenteritis. Thank you to the missionary nurses in Kenya who coached me on common misconceptions of the African culture, especially the overuse of antibiotics, which are available over the counter here."

While in Uganda, she stayed with residents through AMG International. She found this challenging because not only was she very isolated, but the simple things we take for granted in the U.S. were considered luxuries where she was staying.

"I would be lying to say that my heart did not ache for the poverty that people live in and yet these women clapped and gave glory to God when I gave testimony of how God brought me peace in the midst of not knowing what to do when my own child was sick."

Her blog is an inspirational and eye-opening chronicle of the struggles and joys she experienced during her stay. To read more and see additional pictures, visit journal.rcn.net/nancys-nest/home/.

"I am grateful for all of the experiences God has given me and as I said before, I will be changed forever."



One of the 50 Best PA Women in Business



Iola Harper, president of In Good Company, LLC and master's degree candidate at Eastern University's School for Social Change, has been named one of the Best 50 Women in Business by PA Governor Ed Rendell. The honor is awarded annually to women executives for

“I am now better able to understand the spiritual aspects of my work, and it feels good to know that I am making a positive contribution to God's Kingdom while I am here on earth.”

their dedication to business growth, professional and personal accomplishments, community involvement, and advocacy for women in business.

Iola Harper's story is one of professional savvy and compassionate response. Right out of college, she landed her dream job. However, the 12-minute commute from the world of high fashion to her Philadelphia

neighborhood was a daily reminder that the community needed her. The daily route passed abandoned commercial corridors no longer offering a place to buy groceries, deteriorating neighborhoods where children could not play unattended as she had, and trash-strewn corners on which the homeless lived. As concern over these conditions grew, so did the discomfort with her job. Eventually, she quit, and she hasn't looked back.

Now a nationally recognized advocate for small businesses, Harper works with urban entrepreneurs, helping them gain access to financial and technical assistance. Her successes outside business include work with neighborhood development projects, numerous city agencies, organizations, and resource centers, as well as legislative victories on behalf of women and minorities in business.

No stranger to long hours, Harper is also enrolled in a graduate program concentrating on community development. She says, “The urban studies program at Eastern University was created just for me. First, the program is flexible. As a busy entrepreneur with a family, that works wonderfully. Second, the classes are relevant. What I learn in class today, I am using in the field tomorrow. I've met great people from across the country who are doing exciting things to create change. And most important is the fact that I am now

better able to understand the spiritual aspects of my work, and it feels good to know that I am making a positive contribution to God's Kingdom while I am here on earth.”

In Good Company, LLC (IgC) is a business-solutions firm providing training and education to entrepreneurs, as well as innovative business development and strategic marketing services to small and mid-sized companies. IgC seeks to enrich urban communities by equipping individuals, entrepreneurs, and organizations with the tools to restore economic health, safety, and vitality to urban neighborhoods. For information about IgC, LLC, visit www.igcphilly.com.

Eastern's Philadelphia-based School for Social Change administers a graduate program in urban studies promoting leadership in community arts, community development and youth development. It also provides programs for unemployed, underemployed and transitioning workers, as well as certificate programs for community leaders who may not need a degree to pursue their personal or organizational goals. The school's programs for high school and undergraduate students seek to eliminate barriers to higher education.

For more information about Eastern University's concentration in community development, visit www.eastern.edu/urbanma, or contact Dr. Kimberlee Johnson at 215.769.3128.

Learning to Change Communities and Lives

by Rebecca Druckenmiller, Communications

The MA in urban studies was originally created to strengthen the School for Social Change and enhance their vision of preparing students as servants and change agents in the urban environment. As the program has developed and progressed, its students have found it has not only opened their eyes to the world around them, but it has also given them the opportunity to explore new ways to affect change within their communities.

Lavonia Page *Youth Leadership Concentration*

“The program really has exceeded my expectations. From the beginning, I knew it was a great fit for me, but I never knew how deeply it would engage me with my community,” said student Lavonia Page. She feels that originally Eastern (and the program) chose her, because she heard an advertisement repeatedly on the radio and could never really get away from it. Page is part of the first graduating class in May. She plans to look for a position in the directors' department at a youth organization with the ultimate goal of opening up a safe

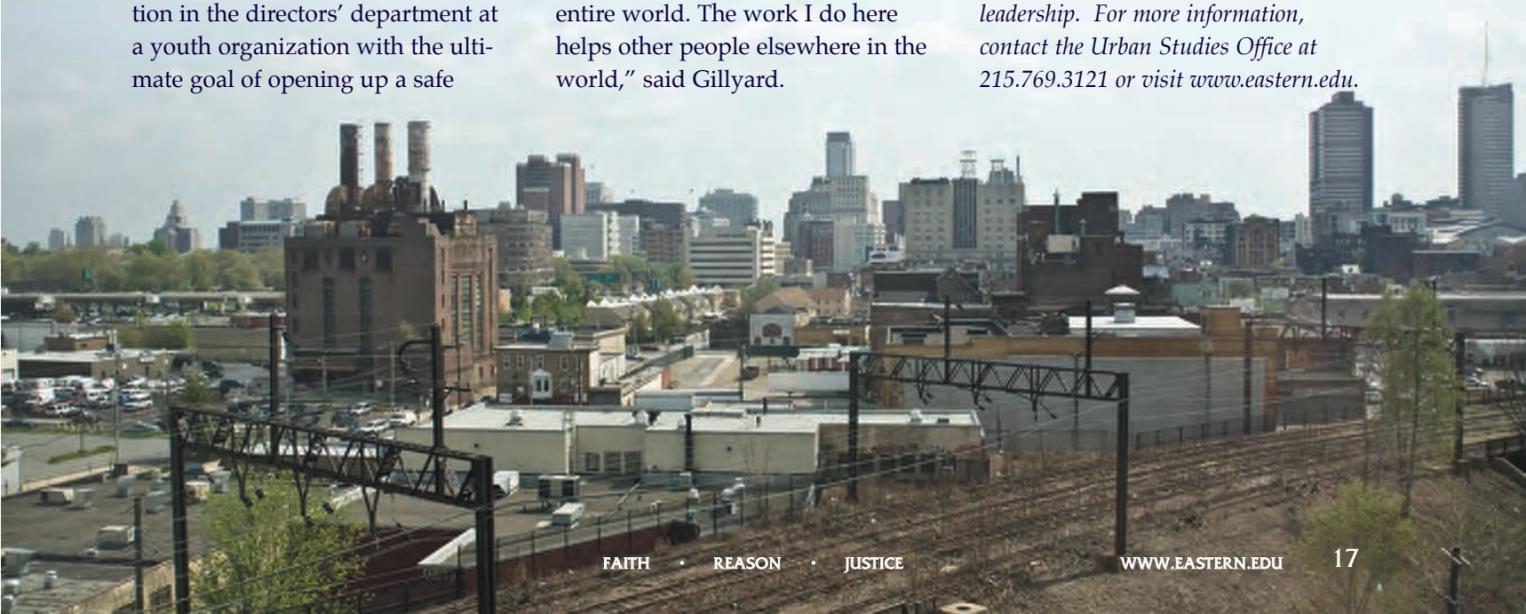
haven for the psychological support of youth. Page believes it was the holistic approach of the program that has prepared her the most.

