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FROM THE PRESIDENT

How are things in your world? After the initial assessment of the weather, the calendar, one's health, the task list, and even the urgent and important matters that arise and need attention, it is a worthwhile consideration; a good question. How ARE things in my world?

You probably know that your world suddenly changes when you experience other cultures up close. I have been privileged to travel in multiple countries, including India, Guatemala, Ghana, Poland, Switzerland, Turkey, Israel, Greece and the Philippines, as well as to our sister colleges in Japan and South Korea. After every trip, every experience, I realized that what was "my world" had changed. I had changed. A global experience changes a person's view of the world and him/herself ... and changes one's view of God and His work in the world. Does it seem that our modern world has become smaller and smaller? Or does travelling allow our minds and worldview to become bigger?

As a College and Seminary, we have publicly committed to be attuned to the needs of the world as we seek to develop people of faith who will help transform the world through service. We acknowledge this is an ambitious goal which has and will continue to require attention to the amazing and complex nature of cultures and cultural differences.

It is essential for our students to have international and global opportunities. Without these experiences it will be more difficult to achieve our mission, and our students will be at a disadvantage among their peers. Such experiences will help them serve well, lessening the danger of becoming myopic.

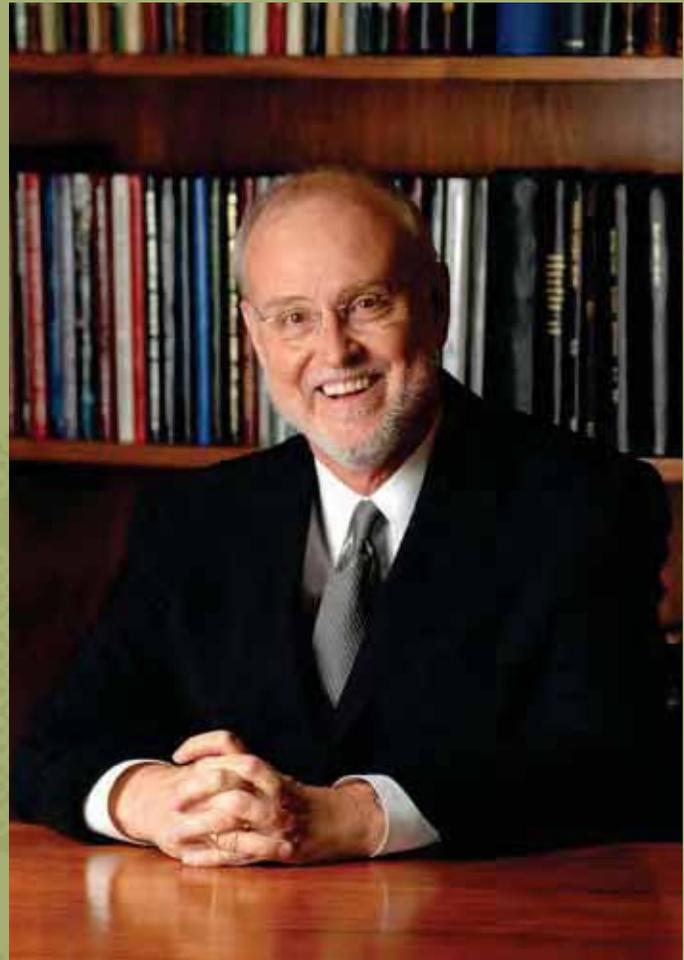
Two years ago we outlined VISION 2020, a five-year strategic plan for Roberts Wesleyan College, which gave us a working blueprint for identifying, measuring, and meeting goals. A major emphasis in the plan was on global education. The goals included an effective and truly international curriculum, expanding opportunities for our students to go overseas, and welcoming more international students to our campus. As you'll see in this issue, many of these ideas have become reality. I am pleased to report that many more opportunities are in progress.

Students in our midst are from all over the world – from different cultures and backgrounds – participating in our campus life and enriching our community. Roberts and NES students are regularly planning, packing, and preparing to embark on international trips for study, missions and work. I view these experiences as everyday glimpses of the Kingdom of God and its global implications. A worldwide calling indeed!

Sincerely,



John A. Martin
President





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Blue waters and rugged cliffs at Negril, Jamaica

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

This expanded issue of *Roberts Today* is packed full of news (making it the largest issue we have ever produced). While the magazine may have been on hiatus, our college certainly has not. If you are close to the College and on campus regularly, you may find some of these articles “old news”. Since we haven’t had an issue for a good while, we’ve included news items from January 2010 forward, so those of you who have not been to North Chili since then may “catch up” on what has been happening on our campus and around the world. Since our last issue of *Roberts Today*, there have been a lot of “firsts” on campus. All Raiders will be enthused to read the latest scoop about the College’s elevation to NCAA Division II on page 30.

Our Global Education programs are featured in this issue (page 34) - another reason for it being so large (there are so many wonderful stories and experiences to share – we praise our God for these blessings). There is truly no substitute for experiencing the culture and the people of another country firsthand. The experience differs for each of us, as it does for Sarah Tater’10 in Cambodia and Ashley Cruset’10 in Japan. The following pages feature but a handful of our students and alumni who have, or currently are, studying and traveling abroad. So, sit back and enjoy *Roberts Today* once again; read our students’ blogs, visit our new Global Education web pages (www.roberts.edu/GlobalEd), pick a country web page and view the sights and marvel at the beauty of His world.

Blessings to you all,
Cindy Hiltibrand

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NEW ADULT DEGREE COMPLETION PROGRAM LEADS TO TEACHER CERTIFICATION

Roberts, in collaboration with the Rochester City School District (RCSD), has created a new program that will allow RCSD paraprofessionals and teacher assistants/aides who have at least 60 hours of previous college credit to earn initial teacher certification with an urban emphasis in 15 months while continuing to work full time. Students in this innovative Pathway to Teaching program will complete most requirements by meeting as cohorts in groups of 10-15 for four hours one night a week in an easily accessible RCSD location. The degree earned will be a Bachelor of Science in Teacher Education with dual certification in either Childhood/Students with Disabilities 1-6, or Adolescence Education 7-12/Students with Disabilities.



New Certificate Program for Disabled Students



Nursing's Tina Cennamo '09, M.S.N.L.A. '11
- Modular RN to BS is Now Also Offered Online



New Teacher Education - Pathway to Teaching

DIVISION OF TEACHER ED. PARTICIPATES IN DISABLED STUDENT CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

The Division of Teacher Education recently received a federally funded, five-year \$360,000 grant to create a certificate program for students with disabilities that focuses on the academic, socialization, and work skills necessary for independent living.

This allocation is part of a \$2.5 million grant awarded to the Western New York College Consortium (WNYCC), comprised of four sets of colleges/local education agencies (Roberts/BOCES 2, Keuka College/Finger Lakes ARC, Monroe Community College/RSCD, and the University of Rochester/BOCES 1).

Teacher Education Chair Dr. David Basinger is the Roberts program director, while Assistant Professor Carolyn Salvatore serves as the operational director.

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SIGN OF THE TIMES: NEW ONLINE M.S. IN HEALTH INFORMATION ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM

The Division of Adult Professional Studies has expanded once again with the addition of a new online master's degree program in the growing field of Health Information Administration. John Schrenker, MPA, most recently chief information officer for Lakeside Health System/Lakeside Memorial Hospital in Brockport, N.Y., has joined Roberts to lead this innovative new program.

"What makes this program unique is that it blends the technical knowledge of a Medical Informatics degree with the leadership skills of a Health Administration degree," said Schrenker. "Our graduates will be equipped to conscientiously lead their organizations as they address the complex issues raised by the implementation of Electronic Medical Records, privacy laws, and the electronic exchange of medical information."

Key topics include healthcare informatics, strategic planning, financial management, and organizational transformation. Schrenker not only is developing the program and its curricula, tailored to the schedules and situations of working adults, he also is teaching selected courses.



JOHN SCHRENKER, MPA

SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY GRAD PROGRAM EARNS FULL RECOGNITION FROM NASP

The National Association of School Psychologists (NASP), the governing body that provides standards and oversight for university-level degree programs in school psychology, has granted “Full National Recognition” to the College’s graduate program in school psychology.

