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President's Message

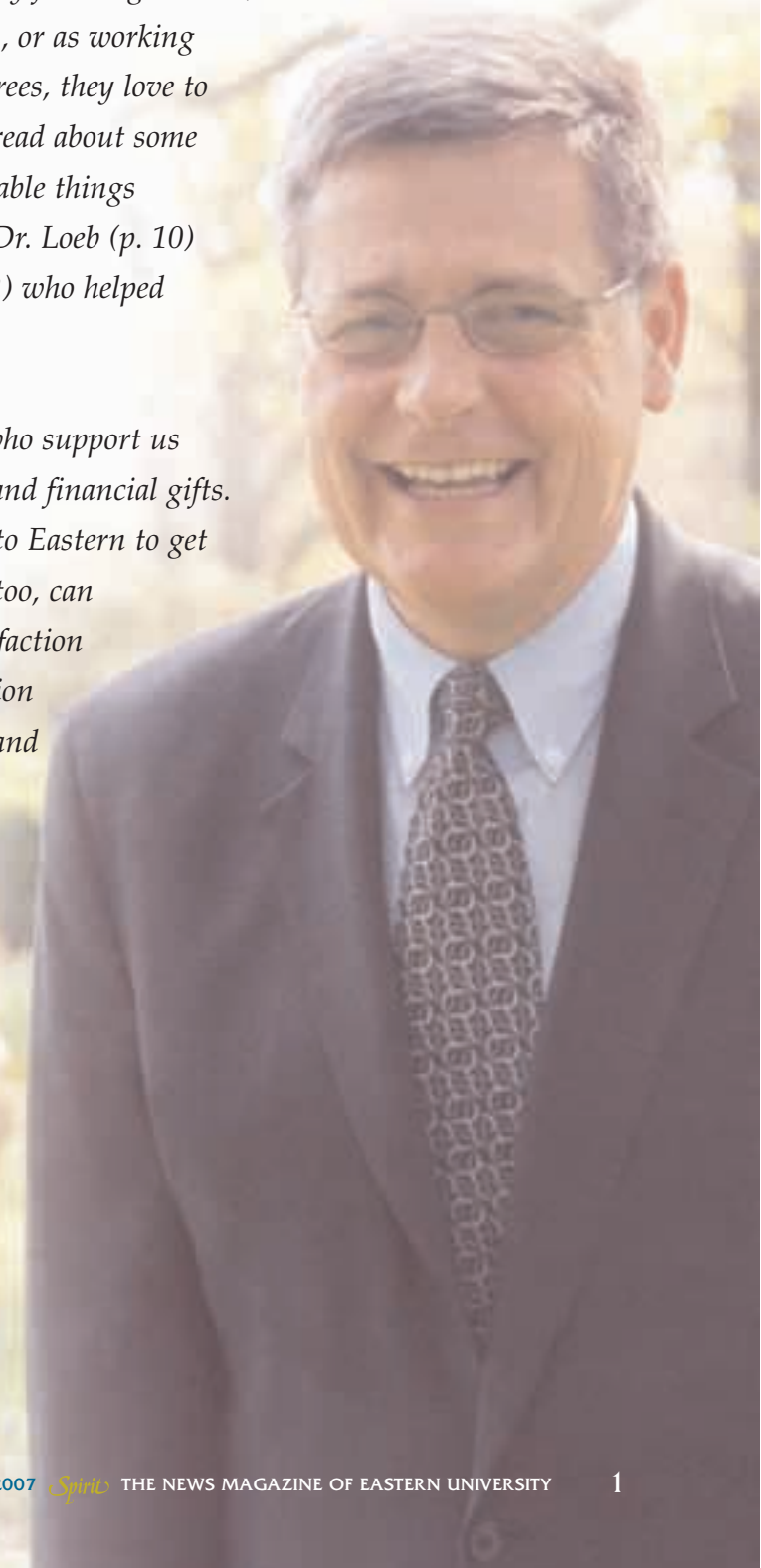
As you look through this issue, you'll see that it's about transformation, the kind that results from the powerful combination of knowledge and Christian truth that we provide at Eastern. We know these results are real because our alumni tell us again and again what they are doing to help transform lives and communities with the skills and insights they gained during their time with us.

Whether they came to us directly from high school, as graduate or Seminary students, or as working adults eager to finish their degrees, they love to share their stories. You'll also read about some current students doing remarkable things (p. 21, 33) and professors like Dr. Loeb (p. 10) and the late Bob Thomas (p. 32) who helped shape them.

As always, I thank all of you who support us through your prayers, service and financial gifts. And I invite those of you new to Eastern to get to know us better so that you, too, can share in the great joy and satisfaction of being part of our noble mission of transformational education and its Kingdom-building results.

David R. Black

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A REVOLUTION IN THE ACADEMY:

Adult Education in the 21st Century

By Anthony L. Blair
Dean of Academic Affairs, CCGPS

Within the past 15 years, Western institutions of higher education have experienced something like a revolution in terms of student population, instructional techniques, and program deliveries. The primary factor generating this revolution has been the tremendous increase in the number of adult “nontraditional students” in higher education. This group, which represented a miniscule portion of the student population in the 1980s, now constitutes the majority of total college and university enrollment in the United States. This sea change was fueled by the pioneering work of Malcolm Knowles in the 1970s and enhanced by significant theoretical and empirical studies since. Central to the task of adult education is the premise that the adult student has accomplished considerable learning before coming to the classroom. The utilization of experiential learning techniques to enhance this learning has challenged fundamental assumptions about the relationship between knowledge and learning. Learning in this environment is thus multidirectional; students learn from each other, not just from the instructor. The role of the instructor, then, is to facilitate and capture those learning experiences along with sharing one’s own content expertise.

“Accelerated programs” for working adults began to appear in earnest in the early 1990s. These programs are based on two controversial premises: 1) that “seat time” in a classroom is not, by itself, a sufficient measure of the quality of learning that takes place, and 2) that students are more likely to succeed if the learning takes place within a supportive network known as a “cohort.” A typical format for a degree completion program consists of 10-14 students who together take a series of five-week courses in sequence, meeting one night a week for four hours. The advantage to the

student is the one-night-a-week classroom commitment, but s/he is expected to participate in more individualized learning activities outside of class. Taking classes together as a cohort provides retention rates that exceed those of traditional programs. And courses are frequently offered at locations convenient to the student rather than solely on campuses.

Academically-qualified Practitioners
Higher education has been the domain of professional scholars for centuries and adjunct instructors had been utilized only as a last resort. The new adult education programs, however, have relied increasingly on academically-qualified practitioners who prefer full-time practice in the workplace. A handful of full-time faculty members can coordinate the academic components of programs that utilize dozens of adjunct practitioners. This strategy has permitted adult programs to provide “just-in-time” learning—to make applications from theory to the student’s work context. And, in order to permit the instructor to focus on facilitation of student learning and contextual application of theory rather than on the writing of lesson plans, adult programs often choose to utilize instructional designers to create complete lesson plans, rather than expecting these practitioner scholars to write their own syllabi and learning activities.

There is one more recent phenomenon that has deeply impacted the nature of higher education, and that is the advent of online learning. On the one hand, online learning is merely the latest form of distance education. On the other hand, it has presented new challenges to some basic assumptions concerning both the instructional task and the learning process. Online learning has progressed greatly in recent years, as instructors found creative ways to cre-

ate a relational culture online, and new learning platforms have brought together multiple technologies that provide more flexibility for creative learning strategies. The result has been a fascinating learning experience in contextualized educational strategies, particularly among Christian universities, who have been among the most aggressive in promoting nontraditional forms of higher education.

Three Basic Principles
This revolution in adult education—with its new and threatening delivery models, instructional profiles and techniques, and technologies—can be navigated with both creativity and integrity, provided an institution of higher learning is committed to three basic principles about higher education. First, all learning is distance learning. Nontraditional learning environments provide opportunities to traverse some distances that are more difficult to cross in the traditional classroom setting. Second, all learning is mediated by technology. While even a chalkboard and a lectern are technologies in their own right, in the 21st century we have far more instructional technology than before and therefore more choices about how, when, and where to teach. A final principle is that all learning is lifelong. Education, even formal education for credits and degrees, is increasingly perceived as an ongoing or periodic necessity for one’s personal and professional development, especially in a dynamic culture like ours. Fortunately, Eastern University embraced these principles very early and, as a result, has been a pioneer and a model for other institutions in the exciting new world of adult higher education. The existence of the Campolo College of Graduate and Professional Studies is testimony to Eastern’s leadership in this arena. Contact Dr. Blair at ablair@eastern.edu

Why Busy Professionals Choose Eastern

Meet a combined class (Organizational Management group DCP343 and MIS43) on a recent evening and let them explain their goals and how Eastern is helping them reach them.



DANIELLE BRISGONE

West Chester, PA
Training Content Specialist

"Eastern's program was the most accommodating for a working adult. The University itself has a warm and welcoming feeling about it. As soon as I walked in the door I knew it was the school for me."



NEIL FINN

Havertown, PA
Procurement Agent

"I chose to obtain my bachelor's degree and further my career. Fellow employees referred me to Eastern."



EISHA SMITH

Philadelphia, PA
Teller Manager

"I wanted a better career and knowledge is the key to success. I chose Eastern University because I've heard about their excellent programs for adult learning and I'm happy I did."



JOHN E. TOWNSEND

Boyertown, PA
Maintenance Administrator

"My current employer pays full tuition. I had to attend when I found out the program was named after Tony Campolo, whom I met in 1987."



JULIE TOWNSEND

Boyertown, PA
Maintenance Administrator

"It is something I always wanted to do – further my education. With this program, my husband and I are able to work together to complete our degrees."



ANNEMARIE WALLACE

Upper Darby, PA
Program Coordinator

"I came after I raised my children to the point that I could concentrate on my own education. I chose Eastern because of the Christian environment mostly, and the location was ideal. Being able to finish my degree at Eastern was a great blessing."



PATRICK R. EATON

Lansdale, PA
Architect

"I'm completing the program for better career opportunities."



QUINN EASTERBROOK

Collingswood, NJ
Sr. Systems Analyst

"I have been going to undergrad courses for 10 years. Eastern's accelerated program was a good fit with short term periods and a final completion date, allowing me to move to a management position much sooner."



MARTIN NGO

Telford, PA
IS Analyst

"I wanted to finish my degree to advance my career. I chose Eastern because it had the MIS major."



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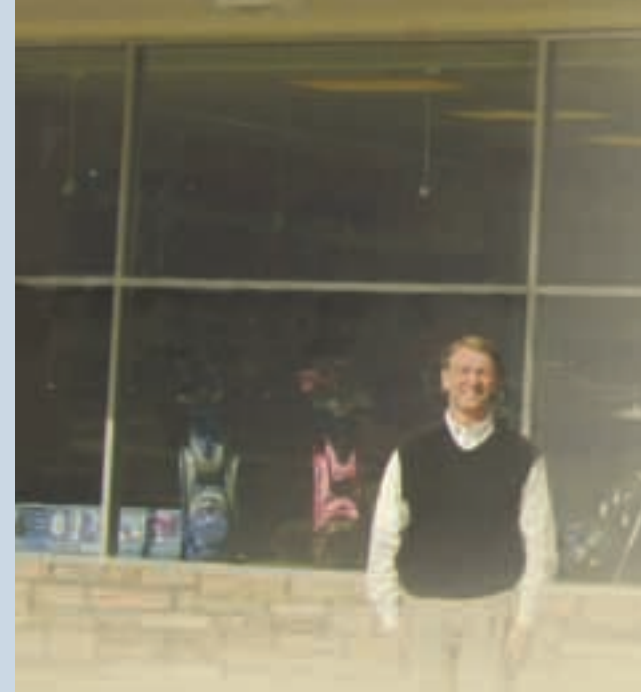
Marcus Hook, PA
Architect/Estimator

"I'm here to advance my career and to be a role model for my daughter."