Janice Gillyard

Janice Gillyard has already found ways to implement the concepts she is learning in her classes into the work she is doing now. She graduated in May, but is already working full-time in ministry at the Word of Faith Christian Center. Gillyard has added an academic component to the children's church. “We have the children for two hours every week and many need help academically, so we've designed a program that adds history, geography, and mathematics into their Bible lesson,” said Gillyard. She is also starting up a fresh produce market in her local community, Faithfully Fresh, which operates out of the church and offers a variety of fresh produce for under \$2. “The program has truly enlarged my worldview and helped me to see that the things we do in our local communities impact the entire world. The work I do here helps other people elsewhere in the world,” said Gillyard.

Alaina Cronkright
Youth Leadership Concentration
Alaina Cronkright explored the program after finding an ad in *Sojourners Magazine*. She was looking for a program that integrated ministry, social work and youth needs in an urban environment and found the MA in urban studies to fit these needs. Her immediate goals include continuing her work for Eastern in the City, where she is currently a grad assistant. She also works for the Coalition for Christian Outreach and through them partnered with Eastern in the City to coordinate the Service Learning Center for the students. “The program provided me with a very good foundation and allowed me to explore the sociology that exists in the urban environment. It kept me grounded and gave me a lot of practical skills to advocate for youth,” said Cronkright.

The program provides three concentrations: arts in transformation, community development, and youth leadership. For more information, contact the Urban Studies Office at 215.769.3121 or visit www.eastern.edu.



Mission (Almost) Impossible

By *Connie Ostwald, associate professor of economics and development*

Last fall, I decided that the undergraduate students in my International Business class needed a real challenge rather than just "book learning." My husband (**Dr. Gary Ostwald**, Eastern University associate professor of business) and I had just returned from Nanjing, China, where we did a seminar with the Amity Foundation, a Chinese Christian social development agency. Amity had invited about 50 development workers from the poorest regions of China—Inner Mongolia, Tibet and the Western Provinces. We met a young man who works with very poor young people, ages 12-18, at a school in Inner Mongolia. Hua Wen Xue heard me speak of Samaritan's Purse and Operation Christmas Child, and e-mailed me when I got home asking if I could have Christmas boxes sent to his school in Inner Mongolia. When I called them in November, they said it

was too late for this Christmas, but have then send their information for next year.

By this time, Hua Wen Xue had told his students all about the Christmas boxes, so I knew I had to do something. I challenged my International Business class to come up with a solution. I gave them one week to figure out how to "export" a Christmas party with 86 presents to Inner Mongolia and get it there by Christmas. Hua Wen Xue was going to tell his students the true story of Christmas and wanted to do a party for them. My students had to research shipping options, buy and wrap gifts, and write personal notes to send with pictures of themselves to each of the children.

They did it! One week from the challenge, we packed the box, and had Xuan Zhao, a Chinese student in Eastern University's School of Leadership and Development (SLD) make us mailing labels in Mandarin



characters. We raised funds from the SLD graduate students to pay for shipping. The box was packed on December 11, shipped via Global Priority Mail to be picked up by China Post. We waited and prayed...and finally got the e-mail on Christmas Eve that our huge box had arrived. Praise God! It was a true miracle to get this Eastern University export to Inner Mongolia in just 12 days. My International Business class will always remember this class, and will now stay in touch with these children learning English in China.

Students Photograph The Faces of Palestine



Last summer, Eastern University students **Adam Beach**, **Megan Tahquette** and **Peder Wiegner** traveled throughout the West Bank, Gaza Strip and Israel photographing and filming various forms of nonviolent resistance against the Israeli occupation. Adam Beach displayed his photos this spring in Warner Library of Arab Palestinians who live in either the occupied Palestinian territories or are citizens of Israel. Most of

the persons pictured are refugees. Beach's photos are part of a documentary film project set to be released this year. The film is called *Handala* and will be screened at film festivals and artistic venues on the East Coast and Midwest. Adam Beach can be contacted at wagepeacebeach@gmail.com (and many of his prints are for sale). Information about the film is at yallahyallahyallah.blogspot.com.

Spreading the Gospel through the Arts

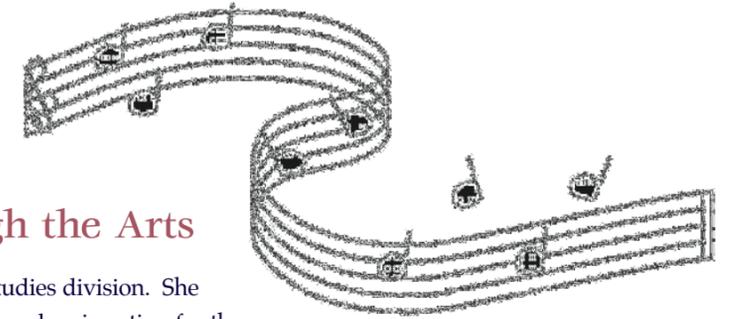
Teresa Nevola Moyer, associate professor of music, has been named director of Operatic Studies at the Crescendo Summer Institute of the Arts in Sarospatak, Hungary. This Institute offers courses in chamber music and orchestra, dance, visual arts, choral conducting, voice and opera, theatre and spiritual formation, to an average of 200-250 people from 15-20 countries in North America, Europe and Asia. The quality of the students is astounding, and the teachers are among the best in Eastern Europe.

The Institute is especially effective in ministry and Christian discipleship. Although it is not restrictively Christian, in that one is not required to be a Christian to attend, it is full of opportunities for spiritual growth and discipleship. Each morning, chapel worship offers every variety of musical expression. Every evening, small group study builds fellowship and stimulates spiritual development. This year, the entire small group study focused on the texts of Handel's *Messiah*. The festival culminated in a full performance of the masterwork. Many students came to faith in Jesus and a few, who experienced Him for the first time, left for their home countries requesting Bibles and Christian discipleship literature in their own languages.

In 2005, Professor Moyer headed to Hungary with two Eastern University students, **Ashleigh Henderson** and **Jacqueline Grace Nicklas**. In 2007, Professor Moyer was asked to return to head up the

Operatic Studies division. She taught a new class in acting for the operatic stage, gave voice lessons and directed the opera scenes program. Jacqueline Nicklas returned with her, this time as an associate director. They were joined by Eastern University alumnus **Aaron Allsbrook**, now attending Hebrew University as a Master of Music candidate in vocal performance.

If you or any serious artistic student you know would be interested in attending the Crescendo Summer Institute in the serene and picturesque town of Sarospatak, Hungary, visit crescendo.org or contact Teresa Nevola Moyer (tmoyer@eastern.edu).



Music Students Share with Southeast Asia

Dr. Ron Matthews, chair of the Music Department, reports that the Musicianship I course voted to collect money each month during spring semester to give to charities dealing with poverty or social need. He says, "On Ash Wednesday, we took our first offering and raised \$242. That purchased three goats and drought resistant fruit seeds for planting in Southeast Asia. I was amazed at the generosity of our students. Praise God."

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Community News

MARK D. PUTERBAUGH, Information Services librarian, is the 2008 recipient of the Donald A. B. Lindberg Research Fellowship from the Medical Library Association. He was awarded a grant of \$8100 for his research, Virtual Learning Commons for Nurses. Mark will evaluate a computer-mediated communications environment as a tool to enhance nursing students' confidence, develop professionalism, and facilitate access to nursing, medical and healthcare information. In addition, the project will demonstrate that library instruction and virtual reference services to faculty, distance learners, and commuting students will be greatly enhanced. The award was given at the Medical Library Association's 2008 Conference in Chicago.