This certification status, in place through Dec. 31, 2015, is awarded in recognition of the quality, relevance, and comprehensiveness of the program in equipping students for the rigors of a career in the field of school psychology. Now, students who graduate from the program are eligible for the National Certificate in School Psychology (NCSP) – a valued professional distinction. “We’re very pleased to receive this determination from NASP’s Program Approval Board,” said Dr. Cheryl Repass, the College’s director of graduate psychology programs. “It confirms the quality of our graduate program in school psychology, and of the student candidates who complete it.”

A QUARTER CENTURY OF EXCELLENCE: ORGANIZATIONAL MANAGEMENT TURNS 25

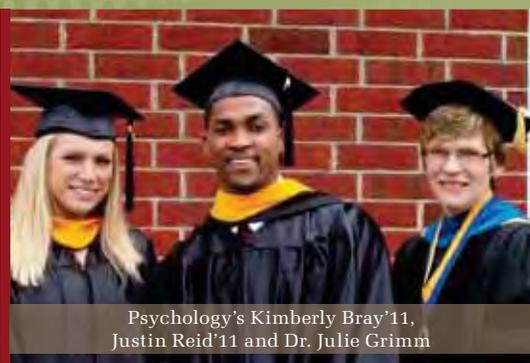
Back in 1986, when “continuing education” programs for adults were more concept than reality, Roberts began offering a bachelor’s degree in Management of Human Resources (MHR). It was tailored for working people juggling professional, family, and community commitments.

This year the degree program, now called Organizational Management (OM), celebrates its 25th anniversary as one of the most successful and forward-thinking non-traditional adult education initiatives in the country. The network of Roberts OM/MHR grads now numbers approximately 2,000 and extends all over the United States and Canada.

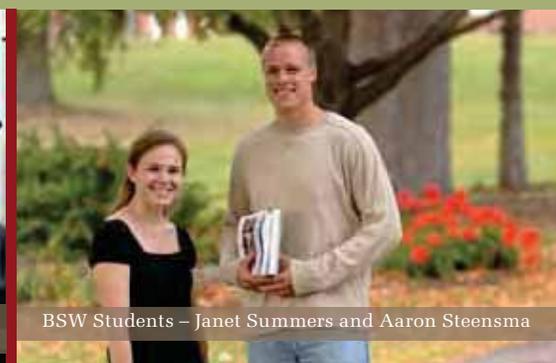
“Our faculty challenge these adult learners’ thinking,” OM program director Penny Cannon explained. “They promote the practical application of concepts to their place of employment and to their broader lives. And through a cohort model and interactive learning system that places value on real-world experience, students learn from their classmates as well as the professors.”



Tom Marlowe O.M.136'07, Prof. Penny Cannon,
and Donna Sutter O.M.136'07



Psychology's Kimberly Bray '11,
Justin Reid '11 and Dr. Julie Grimm



BSW Students – Janet Summers and Aaron Steensma

STUDENTS SAVE TIME, MONEY THROUGH THREE-YEAR B.S. IN SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM

Three cheers for the successful launch of the College’s three-year Bachelor of Science in Social Work (BSW) curriculum plan for undergraduate social work majors. Under this curriculum, incoming social work students complete a four-year traditional program in three years, saving both time and money.

“We’re very pleased to be able to offer a shortened curriculum plan that’s not only convenient but also feasible to students,” said Dr. David Skiff, BSW program director. “Students maintain a course load of 17 to 18 credits each semester during the first two years, as well as complete several summer courses. However, they reduce their BSW program by a full semester.”

The College’s BSW program prepares students for a variety of professional positions in agencies that help people with life’s problems. A BSW social worker might work in jobs ranging from adoptions, to working with pregnant teenagers, to helping grieving parents in a hospital, as well as other kinds of helping jobs.

ROBERTS MOVES TO BUFFALO: OPENS NEW EXTENSION CENTER FOR ADULT LEARNERS

Roberts, one of the first colleges in New York to offer educational programs for adult learners, opened a new extension center in the Buffalo metro area in 2010. The new Buffalo Extension Center, conveniently located in suburban Williamsville at the award-winning Sheridan Meadows Corporate Park, is a state-of-the-art facility featuring executive classrooms, on-site café, covered parking – even a fitness center.

Students can pursue a variety of degrees – usually requiring only one night class per week – offered by both Roberts and Northeastern Seminary (NES). They include: M.S. in Strategic Leadership, M.S. in Health Administration, B.S. in Health Administration, Master of Divinity, M.A. in Theological Studies, M.A. in Transformational Leadership, and M.A. in Theology and Social Justice.



READ ALL ABOUT IT: GOLISANO LIBRARY CITED FOR EXCELLENCE, 'GREEN' DESIGN

The B. Thomas Golisano Library might have to clear off a bookshelf to make room for the awards it's been receiving. The Rochester Regional Library Council (RRLC) chose the College's newest addition as its 2010 Academic/Special Library of the Year. That honor came on the heels of the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED Silver Certification for sustainable "green" building design. And then once again, in 2011, the RRLC awarded the Golisano Library an Honorable Mention in the top academic library category.

The Library of the Year awards are based on comments from nomination petitions and a review by a panel of judges from the community. One judge wrote: "[T]here is an excitement about the library, its special place in the college, and the personalized service ... it is wonderful how the staff goes the extra mile."

'THE IDEA OF THE MISSION TRIP AND SERVING': DR. TAYLOR, STUDENTS DEVOTE WEEK TO 'HABITAT'

For Dr. Jason Taylor, chair of the Division of Natural Science and Mathematics, and 11 Roberts students, last February break became a labor of love as they roofed and repaired homes near Jacksonville, Fla., with Habitat for Humanity.

Asked why she volunteered, Roberts freshman Jackie Price said: "I really liked the idea of the mission trip and serving people." Dr. Taylor has been serving in this fashion for eight years. He had been to this same community – Brunswick – four years ago.

The students worked alongside Care-A-Vanners, who motor from project to Habitat project. "They are taking a week of their vacation and giving it to us," said Care-A-Vanner Mary Vandeveld. "[W]hen you get around college kids like these, it rejuvenates you."



CLINTON GLOBAL INITIATIVE HONORS GRADUATE TEACHER ED. STUDENTS WHO ‘DON’T GIVE UP’

It was a different kind of Florida spring break last year for graduate teacher education alums Carly Semrau’10 and Melyssa MacDavitt’10. The pair, joined by BOCES transition student Nadia LaDue and Roberts President John A. Martin, was honored at the Clinton Global Initiative University (CGIU) Conference at the University of Miami. Semrau and MacDavitt acted as representatives of the College’s commitment to include and accommodate students with disabilities. Last year, graduate education students participated in the development of a freshmen seminar for BOCES II transition students, which led to this international recognition.

In addition to participation in panel discussions, workshops and networking, the Roberts contingent was honored onstage by former President Bill Clinton. Last year’s global initiative, which bears the former president’s name, was organized around the theme: Don’t Give Up.

“It was a life-changing experience, and getting to share it with one of the transition students, Nadia LaDue, was a blessing,” MacDavitt said. “We believe this recognition will show others that campus-based inclusion is not only possible, but necessary.”



Lt. Governor Robert Duffy at Roberts



Anna Kozachuck and Friends in Israel



President Clinton, President Martin, and Representatives

LT. GOV. ROBERT DUFFY SELECTS ROBERTS TO PRESENT MESSAGE ON STATE’S BUDGET

Lt. Gov. and former Rochester Mayor Robert Duffy visited the College on Feb. 5 to make the case for the governor’s proposed 2011-12 state budget. Saying he purposely chose Roberts for his presentation on the fiscal condition of New York, Lt. Gov. Duffy called President John Martin “not just a colleague, but a friend.”

Gov. Cuomo unveiled a proposal to reform the state’s budget process to conform to fiscal realities and eliminate a \$10 billion deficit without raising taxes or borrowing. He and Lt. Gov. Duffy spent months explaining and rallying support for their plan in cities across New York.

Lt. Gov. Duffy said the Cuomo budget proposal “gets New York back on the right track ... By maximizing efficiencies in state government we can balance the budget without raising taxes and set New York on a path to recovery.” And, he said, institutions of higher education will take a lead role.