From MBA to CEO

By Kara Davis, Assistant Director of Marketing, CCGPS



Steve Graves is among the elite group of students who not only earned a degree, but also launched a new business as a result of Eastern University's Fast-Track MBA in Management program. The 22-month program requires students to work in small teams to complete a New Venture Project (NVP). Steve Graves and his teammates Michael Perpiglia, Katie Walker, and Aubrey Sciamanna collaborated to create Play-a-Round Golf, an indoor golf complex. This was only the beginning for Steve Graves because on November 17, 2006, Play-a-Round Golf opened its doors for business, under his ownership.

Graves enrolled in Eastern's MBA program to "fill in the gaps." After earning a bachelor's degree in chemistry, he sought an MBA to prepare

for owning a business. In light of the declining golf industry, Graves and his NVP teammates focused their project on building a hotel in the midst of a struggling golf course. After the first project benchmark, they decided to pursue a different option and establish a golf school with a driving range and simulators.

During this stage of the project, Steve was laid off by his company. With the support of his wife, Sue, he decided to make the New Venture Project his real business opportunity and developed the business plan. Graves presented the proposal to the bank, but was turned down for a loan. His wife suggested an indoor business instead. Through much time and effort, Graves and his teammates created the plan for an indoor golf complex.

Graves has always loved golf and has played for 30 years. While most guests are experienced golfers, the goal of Play-a-Round Golf is to provide an opportunity for people who have never played. The facility provides training and aims to attract more women to a male-dominated sport (one in 16 women play golf, in comparison to one in five men).

Located in the Lincoln Court Center in Malvern, PA, Play-a-Round Golf is a 13,000-square-foot facility featuring ten state-of-the-art 3D simulators with realistic replications of over 20 world-famous courses, including Pebble Beach and Spyglass Hill. Guests can use simulators next to one another for easy conversation

and can play at their own pace without intimidation. The facility offers a more time-efficient game. One round of regular golf can last about five hours, while it only takes one hour for a guest to play 18 holes at Play-a-Round Golf. Less costly than regular golf, with an estimated hourly rate of \$40 during off-peak hours, Play-a-Round Golf offers a \$25 per hour off-peak rate. "For the price of Honeybrook, you can play at Pebble Beach," Steve says.

Graves believes the company will be successful by learning how to operate in the off-season, the spring and summer months when people typically play at outdoor courses. When reflecting on the start-up stages of the business, he says, "If you don't put your faith and trust in the Lord, I don't know how you could do it."

When asked what advice he would give to others seeking to start their own business, Graves recommends, "Do your homework." He stressed the importance of having a right business model and good people around you to provide support. He credited his wife for being very encouraging. "Whether you succeed or fail, just try. Take a challenge," added Kimberly Jenkins, an Eastern University graduate who left her job on faith to become the director of marketing and events for Play-a-Round Golf, where LPGA and PGA-certified instructors are available for private and group lessons.

Learn more at: www.playaroundgolf.net

FROM IRAQ TO ST. DAVIDS

By Donald C. Reimold, Jr.
Director of Admissions and Student Services
CCGPS

Like most adult students, Suzanne Montgomery returned to school relying on the support of her family. But when Suzanne, a Lieutenant Commander in the Civil Engineer Corps, was deployed to Iraq in the midst of her studies, it became clear that she would need more support—and more family.

Suzanne entered Eastern's Fast-Track MBA program in the spring of 2006, with the dream of one day owning her own business. Her main reason for choosing the Fast-Track MBA® program was the New Venture Project (NVP), a hands-on experience that requires a team of students to plan a business from scratch as they progress through the program.

When it became clear that she would be deployed to Iraq, Suzanne put her dream on hold until her tour of duty ended.

On October 22, 2006, she said good bye to her husband, Dave, and their three-year-old daughter, Samantha.

Once in Iraq, there was little time to think about her schooling. Suzanne's role as the Provisional Reconstruction Team Engineer for the Ninewa Province kept her busy 12 hours a day. Despite the long hours and distance from home, Suzanne sees this as a once in-a-lifetime opportunity. She said, "I'm helping to build a government, a democratic government capable of providing for its people, a government that will listen to its people, an open and transparent government."

Although she was no longer attending classes, Suzanne kept in touch with her NVP team. During one of those contacts, she shared with teammate Jim Rugh that she was using a Web cam to keep in touch with Samantha and Dave. Within days, Jim bought a Web cam to use when communicating with Suzanne.

Jim and the other NVP team members, Amy McCawley and Jay Hall, then proposed that Suzanne be allowed to attend class

virtually, using the Web cam. Eastern approved the plan and now, when her classmates gather at 6 p.m. in Willow Grove, PA, Suzanne joins them "live from Iraq."

"I wake up at 2:00 on Wednesday mornings and attend class for four hours before the start of my work day. It's difficult to get up with about four hours of sleep and it makes for a long Wednesday, but it's worth it," she says. However, this intense regimen is not without its challenges.

"A couple of weeks ago, I was very depressed. Call it combat stress. I sent an e-mail to the NVP team and told them I couldn't do it anymore. I told them thanks for their assistance, but I was quitting. Of course, being the wonderful people they are, they didn't take that as an answer. The four of us had a conference call to discuss my situation and to offer advice. Needless to say, I agreed to stay."

"This whole experience has renewed my faith in people, including myself, in Eastern University as an institution committed to their students' success, and in God. At first, I didn't know why I was sent to Iraq, but now I know.

I was sent here so I would have the opportunity to complete my MBA with my teammates, who have become more than just classmates, they've become family."

THE DEGREE WORTH WAITING 25 YEARS FOR

Timothy W. Sevison, Senior Deputy Fire Chief for Harrisburg, PA, earned his bachelor's degree in organizational management from Eastern University last December. Tim had been sporadically taking college classes since 1980. After completing an active tour of duty in Iraq, he enrolled in Eastern's Degree Completion Program in May of 2005. Midway through Tim's program disaster struck the Gulf Coast. He was called on by the federal government to respond for search and rescue activities in Mississippi and Louisiana. While there, Tim's wife, Joey, contacted his instructors, advisors and administrators at Eastern University and explained his situation. Eastern worked with Tim to ensure he had assignments delivered to him in Mississippi and Louisiana so that he could continue with his studies and earn his degree. In December of 2006, Tim was the proud commencement speaker for Eastern University's Graduating Class of 2006. He earned, after 25 years, his BA degree.

Tim is a 25-year veteran of the fire service and also serves as team manager for the Dauphin County Hazardous Materials Team, a senior advisor for the Dauphin County Crisis Response Team, chairman of the South Central PA Counter-Terrorism Task Force, Fire/Rescue/Haz-Mat group, and leader of the South Central PA Incident Management Team. In addition, Tim has responded in a leadership capacity to many regional and national disasters, including the 9/11 World Trade Center attacks.



JIM REIFF IN INDIA



Jim Reiff '96, the director of Growing Opportunity in Chennai, India, came to Eastern after finishing a tour with the Peace Corps in Nicaragua. He enrolled in the MS program with a focus on international development. When he completed his coursework, the late Dr. Lin Geiger helped him connect with Lithuania Christian College where he spent 18 months teaching and met his wife, Asta.

The couple worked for over five years building Opportunity International's Albanian Partner. The first year focused on staff development and new locations. In the next four years, Jim served as CEO. He says, "Our focus was both developing an individual micro-loan for some of the smallest borrowers and businesses in Albania, as well as increasing loans to small and medium enterprises, providing additional growth potential and employment options. By the end of my tenure we operated branches in 13 cities throughout

Albania, maintained over 5,500 active clients, and a portfolio exceeding \$12 million."

Since August 2005, Jim and Asta, and their daughters Jamie (4) and Ana (5) have been living in Chennai. He reports, "We have implemented many key changes. Currently, Growing Opportunity Finance (India) Private Limited serves about 6,000 active clients and is growing. We work in five areas throughout Chennai and expect to expand throughout the city and region. Impact is significant in so many ways. We see improved economic positions of our clients that often leads to improved education for children, better access to health care and overall improvements in daily lives. Spiritual transformation is evidenced by various programs we are able to offer such as a Christmas/New Year's celebration, prayer for client groups, counseling, and general support."

This year, Jim says, "We will continue to imbed our mission and core values of respect, integrity, stewardship, and commitment to the poor through various transformation interventions."



TOUCHING LIVES AROUND THE WORLD

By Connie Ostwald, Associate Professor of Economic Development

Lorna Qesteri came to Eastern in 2005 from Tirana, Albania, a recipient of the Lin Geiger Scholarship for students from previously Soviet Bloc/Communist countries. She did her undergraduate work in business administration and theology at Lithuania Christian College where a mentor told her of Eastern's graduate program in International Economic Development. She first set foot in a developed country in August 2005 when she arrived for orientation.

We got to experience our own culture anew through her eyes. She lived with Professors Mary Stewart and Ray Van Leeuwen while taking courses. She became John and Linda Stapleford's Albanian daughter. They had her over often and even made sure she visited a mall on Black Friday. They also provided financially for her mission work in Ecuador and continue to support her in many ways.

Before coming to the U.S., Lorna worked with the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the Albanian Ministry of Migration in a project that aimed to fight illegal immigration in the 6 Balkan countries: Albania, Kosovo, Bosnia, Croatia,

Macedonia, and Serbia. At the same time she was a youth group leader and a Sunday school teacher at her home church, and worked with poor and street kids in remote villages in Albania.

Lorna is now doing an extended field semester with a Catholic organization in Quito, Ecuador, where she teaches children, teens, and their parents from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. in Spanish – her 5th language! She also works with a small sewing business. These young people are too poor to go to the public schools in Quito where they would have to buy a uniform and materials.

Lorna came back to celebrate Easter this year with her Eastern family, and while here spoke of her experiences in the graduate economic development courses. Even

though her job is tremendously challenging, with long hours, lice and scabies, Lorna loves the children and the culture.

This summer she will return to Albania where she hopes to work with the United Nations again in economic development, social entrepreneurship, and peace building.

Lorna (second from left) at the movies with children from Ecuador.



TIM PENNER BEST IN BUSINESS AWARD

Tim Penner '86 is one of Eastern's first graduates from the Economic Development Program. Tim and his wife, Faith, worked with Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Bolivia before coming to the program.

Since returning to the U.S., Tim has worked his way up to become the president of Harper Industries, a farming and hydraulic equipment company located about 75 miles from Wichita, KS (www.harperindustries.com). Harper does about \$15 million in sales each year and they are in the process of acquiring two more companies. Tim's company employs about 100 people, including 12 engineers. Harper Industries received the 2006 Best in

Business Award from the *Wichita Business Journal*. Tim serves on the Board of MCC and he and Faith are very active in supporting development work (Tim recently traveled on a two-week Canadian/US delegation to Iran).