David Kim Master Class



David Kim, principal violinist of the Philadelphia Orchestra, returned to St. Davids to conduct a master class for the Music Department students in March. He listened to a few of our music students play and gave them hands-on instruction. **Kristy Andreas** (above) said, "Amazing! What an awesome experience to play for someone that talented, yet incredibly gracious. I was honored to have the opportunity to play for a true master like David Kim. This was an experience I will remember for the rest of my life." After coaching our students, David Kim performed, to the delight of our students, faculty and visitors.

DR. HEEWON CHANG, professor of education and chair of graduate education in the Loeb School of Education at Eastern University, announces that her book, *Autoethnography as Method*, was published by Left Coast Press. This qualitative research method book provides a theoretical discussion and practical tips to help researchers complete an autoethnographic study. Read more at: www.lcoastpress.com.

Dr. Chang is also editor-in-chief of the International Journal of Multicultural Education (www.ijme-journal.org; ijme@eastern.edu). IJME is committed to promoting educational equity, cross-cultural understanding, and global awareness in all levels of education. This journal is sponsored and published by the Loeb School of Education and the Campolo College of Graduate and Professional Studies.

PROF. PHILLIP CARY has published three new books, two on Augustine with Oxford University Press, called *Inner Grace* and *Outward Signs*, plus a commentary on the book of Jonah with Brazos Press.

DRICK BOYD facilitated a workshop with Dr. Barbara Collins at Nueva Esperanza last fall on "Cross-cultural Teaching." He and Dr. Collins also facilitated a Diversity workshop at Cabrini College in November, when he presented "The Business Case for Diversity in Higher Education." In January, he led a workshop for faculty and staff at West Chester University on "Meeting the Needs of the Adult Learner."

MARK HALLEN reports on the success of Yes! And's and Eastern Theatre's Co-production of the 1st Annual Winter Sort of Thing: The Greatest Snow On Earth! He writes, "Not only did we sell out the final performances, raising thousands of dollars for Yes! And's summer programs, the production was singled out as one of the *Philadelphia Inquirer's* Weekend Top Picks on the Main Line."

A cast and crew of over 40 inner-city children, Eastern alumni, current students, Eastern Theatre and Yes! And... staff developed, rehearsed and performed the original production which included tons of snow,

popcorn, music, singing and dancing. Order forms for this year's high quality DVD (filmed by Eastern alumni professional filmmakers, **David Manzo '00** and **Jamie Moffett '00**) are available at: www.yesandcamp.org/AWSOT/index.html

POEM SELECTED IN MUSIC COMPETITION
KATRINA RUTT '05 who has also worked in the Writing Center, went on to graduate from West Chester University with a master of fine arts degree. The following poem was selected for the Network for New Music as an offering for undergraduate and graduate composers to use.

ROSETTA STONE
by Katrina Rutt

*Last night, everything glowed.
The candles faltered wildly,
in glass holders.*

*The benign moon smiled
its white indulgence,
and even sound held still—
as when a damper pedal
is pressed—
as birdsong resonates
in silence.*

How I encode everything!

*I meant to say
how you arrived
like night's most gentle disposition.*

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THE KAIROS PRIZE
by James G. Rogers, vice president

Last fall, the click of my computer mouse began an odyssey that took my wife and me to Beverly Hills in February to accept one of the three Kairos Prize awards for spiritually-uplifting screenplays. This



Jim Rogers with his wife, Barbara, at the Kairos Prize Gala.

international contest attracted 500 entrants. Our work had to meet the motion picture industry's rigorous dramatic content requirements and conform to professional standards.

Most importantly, our screenplays had to provide the audience an experience that sustains Judeo-Christian precepts embodied in Scripture. In addition to sharing a generous financial prize, the three winners earned the chance to place a foot in the door of the Hollywood screenwriters' "club."

Patterned after the Oscars, the gala was a five-hour extravaganza of entertainment, awards and acceptance speeches. The Kairos Prize was one of the larger awards, so it came near the end of the evening. It was a privilege and an honor for me to take second prize.

Even if nothing further transpires, the experience was thrilling. In my brief remarks, I began with the ultimate truth that the Lord Jesus Christ is to receive all honor and glory. My closing couched my long-standing desire for a writer's role in the industry in the words of Abraham Lincoln, "I will study and get ready, and perhaps my chance will come."

Eagle Learning Center



The Campolo College of Graduate and Professional Studies (CCGPS), which had resided in Valley Forge for the past seven years, has returned to the St. Davids campus. CCGPS now resides in the Eagle Learning Center located at the main entrance to the campus. The Counseling Psychology department and the Nursing Clinical Lab are also now housed there. At the dedication ceremony in January, **CCGPS Executive Dean David King**, said, "Returning to the University's St. Davids campus will create value among our students, faculty and staff, deepening our existing University culture."

When the Curtain Goes Up....

By Rebecca Druckenmiller, Communications

As director of Special Events/Conferences at Eastern, **Meggin Capers** is traditionally behind the scenes at campus events, working her magic to ensure everything goes off without a hitch. For 9 years though, Meggin has also been working that magic on and off stage as a member of The Savoy Company, the oldest, sustaining Gilbert and Sullivan society in the world.

The Company dates back to 1901, when a young Philadelphia doctor and a few friends began rehearsals for Gilbert and Sullivan productions in members' homes. After the success of their first performance of *Trial By Jury*, they formed The Savoy Company.

The original cast of 8 in 1901 has now grown to nearly 100 people with 20 backstage crew members all ranging in age from 21 to 70. "We truly are made up of anyone and everyone who has a love and passion for it, from music teachers, to pediatricians or members like myself and up and coming opera stars," said Capers. Her role has predominantly been with the backstage crew, but this year she is taking on the challenge of producing *Patience*.

The Company recently celebrated a milestone, its 100th anniversary. The culmination performance was scheduled to take place about two weeks after the 9/11 attacks. For days they struggled with whether to perform the show, a show that would serve as Capers' most memorable performance. "We had lost some members in the attacks and we weren't sure if we could take the stage after such a tragedy," said Capers. A few

other acting groups were joining them in their performance and it was the gracious words of one in particular that encouraged them to take the stage. "The Blue Hill Troupe from NYC stood up during a practice and thanked us for continuing with the performance. That show was our way of proving to the terrorists that they couldn't win and wouldn't silence us. We were doing it for the members that we all lost, it was incredible and such an honor," said Capers.

In one of the past performances, Capers helped to build a three-story ship that served as the set of *H.M.S. Pinafore*. "It's the greatest feeling to hear the roar of applause when that red curtain goes up. Not a line has been sung and the actors haven't even taken the stage, but people are so taken aback by the detail and beauty of the set. It just takes my breath away every time," said Capers.

If you are interested in attending any of the shows please contact Meggin Capers at 610.341.5902 or the Company Web site at www.savoy.org for tickets and show information.



Nursing Student Earns Bronze Star for Leadership in Iraq

By Allison Auclair, CCGPS Web manager

Chuck Schnaubelt knew the road to being a successful nurse was going to be one paved with barriers to overcome, odds to defy, and final exams to pass. What he didn't know was how vital his leadership skills would be during the most dangerous year of his life.

Schnaubelt, a student in Eastern University's RN to BSN program, is a full-time nurse at Phoenixville Hospital in the intensive care unit. The busy husband, father and student is also a National Guardsman, and member of the Spring City 1st Battalion 213th Air Defense Artillery.