JUNIOR ANNA KOZACHUCK IS SELECTED FOR PRESTIGIOUS BOREN SCHOLARSHIP

Junior Anna Kozachuk won a prestigious Boren Scholarship, awarded to students interested in less commonly taught languages, enabling her to study Hebrew in Israel at Hebrew University this past academic year. Boren Scholarships provide up to \$20,000 to U.S. undergraduate students to study abroad in areas of the world critical to U.S. interests. Kozachuk will be required to work for a federal agency in the field of national security for one year upon graduation.

**THE ROBERTS/NORTHEASTERN SEMINARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
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DAVID W. HUGHES, formerly a manufacturing engineer for Eastman Kodak Co. and a consultant for Andersen Consulting Co., has been involved in the start-up, financing, and development of small and middle-market companies over the last 20 years. He has served on the boards of Greater Rochester Youth for Christ and The Highland Foundation (Highland Hospital). Hughes, his wife Sara, and their children divide their time between residences in St. Croix, U.S.V.I., and suburban Rochester. His term runs to 2014.

MARY A. WORBOYS-TURNER, who as head of the College at Brockport Foundation helped reposition SUNY Brockport from a “local” college to a national entity to spur alumni philanthropy, is a former special education instructor and an avid community volunteer. Her involvement includes memberships on the boards of the Rochester Area Community Foundation, Girl Scouts of Western New York, Continuing Developmental Services Foundation, and Allendale Columbia School. Worboys-Turner and her husband Scott live in Rochester. Her term runs to 2014.

DAVID M. LASCELL, a partner in the Rochester law firm Harter Secrest & Emery, successfully represented Grove City College before the U.S. Supreme Court in its landmark civil rights case. He has helped manage businesses involved in insurance, investments, ship building, and retail store fixtures. Lascell also is the former director of the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra. He and his wife Donna, who have three adult children and three grandchildren, reside in suburban Rochester. His term runs to 2013.

ROBERTS WESLEYAN COLLEGE – 2011 NATIONAL & REGIONAL RECOGNITIONS



- Kiplinger’s “Best Value in Private Colleges 2010-11” for academics and affordability
- The Princeton Review “A Best in the Northeast 2011”
- U.S. News and World Report ranked Roberts among “America’s Best Colleges” 2011 in the Universities-Masters, North Region, list
- A “2011 Military Friendly School” by G.I. Jobs – honors the top 15 percent of colleges, universities, and trade schools doing the most to embrace America’s veterans as students

KYM WOODARD OF TEACHER ED NAMED 2010 OUTSTANDING STAFF MEMBER OF YEAR

Kym Woodard, operations coordinator for the College's Division of Teacher Education, was selected as 2010's Mary Eleanor Anderson Outstanding Staff Member of the Year at the Faculty & Staff Service of Commitment gala last summer.

Each year this award honors a staff member who provides exemplary service to students, goes the extra mile for visitors and fellow employees, and models the ideals of both Roberts and Northeastern Seminary. Woodard was selected from among eight nominees.

"The themes of servant, Christ-likeness, above and beyond, committed, tireless, competent, problem solver, humble, and self-sacrificing came through loud and clear in each and every nomination submitted on her behalf," said Ruth Logan, Roberts' vice president of Administration, "thus making Kym a highly deserving recipient of the Outstanding Service Award."



Kym Woodard, Mary Eleanor Anderson, and President John Martin

ROBERTS TEAM IS FIRST RUNNER-UP, ZOCCALI WINS \$10K SCHOLARSHIP AT SIFE NATIONAL EXPO

More than 20 members of the College's Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) chapter have reason to celebrate, after placing 1st runner up in the semi-final round at the 2011 SIFE National Exposition this May in Minneapolis, Minn. They finished among the top eight teams from more than 575 chapter teams nationwide.

In addition, sophomore international business major Mark Zoccali was selected for the prestigious \$10,000 Jules and Gwen Knapp SIFE Ambassador Scholarship – the largest award that SIFE makes available.

The Roberts team also was named a finalist in the SIFE Spirit Video contest. The students beat out 25 upstate New York teams to take first place in SIFE's regional competition and advance to Minnesota.

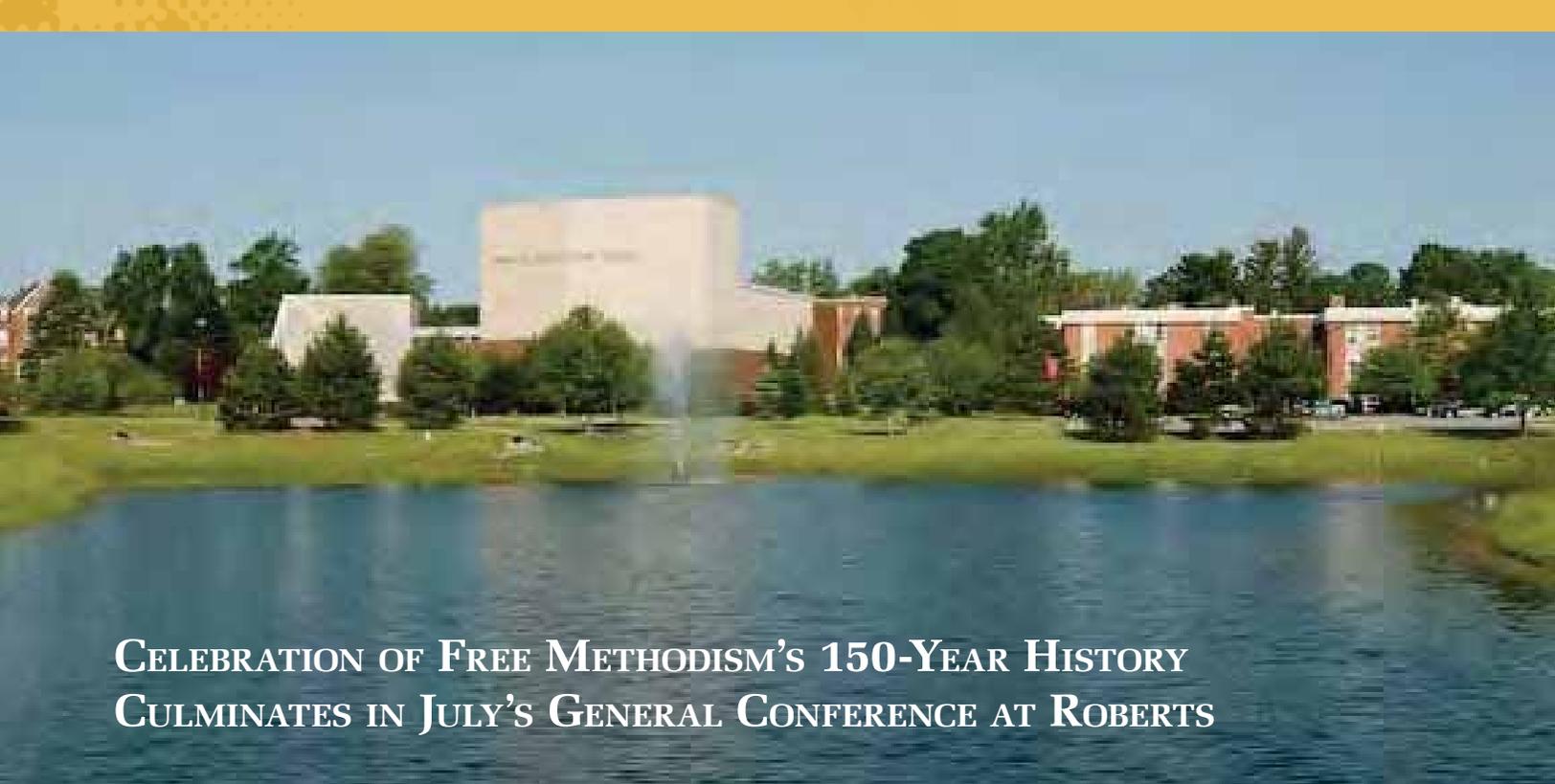


SIFE Students and Faculty



Jules Knapp, Mark Zoccali, and Gwen Knapp

C. FAITH SHARP'10, an Organizational Management alum in Roberts' Division of Adult Professional Studies (DAPS), was selected for the 2011 Association of Christian Librarians Research Award by a Golisano Library panel for her research paper: "Student Retention at Northeastern Seminary." Ralph Galdieri'10, a DAPS Health Administration alum, was selected for the 2010 ACLR award for his paper: "When Companies Merge: Management Competencies in an Evolving Culture." Both alums were cited by the panel for their rigorous research efforts, which exemplify the personal characteristics Roberts seeks to cultivate in its graduates, and the research skills the Golisano Library seeks to promote and support in the students it serves.