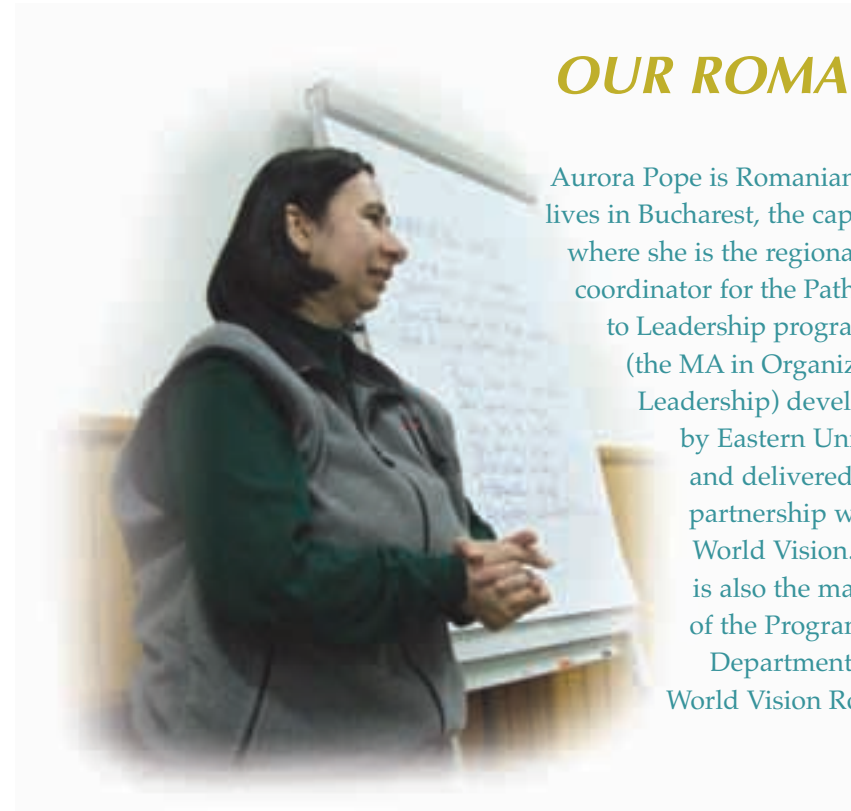
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OUR ROMANIAN CONNECTION

Aurora Pope is Romanian and lives in Bucharest, the capital city, where she is the regional coordinator for the Pathways to Leadership program (the MA in Organizational Leadership) developed by Eastern University and delivered in partnership with World Vision. She is also the manager of the Programming Department within World Vision Romania.

Aurora says, "I graduated from the Pathways program and earned the MBA degree at Eastern University in 2003. This program and Eastern faculty and courses helped bring me closer to God and get new knowledge, abilities and skills that enabled me to perform better on my job, and coach and mentor my colleagues. As an Eastern graduate, I am not only changed and have improved my work performance, but I have been sharing what I have learned with other staff and community members. I have been an advisor and mentor for Simona, Violeta, Loredana and Roxana, four women in leadership positions within World Vision and Pathways graduates. This impacts seven development programs and one relief program that serve about 13,000 children and their families in Romania."



LIFE-CHANGING SCHOLARSHIPS

A letter from Abigail Mawocha

I write to thank you for the wonderful news that I have been selected as a recipient of a grant to assist me with the Master's Programme (sic). I live in Swaziland with my husband and two children. Last year I set up an initiative called Reach Out to empower underprivileged women and children by highlighting their plight to companies who realize the importance of corporate social investments and then contribute financially or with resources that help those who are underprivileged to be able to sustain themselves.

My projects include The Sandra Lee Centre, which houses 13 children; most of them are HIV positive and have been either physically or sexually abused. The Maize Shelter Project aims to empower a group of women who sell maize under harsh conditions to earn a living. The women arise as early as 3 a.m. to find maize all over the country, which they then roast and sell along the street. They operate in a dilapidated shelter that has no running water, no electricity or toilets. They have been mugged and had their meager earnings stolen. I have identified two companies who are willing to help them.

I use my own resources to reach out to the underprivileged in my community. The contribution you have made has really made a difference and given me a head start as I undertake this MA in International Development. I pledge to work tirelessly to successfully complete my master's programme and use this to make a difference in my community and indeed the continent. May God richly bless you and your organization for this investment that you have made.



Transforming Education



Dr. Helen Loeb is professor emerita of education. The Loeb School of Education at Eastern University was named in recognition of her many years of service and leadership, and the generosity of Helen and her husband, Paul Loeb.

"I THANK GOD I GRADUATED FROM EASTERN UNIVERSITY"

Dear Dr. Helen Loeb:

Thank you for providing me with a wonderful educational experience in multicultural education. I thank God daily for the opportunity to have graduated with Honors from the Eastern Master's in Multicultural Education. I was honored that you and your colleagues nominated me to be the 1994 Commencement Speaker.

My goal is to further my education this year in the field of occupational medicine and eventually become a physician who specializes in neurological brain-based learning and research. I am also writing my first novel on world peace in the 21st century.

I thank God that I graduated from Eastern University.

- Jacqueline Carin Frederick '94

EDISON FREIRE EARNS SERVANT LEADER AWARD

The National Youth Leadership Council (NYLC) honored Edison Freire '03 with the Alec Dickson Servant Leader Award, which recognizes leaders in the service-learning movement.

In 1995, Freire, a native of Ecuador, was teaching science in an underfund-



ed and technologically forgotten school in North Philadelphia. Many of his students were unmotivated, often absent and pessimistic about their futures. The students recognized that without access to technology, their futures were severely limited. Freire responded

with vision, leadership and a leap of faith, promising his students that they would acquire computers for the school. He led his students on a path of discovery, learning and empowerment, as together they learned computer refurbishing skills, went out and acquired donated computers and built mini-labs for their classrooms.

This experience led Freire to develop the UrbanTech Project, a nationally recognized service-learning program. UrbanTech programs provide long-term, holistic support for urban youth through service-learning and school-to-work experiences that begin in middle school, continue through high school, and extend into post-high

school. "Alec Dickson admired people whose lives were marked by courage, compassion and creativity," says NYLC President and CEO Jim Keilsmeier. "Edison Freire delivers on all counts."

In writing to Dr. Helen Loeb, Eastern's professor emerita of education, Edison said: *"I recognize that many people and institutions have contributed to my success, including Eastern University. Dr. Loeb, you were instrumental in helping me complete my graduate program. Thank you again and I hope that my achievement reflects well on the caliber of our Eastern family."*

Learn more about NYLC: www.nylc.org

NEW PH.D. PROGRAM

Eastern University is pleased to announce its first Ph.D. in Organizational Leadership program. The first cohort is scheduled to begin in September, 2007. The Ph.D. in Organizational Leadership program is designed to equip leaders in business, education and nonprofit sectors through interdisciplinary studies and original research to effectively engage in the transformation of their organizations, as both practitioners and scholars. Students from business, education and nonprofits will study together through the core curriculum, followed

by focused studies and research in their respective disciplines. Several days of residency at the beginning of each term are followed by 10 weeks of online work. Students take 18 credits per year; three terms per year, two courses per term.

This innovative Ph.D. program integrates Eastern University's core identity which affirms the centrality of Christ in Eastern's concern for the poor, a global view, a collaborative learning style, critical thought, and entrepreneurial thinking. The offering of the Ph.D. degree rests on

Eastern's long experience in professional adult education. Market research, technologically-savvy delivery systems, inventive partnerships, strong and enthusiastic faculty, and extensive library resources all contribute to this new course of study.

For more information about the Ph.D. in Organizational Leadership program, contact Dr. David Greenhalgh, at dgreenha@eastern.edu or 1.800.732.7669, ext. 5725. Visit eastern.edu/PhDOL.

Deepen your spirit • Develop your skills

COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY @ EASTERN

This innovative program has been presenting workshops and seminars for counselors, psychologists, care ministers, pastors, spiritual directors, and those interested in personal and professional development. For example, in the fall, Counseling Psychology @ Eastern University presented a workshop on couples therapy, "An Introduction to Imago Relationship Therapy."

The workshop presenter was Wade Luquet, Ph.D., M.S.W., an associate professor of sociology at Gwynedd-Mercy College who maintains a private counseling practice in

North Wales, PA. He is the author of *Short-Term Couples Therapy: The Imago Model in Action* (Brunner/Mazel, 1996, 2006). His workshop covered the theory and methods of Imago Relationship Therapy first introduced by Harville Hendrix, Ph.D. in his 1988 best-seller *Getting the Love You Want: A Guide for Couples* (Holt). It has evolved into a clinical theory and techniques used by thousands of therapists internationally.

Dr. Wade Luquet's book is a detailed, basic manual for conducting couples therapy in the Imago

model. Dr. Gwen White, chair of the Counseling Psychology department at Eastern University, joined Dr. Luquet in the discussion. The next workshop, Integrative Psychotherapy - a Christian Model for Counseling and Psychotherapy, will be presented by Mark McMinn, Ph.D. It is scheduled for October 19, 2007

For information about counseling seminars and workshops to be presented in the 2007-2008 academic year, call 610.341.1595 or e-mail counpsy@eastern.edu

Liz Scott of ALEX'S LEMONADE STAND Speaks at Nonprofit Lecture



Eastern University President David Black (from left), Liz Scott and CCGPS Executive Dean Dr. David King

Liz Scott, vice president of development for Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation, was the speaker for Eastern's Nonprofit Lecture and Award program in May. Prior to joining her husband Jay in running Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation, Liz concentrated on her family and the increasing medical needs of daughter Alex, who was diagnosed with neuroblastoma—a type of childhood cancer—at the age of one. Liz helped Alex in her fundraising efforts which received national and international publicity for this brave little girl reaching out to others.

Liz has received many awards including the 2006 Ann Silverman Award presented by Gilda's Club Delaware Valley, 2005 Humanitarian Award from The Alumni Association of The University of Connecticut, 2005 76ers Hometown Hero Award, 2005 Philadelphia Sports Writers Association Humanitarian Award, 2005 Best Philadelphians Award, 2005 Bill Fisher Award for Best First Book, and 2005 Mom's Choice Award. She has accepted numerous awards

recognizing Alex and the work of the foundation including: 2006 Please Touch Museum Great Friend to Kids Award, the 2006 Sunshine Foundation Founder's Award, and 2005 Ben Appelbaum Advocate for Youth Award. Liz and Jay Scott were recently winners of the *Philadelphia Business Journal's* 40 Under 40 Awards Program, which recognizes 40 individuals, under the age of 40, who are proven performers in their respective industries and communities.

The SEI Investments Award for Nonprofit Excellence was presented to Arc of Chester Co. The award is a \$5,000 grant funded by SEI Investments. The St. Edmonds Financial Management Award went to Main Line Art Center (\$1000). The Eastern University Executive Director of the Year Award (\$2000) was presented to Mr. Joe Geiger, PANO Executive Director. For more information about the Nonprofit Management Program at Eastern University, call 1.800.732.7669 or e-mail nonprofit@eastern.edu. Visit www.eastern.edu/nonprofit.

10 CENTRAL PA OFFICE CELEBRATES 10TH ANNIVERSARY

It's been 10 years since Eastern established its office in Harrisburg, PA, to offer accelerated programs in Central Pennsylvania. To commemorate the 10th anniversary, Eastern held an essay contest to award one winner a scholarship toward an associate's, bachelor's or master's degree. Ann K. Sprague of Boiling Springs, PA was awarded the prize on June 16. See her essay at www.eastern.edu. For more information about the programs offered in Central PA, contact Matt Weidman (717.565.1952 or mweidman@eastern.edu).

NURSING HISTORY



Tiffany Taylor and her mother made history as the first mother and daughter to be inducted together into Sigma Theta Tau, the Nursing honor society. Tiffany has the highest grade point average in her class. Mrs. Taylor is a master's prepared mental health clinical nurse specialist who was inducted as a community member. Tiffany was also named one of the Top Five students in the PA-NJ-DE area by *Nurses' Pulse Magazine*.

Eastern University Nursing Department

25 Years of Combining COMPETENCE with COMPASSION

By Kara Davis, Assistant Director of Marketing, CCGPS

Eastern University proudly announces the 25th anniversary of its Nursing Program. Founded in 1980 by Mrs. Elizabeth Wilcox, Eastern's program was one of the first in the area to offer the RN to BSN.

The Wilcox family is no stranger to Eastern. Dr. David Wilcox (son of Mrs. Elizabeth Wilcox) has served as professor of biology since 1976. When the dean expressed interest in starting an RN to BSN program, Dr. Wilcox recommended his mother for the job. In the fall of 1980, Mrs. Wilcox moved from Texas to Pennsylvania to begin the process of launching the RN to BSN, created to meet the needs of many nurses working in hospitals who did not have their degrees.