In June 2006, he was deployed to Fort Dix, NJ, until September, when he was sent to a base in the Diyala Province in Iraq. Located just north of Baghdad, Schnaubelt oversaw several clinics, spending his days treating both Iraqis and Americans for combat-derived injuries as well as everyday illnesses. "I think a lot of the leadership skills we learned in the Eastern University program helped me in Iraq," Schnaubelt said. "It was a huge leadership challenge to run the program. We were very independent and didn't have anyone telling us what to do, so we had to take our knowledge and put it to use."

Schnaubelt's education and leadership earned him the U.S. Military's Bronze Star. He successfully set up an advanced emergency room with trauma capabilities at the clinic, which was a great challenge.

In addition to fighting temperatures up to 138 degrees Fahrenheit and having a severe shift in job and environment, Schnaubelt's deployment forced him to be separated from his wife, Erin, and sons (Noah, 8 years old; Jonathan, 2 years old) who remained in Birdsboro, PA.

Thanks to IP telephone service and a Web-based camera, Schnaubelt was able to communicate with them on a regular basis.

Schnaubelt found himself treating many Iraqis who came to his clinic because it was the only source of medical help available. "Overall, we saw few Americans. Unfortunately, most of the injured locals were suffering from roadside bomb injuries. There was definitely a language barrier and I had to learn to talk and interact with them. But it was almost like missionary work for people who have no health care."

The treatment that Schnaubelt implemented extended outside the hospital walls. After a traumatic incident, he worked closely with counselors to implement critical incident stress debriefings for his team and any others involved, ensuring their mental safety.

After his time in Iraq, Schnaubelt feels more experienced and prepared to finish the RN to BSN program at Eastern. "I have realized

all of the wonderful things I have in America. I was forced to do things, and follow through with treatments in Iraq that I haven't had exposure to in America. The experiences are things that I will bring back with me to help me finish up my education at Eastern."

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PARTNERSHIPS

People for People Institute



People for People Inc. CEO **Dr. Herbert H. Lusk II** and Eastern University President **Dr. David R. Black** (above, right) are pleased to announce that they have formed a partnership which has led to the inception of the People for People Institute. The Institute will provide higher education degree programs that will lead to professional and personal empowerment for disenfranchised, under-represented Philadelphia residents. The partnership was formed in August 2007, and a formal Partnership Signing Ceremony was held April 16.

Eastern University has a long-standing commitment to the Philadelphia community where it has offered a variety of educational programs for the past 10 years. As part of its mission of faith, reason and justice, Eastern seeks partners to extend its reach to our urban areas. "The University is energetically engaged with People for People to provide training initiatives and a collegiate program to benefit Institute participants," says Dr. Black. **Dr. Leonard Jamison**, who is founding president and dean of the People for People Institute, says, "I believe that the

People for People Institute will empower and equip those seeking success and significance in their life and work."

Dr. Herbert H. Lusk, II is the CEO and Founder of People for People, Inc., (PFP) founded as the community outreach arm of Greater Exodus Baptist Church in July

1993. Its mission is to create neighborhood revitalization through a strategy of comprehensive community development programs. PFP has approached its mission with a holistic, multi-tiered set of initiatives in the areas of social service, economic development, education and housing. The Pennsylvania Secretary of the Department of Public Welfare has designated PFP as an Employment Advancement Retention Network (EARN) Center, which helps low-income Philadelphians transition from welfare to work. Dr. Lusk has stated, "The PFP Institute satisfies one more critical area of need in this city, which is that of affordable higher education for economically challenged Philadelphians which will prepare them for jobs with salaries great enough to result in true self-sustainability. I am delighted in the partnership between PFP and Eastern University and look forward to what we will accomplish together!"

For more information about the People for People Institute programs, contact Diana Robertson at 610.341.5904 or visit www.peopleforpeople.org or www.eastern.edu/pfp

Providing Affordable Education for Entrepreneurs

Eastern University's School for Social Change and Enon Tabernacle Capital Fund, LLC have developed a partnership to offer programs that meet the education and training needs of business owners and budding entrepreneurs. The three-day weekend seminars are taught by visiting professionals and University faculty who share practical methods that business owners can implement immediately. "The idea is to provide training while bringing like-minded business owners together to widen professional networks and deepen mutually-beneficial relationships," said Wanda Bailey-Green, director of the School's Center for Community Education.

Enon Tabernacle Capital Fund is a community development finance institution founded in 2007 by the Enon Tabernacle Baptist Church. They strive to become a catalyst for change in the Philadelphia region by investing in growing and start-up businesses, as well as by encouraging strategic economic development that creates living-wage jobs, provides job training, and creates wealth for the long-term economic viability of families.

For more information, visit www.eastern.edu/e3i or contact Wanda Bailey Green at 215.769.3127 or wbaileyg@eastern.edu.

DEVELOPMENT

Two Special Donations

It's often through the help of others that we are given the materials necessary for success. Private donations by generous donors have made it possible for Eastern University to progress academically and spiritually. Recently, this has been the case for the Cushing Center for Counseling and Academic Support and the Chemistry and Biology departments of Eastern University who have been the recipients of gifts.

Kelly (Van Der Aa)

Wilbraham '02 donated \$100,000 to the Cushing Center for Counseling and Academic Support (CCAS). The money will be used to further develop the interior and assets of the Writing Center located in Walton Hall. An interior designer has been hired to restore the original architecture to the room while making it a more comfortable place to learn.

"Our hope is to improve the computers in the room and add updated hardware and software programs for those with reading and writing disabilities," said Bettie Ann Brigham, vice president of Student Development.

While a student at Eastern, Kelly found the CCAS to be very helpful and frequently used it for writing help and to take exams. "It's important for any student to reach out for academic support when they need it, so I want students to be able to enjoy the room and atmosphere where they are learning," she said.

John and Nanette Ballbach gave the Biology and Chemistry departments at Eastern two separate donations over the course of the previous year, together valued at approximately \$230,000. The donation was used to implement substantial upgrades in laboratory



Chemistry major **John Rhys '08** is using an Akta FPLC (Fast Protein Liquid Chromatography) instrument acquired in January 2008 from the generous donations of Eastern science alumni in a fundraising challenge by **John and Nanette Ballbach**.

equipment and tools for operation in the sciences.

Ballbach wasn't an Eastern student, nor is he employed at the University. The chief executive officer of VWR International, a chemical supply company based in West Chester, PA, was introduced to the school by **Derek Ritchie '89**, Eastern University's vice president for Development.

Ritchie, who serves alongside Ballbach on the regional committee for Young Life (a nondenominational Christian ministry that reaches out to youth on high school and college campuses), invited Ballbach to Eastern Cup Golf Committee in January of 2007. Ballbach, intrigued by Eastern's commitment to faith, reason and justice, quickly became an integral part of Eastern's community.

"He got to know Eastern and decided that he would like to help," Ritchie said. After seeing the sciences at Eastern, Ballbach knew what he wanted to do. The Ballbach's first donation included about \$100,000 worth of modern laboratory equipment including a set of 24 new microscopes, organic glassware, pipettors, microplate reader, FT-IR, shaking incubators, lab furniture and various other items. The equipment will be used primarily in biology and chemistry classes.

This January, the Ballbach family again donated \$100,000 to fund laboratory equipment and safety upgrades. "It has revolutionized what we are doing," said **Dr. Jeanne Bundens**, chair of the Chemistry department.

Alumni News

1950s

Joe Tatta '55 has received the Cavaliere of the Order of the Star of Solidarity given by The Consul General of Italy in Philadelphia, Dr. Stefano Mistretta. The award is given to those who have made a significant contribution to the Republic of Italy in their personal and professional lives. Dr. Mistretta noted that Joe's integrity, virtue and excellence are qualities that have made him a great Italian American.