CELEBRATION OF FREE METHODISM'S 150-YEAR HISTORY CULMINATES IN JULY'S GENERAL CONFERENCE AT ROBERTS

It was 150 years ago that B.T. Roberts stepped out in faith to help shape the foundations and vision of the Free Methodist Church (FMC). On July 13-17, Roberts Wesleyan College, the institution that bears his name, hosted the denomination's General Conference 2011 – marking the culmination of its historic sesquicentennial celebration.

Organized around the theme, “The Whole Gospel for the Whole Person in the Whole World,” General Conference 2011 pursued this goal agreed to by the Board of Bishops: “If past patterns have led us to focus [the] General Conference on process, organization and structure, we call the Church to a General Conference in 2011 that focuses on the wholeness of the Gospel: It is everything, for everyone, in every way, in every place.”

Rather than spend the majority of time in policy and legislation, the bishops called the church to focus the General Conference on “missional things.” They identified world poverty, church growth, reaching a whole community, urban/ethnic renewal, holiness, and the FMC reclaiming its heritage and place in the world. This gathering would be a “resourcing event” to bring about revival and renewal for the church, they said.

OPEN TO ALL ADHERENTS

In keeping with its theme, the Conference swung its doors open to all members and adherents of the Free Methodist Church – whether delegates or not. Everyone in attendance participated in one of four ministry groups – Every Person, Every Church, Every Means or Every Place – as part of the larger effort to formulate plans and make recommendations.

Of the conference, Lead Bishop David Kendall said: “We will first seek to understand and embrace a robust kingdom agenda for the 21st century. Second, we will discern what this agenda means for FM members, churches, and conferences around the world. Third, we will commit to strategies and plans that give specific, tangible expression to our obedience to the direction of the Holy Spirit.”

In addition to the plenary sessions, the five-day gathering included speakers, exhibitors, worship services, day camp for kids and programs for teenagers – even “guest appearances” by founders B.T. and Ellen Roberts, portrayed by Spring Arbor University drama professor Paul Patton and his wife Beth. The dedication of a Founders Garden near the center of the Roberts campus – a reflective spot with benches commemorating the “free pews” at the heart of Free Methodism – also was on the itinerary.

‘WE COUNT IT A PRIVILEGE’

“We’re absolutely delighted to host the 2011 General Conference of the Free Methodist Church,” Roberts President John A. Martin said. “We count it a privilege to offer our campus, where our founder B.T. Roberts lived and worked, as the site for this milestone anniversary celebration of our denomination. And we hope today’s church leaders will be similarly stirred in their calling to earnest discipleship in Jesus Christ, as they commemorate our heritage here in upstate New York.”

Pearce Memorial Church coordinated the P4K Day Camp, designed for kids age 5-12, and the College’s Office of Admissions hosted iPause: Rewind and Fast-Forward, a program of activities for teens in grades 7-12. Many members of the Roberts community, including faculty and staff, took on numerous support tasks to help ensure the Conference’s success.



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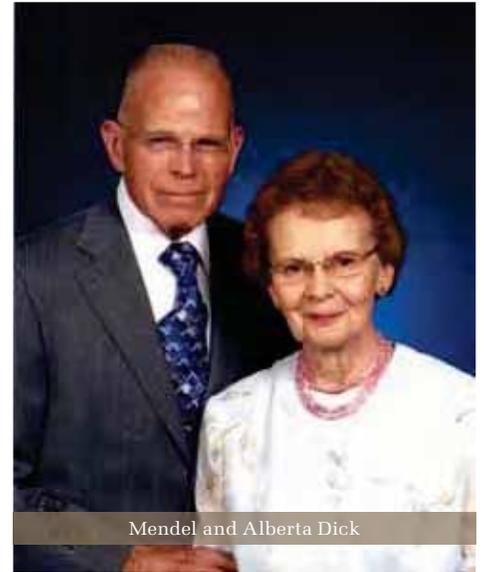
EVEN IN RETIREMENT, MENDAL DICK '57 CONTINUES TO LEAVE MARK ON ROBERTS

For Mendal Dick – graduate, electrician, de facto historian of Roberts Wesleyan College – the job he held for 54 years until his retirement in 2010 wasn't so much labor as a labor of love. And while he's no longer rewiring buildings, Dick remains a welcome bright light in and around the campus community.

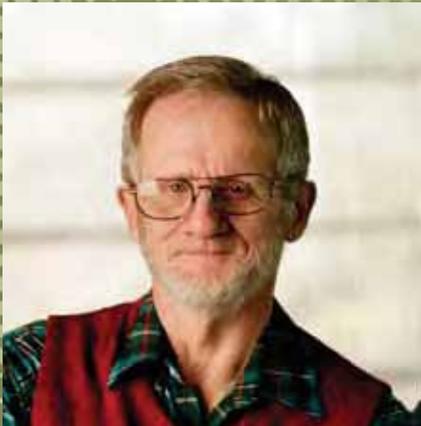
Ask the Roberts alums who have gathered at his place on Tuesday nights since school days for delicious desserts and good fellowship. Or the student-athletes on the College's cross country team (Dick is a former member and coach) who receive one of five \$1,000 scholarships he underwrites annually. Or the crew in Facilities who have Dick's wife, Alberta "Bertie," to thank for the extra pound or two they're packing.

"My wife makes about seven dozen cookies a week for the guys," Dick says. The long-standing practice stopped when Dick stopped showing up for work. But the crew appealed to Bertie, and the treats resumed. "So I still see the guys," he says. "I like the camaraderie."

But more important than cookies or camaraderie are "the kids," Dick says, in explaining the scholarships and Tuesday night get-togethers. "We want to help the kids and to support Christian education ... it's needed more today than ever."



Mendal and Alberta Dick



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STAFF RETIREES: THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!

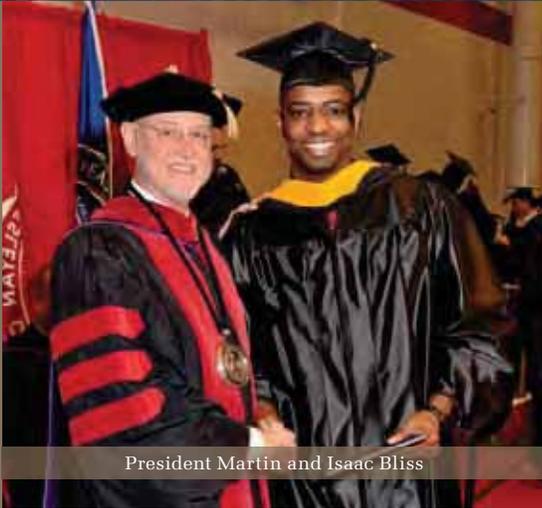
BOB ELWELL'67, a resident of Bergen, N.Y., recently retired after 20 years at Roberts. He had been on the staff of the Facilities Department, primarily as a campus grounds caretaker.

SHARON LUNDEN'93, a resident of Churchville, N.Y., has retired after 22 years. Most recently she served as an administrative/clerical assistant in the Division of Religion and Humanities.

RON "SKIP" SMITH, a resident of Byron, N.Y., has retired after 20 years. He was a member of the Facilities Department staff, assigned to both building and grounds teams.