Mrs. Wilcox brought a wealth of experience to Eastern University during her three years as chair of the Department of Nursing. She worked in nursing since the 1930's and led nursing programs at other schools. Guided by her motto, "imitation is the best form of flattery," she used her experience from other schools to shape the RN to BSN program at Eastern. During the start-up phase, Mrs. Wilcox partnered with area hospitals to offer Eastern's nursing classes onsite. The Department of Nursing continues to thrive on its hospital partnerships and offers classes at various locations such as Lankenau Hospital, Genesis

Healthcare, and Pinnacle Health System in Harrisburg. After her tenure at Eastern, Mrs. Wilcox directed the nursing program at Florida Southern University where she retired at the age of 86. She currently resides at the Reformed Presbyterian Home.

Mrs. Wilcox's legacy was continued by her daughter Sara (Wilcox) Wuthnow, who served as chair of the Department of Nursing from 1993 to 1997. She received a BSN from the University of North Colorado and a MSN from the University of California San Francisco. Sara Wuthnow earned a Ph.D. from Rutgers University in 1982, while raising three children.

Dr. Sara Wuthnow believes nursing is an art and a science, saying, "You often use your gut to make decisions." Upon leaving Eastern, Dr. Wuthnow served as chair of the nursing department at Holy Family University, where she led one of her classes in a research project. The class was instructed to interview former nurses and report on their lives. Dr. Wuthnow interviewed her mother and transcribed her story. Her research showed that many nurses work beyond retirement age because nursing becomes their way of life.

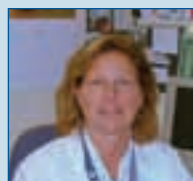
Dr. Sara Wuthnow retired from Holy Family University in 2000, and resides in Princeton, NJ, with her husband, Bob. Reflecting on her experience at Eastern she commented, "It was a real pleasure working with adult learners."

Eastern University's RN to BSN program was initially housed in the College of Arts and Sciences as a traditional undergraduate program. Now the program is a part of The Campolo College of Graduate and Professional Studies and classes are offered in an accelerated format to meet the needs of working adults. Dr. Mary Boylston is the current chair of the Department of Nursing, following Mrs. Elizabeth Wilcox, Dr. Jan Hickman, Dr. Sara Wuthnow, and Dr. Margaret Lacey. In addition to the RN to BSN program, the department offers an RN to BSN program for Korean Nurses, a BSN Two+2 Second-degree Nursing program, an Online Nursing Informatics Certificate, and an RN Refresher program.

In this 1994 photo, Sara Wuthnow (left) was chair of the nursing and allied health programs established at Eastern by her mother, Elizabeth Wilcox (right). Daughter and granddaughter Brooke Wuthnow was a student at Eastern at the time

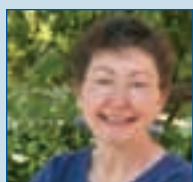
Thank You, Eastern!

I received my Nursing diploma in 1984. Many years later, still a full-time mother and full-time RN, I discovered Eastern



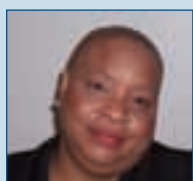
with its cohort and fast-track adult student model. It met my needs perfectly with knowledgeable instructors and a diverse group of classmates from all areas of Nursing. I loved the experience, receiving my BSN in 2004. I'm back at Eastern for my MBA in Health Administration.

- **Carol Dechen, RN, BSN, CNOR, CRCST**



The Lord's work is on each person's lips of our faculty and staff, during our sharing of our individual work and families, during the organization of the department, and through the education of the students. Praise God!

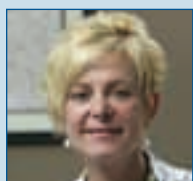
- **Nancy Hazle, MSN, CNM**



The professors were my biggest supporters (apart from my family). They nurtured my desire to grow both professionally and personally and they helped me truly locate my professional vocation within the context of my faith.

- **Traci Johnson, RN**

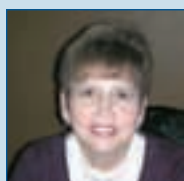
The BSN Program was comprehensive and designed with scheduling flexibility essential for a mother of three young children also employed in two part-time positions. Today, I proudly continue my nursing



practice as the Director of The Reading Hospital SurgiCenter at Spring Ridge.

- **Pam Ertel, RN, BSN, CNOR, RNFA, FABC, CASC**

I graduated from a diploma program in 1971 and began pursuing my BSN at Eastern in 1976. Having two children, working full time and attending classes proved to be difficult for me. Twenty years



later I returned and obtained my degree. In 2006 I obtained a certification in Nursing Informatics. Eastern offered this certification completely online which enabled me to not have to worry about running out of work to make a class on time. Now I am the Director of Cardiovascular Services and Director of Nursing Informatics at Mercy Suburban Hospital in Norristown, PA.

- **Anna McGonigal, RN, BSN, CVN, RVS**



Eastern University helped change my life. I received so much more than I imagined due primarily to the Christian values of the excellent Professors in the Nursing Program.

- **Donna Thompson Frank BSN, RN, JD**

The BSN Two program at Eastern has been the best preparation I could have hoped for in a nursing career. My clinical experiences have exposed me to the vast areas of clinical practice available.

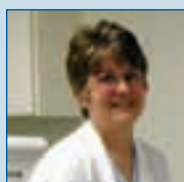
- **Andrea Barnes, RN, BSN**

The leadership theory taught by Dr. Boylston has continued to influence



my leadership decisions both at work and church. As a Nurse Educator, I find that I am often consulting my notes, and bring the most accurate information to those I educate.

- **Nancy H. Blackburn, BSN, RN BC**



As a diploma RN, I was pleased that Eastern gave me a good transfer of credit and I was able to fulfill additional credits through CLEP

exams. In 2002, I became the RN-BSN program advisor at CCGPS. Currently, I

am the nursing clinical resource laboratory coordinator at Eastern. I am completing my Master's in Education in School Health Services and have received my school nurse certificate, too. My BSN has been invaluable!

- **Corinne Latini, BSN, RN, CSN**

I am happy to be teaching at Eastern because it allows me to build my Christian faith. With that deeper faith, I am able to apply it to teaching the Korean nursing students who need to learn and build on their Christianity.



- **Sung Yoo, BSN, MSN**

I am Associate Professor of Nursing at LSU, and acting associate dean of undergraduate programs since last June. My Eastern University BSN and subsequent degrees and experience have enabled me to oversee the education of 430 students in three programs and nearly 50 faculty. I am currently working on a book about caring in nursing.

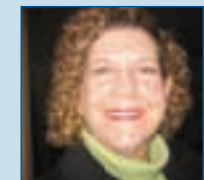
- **Dr. Jane Sumner**

Attending Eastern was nothing but God's providence. I am very grateful and feel well prepared for what awaits me, and I am motivated to pursue excellence in my nursing practice.



- **Tiffany S. Taylor, RN, BSN**

The RN to BSN Program is an exciting, holistic and challenging curriculum in a cohort format. The excellent nursing faculty motivated me to maintain an

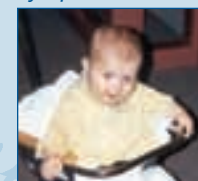


active role in Sigma Theta Tau by their example of scholarship, leadership and service. The creativity of the nursing faculty and the high caliber of students in my cohort successfully prepared me for graduate school and to obtain my MSN.

- **Beth Desaretz Chiatti**

While taking a physical assessment class at Eastern, I realized that my grandson

was gravely ill, even though the doctor thought there could be nothing wrong. I was able to recognize the signs and symptoms of leukemia and insist the



doctor re-examine him and my grandson was immediately rushed to Children's Hospital for treatment.

I am now the School Nurse for a small charter school in West Chester where I love my students and I love my job.

- **Lylia J. Hoehl, BSN, RN, CSN**

Early in 2004, I was contacted by Mary Boylston to help with the design of an accelerated track for a bachelor of science degree in nursing. Soon I found myself agreeing to help teach in the RN-BSN track that was beginning in the Harrisburg area. I was a diploma graduate and had a special concern for those registered nurses who had not yet obtained a baccalaureate degree. I remembered the feeling of what it was like to know that you were an excellent nurse, yet were not eligible for many career opportunities because of the absence of the letters "BSN" after your name. I liked the balance of Eastern University's RN-BSN program, because it was accelerated and offered flexibility for students, and at the same time provided students with content areas that were not a part of most of their basic nursing education programs.

- **Louann B. Zinsmeister, DNSC, RN**

Eastern's program was the obvious choice for me as I had graduated from the diploma program at Roxborough Memorial Hospital School of Nursing the previous year and simultaneously earned an Associate of Science degree from Eastern.



I remain connected to the program with my involvement with what was originally the Nursing Honor Society (now the Delta Tau Chapter-at-Large of Sigma Theta Tau International) serving as Eastern's Vice President for one term and now in the middle of my second term as Secretary for the chapter. To the entire faculty with special mention of Chris

Jackson, Mary Anne Peters, and Mindy Murray, I say a hearty thank you.

- **Sara Eldridge RN, BSN, MPH**

In 1987, twenty years after receiving my diploma from Germantown Dispensary and Hospital School of Nursing in Phila.,

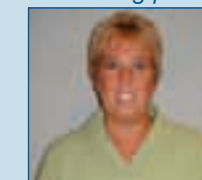


I enrolled in Eastern's BSN program. With four small children at home, I was encouraged to realize I

could still speak (and write) in full sentences and keep up with current events! After graduating from Eastern in 1990, I continued with my nursing education, I earned an MSN as a Gerontological Clinical Nurse Specialist from Gwynedd-Mercy College. Practicing in that role since 1992, it is with great pleasure that I now look forward to returning to Eastern as adjunct faculty.

- **Grace Wert, MSN, RN**

Being part of the BSN Cohort #1 exposed me to a variety of experiences and I want to give a special thank you to the nursing professors for your unlimited



spirit, dedication, and professionalism.

Since graduation in 2001, I continued to work at a pharmaceutical company. This year, I returned to Eastern and I am pursuing my MBA.

- **Karen L. Cornwall, BSN, RN, BSN**

It is truly difficult to believe that I have almost completed one year at Eastern as a new faculty member in Nursing. The time has been one of challenges (some difficult),



surprises, warm collegiality, grace and more grace! I am honored to work with colleagues who love nursing and want to honor our Lord. I hope to pursue doctoral studies in the near future, to be better equipped to teach, practice and conduct clinical nursing research.

- **Joyce Wallace, MSN, CRNP**

I am teaching a variety of nursing courses and I coordinate Community Health,

the new RN Refresher Program, as well as the Korean Nursing Program. For me, Eastern University is like being in a



candy store loaded with opportunities galore for creativity and to pour myself into the lives of others. Above all, it is wonderful to be a part of a greater community of people who love and serve the Lord Jesus Christ!

- **Geri Remy, MSN, CRNP, IBCLC**



The love and friendship my Eastern family has shown me has enriched my life.

- **Juhang Kim, BSN**



It is not easy to speak another language and live in a different culture. But now I am enjoying it because I know that God wants me to

help the patients and the poor.

- **Hyunjung KIM (Sophia), BSN**

I looked upon my life in Korea as no more than a common nurse. The



future looked bleak to me. It was at this time that I became aware of Eastern University's program for Korean

nurses. I thank God that he led me this way.

- **Young Ae Oh, BSN**



Life at Eastern is a golden opportunity for me. I will remember this beautiful place forever.

- **Hyoungshim Choi, BSN**

I have been here almost 19 months and my graduation is around the corner. I want to be like the people I have met here.

- **Kum Mi Han, BSN**

Esperanza College Expands



Sr. Vice President of Nueva Esperanza, Rev. Danny Cortés, Dr. Paula Fleck, U.S. Dept. of Education, Rev. Luis Cortés, President of Nueva Esperanza, Eastern President David Black, and Jack Weaver, Dean of Esperanza College

Esperanza College, a two-year junior college in North Philadelphia, PA, operated in partnership between Nueva Esperanza and Eastern University, celebrates its expansion made possible through a Title V grant from the U.S. Department of Education. Other donations from private foundations have provided campus additions including a new library computer center. The campus will allow the recruitment of additional students and the expansion of degree offerings.