Dr. Tony Campolo '56 wrote a book, Red Letter Christians, which was featured in USA Today on January 29, 2008. The newspaper highlighted it as one of eight important books on faith and politics in America released during this election season. Tony was also a guest on Comedy Central's The Colbert Report on February 4.

Dr. John Ruth '56 has written a new book, Forgiveness: A Legacy of the West Nickel Mines Amish School published by Herald Press. The book offers an inspiring explanation of the events that followed the Nickel Mines tragedy. Ruth is a Mennonite minister, and his insightful documentaries on the Amish have appeared on PBS and also 60 Minutes.

Rev. Ronald Schlosser '56 and his wife, Patricia, were honored with the Mission Advocacy award at the 300th anniversary luncheon of the Philadelphia

Baptist Association on September 8, 2007. They are active members of Lower Merion Baptist Church in Bryn Mawr, PA. Ron and Pat retired from the American Baptist Churches USA in Valley Forge, PA, in 1993 and 1996, respectively, after many years of faithful service.

John Cerrato, Jr '57 is the pastor of the First Baptist Church in Manchester, NH.

Dr. Jan Corbett '57 has retired as an assistant professor of English at Delaware Valley College in Doylestown, PA.

Dr. Paul Palmer Green '57 obtained his doctor of ministry degree in marriage and family from Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1985. He is also a retired lieutenant colonel from the USAF. Paul and his wife, **Jane (Sargeant) Green '57**, recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

1960s

Dr. Jim Hester '60 returned in November 2006 from Australia, completing his visits to all seven continents, including over 60 countries. Since his retirement, he has written and published a number of articles and is in the process of editing a collection of essays. He continues to direct this project at the Institute for Antiquity and Christianity in Claremont, CA.



Special events for students, parents and alumni. Reunions are planned for Eastern Alumni for the classes of 1953, '58 '63, '68, '73, '78, '83, '88, '93, '98, '03 and '08. Look for more information to come. Visit our Web site at www.alumni.eastern.edu. See you there.

Rev. Graham Freeman '60 and his wife, Jean, were honored by Temple Baptist Church in Glen Burnie, MD, with a farewell dinner and hymn sing. For over 10 years, Graham and Jean have held services at the Baltimore Rescue Mission where Graham preached. They look forward to new ministry in New Bern, NC, where they moved in September.

Joan (Martz) Cline '60 and her husband, Dan, celebrated their 40th anniversary in 2006 with a week-long cruise on the Queen Mary II, as well as traveling in southern Utah and bordering states to visit National Parks. Joan is on the board of the pre-school at Mt. Holly Methodist Church and is president of the

Church's United Methodist Women. She also plays organ.

Curt Robb '60 and his wife, Janet, traveled to Park City, UT, with all of their children and grandchildren in January. In March, they had the opportunity to explore some of the places where Jesus and his disciples walked in Israel. In May, they toured China and Hong Kong and later in the year they went on a Caribbean Cruise. They also flew to Florida twice to see the launch of the space shuttle.

Dr. Dave Horton '60 and his wife, Doris, celebrated their 50th anniversary by taking a train trip through the Canadian Rockies. They both continue to serve in

the church by teaching and they also volunteer for 2-3 months at Green Lake Conference Center in WI. They continue to participate in a volunteer organization known as Friends of Burma, and they traveled to Burma earlier this year.

Dr. Sara (Loo) Chan '62 is a dentist working for the Pittsburgh Health Clinic in CA.

Ardell Thomas '63 retired in June, and in July, he and **Peg (Parker '63)**, embarked on a 6-week long road trip to the Pacific Northwest. Ardell is working part-time as chief medical officer for the Wellsboro Hospital and a local nursing home. Ardell and Peg just returned from leading a team of 40 to the Dominican Republic to complete the building of a school. Ardell lead the medical team, which held clinics on eight remote, impoverished villages of sugar cane workers.

Judi (Forney '63) and Spicer Leaming '63 drove to El Paso and then flew to Fort Worth to begin an Elderhostel train and bus trek back over much of the land they had driven across.

Leslie Desmangles '64 was honored with a double panel sponsored by the Society for the Anthropology of Consciousness. Professor Desmangles has been professor of religion and international studies at Trinity in Hartford, CT, since 1978.

Joyce (Hamilton) Wik '67 and her husband, Paul, have a third grandchild, Valentine David, born on March 13, 2007. Joyce has two sons serving in the military, one in the Persian Gulf and the other who completed a tour in Iraq. Joyce is still teaching eighth grade learning support in the Coatesville Area School District. Instead of retiring, she added two more areas to her teaching certification this fall. A fourth grandchild is due to arrive soon to son Tim and his wife Holly.

Richard Austin '68 is a research advisor for Tredegar Film Products.

Alice (Daffinee) Perez '69 was awarded the Thanks Badge by the Girl Scouts of Woodland Council at the annual meeting in November 2007. Alice lives in Wisconsin.

Bruce A. Denlinger '69 received the Humanitarian of the Year Award in November 2007. He was recognized for his outstanding contributions to the community and his efforts to making the Poconos a better place. Bruce is actively involved with business, charitable, and community organizations including the Greater Pocono Chamber of Commerce. He is also an independent broker and personal financial representative with Allstate, located in Mt. Pocono. Bruce and Trudi, his wife of 33 years, reside in Bethlehem and have a daughter, Sarah.

Court White '69 is in Thailand providing eye care to former Laotian refugees.

1970s

Philip E. Jenks, '71, is on the staff of the National Council of Churches where he edits the Web site (www.nccusa.org) and print media and is in charge of media relations.

Melinda (Graves) Story '75 has been serving as interim pastor of the Evelyn Graves Ministries Church since October 2003.

Richard Hinchman '77 is a letter carrier in Moorestown, NJ.

Jim McMahon '78 is the senior vice president and chief lending officer of Financial Partners Credit Union in Downey, CA.

Brian Woznicki '79 moved from Devon, PA, to Las Vegas, NV, in August 2007.

1980s

Bethanne Wambach '83 is the pre-candidate manager in the Personnel Department of SEND International in Farmington, MI.

Carol Short '83 changed her name to Caroline Ryan and lives in Philadelphia, where she is a marketing copywriter for a law firm, and where her agent is working to sell her book about

Belfast, titled, An Old Castle Standing On a Ford.

Jonathan Harton '87 is an assistant professor in the Center for Immunology and Microbial Disease at Albany Medical College in Albany, NY.

Wendi Lee (Clark) Foltz '87 has earned a doctorate in educational leadership. Dr. Foltz currently serves as director of personnel in the Avon Grove School District and is also a part-time instructor in the M.B.A. program at Penn State University and the M.Ed. program at Saint Joseph's University. She and her husband, Jeff, live in rural Chester County.

Katherine J. (Mascari) Chachere '88 and her husband are raising four children, ages 4 to 9. They are facing the challenges of Autism and are trying very hard to help their local chapter of the Autism Society of America. Check out their Web site, www.firstgiving.com/elisechachere.

Laura (McManus) Hunter '88 and her husband, Paul, have three children, Damon, Jennifer and Gabby. They live in Lansdale, PA.

Derek Ritchie '89 was recently promoted to vice president of development for Eastern University.

Stacey (Parry) Talotta '89 is an accounting manager for MPS, Inc. She resides in Alaska with her husband, Mike, and their two sons, Benjamin and Gregory.