ROBERTS COMMENCEMENTS

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President Martin and Isaac Bliss



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Keynote Speaker: Lori VanDusen

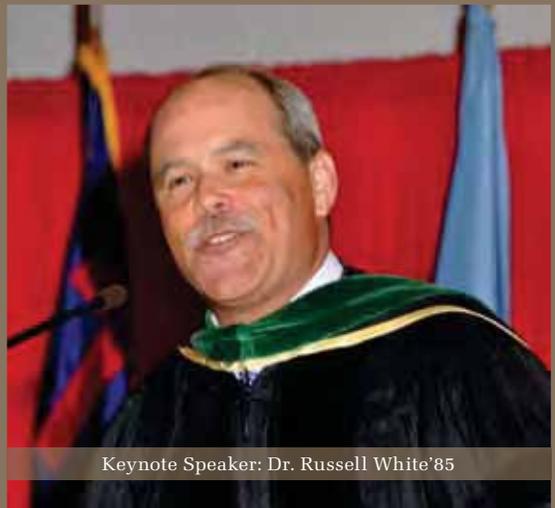
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Stephen Balcerak, Shawn Roberts, Josh Burke
Julianne Joseph Singh, Jim Scott, Jude Singh,
Shannon Putney, Richard Oberst,
Hannah Galusha, Gabrielle Harryman



Nursing Graduates - Michelle March and Rachel Felker



Keynote Speaker: Dr. Russell White '85

MUTATION AT BIRTH? AT RISK FOR CANCER? DR. CROTSEY CONSIDERS IMPACT OF BAD NEWS

Patients and relatives of patients often receive bad news from their doctor. Dr. Cheryl Crotser, associate professor in the Division of Nursing, has taken a close look at the impact of bad news and how people respond.

Dr. Crotser, who received her Ph.D. in May 2010, completed her dissertation on “Family Communication of BRCA1/2 Test Results,” and subsequently had her manuscript – “Women Receiving News of a Family BRCA1/2 Mutation: Messages of Fear and Empowerment” – published in the Winter 2010 edition of the *Journal of Nursing Scholarship* and the research journal of Sigma Theta Tau International. She also gave a presentation on the topic in February to the National Cancer Nursing Research Conference in Los Angeles, Calif.



Nicholas Carr

ROBERTS WESLEYAN COLLEGE AND NORTHEASTERN SEMINARY PRESENT 2012 BIENNIAL ACADEMIC CONFERENCE “THE FUTURE: OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES”

Keynote Speaker and Special Guest: Nicholas Carr
Author of the bestseller, *The Shallows: What the Internet is Doing to Our Brains*
Tuesday, March 13, 2012
On the campus of Roberts Wesleyan College
2301 Westside Drive, Rochester, New York

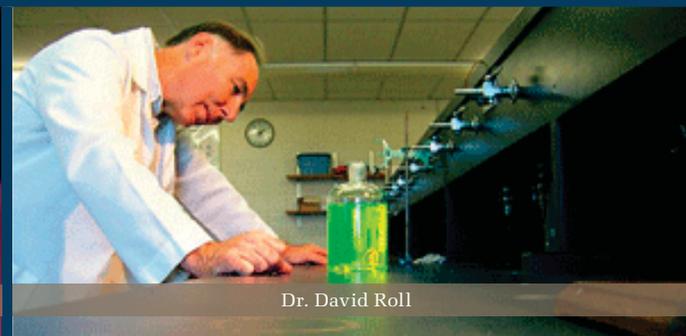
Conference activities will include:

- Opening presentation: keynote address by Nicholas Carr
- Morning sessions (concurrent) focused on “the future”
- Lunch and conversation
- Afternoon sessions (concurrent) focused on “the future”
- Closing presentation: Q&A with Nicholas Carr

Watch for More Information in November 2011 on the RWC Web Site.



How does bad medical news affect us?

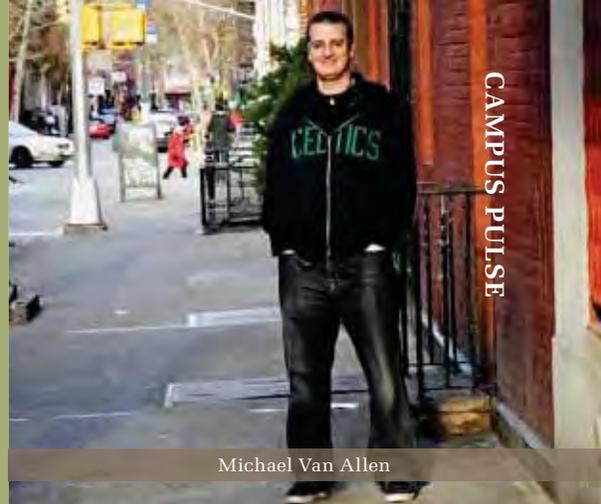


Dr. David Roll

ROBERTS QUALIFIES TO PARTICIPATE IN UNDERGRAD MICROBIAL GENOME RESEARCH

The U.S. Department of Energy Joint Genome Institute (JGI) has chosen Dr. David Roll, professor of biological chemistry and director of Forensic Science, to join its ongoing Undergraduate Research Program in Microbial Genome Annotation. This initiative – which brings together the JGI, undergraduate educators, and their students – is a response to the call to reform undergraduate life sciences education through greater research experience. It also produces such benefits as increasing the number of home-grown researchers and enhancing basic scientific literacy, the DOE said.

“We’re teaching a 300-level Bioinformatics course in spring 2012 where this genome annotation project will be a major component of the course,” Dr. Roll said.



Michael Van Allen

ROBERTS JAZZ PROFS MOONLIGHT AS BROTHERS OF FUNK

Roberts jazz professors Mike Van Allen (keyboards) and Russ Scarbrough (trombone) got their high-flying funk on when they sat in with Al Chez and The Brothers of Funk on May 7 in New York City at the Dominion NY Theater & Lounge. Chez is resident trumpet player with *The Late Show with David Letterman's Orchestra*. Van Allen called it “a great opportunity to play with some of the best musicians in the business.” The performance was recorded for a “live” CD.



Dr. J. Richard Middleton

DR. MIDDLETON ASSUMES PRESIDENCY OF THE CANADIAN EVANGELICAL THEOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

Dr. J. Richard Middleton, professor of Biblical Studies, began his term in May as president of the Canadian Evangelical Theological Association. He also was honored as the 2010 recipient of the College's Barbara S. Muller Memorial Award for Teaching Excellence.

A prolific writer and speaker, Dr. Middleton has delivered no fewer than a dozen talks and presentations over the past year – before audiences of biblical scholars, church congregations, seminary faculty, and others in this country and elsewhere, as well as Roberts students. He recently contributed essays for *Prophets, Prophecy, And Ancient Israelite Historiography* And the *Dictionary of Scripture And Ethics*, and is working on a book on eschatology and a commentary on 1 and 2 Samuel. At times during the year, Dr. Middleton can be found ministering to and writing about the church in Jamaica and the broader Caribbean region.

DR. BERRY RECEIVES FIRST SPIRITAN AWARD FOR TEACHING FROM DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY

Dr. Elvera Berry '63, professor of Communication and director of the College's Honors Program, was chosen as the first recipient of the Spiritan Award for Teaching, granted by the Department of Communication & Rhetorical Studies at Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, Pa.

The award, Duquesne said, was given to Dr. Berry because of her ongoing professional involvement (regionally and nationally) in higher education, and her influence on undergraduate students – who she introduces to the professional world of academe and who, in turn, become outstanding graduate students and professionals.

Most recently, Dr. Berry has delivered presentations on the philosophy of teaching and pedagogy, and the American literary theorist and philosopher Kenneth Burke. She contributed a chapter to the 2010 book: *Humanistic Critique: Teaching and Learning as Symbolic Action*. She and her husband, Music Professor Paul Berry, enjoy the distinction of having both taught at Roberts for more than 45 years.



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Dr. Elvera Berry '63



BASSETT



BRZOZA



CONNELL



GRIMM



GRUBBS

DR. RODNEY BASSETT, professor of Psychology, reviews potential manuscripts for both the *Journal of Psychology and Theology* and the *Journal of Psychology and Christianity*. A member of the Christian Association for Psychological Studies (Eastern Region) Board of Directors, he has delivered presentations on such probing topics as spirituality, social desirability and narcissism; remorse, seeking forgiveness, and “religious coping styles;” self-sacrifice in both the bedroom and the classroom; and understanding, embracing, and reflecting grace.

SANDRA BRZOZA, associate professor in the Division of Nursing and director of the division’s Modular RN to BS Program, spent last summer assisting professional nurses seeking licensure. The project was underwritten by a grant from the Susan B. Anthony Foundation. She also led a series of workshops on leadership at several upstate New York rural hospitals for the Rural Area Health Education Center.

DR. JEANNE CLIDAS, associate professor in the Division of Teacher Education, authored the article “A Laboratory of Words: Using Science Notebook Entries as Preassessment Creates Opportunities to Adapt Teaching.” It was published in the November 2010 edition of *Science and Children*, which covers topics and teaching techniques of interest to K–5 teachers.