"We are pleased to open our doors to both our current students and to all future students at Esperanza College," said Esperanza College Dean Dr. Jack Weaver. "Esperanza College offers an outstanding opportunity for promising individuals in the North Philadelphia community to realize a quality college education in their own neighborhood with substantial financial assistance."

A school of Eastern University in St. Davids, PA, Esperanza College has been offering affordable and accessible higher education for

North Philadelphia residents since September 2000. Prior to the new facility, classes were held in Nueva Esperanza's corporate offices, including employment training rooms, conference rooms and the staff kitchen. The new campus includes 11 classrooms, a complete collegiate library and wireless Internet capabilities.

Esperanza College offers three Associate of Arts degrees: business management, early childhood education and communication arts. It also carries the distinction of being the only Hispanic Serving Institution in Pennsylvania that offers an "in Spanish while learning English" educational model recognized by Middle States as worthy of replication.

Esperanza College has a graduation rate of over 57% compared with other junior colleges where only 39% of Hispanics earn their Associate of Arts degrees. Nearly 50% of college alumni matriculate to four-year institutions. Eighty-one students have graduated from Esperanza College while currently 128 students are enrolled.

Esperanza College's FIRST ALUMNI DINNER

By Rev. David del Valle,
Alumni Relations Director

On April 13, Esperanza College of Eastern University hosted its first Alumni Dinner. The keynote speaker was the Rev. Luis Cortés, Jr., president and founder of Nueva Esperanza, Inc. who gave a stirring speech, encouraging and inspiring alumni to pursue a path of success. Dr. Jack Weaver gave a history of Esperanza College and its vision for the future.

Alumni were given a survey and asked, "How has your graduation helped you?" Here are some of their responses:

Nayiber Datil (Cohort 4): "New doors have been opened to me, especially in the area of employment."

Legnaly Moret (Cohort 2): "It has helped to improve my communications skills, as a result I have a better job, with better pay."

Karl Green (Cohort 5.5): "I have learned that goals you set can be accomplished."

Liz Del Valle (Cohort 2): "It has inspired me to be someone in the world, and to be a good example to my family."

Minerva Adorno (Cohort 4): "I got a promotion after getting my A.A., and after getting my B.A., I got a salary increase."

Sheila Martinez (Cohort 4): "It has given me employment opportunities."

Lizbette Cruz (Cohort 5): "I am now employed with a pharmaceutical company. My education at Esperanza College has opened many doors and opportunities for me. It has challenged me to return to school and continue my education."

For more information about Esperanza College, visit their Web site esperanza.eastern.edu

Eastern in the City



EIC Program Director, Jéneen Barlow (second from right) with Eastern in the City students and staff at the Nikki Giovanni lecture held in the Free Library of Philadelphia.

Eastern in the City (EIC) began in August of 2006 with the goal of providing a rigorous, faith-integrated, affordable education to individuals who are underserved.

There are 49 students in the first entering class. EIC offers the same two-year core curriculum required on Eastern's main campus. Credits are transferable to baccalaureate degree programs at Eastern or any four-year degree program. Students choose their major course of study in the final semester of their second year.

For more information about Eastern in the City, please visit www.eastern.edu/eic

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- M.Ed. in Multicultural Education
- M.Ed. in School Health Services
- Bachelor of Arts in Elementary and Special Education (accelerated track)
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- MA Counseling Community/Clinical
- MA School Counseling
- MS School Psychology
- AA in Liberal Studies (Addiction Studies track)
- Certificate Programs

DEPARTMENT OF NURSING

- BS in Nursing for Registered Nurses (RN to BSN)
- RN to BSN program for Korean Nurses
- BSN Two² Second-degree Nursing Program
- MS in Health Services Management
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WELCOME NEW TRUSTEES

E. Shepard Farrar

E. SHEPARD FARRAR joins the Eastern board with a 22-year background in the investment field. After earning her bachelor's degree in political science from Princeton University, Ms. Farrar began working as an assistant at Zurich Financial Services. In 1995, while working as vice president at Wachovia Bank, she earned her master's of business administration from Eastern University. In 1998, she relocated to Washington, D.C., to take the managing director position with PNC Bank, where assets increased 50% under her leadership.

In April 2003, Ms. Farrar began working for the National Railroad Retirement Investment Trust in Washington, D.C. While working as the director of U.S. Equity, she assisted in the creation of a \$30-billion trust that supports 1.2 million railroad employees. The President signed this trust into law in 2001.

Now settled in Arlington, VA, Ms. Farrar works as a senior investment manager. She has continued her education, earning certificates in both project management and supervisory management at Penn State Great Valley, and her project

management professional certification at the Project Management Institute. She continues to keep busy outside of work by writing/grading chartered financial analyst exams, speaking at conferences and serving on several foundation boards.

Malcolm B. Street, Jr.

MALCOLM STREET, JR., has combined his keen business sense with his drive to help others by owning and operating a group of apartment communities for over 30 years. These communities cater to various types of residents, including traditional apartments for people of all ages, congregate living apartments for older folks, and assisted living units for the elderly.

Mr. Street has received much recognition for his humanitarian efforts, including an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Geneva College and the Layman of the Year Award by the World Evangelical Alliance. Mr. Street's concern for the physical well being of others is enhanced by a dedication to the strong bond of family, preservation of personal histories and the revitalization of community.

Mr. Street holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Texas, Austin, and became a certified property manager through the Institute for Real Estate Management. He lives in Fort Worth, Texas with his wife Mary Lou. The couple has five children.



W. Donald Gough '67, chair of the Board of Trustees (from left); Conrad J. Fowler, retired Board chair; and President David Black dedicate Fowler Hall. This Hall is named in honor of Conrad J. "Connie" Fowler, whose love of learning and Christian stewardship have blessed the Eastern community for more than 30 years. The Julia Fowler Planetarium was named to honor his late wife.

Author Lauren Winner Brings a "Conversation that Matters" to Eastern University

As part of this year's Conversations that Matter event, seminary professor and Christian author Lauren Winner braved a February snowstorm to visit Eastern to discuss her most recent book, *Real Sex: The Naked Truth about Chastity*. Joined on stage by professor and author Margaret Kim Peterson and moderator Provost Christopher Hall, Ms. Winner engaged in a lively dialogue while also sharing her own personal experiences with both Christianity and chastity.

Ms. Winner's personal spiritual journey traversed from a childhood spent following Judaism to converting to Christianity while in graduate school. Since she did not convert to Christianity until she was an adult, her ideas about sex were already partially formed. She began to question her devotion to the tenets of Christianity, particularly chastity. Her acceptance of premarital sex as a sin came after Ms. Winner made a confession to a priest. When the priest said it was a sin, Ms. Winner finally "heard" his message that as a committed Christian, she must be a disciple in mind and body.

Ms. Winner also touched on the various topics in her book, including the fallacies that are promoted by both the spiritual and secular worlds regarding chastity. Ultimately, she concluded that chastity is not a passive doctrine but an active one. Chaste Christians are "actively conforming their body to the Gospel." Since feelings are affected by

sin, only God can give Christians the truth. And God's truth is that sex is not permitted outside of a marital relationship.

Professor Margaret Peterson discussed what she had learned about students and chastity while teaching Eastern's Christian marriage class with her husband, Professor Dwight Peterson. Chris Hall moderated the dialogue while also providing statistics about student sexuality. He said that 80 – 90% of students at large universities and 50% of students at Christian universities were sexually active.

Students and guests participated in the event by asking questions and sharing their thoughts. As in years past, this year's "conversation" proved to be a thought-provoking platform for encouraging listeners to begin their own dialogues.

For more information about Lauren Winner and her books, visit www.laurenwinner.net. If you would like to be put on the mailing

list for 2008's Conversations that Matter event, please contact Kathy Urban at 610.341.5932 or kurban@eastern.edu.

Photo: Joe Webb



Social Justice WORKING for the Uninsured

By Sarah Penna'02

I am very interested in how we can change our broken health care system. There are 46 million people in the United States without health insurance; 800,000 of them are in Maryland. I began working on Faces of Maryland's Uninsured in February 2004, while I was finishing an MSW at University of Maryland,

Baltimore School of Social Work. I was a social work resident at the Health Care for All! Coalition in Maryland during this time. (visit: www.healthcareforall.com.)

The idea for Faces of Maryland's Uninsured evolved over several months while I was working with Health Care for All! We were noticing that there were harmful misconceptions about the uninsured. For example, they must be lazy, unemployed, poor, and just wanting a "free ride." These misconceptions impeded the efforts to expand quality and affordable health insurance. Additionally, I was interested in involving more uninsured people in the movement and ensuring that their voices could be heard. The overall goals of the project were to: (1) dispel the harmful myths about the uninsured; (2) stimulate systemic change by educating state leaders about the physical, emotional, and financial difficulties uninsured families face; and (3) connect uninsured families to the growing universal health care movement in Maryland to empower them to be active participants in the social change process.

In 2004, I underwent an eight-month application process with the OSI-Baltimore Community Fellowship Program of the Open

Society Institute. (visit: www.soros.org/initiatives/baltimore/focus_areas/community_fellowship). I was one of ten awarded a \$48,750 fellowship from approximately 200 applicants.

A 143-page book and 14-minute film entitled *Faces of Maryland's Uninsured* that document 114 stories of people without insurance have been published. The book and film also aim to educate the reader/viewer about the impact the lack of health insurance has on individuals, families, communities, and our economy. They have been distributed to policy makers and opinion leaders across Maryland.

I have spent three years dedicated to this project, and am incredibly blessed to have had the opportunity to complete the work and meet the many amazing people who offered their stories for the project.

I am currently a medical social worker at a nonprofit hospital in Baltimore, MD, and have held social work positions in various other arenas, including schools, child welfare, community organizing, and poverty and homelessness. I enjoyed the responsibility of chairing the Affordability Committee of the Frederick Health Care Coalition to further my local community's efforts to expand quality and affordable health care. Everything I have done began by obtaining a Bachelor of Social Work degree from Eastern University.



Photo: Joe Webb

Student Entrepreneurs

Create

Book Business

While most freshmen are just trying to keep up with all of their reading, Justin Tomevi (below right) and Ryan Ward, both accounting and finance majors, were more intrigued with the process of buying their textbooks. In the fall of 2005, they started brainstorming during some accounting homework about how they could make this process more economical for students. The Web site www.halfcollegebooks.com was born. These two sophomores now sell new college textbooks, books, CDs, DVDs, and video games to students across the country for what they describe as "fair prices." Because they have low overhead expenses, they are able to offer textbooks at a very modest markup.

Justin says, "We have completed dozens of contracts and communicate constantly with top executives at major publishers across the nation. Our company now serves the entire nation, drawing from our eight warehouses of books. We have also garnered dozens of investors ranging from students to business owners."

They have recently taken another big step forward and sold a portion of their company, Ward and Tomevi LLC, to a marketing

group in exchange for marketing and public relations services. Together, they are working towards a national publicity campaign this fall.

And as if that isn't enough to keep them busy, these two enterprising students also formed a concert promotions company which will present three-time Grammy winner Herbie Hancock in concert on August 24 in York, PA. They also spend every Monday at Blankenburg Middle School in Philadelphia, teaching inner-city students business skills.

Both young men credit Eastern's business department as being extremely helpful in guiding their success. Many of the faculty serve on their corporate board of advisors. They are especially indebted to the late Bob Thomas, whose passing this spring was a blow

to the entire Eastern University community (see page 32).

Ryan, a graduate of Christopher Dock High School, chose Eastern because of its combined finance and accounting major. Justin, who graduated from York Suburban High School, wanted a "place conducive to my beliefs and morals."

Their plans after graduation? Justin says, "Ryan and I plan on staying in business together, possibly starting a financial services company that would deal with investments, real estate, and accounting."

Contact Justin Tomevi at Justin@halfcollegebooks.com



Rev. Dr. Douglas Willey '55 is 2007 Alumnus of the Year



M. DOUGLASS WILLEY



Rev. Dr. Douglas Willey '55, Eastern's 2007 Alumnus of the Year, has come a long way from his humble beginnings in Maine. After losing his mother when he was only one year old, Rev. Willey left his alcoholic father and went to live with a foster family. They later encouraged him to pursue a ministry degree at what was then Eastern Baptist College.