1990s

Andrea (Sullivan) Burbage '90 married Randy Burbage on September 29, 2007.

Glen '92 and Heather (Thompson '91) Taylor welcomed a baby girl, Sayla Ann, born on July 7, 2007, who joins siblings Ben and Linda. They reside in Saint Joseph, MO.

Lori (Gannon) Stringer '92 recently left her position at Bryn Mawr Rehabilitation Center in Malvern, PA, to become a stay-at-home mom. She co-owns Stringer Photography with her husband, Neville.

Peter Bartolini '92 is a financial manager with J.D. Byrider. He and his wife, Julie, reside in Scottsdale, AZ. They have three children, Natalie, Morgan, and Sam and they are also active foster parents.

Donald '92 and Susan (Van Heemst '94) Sehulster have recently moved to Hawthorne, NJ. They have two children, Aidan Henry and Grace Julian.

Scott '92 and Kate (Odiome '93) Layer live in Tennessee with their five children, Aiden, Max, Maggie, Anna, and Pierson. Scott is now minister of discipleship and outreach at First UMC in Morristown. He is also working on his D.Min. after having completed the Becson Program at Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, KY.

Charlie '92 and Amy (Yoder '94) McGloughlin have two children, Willem and Reba. Charlie is now a licensed architect and continues to work at KlingStubbins in Philadelphia. Amy started at Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia in the fall of 2007.

Rob Spuler '93 and his wife, Heather, reside in Woolwich, NJ, with their two daughters, Isabella and Olivia.

Cheryl Clendinning '93 started a new job this year with the Baptist Union, writing and coordinating the production of special religious education/Scripture material to be used in State schools and church programs. Cheryl lives in Bexley, New South Wales, Australia.

Rose Mary (Roosevelt) Palomino '94 is a teacher at the Miami Christian School in Miami, FL. She and her husband, Rev. Miguel, are pastoring at the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church in Pembroke Pines, FL.

Catherine Gennette '94 is a special education teacher in the Detroit Public Schools in MI.

Jamey Piggott '94 and wife, Jessica, reside in Glenside, PA, with their three children, Jacob, Aiden, and Katy. Jamey is the owner of ESS Entertainment Agency and still attends Princeton basketball games.

Jocelyn Emerson '95 has recently joined the pastoral

team at Central Baptist Church in Wayne, PA.

Matthew C. Read '95 has completed the Wealth Management Certification Program. He now holds a certificate from the Wharton School of Business in Philadelphia, PA, as well as the designation of Accredited Wealth Management Advisor.

Drew Dyson '95 is currently a candidate for the Ph.D. in Practical Theology at Princeton Theological Seminary, focusing in the area of youth ministry. An ordained Elder in The UMC, Drew is the author of several books in youth ministry, most notably, Faith Forming Junior High Ministry: Beyond Pizza 101. Drew lives in Bloomsbury, NJ, with his wife, Diane, and children, Jeremy and Allison.

Caralee J. (Crary) Gellman '95 and her husband, Scott, purchased a house in Philadelphia this year. Scott is still a veterinarian and Caralee practices psychotherapy and teaching at Eastern in the City (EIC).

Amy (Wilcox) Perez '95 and her husband, Juan, live in Philadelphia with their three children, Juan Daniel, Elianna, and Gabriella. Amy worked in the social service administration for the City of Philadelphia, and has recently joined the St. Christopher's Foundation for Children as a grants manager. The Perez family remains active with Spirit and Truth Fellowship Church in North Philadelphia.

Ash '95 and Carrie (Genter '96) Zook welcomed their son, John Mark Yoder Zook to their family on May 2, 2007. Ash works with Young Leaders International (www.youngleadersinternational.org), in charge of West Africa Ministries. YLI is an organization that was founded by the late Jim Moye, former Eastern College Youth Ministry professor. Ash, along with his team, traveled to Ghana in West Africa in July 2007.

Sarah (Mallery '95) and James Getz '96 moved back to Philadelphia in 2007 with their sons Micah and Jonah. Sarah is at Eastern as the executive assistant for Finance and Operations, and Jim is an adjunct for the Biblical Studies department, while he works on his dissertation from Brandeis University.

Dana Blankenbiller '96 married John Cline on June 22, 2007. The couple resides in Lutherville, MD, where Dana is manager of corporate sales and media traffic for the Baltimore Ravens.

Rev. Brian Henderson '96 and his wife, Tara, have two daughters, Ana and Naomi. Brian is pastor of Upper Merion Baptist Church in King of Prussia, PA. Brian and Tara are currently enrolled in a doctor of ministry program in marriage and family at Palmer Theological Seminary. They anticipate graduating in the spring of 2009.

Brian '96 and Jill (McCane '97) Johnstone, welcomed their first child, Victor Richard, on July 13, 2007.

Shelly Thomas '97 received her Ph.D. in ecology/environmental biology in spring 2007 from the University of Maine. She has a one-year teaching position at Eastern Mennonite University.

Rev. Bethany McCabe '97 is a junior at Palmer Theological Seminary. She is active in the youth ministry program at Millcreek Baptist Church in Philadelphia, PA.

Mary Kay (Huggins) Vasold '97 and her husband, Alex, are proud parents of Victoria Kelly Vasold, born on January 16, 2008.

Ben '98 and Barb (Pollard) Noell '97 are proud parents of Karissa Noell.

Val (Kulp) Burns '98 and husband, Rob, are full-time missionaries in the Bridesburg section of Philadelphia, PA, where Rob is also the lead pastor of a church they planted there. They started a non-profit coffee house, which serves the community, but also provides a safe and positive environment for the teens to hang out. Val is a full-time mother of two boys, Devin and Cameron. She also works part-time as a certified athletic trainer.

Mike Brix '98 directed a play at Eastern called Cotton Patch Gospel. It was presented in

McInnis Auditorium on April 2-6, 2008. For information about upcoming productions, call Eastern's box office at 610.225.5545.

Craig Gibson '98 and his wife, Kimberly, and son, Noah, reside in Media, PA.

Gina Diorio '98 launched Liberty Writing Solutions (www.liberty-writingsolutions.com), a writing/copywriting service business. She resides in northern NJ.

Nate Landis '98 is a youth speaker, evangelistic preacher, activist and scholar in San Diego, CA. He is founder of the Urban Youth Collaborative, a network of church and parachurch partnerships that holistically reaches 400 students each week in 10 public high schools in San Diego. He also chairs the San Diego Mission Team, a ministry

that oversees 17 youth ministry networks in San Diego County. Nate is finishing his doctorate in theological ethics at Claremont Graduate University's School of Religion. Last year, he married Angela Papararo.

Dawn (Home) Stauffer '98 and her husband, Troy, welcomed their first child, Alyson Louise, on March 22, 2007. The Stauffers live in Middleburg, PA.

Becky (Allshouse) Skillin '98, her husband, Kevin, and their children, Timmy, Laura, and Anna are in Quito, Ecuador. Kevin is the cultural affairs officer at the American Embassy. The Skillins are scheduled to return to the States in 2010.

Adrienne (Mills) Scarlett '98 and her husband, Carlton, welcomed daughter, Maya Rosa, to their family in March 2006. Maya

joins big sister, Brea Desiree. Adrienne teaches first grade in a Spanish dual language immersion program in Wilmington, DE.