DR. JACK CONNELL, who last fall was appointed the College’s senior vice president for Advancement and External Relations, wrote an engaging article – “Ministry Mulligans” – that was published in the Winter 2011 edition of *Leadership Journal*, CTI’s widely read publication produced specifically for church and ministry leaders.

Psychology professors **DR. RODNEY BASSETT** and **DR. JULIE GRIMM’80**, who also is chair of the Division of Social Sciences, co-authored an article to appear in the *Journal of Psychology and Christianity*. Titled “Feeling Bad: The Different Colors of Remorse,” the article was developed with the participation of several Roberts graduate and undergraduate psychology students. It also provided the basis for a presentation by Drs. Bassett and Grimm at the annual meeting of the Christian Association for Psychological Studies in Overland Park, Kan.

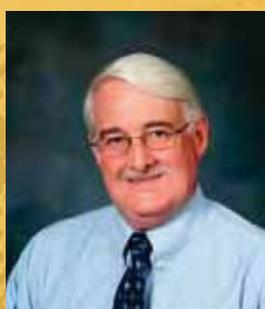
DR. JEFFREY GRUBBS, assistant professor of Art Education, was appointed chair of the Division of Visual Arts. In addition, Grubbs recently defended his dissertation titled: “Teacher Belief Research in Art Education: Analyzing a Church of Christ Christian College Art Educator’s Beliefs and Their Influence on Teaching.” He was awarded his Ph.D. in philosophy from Ohio State University, and participated in a first-of-its-kind research study analyzing Art and Design divisions for the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities.



HURLEY



MEYER



O'KANE



REDFIELD



ROOD

JANICE HURLEY'81, associate professor of Nursing, had an article – “Mentoring Values: Lighting the Way” – published in the November/December 2010 issue of *Imprint*, the official publication of the National Student Nurses Association.

ALICE MEYER, assistant professor of Music and a member of the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra (clarinet), has had several articles published in recent months as a music reviewer for *The Clarinet*, the journal of the International Clarinet Association. She has critiqued works by David Uber, Ludwig Spohr (arr. Pamela Weston), Alma Goatley, Charles Ives (arr. James Boatman), and Norman Warren. Meyer also was a featured faculty performer last year at the Csehy Summer Music School.

JOHN O'KANE, assistant professor of Teacher Education, co-authored the article “Looking Backward, Looking Forward: One School’s Story of Co-Teaching,” with Dr. Jeffrey Linn, principal of Canandaigua (N.Y.) Primary School. The article was published in the monograph *Duets and Dialogue: Voices on Inclusive Practices in Our Schools*, developed by the Higher Education Support Center for Quality Inclusive Schooling, Midwest Region.

DR. MARK REDFIELD, professor of Business Administration, had an article accepted for publication in *Nonprofit World*, the official magazine of the Society for Nonprofit Organizations – one of the nation’s oldest and largest nonprofit support associations. The title of Dr. Redfield’s article: “Twenty Ingredients for a Successful Collaboration.”

DR. CHERYL REPASS'85, director of Graduate Psychology Programs, guided the rigorous process that led the National Association of School Psychologists to award “Full National Recognition” to the College’s graduate program in school psychology. Dr. Repass also recently delivered a presentation to gifted high school students in the BOCES Project Adept program on the Myers-Briggs personality assessment tool, to help them identify their career interests.

DR. ROBERT ROOD, the College’s Director of Finance, was awarded his Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration in February from the University of Buffalo. His dissertation: “Traditional vs. Accelerated Degree Program Graduates: A Survey of Western New York Employer Hiring Practices.”

CAROLYN SALVATORE, assistant professor of Education in the Division of Teacher Education, was honored by the Advocacy Center of Monroe County with its Commitment to Community Inclusion Award in a June 2010 awards ceremony and reception at the Rochester Memorial Art Gallery. Salvatore was recognized for her long-time work with the BOCES 2 Transition Class.



SILMERE



SKIFF



STARR JR.



TODD

DR. HIE SILMERE, assistant professor of Social Work, co-authored an article – “Outcomes for Implementation Research: Conceptual Distinctions, Measurement Challenges and Research Agenda” – published in the March 2011 issue of *Administration and Policy in Mental Health*. Silmere also presented a paper titled “Relationship Between Select Community Characteristics and Youth Behaviors: Focus on an Eastern European Setting” at the 15th Annual Society for Social Work and Research Conference in Tampa in January.

DR. DAVID SKIFF '79, assistant professor of Social Work and director of the BSW Program in the Division of Social Work, last summer was appointed chair of the division.

DR. ERVIN STARR JR., associate professor of Management & Social Entrepreneurship in the Division of Business, was selected to give a presentation titled “Integrating Social Entrepreneurship into Traditional Business Courses” at the 2011 United States Association for Small Business and Entrepreneurship Conference earlier this year in Hilton Head, S.C.

WILLIAM TODD, associate professor of Marketing, was published in the December / January issue of the online ejournal *The Leading Edge*. His featured article was titled: “The Branded Leader: A Marketer Looks at Leadership Principles through Marketing Concepts.” Todd also recently presented a seminar to Ontario County non-profit organizations on the topic: “Creating a Strategic Marketing Plan for Your Non-Profit.”

ANNETTE WILLGENS, the Golisano Library’s coordinator of services for students with disabilities, last year organized and hosted a workshop for Rochester-area disability coordinators on the topic: “Practical Strategies for Adult Learners with ‘Invisible’ Disabilities.” The session included the latest findings on attention deficit disorder (ADD) and information on encouraging students to pursue success based on their strengths.



Kathrine Page

Kathrine Page NES'01 saddened us all when she announced she was moving to Corning with her husband and concluding her work as director of the College’s Davison and Roberts Hall art galleries. Page will remain active in the upstate New York arts community.

“This Christian academic milieu in which I have been privileged to work gives me pause to thank God for an amazing opportunity and for those individuals who helped me punctuate my gallery skills and who consistently exhibited kindness, spiritual support, and professional encouragement,” she said. “For them I will always be grateful.”



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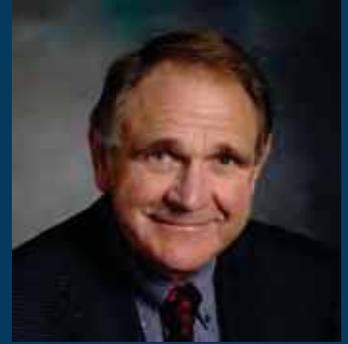
ALDER



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CASLER



FRENCK

DR. DONNA ALDER, associate professor of biology, was granted emerita status upon her retirement. A native of Louisiana whose interests include studying local ecosystems and painting in watercolors and pastels, she presented courses from entry level to the most specialized. Dr. Alder taught and served at Roberts from 1983 to 2010.

DR. JEFFREY ALTMAN'77, professor of psychology, was granted emeritus status upon his retirement. His credits include a Master of Divinity degree from Asbury Theological Seminary, and a Ph.D. in Psychological Development from the University of Rochester. Dr. Altman taught and served at Roberts from 1987 to 2010, in the Division of Adult Professional Studies, the Division of Teacher Education, and the Division of Social Sciences.

DR. MATILDA CASLER, professor of social work and chair of the Division of Social Work, earned her master's and doctorate degrees from the University of Pittsburgh. She joined Roberts from Eastern Nazarene College, where she was chair of the Department of Social Work. Dr. Casler administered, taught and served at Roberts from 2006 to 2010.

DR. JAMES FRENCK, associate professor of education and director of Undergraduate Teacher Education, oversaw one of the College's largest and most active academic programs. He administered, taught, and served at Roberts from 2003 to 2010.

FACULTY PROMOTIONS: CONGRATUALIONS!



BARTA



SHEWAN



STEWART

DR. DANIEL BARTA, of the Division of Music and Performing Arts, was promoted to the faculty rank of professor and granted tenure.

DR. PAUL SHEWAN'82, of the Division of Music and Performing Arts, was promoted to the faculty rank of professor.

DR. PAUL STEWART, of the Division of Religion and Humanities, was promoted to the faculty rank of professor.