Although he claims to have been an average student, Rev. Willey deserves above-average recognition for working extraordinarily hard to pay for a college degree. He worked full-time at the Wayne Iron Works while also putting in some shifts at Eastern's cafeteria. Rev. Willey credits Professor John Thomas as a strong influence on his ability to work through his academic frustrations to achieve success. After graduation, Rev. Willey continued his studies at Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary (now Palmer Seminary), where he again worked in the kitchen to support his schooling. He earned both a

master's degree in theology and later, a doctor of ministry degree.

In the early days of his ministry, Rev. Willey served at the Spring Mill Baptist Church in Conshohocken, PA, and then the Baptist Church of Phoenixville. Rev. Willey has some interesting connections to other Eastern alums. In association with the American Baptist Churches Refugee Program and the Baptist Church of Phoenixville, he

helped the Bwint family relocate to the U.S. from Burma. (Mel Bwint was Eastern's 2006 Alumnus of the Year). And since meeting in a class at Eastern, Rev. Willey and Joseph Tatta '55 have remained "good buddies" for over 50 years.

One of Rev. Willey's greatest joys has been his work mentoring prospective ministers. Reflecting on his own academic struggles, he encourages all students to be "faithful to the call and faithful to their studies."

Rev. Willey, currently residing at the Hoosier Village Retirement home in Indianapolis, IN, has been married for 51 years. He has three children and eight grandchildren. He says he is "humbled and grateful" for all that his education at Eastern, and his association with the church, has given him. He says, "The wonderful thing about life is that it's full of surprises. We have a Lord of Surprise."

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We are now taking nominations for The Lamplight Society which honors those who have made a significant contribution to the University. Through their outstanding, unique contributions to the life of Eastern University, these people have left an indelible imprint on the campus community. Their contributions might have been in academics, athletics, student life, financial resources, religious life, the Alumni Association, or in community service. We select 2-5 members every year and they are inducted at Homecoming. To nominate someone, please call the Office of Alumni Relations at 800.600.8057 or e-mail alumni@eastern.edu

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1950s

Dr. Claude Foster '53 has been professor of history at West Chester University, PA for 40 years. He translated a life of Luther into English and his book on the holocaust martyr, Pastor Paul Schneider, has sold more than 10,000 copies in German. He was made an honorary citizen of Weimar, Germany, along with Queen Elizabeth II and other notables.

Reiko (Aikawa) Ushioda '58 and her husband live in Yokohama, Japan where he works for a trading company. He expects to retire in June 2007. The Ushiodas have two married daughters. Reiko and her sister, Sobi, have fond memories of Eastern.

Audrey Miller '59, who has lived in Germany for many years, has been in and out of hospitals with a serious illness. Please pray for her.

For those of us who attended Eastern Baptist College in the 1950s, **Dr. Robert Burrows** was our English teacher. Dr. Burrows has now retired as chairman of the English department at Whitewater State University, Wisconsin. He and his wife are active in their retirement community,

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have traveled extensively, and plan an extended visit to Germany in summer 2007. One of their sons teaches at Penn State University, and another son is on the faculty at Andover Newton, MA.

1960s

Dr. George Habel '60 and his wife, Sharon, each have three children and a total of 11 grandchildren. Two more grandchildren are due in 2007. The Habels have a winter home in North Carolina and another home in Bar Harbor, ME. George attended the U.S. Open Cribbage Tournament in Raleigh, the American Baptist Golf Tournament in Augusta, ME, and his 50th high school reunion in Schenectady, NY.

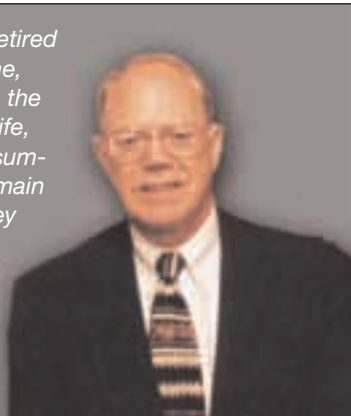
Lynne (Merkle) Gray '63 and her husband, Jim, have lived in Georgia for 34 years. Jim began his college education at Eastern, but graduated from Wayne State University in 1965. Jim has retired as a pilot from Delta Airlines. Lynne and Jim were married in 1965.

Robert Plimpton '63 is organist of the First United Methodist Church, San Diego, CA. He continues his teaching and playing in concerts. Robert has been a church musician for over 50 years.

Dr. James Jonell '64 is employed by the State of Colorado as a clinical director. He is also teaching in the graduate psychology program at Regis University.

Jack Wallace '64 and his wife have moved to Box Springs, GA after residing in Florida for 26 years.

Ardell Thomas, M.D. '63 retired from private practice in June, after serving for 40 years in the medical field. He and his wife, **Peg '63** plan to travel this summer and fall, but plan to remain in Wellsboro, PA, where they have lived for 33 years. Dr. Thomas has served on the Eastern University Board of Trustees and was Chair from 1989-1999.



Sobi (Aikawa) Kiyotake '60 has a medical family in Saitama Prefecture, Japan. Her husband (now retired), son, father-in-law, and daughter are all ophthalmologists. The latter is married to a brain surgeon. Another daughter is an anesthesiologist in Tokyo. Sobi's son is married to a pharmacist.

Loretta (Barnes) Almquist '63 is a home engineer who resides in East Stroudsburg, PA.

George Goodwin '63 has retired, enjoys time with grandchildren, and travels. He has visited family and friends on both coasts of the United States. George has also studied calculus, and is taking a course on American Thought taught by **Dr. Allen Guelzo**, formerly the dean of Eastern's Templeton Honors College. He was married to the former **Marilyn Hall '63** who passed away in 2003.

Susan (Whalen) Sandler '69 retired in 2004 after 34 of years of teaching grades one through eight. She is now a substitute teacher for Bensalem schools in Bucks County, PA.

1970s

Tom Ashbaugh '72 is quality control director at Cherrydale Farms, Allentown, PA.

Brenda Joyce Fortes '72 has been included in the 2007 edition of Marquis' Who's Who in America. Brenda teaches high school English in the Boyertown Area School District, PA, and is also an adjunct English teacher at Montgomery County Community College, Pottstown, PA. She is a member of National Council of Teachers of English, and has been listed four times in Who's Who Among America's Teachers.

Albert Johnson, Jr. '72 is an evangelist. For information on his ministry, visit www.ajevangelisticministries.com

Dr. Mark Rodgers '73 is the dean of the Graduate School of Social Work, Dominican University, River Forest, IL.

Kirk Davis '75 is chief of the research and development contracts management branch, NINDS, NIDA and NIH, Bethesda, MD.

Wendy Ryan '77 has a ministry to women with HIV and AIDS in Cape Town, South Africa. Previously, she was the director of communications at Baptist World Alliance.

Marie (King) Fletcher '79 is the clinic coordinator at the School of Law, Western

New England College, Springfield, MA.

Dr. Laura (Larrabee) Pelfrey '79 is a pediatrician at Cabarrus Pediatric Clinic, Concord, NC.

1980s

Christine White '81 is assistant principal at Marple Newtown High School, Broomall, PA. Previously, she was the director of the Freshman Academy and head of the social studies department at Upper Darby High School, PA.

Dr. Virginia (Frendzel) Ayres '84 continues in private practice, is assistant clinical professor at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry, and works as a research psychologist at University Hospitals in Cleveland, OH. She has contributed several articles to the Encyclopedia of Aging and Public Health, Sana Loue and Martha Satajovic (editors) to be published by Springer Press in 2007.

Major Douglas Mastriano '86 and his four-man team are serving in Afghanistan for a few months. Please keep them in your prayers.

Alice Smith-Morris '87 is the caretaker of aged parents. She resides in Corinth, ME.

Rich Mattis '88 owns the Gryphon Café in Wayne, PA that has become a favorite gathering spot for local high school and college students. Frappuccinos and mocha swirl lattes are among the coffeehouse favorites.

Dr. Joan (Silfee) Singleton '88 is the vice president of workforce and organizational

effectiveness, Milton Hershey School, Hershey, PA.

Chip Pierce '89 is ministry director for Youth for Christ, Baltimore, MD. He and his wife, Betsey, have three children: Morgan (5), Levi (3) and Kristen (1).

1990s

Rev. Diane Bowers '90 was ordained in 2002. She served as pastor of Christ Lutheran Church in Fairfax, CA for four years. She resigned to work on her dissertation to complete her Ph.D. in systematic theology in 2007.

Rev. Louis Hornberger '90 is pastor of Salem-Berne United Methodist Church, Hamburg, PA. He and his wife, **Gail (Honnen) '93**, have been married since 1991 and have three children: Benjamin (9), Emily (5) and Joshua who was born on June 30, 2006. The older children are homeschooled.

JoAnn (Fisher) Goble '91 and her husband, Danny,

had a baby boy, Jacob, born on November 14, 2006. The Gobles reside in Harleysville, PA.

Ellen (Marhanka) Jackson '93 and her husband, David, had a baby girl, Rebecca, born on October 21, 2006.

Carol (Howard) Jackson '96 is a realtor with Weichert Realtors, Collegeville, PA. She and her husband, reside in Pottstown, PA.

K. Noel Blancaflor '93 and his wife, Julia, have a baby boy, Daniel John, born on July 26, 2006. Noel is stationed in San Antonio, TX serving as an active duty chaplain with the United States Air Force. He expects to be deployed to the Middle East in 2007.

Matthew Read '95 is a financial advisor at Janney Montgomery Scott, Philadelphia, PA. He is married to **Aimee (Loizeaux) '95**, and the couple has three children.

Cynthia Mansell-Watts '96 is a business service repre-

sentative with the US Postal Service, Philadelphia, PA.

Christine (Foss) Yalanis '96 is a special education teacher at John A. Coleman School, White Plains, NY. She and her husband, Phil, are expecting their first child in July 2007.

Richard Berkey '98 is an environmental construction superintendent in Jarrettsville, MD.

Suzanne (Smith) Cefola '98 is a homemaker who resides in Alburtis, PA.

Gwendolyn (Homan) LaPalomente '98 and her husband, Richard, have a baby daughter, Mia Angelina, born on November 23, 2006. They also have two sons: Chase Giovanni (3) and Reid Anthony (1). Gwendolyn teaches fifth grade at Central Park Elementary School, Pennsville, NJ.

Bradford Miles '98 is a 6th grade social studies teacher at York County School Division, Yorktown, VA. His wife, **LeAnn (Ludwig) '98**,

is a homemaker. They reside in Newport News, VA.

Kevin '98 and Jen (Nuss) Noll '98 have a baby girl, Rebecca Grace, born on June 18, 2006. Kevin is in his 8th year at Paxton Ministries, Harrisburg, PA as director of business services. Jen, a reading specialist, is a stay-at-home mom and tutors two evenings a week.

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

Sage Schmidt '98 is employed by the Camden, NJ Board of Education as a teacher of the handicapped. He resides in Pilesgrove, NJ.

Jennifer Twerell '98 was married on September 16, 2006, and is now Jennifer Bagdanov. She is a lead teacher at Acelero Head Start of New Jersey and resides in Ocean Grove.

Nicole (Drumheller) Gargus '99 has moved to Bryn Mawr, PA where she works

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A DIFFERENT KIND OF BEACH HOUSE

Youth Minister Jonathan Cronkhite '93 has a knack for bringing young people back to church. He has just helped create a youth center at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Satellite Beach, FL, dubbed the Beach House, where teens can get together for athletic and social events. In keeping with its coastal theme, the \$1.2 million Beach House features a main hall with a stage decorated as an island beach complete with bamboo huts.