Bradford '98 and LeAnn (Ludwig '98) Miles reside in Newport News, VA, with their children, Kaela and Jeremiah. Bradford is a 6th grade social studies teacher at York County School Division in Yorktown, VA. LeAnn is a stay-at-home mom.

Adam Kohlstrom '98 and his wife, Leah, welcomed their third child on April 21, 2007. Abigail Joy joins big brothers, Samuel and Joshua. The Kohlstroms live in Camden, ME, where Adam serves as pastor of youth and family at the Chestnut Street Baptist Church.

Crissey Huard '98 was in Honduras since October 2005, working with Casa Hogar Luz,

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an orphanage/foster home with the mission organization, Partners of Hope International. She fulfilled her 1-year commitment and now lives in Georgia.

Julie Grant '98 was recently appointed as an adjunct faculty member of George Washington University in Washington, D.C. She will be an instructor in the Graduate School of Education and Human Development for the Department of Teacher Preparation and Special Education. She also serves on the Maryland Network of National Board Certified Teachers, where she coaches teachers in candidacy for the National Board process. After teaching elementary school for seven years, she now works with 8th grade students in the general education and special education population.

Amy (Lampe) Brown '98 and her husband, Jason, welcomed Hudson James Brown, who was born April 9, 2007 in Lancaster, PA. The Browns also have a daughter, Halle.

Myron '00 and **Kim (Lohne) Smith '98** live in Kearney, NJ, where they are ordained pastors with The Salvation Army. They have two children, Abigail Laura and Daniel Martin, and are expecting their third child in March 2008.

Amy Schwartz '99 is working as a family preservation counselor at Cape May Counseling Services in NJ.

Dr. Ann (Culligan) Voorhies '99 obtained her Ph.D. in psychology from the University of Washington in August 2006. She is a behavioral neuroscientist and currently teaches at the University. She and her husband, Howard, live in Seattle, WA.

Kristen Leininger '99 married J. Kile Ulmer on September 1, 2007.

Nadine (Scott) Trimble '99, a resident of Duncan, SC, is also employed by the city of Duncan.

Melody Reiner '99 is a community specialist at Pikes Peak United Way, Colorado Springs, CO.

Brad '00 and **Carrie (Wall '99) Richards** have recently purchased a home in Pittsburgh, PA. Carrie works for The Bayer Center for Nonprofit Management at Robert Morris University. Brad owns The Vault Coffee and Tea Bar, voted in 2007 as the Best Coffeehouse in Pittsburgh by AOL Cityguide.

Eric '99 and **Dannielle (Myers '00) Flower**, live in Arizona with their three children, Maeve, Brody, and Fiona.

Jenny Tibbels, '99 is the artistic director of the Run Of The Mill Theater, in Baltimore, MD. She has received great reviews in her second full year of work there. www.runofthemilltheater.org.

Jen (Martin) Wildgust '99 and her husband, Jim, welcomed Kathryn Joy Wildgust on January

15, 2008. Katie joins big brother Tyler in the Wildgust family.

John '98 and **Lynnette (Hoy) Mullins '99** are the parents of twins, Christopher Ryan and Jack Thomas, who were born June 17, 2006 and join big sister Ella.

2000s

Angel '99 and **Yana (Cruz '00) Pagán** have been members of Upper Merion Baptist Church since September 2005. Yana began as associate pastor of UMBC on a part-time basis in October 2007.

Tim April '00 and his wife, **Holly (Szczytko) April '98** have a son, Jonathan. Tim was part of a production of Midsummer Night's Dream at Eastern in September 2007.

Margaret (Meg) Williams '00, recently married Kevin Hackenberg. Her name has stayed the same and she lives in Philadelphia, PA.

Janelle Junkin '01 is working as a music therapist in Philadelphia, PA.

Tiffany (Wilkinson) Morton '01 married Chauncey Morton on January 5, 2008. They live in Boise, ID, where she works as a legal assistant and he works as a drafter. They live with her son, Andrew, and his son, Elijah.

Justin Poole '02 and his Cross Cultural Theater Institute, which presented the Russian Arts Festival last summer, presented A Midsummer Night's Dream in September 2007 at Eastern. Justin is married to **Amanda (Messner) '01**.

Tiffany (Lademan) Young '02 married David Young on July 29, 2006. She and her husband, along with his son, William (9), reside in Cutler, OH. Tiffany hopes to complete her master's in education at Ohio University in 2010, and then go on to teach high school social studies. In the meantime, Tiffany has begun her own Mary Kay business.

Elizabeth Tapscott '03 received her master's degree in History from the University of Maryland of Baltimore County in May 2006. This fall she began post-graduate studies in Reformation history at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland.

Chris Haw '03 established the Camden Community House. This NJ community works side-by-side with The Simple Way.

Justin Perry '03 donated his kidney to another Eastern University graduate, **Anthony Morgan '04**, on January 24th in Boston. Anthony had one kidney transplant when he was younger, which recently failed so he called on his family and friends to help. Justin was tested and was a match, so he traveled to Boston from West Philadelphia for the successful transplant.

Angela Stowell '03 attended George Washington University for her master's in international affairs. She plans to travel to Latin America this spring to study Spanish.

Matthew G. Anderson '04 was recently promoted to program director at the Salvation Army of Boyertown, PA.

Joshua Meservey '04 works for the LIFE program, which is the Linking Income, Food and Environmental program affiliated with the Zambian Forestry Department. His primary focus has been helping the Agriculture Department implement new programs, while also being involved with anti-AIDS work. He has served as both a liaison and advocate between his village and the government ministries and NGOs, and has worked on a water sanitation project.

Victoria von Husen '04 is the director of youth and children's ministry at Crossroads

Community Church in Maywood, NJ. She will be getting married on August 9, 2008.

Joel Bielefeldt '05 is the director of youth and young adult ministries at Clinton UMC in Clinton, NJ.

Liesel Schuchart '06 has been the praise team coordinator since 2003 at Upper Merion Baptist Church in King of Prussia, PA.

Jessi Ruhf '06 is a music teacher in the Philadelphia School District. She has also been the accompanist for Upper Merion Baptist Church in King of Prussia, PA, since the fall of 2005 and participates with the Praise Team.

Rebecca Kolb '06 became engaged to Timothy Hobbs '07 in May 2007. They are planning their wedding for this July. She is currently residing in Virginia Beach, VA, where she is working towards her J.D. at Regent University. She will graduate in May 2009.

Erin Welding '07 is working at The Salvation Army in Norristown as the family resident social worker.

Julie Tate '07 and **Daniel Ulrich '07** were married in June 2007. They reside in West Chester, PA.

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Bill Innes CCGPS '90 has started the Good Samaritan Orphanage with six other clergy and lay people. Their objective is to raise support and create partnering relationships between people and churches in the U.S., and faith-based programs for parentless children in Africa.

Joe Njoroge '99 works with Good Samaritan as their Web master. www.goodsamorph.org

David Bellamy CCGPS '91 is employed by IBM in Haverford, PA, in the sales department. He is also a youth worker at Narberth Presbyterian Church in Narberth, PA.

Judy and Trevor Thomas CCGPS '91 have two daughters, Mariela and Gabi. They spent five years in Paraguay after Eastern and went back to Australia in 1997 to work with TEAR Australia. TEAR is a

Christian relief and development agency. They are no longer on the educational staff, although Trevor has involvement at the board level and Judy participates in the funding allocation committee.