FACULTY NEW HIRES

CHRISANN FENNESSEY'11 was hired by the Division of Nursing as a faculty member. She has a master's degree in nursing education from Roberts, and has served at Highland Hospital and Rochester General Hospital over the last several years.

JANICE GLOSE'89, previously an adjunct professor, has joined the Division of Nursing as a full-time faculty member.

LAURA RIBBING'98 was hired by the Division of Social Work to serve as field director in the Master of Social Work (MSW) program. Ribbing, a graduate of the College's MSW program, has served for the last decade as a medical social worker in the Rochester area.

JOHN SCHRENKER, most recently chief information officer with Lakeside Health System / Lakeside Memorial Hospital in Brockport, N.Y., joined the Department of Adult Professional Studies as an assistant professor and director of the College's new online M.S. in Health Information Administration program.

LORI SOUSA joined the Division of Social Work as a faculty member in the Bachelor of Science in Social Work (BSW) program. Sousa earned her Master of Social Work (MSW) degree from Syracuse University, and has served as a social worker at several agencies in the Rochester area.

FACULTY AUTHORS

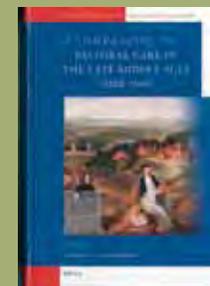
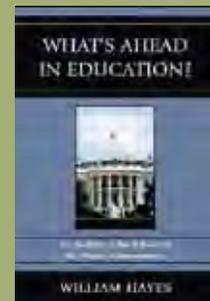
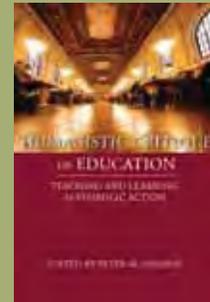
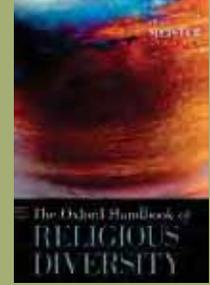
DR. DAVID BASINGER, professor of Philosophy, chair of the Division of Teacher Education and author of the entry on religious diversity in the online *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, has written a chapter in the *New Oxford Handbook of Religious Diversity* – “Religious Diversity in Public Education” – which examines teacher responses to the increasing religious diversity in public schools. He also is one of the philosophers/theologians profiled in a new book titled: *The God Biographers: Our Changing Image of God from Job to the Present* (Lexington Books, 2010).

DR. ELVERA BERRY’63, professor of Communication, is among the contributing authors of a newly released book: *Humanistic Critique of Education: Teaching and Learning as Symbolic Action*.

WILLIAM HAYES, associate professor of Education, authored his 14th book, *What’s Ahead in Education, An Analysis of the Policies of the Obama Administration*, which considers the President’s view of and legislative priorities in the field of education. A former chairperson of the College’s Teacher Education Division, Hayes gives the reader an understanding of the educational initiatives supported by the Obama administration by exploring the President’s personal educational experiences, writings and speeches, and by describing his actions in the field of education thus far in his presidency.

DR. HOWARD SANFORD, associate professor of Education, co-authored the book: *Differentiating the Language Arts Curriculum for Students with Special Needs, Grades K-5*. Published last year, it consists of more than 360 teaching ideas focusing on specific skill areas in English and language arts, along with a correlated set of 360 varied techniques, to provide the appropriate instructional differentiation for students with disabilities.

DR. RONALD J. STANSBURY, associate professor of History in the College’s Division of Religion and Humanities, served as editor of the book: *A Companion to Pastoral Care in the Late Middle Ages (1200-1500)* (Brill Academic Publishers). He also contributed an article to the book titled: *Preaching and Pastoral Care in the Late Middle Ages*.



THE PRESIDENT'S BANQUET

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Graduate of the Last Decade Award – William Goodrich



Musical Presentation: Roberts Student Elizabeth Honan



Alumni of the Year Award – Dr. Karen Bailey '95



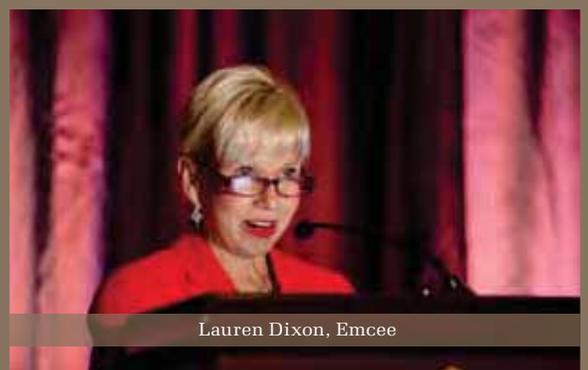
Ross and Dr. Merrin Thomson at Reception



Assistant Professor John Schrenker at DAPS Reception



Roberts Woodwind Quintet



Lauren Dixon, Emcee



President's Award of Excellence – Coralie and David Hoselton

SUFFER THE LITTLE CHILDREN: NES GROUP CONFRONTS THE PLIGHT OF CHINA'S ORPHANS

Many thousands of children are abandoned each year in China. Most end up in government-run orphanages, with some number adopted into families all over the world. A semester-long Northeastern Seminary course that examines the plight – and the challenge – of abandoned children culminated in a trip to China the last 10 days in May. The trip – offered in conjunction with a Roberts sociology course and coordinated with the Christian missions organization Visiting Orphans – began in Beijing with three days of sight-seeing at the Great Wall, Tiananmen Square, and other sites. The students then turned their attention to more serious – and sobering – pursuits, with a week's stay at an orphanage outside Beijing. The children were anywhere from two days to 16 years old.

“We learn why it is important for Americans to be concerned about children on the other side of the planet,” said Dr. Beth Gerhardt, professor of Theology and Social Ethics who teaches the course with Professor of Social Work, Melvin Meldrim. “We stayed and ministered for a week, then traveled back to Beijing and returned home. During that time we were touched by the beauty of China and its people.”

For more information on the On Location course in China, visit the Global Education On Location Courses feature on page 44.

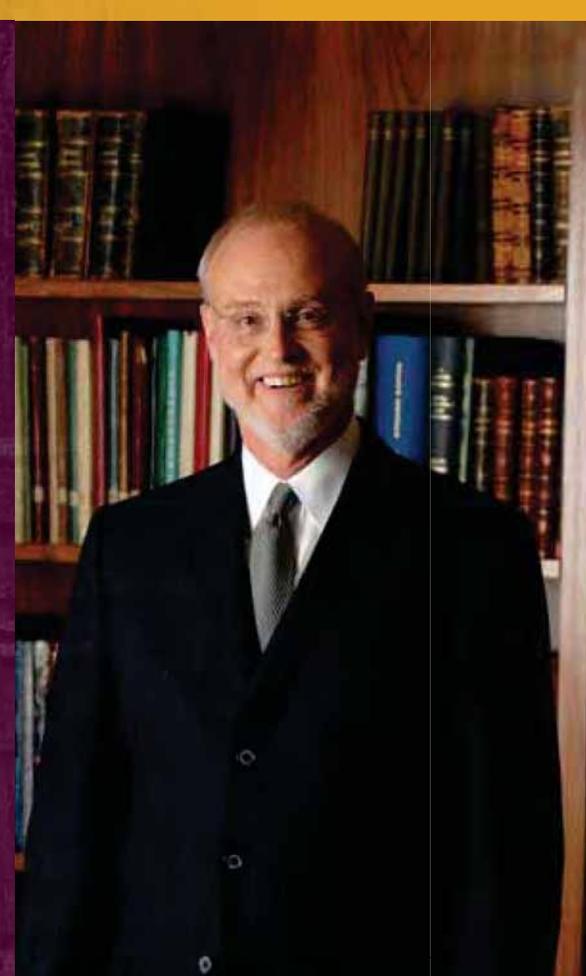


ASSOCIATION OF THEOLOGICAL SCHOOLS ELECTS PRESIDENT MARTIN TO COMMISSION ON ACCREDITING

The Association of Theological Schools, of which Northeastern Seminary is a member, has elected President John A. Martin to its Commission on Accrediting. President Martin's participation on the Commission comes at a crucial time, when the Association is undertaking a new initiative to consider changes to its Degree Program Standards, last reviewed in the mid-1990s.