The goal is to attract teens from all over Brevard County and while they are there enjoying the new facilities, they'll also be hearing God's message. Since it opened, teen attendance is up 175%. Jonathan's advice to other churches or groups is: "The best thing to do is come up with a plan (involving students and parents) to decorate some space, whether it's a room or a floor of a building. When I was in Tampa, the student ministry had the 4th floor, which we called the ATTIC. When students realize they have a place of their own, it builds into them some ownership of the ministry."

Contact Jonathan Cronkhite: jcronkhite@trinitypres.net. Visit www.beachhousesm.com



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with special needs children in an equestrian program. She is pursuing a master's degree in fine art and writing at Rosemont College, PA.

Dr. Ann (Culligan) Voorhies '99 is a lecturer at the University of Washington, Seattle. She received her Ph.D. in psychology from that University in August 2006. She and her husband, Howard, reside in Seattle.

2000s

Kimberly (Davis) Achey '00 is employed in credit administration at Allegiance Bank in Bala Cynwyd, PA.

Andrew Duty '00 works in marketing and business development at Kairos Marketing and Business Systems, Lancaster, PA.

Carolyn Gordon '00 is a care manager/social worker with the Montgomery County Aging and Adult Services, Norristown, PA.

Yana (Cruz) Pagan '00 is the resident chaplain at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, Philadelphia, PA.

Elizabeth (Petro) Carbonella '01 is employed by A2LA, Frederick, MD.

Nathaniel (Alfonso) Hall '01 is president of Alfonso Insurance Services, Inc., Willow Grove, PA.

Christy (Parayil) Megill '01 and her husband, Binu, had a baby girl, Hannah Elizabeth, born on November 19, 2006.

Craig Vickerman '01 is the director of youth ministries at Church of the Holy

Apostles, Katy, TX. He and his wife, **Anna (Howard) '01**, who were married in 2000, have two children: Alethea Grace (3) and Andrew Michael born on February 19, 2006. Anna is a stay-at-home mom. The couple resides in Houston.

Kaziah Williams '01 is an options caseworker for the Cecil County Public Schools in Chesapeake City, MD.

Christopher Tolomeo '02 has written the book, music and lyrics for The Jingle Man which was performed at Eastern University in February. The play was directed by **Jacquelyn Grace Nicklas '06**.

Alia Abboud '03 is the director of external relations, Lebanese Society for Educational and Social Development (aka Lebanese Baptist Society), Mansourieh El Maten, Mount Lebanon.

Carissa (Conley) Avant '03 is senior auditor at KBA Group LLP in Dallas, TX. She completed her MBA at the University of Texas at Arlington in December 2006. She has a son, Isaak (15 months), and is expecting another child.

Melissa (Rice) Camilleri '03 is a teacher at the Quakertown Christian School, Quakertown, PA. She and her husband reside in Perkasié, PA.

Ann (Murphy) DiGregorio '03 is a data analyst at Vanguard in Malvern, PA.

Kimberly (Torrens) Keim '03 and her husband, David, have a baby girl, Alison, born on March 10, 2006. They live in Reading, PA.

Dr. Sarah (Kelly) Leimone '03 graduated from

FRANK NEFOS '02 OUTSTANDING TEACHER

Frank Nefos '02 was awarded the Citadel Heart of Learning Award for the West Chester School District, PA. He was chosen from 900 teachers to receive the award, although he has only five years of teaching experience. Frank teaches world geography at the Fugett Middle School and works in the summer as a "peace educator" for the United Nations. His extracurricular activities include leading the ski club and coaching track.

Shenandoah University in August 2006 with a doctorate in physical therapy. Sarah is a physical therapist at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center, Winston Salem, NC. Her husband, **Brian '04**, is a health and safety supervisor at UPS in Greensboro, NC. He is also pursuing a master of arts degree in leadership at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in Charlotte, NC.

Derek Smith '03 is a realtor, Keller Williams Real Estate, Exton, PA. He previously worked for the Conferences office at Eastern University.

Jennifer Veglucci '03 married Joshua Landis on May 22, 2004. Jennifer is an administrative assistant with CRA, Inc., Berwyn, PA.

Robin Weinstein '03 was appointed Deputy County Administrator for the County of Salem, NJ on Jan. 3, 2007 for a three-year term. Robin is also Interim Pastor at Bethany Presbyterian Church in Bridgeton, NJ and adjunct instructor of politics at Cumberland County Community College. Robin previously served as public information and human resources manager for Salem County, chief legislative aide to Assemblyman Douglas Fisher, and deputy

campaign manager for two countywide campaigns. In addition to his BA from Eastern, Robin earned a master's of theological studies from Palmer Seminary where he was the first Wilberforce Scholar for Public Policy and Holistic Ministry.

Kirsten Brewer '04 is a kindergarten teacher in the Greencastle-Antrim School District in Greencastle, PA.

Daniel Costa '04 is a police officer, Marple Township Police, Broomall, PA. He obtained a master of criminal justice degree at Boston University in September 2006, and earned a master certificate in information systems security management at Villanova University, PA in March 2006.

Don Edgar '04 is teaching English to senior high school students in Inner Mongolia, China. He expects to remain in China for two years.

Jermaine Johnson '04 expects to receive his Master of Divinity degree from Northern Baptist Theological Seminary in June 2007. He is employed full-time at the Seminary as the community relations representative.

Sarah Reid '04 is an English teacher at Sammuk Christian Academy in Thailand.

Lisa Tolomeo '04 is a help desk technician at SunGard Higher Education, Media, PA.

Tessa Torrey '04 is an assistant practice manager, Stanley R. Goldman, M.D. and Associates, Harrisburg, PA.

Michael Walk '04 is a head teacher at C2 Education, Olney, MD.

Cassie (Finger) Haines '05 is the head teacher at Shady Lane Child Development Center, Clarksboro, NJ. She and her husband have a baby girl, Abigail, born on November 13, 2006.

D.J. Goss '05 is employed by SportsMedicine Grant and Orthopaedic Associates, Columbus, OH.

A. Elina Heino '05 is a first-year medical student at Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine, Kirksville, MO.

Gavin Peretti '05 is studying at the Wesley Arts Institute in Sydney, Australia.

Meredith Rennells '05 married Todd Peters on June 24, 2006. Meredith is the director of youth ministries at Cape Cod Covenant Church, Brewster, MA.

Gretchen Rapaal '05 is a chemistry teacher at Harford County Public Schools, Bel Air, MD.

Courtney Vanderbeck '05 works for Atlantic Records, New York, NY.

Laura Curtis '06 is a teacher in the Upper Moreland Middle School, Willow Grove, PA. She and **Joel Bielefeldt '05** will be married in July 2007.

Tamika (Cowans) Dales '06 is a manager at the Chester County Department of Aging Services, West Chester, PA. She and her husband, Robert, were married on October 29, 2006.

Bryant Johnson '06 is a nurse clinical educator with the Mercy Health System, Philadelphia, PA.

Yesung Lee '06 is an RN at Mercy Fitzgerald Hospital, Darby, PA.

Laura (Strader) Lewis '06 is a missionary for Handi Vangelism Ministries International, Akron, PA.

Krista Sirois '06 is a microbiology lab technician at TMI Management Services, Inc., Norristown, PA.

Campolo College of Graduate & Professional Studies

Yasuji Hamanaka '97 (Group 107) is an artist who has displayed his artwork at Eastern and at various art shows.

Brian Hess '99 (Group 169) has been named partner and vice president of sales and marketing at Integra Graphix Inc., a commercial print brokering firm based in Lititz, PA. He previously served as sales manager.

Graduate Programs

Larry Zook '90 (MBA) is president and chief executive officer of Landis Homes, Lititz, PA. Prior to this appointment, Zook was vice president of resources. He was formerly employed at Eastern Mennonite Missions in Salunga, PA as director of administrative services. He and his wife, Dawn, served as English teachers in China from 1992-1994 with the China Educational Exchange Program.

Dr. Claudia (Hearst) Curry '98 (MBA Group 013) '95 (SPS Group 55) earned a Doctor of Education degree in educational innovation and leadership from Wilmington College, New Castle, DE in January 2006. She is the director of the Women's Center, Community College of Philadelphia, PA.

Rajendra Pillai '98 (MBA) is executive pastor of Damascus Road Community Church in Damascus, MD. He and his wife, **Erika (Velthuis) Pillai '98**, have two daughters, Elizabeth(5) and Ashlynn(3). Rajendra's second book The Mysterious Incidents at Lone Rock (a Christian mystery) will be released by Barbour Books in 2007.

Liz Einsig '98 (MS) is married and is now Liz Einsig Wise. Her husband is a jazz musician who came to Philadelphia from New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina.

Angelo Ramirez '02 (MBA) has joined First Priority Bank of Malvern, PA as senior vice president of commercial lending, and head of the bank's Bucks County market. Prior to this, he was vice president at Citizens Bank in Plymouth Meeting, PA.

Peter McLallen '03 (MBA) and his wife, **Nicky**, have a

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JASMINE JONES '06 OUR NEWEST AUTHOR

She writes, "It was not until my last semester at Eastern University, while studying under Dr. Jean Landis and Dr. Dorothy Hurley, that I became inspired and encouraged to begin my journey in publishing my first children's book, *So Many Faces, So Many Places...Around the World*. I took the title from a multicultural group project.

The book depicts diversity as a beautiful image from God. Our world is surrounded by color, from a rainbow in the sky to shades of skin-tones, which are often identified by children at an early age. As we embrace differences, we should not forget our own identity. Cherishing and encouraging children to believe in themselves and their own heritage should be a joyous occasion. Thank you, Eastern, for making the impossible possible!" See Jasmine's book at: <http://www.authorhouse.com/BookStore/itemDetail~bookid~40758.aspx>



COMMUNITY NEWS

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baby boy, John, born on November 17, 2006. Peter is the director of administration in the Campolo College of Graduate and Professional Studies. Nicky teaches math at Eastern.

Gary Ginter '05 (MBA) has been promoted to vice president of supply and support services, ACTS Retirement-Life Communities, Inc. Among his new responsibilities, Gary will provide leadership to transportation functions, security departments and other key contract services. Upon graduation from Eastern, he was awarded Eastern's Harold C. Howard Servant Leader Award for inspiring others and encouraging teamwork.

Judith Cocking '06 (MED) is the director of Student Health Services at Eastern University.

Steven Graves, Sr. '06 (MBA Cohort 118) is president/owner of Play-a-Round Golf, Malvern, PA. Read his full story on page 5.

In Memoriam

Rev. William H. Edwards '54 passed away on November 3, 2006. Bill served in the amphibious services of the U.S. Navy, and his service ribbons included American Theater, Asiatic-Pacific Theater, Philippine Liberation, and Victory Medal. He pastored churches in Virginia and North Carolina. His wife, Amy, and four children are among his survivors.

Jim Morrell '58 died on November 13, 2006 in

Jacksonville, FL. Jim served as an associate director of the Church Music Department, Florida Baptist Convention, Jacksonville for several years. He also served as a minister of music at churches in Georgia and Florida. His wife preceded him in death. He is survived by five children.

Rev. Richard G. Green, Jr. '60 passed away on December 4, 2006 at his home in Green Creek, NJ. He was the pastor of First Baptist Church and the Trinity Fellowship Assembly of God Church, both in Cape May Court House, NJ. He also served as pastor of Mill Run Baptist Church and the Downingtown Baptist Church. Richard held sales positions, and was the owner of Apple Orchard Education Supply Store. He is survived by his wife, Janet, and four children. One of his daughters, **Donna**, graduated from Eastern University in 1998.

Rev. Craig Martin '61 passed away on February 23, 2007. Prior to his retirement, Craig was pastor of First Baptist Church, Berwick, PA. He is survived by his wife, **Leila (Stanley) '62**, and daughter, Karen Irace.

William H. Manger '66 died on November 22, 2006. Bill taught German and social studies for 29 years at North Hunterdon/Voorhees High School, NJ. He worked for Allstate NJ in Bridgewater after his retirement from teaching. He also served as secretary of the NJ Chapter of the American Association of Teachers of German. In addition to his wife, Nancy, William is survived by two children. Daughter **Laura** graduated from Eastern in 1998.