Dick Carlson, MD CCGPS '91 continues active involvement with Medical Ministry International and went on a project in Danang, Viet Nam from November 1-18. www.mmint.org. He is active on the MMI Board as well as the Board of the Santana Medical Center in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. He is also on the Board of WGA (Where Grace Abounds). www.wheregraceabounds.org.

Katherine A. Whittle CCGPS '93 and her husband, Doug, have moved to Summerville, SC. Kathy's MS symptoms are in remission.

Marty Miller CCGPS '93 lives and works in Washington State, for a nonprofit that builds houses for low-income farm workers.

Lindy Backues EDEV '93 and his wife, Donna, have called Indonesia home since 1989. They relocated to their present city of Tasikmalaya in 1997, kicking off their involvement there by inaugurating a micro-credit program.

Larry Jones EDEV '94 and Melanie Jones were recently appointed as Country Representatives of MCC Brazil.

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They have accepted a six-year term as co-directors for MCC's programming in Brazil. They have two daughters, Miranda and Marcella.

Kevin Stout CCGPS '95 and his wife have three boys, Charles, Chase, and Chad. He's been the executive director of Agape Residential Ministries and Services since June 1999, an organization that provides group homes and services to adults with special needs.

Craig Cole CCGPS '95 is the executive director of Five Talents International, an Anglican Church initiative to help the poor using micro-enterprise development programs. He was hired by the Five Talents board of directors to start the organization from scratch in September, 1999. Craig married Deb Cole in July, 2001.

Shawn Wolf CCGPS '96 was just promoted to president of Wright Manufacturing (see story on page 10). He was recently visited by President Bush who gave a speech there about his economic stimulus package. In fact, it was chosen out of hundreds of other potential manufacturers.

Harold Overstreet EDEV '96 has been working full-time with DAWN Ministries, since June 2001, as accountability co-coordinator, overseeing the process of dispersing funds for church planters, partners of DAWN.

Wolfgang Riedner EDEV '97 with his wife, Andrea, and their children returned to the U.S. after a total of 12 years in Uganda; the last four years serving as Head of the Department for Management, Business and Development of Uganda Christian University.

Rajendra Pillai CCGPS '98 is executive pastor of Damascus Road Community Church in Damascus, MD. He also wrote his 2nd book, *The Mysterious Incidents at Lone Rock* (a Christian mystery). He and his wife, **Erica (Velthuis '98)**, have two daughters, Elizabeth and Ashlynn.

Michael Oddey CCGPS '98 is a pilot/instructor at Mesa Airlines in Phoenix, AZ.

Erwin Gant MBA '98 is president of Gant Private Financial Management Group in Amberg, PA. Gant has appeared on local television stations, offering viewers tips on everything from how to save for college to how to avoid financial potholes.

Gregg Keen EDEV '98 has just joined the ministry team of Compassion International.

Carolyn Kelly-Shields CCGPS '99 is an English teacher in the Upper Darby School District in Drexel Hill, PA. She also works part-time at Delaware County Community College in the Act 101 lab.

Keith J. Richardson CCGPS '99 was just appointed commis-

sioner of revenue for Philadelphia by Mayor Michael Nutter.

Steve Martin CCGPS '01 has returned to the U.S., having served as finance director for an international aid organization in Afghanistan.

Paul Linge EDEV '02 announces the arrival of his new baby girl, Anna Linge on March 6.

Luis Moreno EDEV '02 is working with AgraCo Technologies in Norristown, PA, and has been busy establishing contacts with various NGO's for relief efforts in Asia. www.agraco.com

Cindy Hart-Griffith CCGPS '04 is currently completing her second graduate degree in accounting.

Marie A. Boswell CCGPS '04 is a certified case manager with Independence Blue Cross, Philadelphia, PA. She is also the medical team leader for her church, *Impacting Your World Christian Center*. Marie was part of a group who traveled to the Dominican Republic in July 2007 with supplies.

Paul Haynie, Jr. CCGPS '04 has his own business, Computer Solutions of PA. (www.csopa.com) As a computer consultant, he helps individuals and business owners with their computer needs. He was previously the technical support associate/coordinator for the School of Professional Management

Studies and now resides in Lansdale, PA.

Robert Gross CCGPS '05 is a special education teacher in the Phoenixville Area School District, Phoenixville, PA.

Doris (Lilly) Grazulis CCGPS '05 is a Laity leader at Paoli United Methodist Church, Paoli, PA. She's also the administrative assistant to the athletic director on Eastern's campus.

Vanessa (Jackson) Bigelow CCGPS '05 obtained her MBA degree from Eastern in May 2007.

Isaac Ezax Smith CCGPS '06 is currently teaching high school classes in the Baltimore Public School System. He is also an adjunct professor at Baltimore City Community College and recently published his first book entitled *Pillars of Life*. Check out the book at www.xlibris.net/PillarsOfLife.

Andrea L. Barnes CCGPS '07 is a specialty RN at Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters in Norfolk, VA.

In Memory

Kathryn (Cass) Donovan '57
Rev. Dick Green '60
Rev. Mark Bouchard '73
John Strauss '77
Lori L. (Hall) Poole '88
Lisa M. (Kling) Heckert '89
Wanda Lea Swamer '94

2008 Alumnus of the Year Rev. John H. Pipe '58

Reverend John Pipe '58 is recognized with this award for his lifelong dedication to Christian ministry, service and education. He first felt his call to ministry in 1954 after hearing an American Baptist mission worker, Eva Shepherd, speak about her work in the Belgian Congo; he enrolled in Eastern Baptist College in 1955.

In the fall of 1958, Rev. Pipe entered the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary (now Palmer Seminary) and graduated with his Bachelor of Divinity. "I am both deeply appreciative and grateful for all of my years at Eastern; the experiences and knowledge that I left with have stayed with me through my work," he says.

For the next 20 years, Rev. Pipe served as a minister of Christian education for a number of churches across the country. He also served on the Ordination Council and Christian Education Committee of the American Baptist Churches (ABC). In 1967, he volunteered as chaplain to the Detroit Precinct Police Station during the Detroit riots before moving in 1972 to Colorado to serve as area minister for ABC.

In 1981, Rev. Pipe was injured in a car accident, forcing him into three back surgeries and four months of rehab, but with prayer and support he regained his ability to walk and continued his ministry. "My determination to succeed and my relationship with my churches pulled me through that hard time. It

was the support and prayers of those around me that helped me to walk again, but every day is still a struggle," he says. Following the accident, he served as director of the Black Forest Camp and Conference Center for ABC.

In 1988, he moved back to Valley Forge where he initiated the Sunday School Growth Program, worked for the research department and served as volunteer chaplain at Craig Hospital, started a new Hispanic ministry, and co-chaired the ABC seniors' retreat.

Rev. Pipe has served on the Ministry of Cultivation, chaired and served on the Council of the Ministry of Care and Congregational Life, is a member of the Colorado Welsh Society, and chaired the 9 Health Fair at Calvary for five years. He currently plays trombone for the South Suburban Community Orchestra, serves as a visitor in three states for the Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board, and is a member of the Calvary Baptist Church in Denver, CO.



Jersey Retired



The No. 8 Eastern University Men's Basketball jersey of Dr. Tony Campolo '56, professor emeritus, was retired on March 12 to honor his life-long commitment to spreading the Gospel and working for social justice. Tony was a member of the first graduating class of Eastern University that played basketball for all four years. During the 1955-56 season, he was team captain and finished second on the squad in scoring (averaging 10 points per game).

(l to r) Jason Reels, Coach Matt Nadelhoffer, Tony Campolo '56, and Brent Williams



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