We have been informed of the death of **Walter T. Exner, Jr. '70** on January 23, 2007.

Janet (Ewaski) Kochanek '79 died on January 13, 2007. She had been a systems engineer for 20 years at Traveler's Insurance Company, CT. Her husband, Paul; mother, Edna; and two children, Reed and Kara; are among her survivors.

Jamey Gross '98 died on November 9, 2006 after a courageous battle with brain cancer. He was an elementary school teacher at St. John Christian Academy, US Virgin Islands, and at Cape Christian Academy. He is survived by a host of family and friends.

David W. Potts '00 passed away on November 17, 2006. He and his wife, Lori, joined The Mission Society and went to Kazakhstan in June 2003, serving in Almaty, Karaganda and Sergeyevka. He previously pastored several United Methodist Churches.

Larry Higgs '98 (MBA Group 10) died on January 19, 2007. Larry was a pilot for five years and flew C-130s during the Vietnam era. He was co-owner of Northside Co, West Reading, PA for five years, and the owner of Higgs Heating and Air Conditioning, Reading

for nine years. At the time of his death, he was a salesman for UGI since 2004. Larry also served as president of the administrative board of Faith United Methodist Church, Reading for many years. He is survived by his wife, Mary Ann, his mother, Marie, and two children.

John H. Reimels, Jr. '05 (CCGPS) passed away on December 29, 2006. He served as a minister at the Pitman Church of Christ, Sewell, NJ for the last two years. He was also a minister at the Cape May Court House Church of Christ for 16 years. Among his survivors are his wife, Joyce, two children and four grandchildren.

Vivian Lillian (Jensen) Meeden passed away on January 31, 2007. She worked as a secretary and bookkeeper at Eastern Baptist College in the earlier years. Her husband, **Rev. Dr. Clifford Meeden**, graduated from Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, and served several churches, including the First Baptist Church of Haverhill, MA. Dr. Meeden also served on Eastern's board of trustees for several years. He died in 1977.



Radio Personality Hugh Hewitt (left) with SGA President Jared Bass.

HUGH HEWITT RADIO BROADCAST

The **Hugh Hewitt** radio talk show (station KRLA in Los Angeles, CA) was broadcast live from the Eastern University campus in St. Davids, PA, on Feb. 19. The topic of America in the world today was discussed by the host, an author and professor of law at Chapman University School of Law; **Dr. Tony Campolo**, professor emeritus of sociology at Eastern and renowned author and speaker; and **Frank Gaffney**, president of the Center for Security Policy, author and columnist.

Dr. Julia Aguilar Stewart, associate professor of foreign languages, and **Prof. Karen Santiago** published the article "Using the Literary Text to Mediate the Cross-Cultural Encounter" in *Foreign Language Annals*, a publication of the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) in Winter 2006. The article describes the joint reading project carried out by students in the intermediate Spanish classes at Eastern and Hispanic ESL students of Esperanza College of Eastern University. Students read Esmeralda Santiago's autobiography *When I Was Puerto Rican* in the language they were studying and then came together to discuss the struggles of Puerto Rican students in their adjustment to mainland U.S. culture.

Dr. Mary Stewart Van Leeuwen, professor of psychology and philosophy, was the Tenth Annual Rubel Distinguished Lecturer at Valparaiso University, IN in February. Her lecture was "Opposite Sexes or Neighboring Sexes? C. S. Lewis, Dorothy L. Sayers and the Psychology of Gender."

Diana Robertson, Eastern's coordinator for community and church relations, has been named to the Advisory Committee on Wrongful Convictions of the Joint State Government Commission in Harrisburg, PA. The committee, chaired by Prof. John T. Rago of Duquesne University School of Law, will study the underlying causes of past wrongful convictions and develop recommendations intended to reduce the possibility that innocent persons will be convicted in the future in PA.



Eastern is growing again with a new residence hall and Center for Graduate and Professional Studies underway at the Eagle Road main entrance to the St. Davids campus.

Dr. John E. Stapleford, professor of economic development, and a co-author presented a paper at the annual meeting of the American Economics Association entitled: "Transformational Development: Mitigating Rural Poverty with the



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Together Again!

Homecoming and
Family Weekend 2007
October 12-14

Special events for students, parents and alumni. Reunions are planned for Eastern Alumni from the classes of 1957, '62, '67, '72, '77, '82, '87, '92. '97 and '02. Look for more information to come. Visit our Web site at www.eastern.edu/alumni. See you there!

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Poor.” He also gave a presentation at The King’s College on “Christ-centered Transformational Development: No Pictures? No Money? No Fame or Fortune?”



Dr. Phil Cary, professor of philosophy, spoke on "Sola Fide: Luther and Calvin" at the 30th Annual Symposium on the Lutheran Confessions, Concordia Theological Seminary. The text of his lecture is available at www.ctsfw.edu/events/symposia/papers/2007.php

Karen Piscopo, affiliate faculty in the education department, was invited to travel to Russia by the People to People Ambassador Program, part of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Foundation. She is one of 24 education administrators selected from all over the United States (three from Pennsylvania).

Palmer Seminary has announced that 10 Brauch Scholarships and 10 Sider scholarships will be made available each year. These are half-off tuition scholarships. For more information, visit www.palmerseminary.edu

Dr. Van Weigel, professor of ethics and economic development, gave the keynote address for DePaul University's Conference on Teaching and Learning in Chicago. The title of the keynote is: "The Professor as Sherpa: From Diminished Expectations to Expedition-Based Learning." Van writes: "Learning is first and foremost an expedition into unfamiliar or challenging knowledge landscapes. Too often the commonplace borders of academic life have yielded routine-dominant learning environments that are more characterized by diminished expectations than challenge and excitement. This presentation explores



HOWARD DEAN VISITS ST. DAVIDS

Governor Howard Dean, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, spoke at Eastern in March about the Democratic Party's outreach to the faith community. Students, faculty, neighbors, friends and invited guests attended this town hall-style meeting and participated in a question-and-answer session afterwards. Eastern has also invited the chairman of the Republican National Committee to speak on campus.

how educational technologies and expedition-oriented, interdisciplinary thinking can create exciting learning environments for both students and their professors."

Library Director **James Sauer** received the Spirit of Cooperation Award from The Tri-state College Library Cooperative (TCLC) in recognition of his dedicated committee service, excellent ideas, and hard work. TCLC has 43 member libraries in southeastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware, and celebrates its 40th anniversary this year.



In Ho Oh was a student at Eastern in 1957 whose life was cut tragically short on the Penn campus in Phila. where he was continuing his education. His life and memory were honored at a special ceremony rededicating the Reference Area of Warner Library. Friends and family (his Aunt is shown above) recalled how his relatives "turned sorrow into Christian purpose" by setting up a scholarship fund for the young men who took In Ho Oh's life. They also donated a silk print by the famous Korean artist Ki Chang Kim which can be viewed in the Library.



A photo of Eastern's gatehouse in St. Davids, taken by Bill Ecklund, won an award in the Expressions of Radnor exhibit at the Wayne Art Center.

MID-ATLANTIC WRITING CONFERENCE HELD AT EASTERN

The 18th Annual Mid-Atlantic Writing Centers Association (MAWCA) Conference was held on the St. Davids campus in March. About 180 people attended from 16 local colleges and 13 colleges across the U.S.

2007 FOX CHASE BANK EASTERN CUP



Pictured above (left to right) Pastor Phil Carnuchio; Philadelphia 76ers Kyle Korver; Chip Olson '90, President and CEO, The Olson Research Group; Josh Isler '03; Eastern University President Dr. David Black; Tom Petro, President, Fox Chase Bank.

Derek Ritchie '89, director of development, reports that the **2007 Fox Chase Bank Eastern Cup**, presented by the Olson Research Group, raised over \$158,000! He says, "On behalf of the entire Eastern University community and the Templeton Honors College, I am pleased to announce that this golf tournament and auction was one of the finest events in Eastern's history. We are grateful for the hundreds of volunteer hours that were dedicated, for the commitment of financial resources, and for the prayers throughout the entire process. Eastern University and the Templeton Honors College will impact the world in a very tangible way and this event has made it possible."

Now it's time to mark your calendars (tentatively) for June 2, 2008 as the date for the 13th annual Fox Chase Bank Eastern Cup event. If you have any questions, please contact Derek Ritchie at dritchie@eastern.edu, or 610.341.1955.

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WORLD VISION STUDENTS



World Vision students came to St. Davids for Commencement. Shown are (l. to r.) Yeilyn Serrano (Costa Rica); Blanca Pinedo Castillo (Peru); Arutro Menesses (Mexico); National Director of Habitat for Humanity Jorge Demetrio Montero Solano (El Salvador); Yadira Pacheco Sarmiento (Peru); Marcos Quino (Bolivia); with Stan LeQuire, the instructional designer/instructor for SLD. These students, who do all their course work in Spanish, are grads of the MA in Organizational Leadership program.

THE SEASONS OF EASTERN BY
GEORGE ROTHACKER ART SHOW

Eastern University is blessed with a beautiful campus. Artist George Rothacker was inspired by its seasonal glory and has captured the hues of fall, winter, spring and summer in his series of paintings, "The Seasons

of Eastern." Come see these paintings on display (and prints on sale) at Homecoming, Saturday, Oct. 13 from 10a.m. to 5p.m. in the Warner Library. You'll also see a unique painting of "The Eagle at Eastern" and the artist will be on hand to sign limited edition prints, as well as a special edition book, "The Seasons of Eastern." The show continues through October. For more information, visit www.eastern.edu.



IN MEMORIAM

The entire Eastern community mourns the death of Bob Thomas, beloved business and communications professor, alum, colleague and friend, who died April 23. His wife, English professor Nancy Thomas, remembers that Bob lived on the St. Davids campus as a boy when his father was dean of students. Bob returned to earn his MBA, worked as an industrial salesman and owned a real estate business before returning to teach in 1992. Hundreds of students, colleagues and family gathered on campus April 29 to celebrate Bob's life. A plan is in motion to light up the Waterwheel at night, one of Bob's wishes for many years. A scholarship fund for African American business students is also being set up to honor the life and work of Bob Thomas. If you would like to contribute to this fund, contact the Development Office at 610.341.5932.

ATHLETIC NEWS

EAGLES EARN TOP ACADEMIC AWARD

The philosophy of Division III athletics is to promote excellence in and out of the classroom. Eastern's PAC champion field hockey team demonstrated their excellence in the field in the fall, and then received national recognition for their work in the classroom.

For the second straight year, Eastern finished at the top of the National Field Hockey Coaches Association Academic Award list. With their 3.52 team GPA, the Eagles outpaced all their peers in the classroom. The team finished 2005 with a 3.46 GPA and tied for the top spot with Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. They were joined on the list in each of the past two seasons by Vassar and St. Mary's College of Maryland.

Coach Azzarano says of her team's academic bent, "It is just part of who we are. The players on the team place a high priority on achieving in all aspects of their lives, and they strive to honor God with their talents. I am proud of them because they are well-rounded and work very hard in the classroom. That our GPA is higher than any other team's in the country is nice, but we can only do the best we can in the classroom, and it is cool that that has earned us this honor for two years running."

Eastern was the only team in the top five to finish in the NFHCA's national top 20.



Fifteen Eastern Field Hockey players earned Academic All-PAC honors for the fall of 2006.

EASTERN EAGLES TO JOIN MASCAC:
from PAC to MAC in 2008-09

Eastern University has accepted an invitation from the Middle Atlantic States Collegiate Athletic Corporation (MASCAC) to join their membership beginning with the 2008-2009 academic year, when it will leave the Pennsylvania Athletic Conference (PAC).

Vice President of Student Development Bettie Ann Brigham says, "The growing recognition of Eastern student-athletes as outstanding leaders, academicians and people of character is gratifying."



GO EASTERN EAGLES!



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