“This decade's revisions to the Degree Program Standards,” ATS Executive Director Daniel O. Aleshire said, “will be successful to the extent that they reflect the proper degree of rigor and flexibility in response to the underlying question that previous generations of revisions to the standards have addressed: What is good theological education – at this moment in the church's life, for communities of faith in this culture, for North American theological education in the context of global Christianity?”

Others elected with President Martin were: William Cahoy, dean of St. John's University School of Theology-Seminary in Collegeville, Minn.; Alton Pollard, dean of Howard University Divinity School in Washington, D.C.; and Phillip Zylla, academic dean of McMaster Divinity College in Hamilton, Ont. President Martin's term runs to 2016.



President John A. Martin



Conference Attendees Clean Insights on Preaching



Dr. Scott Gibson – NES Effective Preaching Conference

EFFECTIVE PREACHING CONFERENCE AT NES FEATURES GORDON-CONWELL'S SCOTT GIBSON

Should ministers modify their preaching to account for a changing culture, and if so, how? What ought to be kept in mind when preaching to more mature believers? Is there a way to preach that lays a foundation for longer-term discipleship efforts?

Internationally recognized Bible scholar Dr. Scott Gibson, professor of preaching at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in Boston, tackled those questions and more as guest speaker at the conference, Effective Biblical Preaching, hosted by the Seminary in April. Dr. Gibson, the Haddon Robinson Professor of Preaching at Gordon-Conwell, serves as director of the seminary's Center for Preaching as well as for the A.J. Gordon Guild – a Ph.D. program associated with the London School of Theology. He presented some of the principles from his upcoming book: *Preaching and Discipleship: Rethinking our Perspective on Planning Sermons and Maturing Believers*, due out next year.

PROF. IN AFRICA; STUDENTS IN NORTH CHILI, BROOKLYN AND IRAQ: LEADERSHIP COURSE TAKES 'REMOTE LEARNING' TO GREAT LENGTHS

By their nature, online courses differ from traditional classroom courses. This past winter the Seminary offered a five-week online course – Leadership Development – taught by Dr. Wayne McCown, professor of Bible and Ministry. And it definitely differed from the traditional.

That's because Dr. McCown taught the course while in Burundi, Africa – and one student, Kevin Bell, was enrolled while serving as a chaplain in Iraq. Other students were physically located in and around Rochester, Albany and Brooklyn, N.Y. Dr. McCown taught the course during his annual trip to Hope Africa University in Burundi. He spent three to five hours a day on Hope Africa's Wi-Fi – preparing lessons, responding to students, and making sure the class ran smoothly.

When not on duty, Bell lives in Rochester. But for the duration of the course he was in Iraq. Not an ideal setting. But, preferring to see the glass half full, Bell described the experience as unique – both rewarding and challenging.



ADJUNCT PROFESSOR DR. KENNETH JAMES AUTHORED HIS FIRST BOOK

The First Yes: Rediscovering the Integrity of the Call to Preach, was published last year by Xulon Press. Rev. James, who received his Doctor of Ministry degree in 2006 and his Master of Divinity degree in 1984 from Hood Theological Seminary in Salisbury, N.C., has served as senior pastor of Memorial African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church in Rochester, N.Y., since 2005.



CATON



CULLUM



GRIMM



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LETTERMAN



LIVERMORE

SEMINARY FACULTY NEWS

DR. SCOTT CATON'86, who teaches history and culture at both Roberts and Northeastern Seminary, last year completed the lengthy process that culminated in his ordination as a deacon in the Catholic Church.

DR. DOUGLAS CULLUM, Seminary Dean, has added the role of academic vice president, effective last October. He assumed his new responsibilities upon the appointment of Jack Connell, who had served as academic vice president, as senior vice president for advancement and external relations for both the College and the Seminary. "Dr. Cullum," Roberts President John A. Martin said, "is a consummate teacher, administrator, pastor, and mentor, and is ideally suited for this important role."

DR. NELSON GRIMM'75, associate professor of Applied Theology with Northeastern Seminary, has delivered several presentations to church and ministry groups in recent months. They have included: "Managing Change Within the Local Church," "Christian Servanthood: Following the Example of Christ," and "Individual Differences and Personality in Ministry." Dr. Grimm also was guest speaker for the InterVarsity Christian Fellowship at Rochester Institute of Technology and at Rochester's New Life Fellowship.

DR. BARRY HAMILTON, professor of Historical and Contemporary Theology, was promoted to the faculty rank of professor.

DR. REBECCA LETTERMAN'86, associate professor of Spiritual Formation, is co-authoring a text book on Adrian van Kaam's Theory of Formative Spirituality. She is collaborating with Rev. Dr. Ruth Correll, assistant and chaplain with St. Francis Church and Day School, Potomac, Md.

DR. PAUL LIVERMORE, professor of Biblical and Systematic Theology, completed a theological compend presented at the Free Methodist General Conference in July. The conference, which marks the 150th anniversary of the Free Methodist Church, took place on the campus of Roberts Wesleyan College.



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**DR. LAWRENCE R. SCHOENHALS
PRESIDENT OF RWC, 1969-73**

After a full and productive life serving the Lord, Dr. Lawrence R. Schoenhals, president of Roberts Wesleyan College from 1969-73, passed away on August 8, 2010, at the Warm Beach Senior Community near Stanwood, Wash. He was 98.

Born March 24, 1912, in Brown City, Mich., Dr. Schoenhals earned a diploma from Fort Wayne Bible Institute and then entered Greenville College in Illinois as both student and band director. There he met his first love, pianist and teacher Mildred Mae Head. They wed on his graduation day, June 10, 1935. Not long after, in 1940, the couple moved to Seattle Pacific College (now University), where they invested 28 years in teaching, administration, and various church-related and community activities.

From the Pacific Northwest, Dr. Schoenhals came to Rochester to assume the presidency of Roberts Wesleyan. He was later inducted into the College's Hall of Fame for his leadership and contributions to Roberts and the wider community of the Free Methodist denomination.

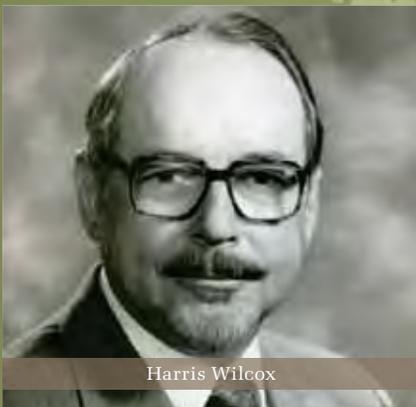
After RWC, in 1973, he landed at the Free Methodist Headquarters in Winona Lake, Ind., where he rounded out his career as general secretary of Higher Education and The Ministry through 1980. During this time he served as lead editor for the denominational hymnbook, *Hymns of Faith and Life*, and wrote a companion book with background information. In 1951 he edited the previous hymnbook of the Free Methodist Church, *Hymns of Living Faith*.

Following the death of Mildred in 1979, Dr. Schoenhals married Ruth, widow of Bishop Myron F. Boyd, former speaker of the Light and Life Hour broadcast. The two couples worked together for decades producing the program. In 2004, he moved back to Washington, where he spent his last seven years.

Memorial gifts may be made to any of three endowments: The Lawrence and Mildred Schoenhals Music Faculty Enrichment Endowment at Seattle Pacific University, 3307 Third Ave. West, Seattle, Wash. 98119; The Lawrence and Ruth Schoenhals Fine Arts Lectureship Endowment at Greenville College, 315 East College Ave., Greenville, Ill. 62246; or The Lawrence and Ruth Schoenhals Fine Arts Lectureship Endowment at Roberts Wesleyan College, 2301 Westside Drive, Rochester, N.Y. 14624-1997.



Dr. Lawrence R. Schoenhals



Harris Wilcox

**HARRIS WILCOX,
FORMER TRUSTEE OF ROBERTS**

Internationally renowned auctioneer Harris Wilcox, a former trustee of Roberts Wesleyan College, died July 17, 2010, at the age of 91. Memorial services were conducted in the Andrews B. Hale Auditorium of the College's Cultural Life Center. Wilcox, of Churchville, N.Y., had been a prominent area businessman and a Realtor. He was a generous benefactor of charitable, civic, and youth organizations.

OBITUARIES

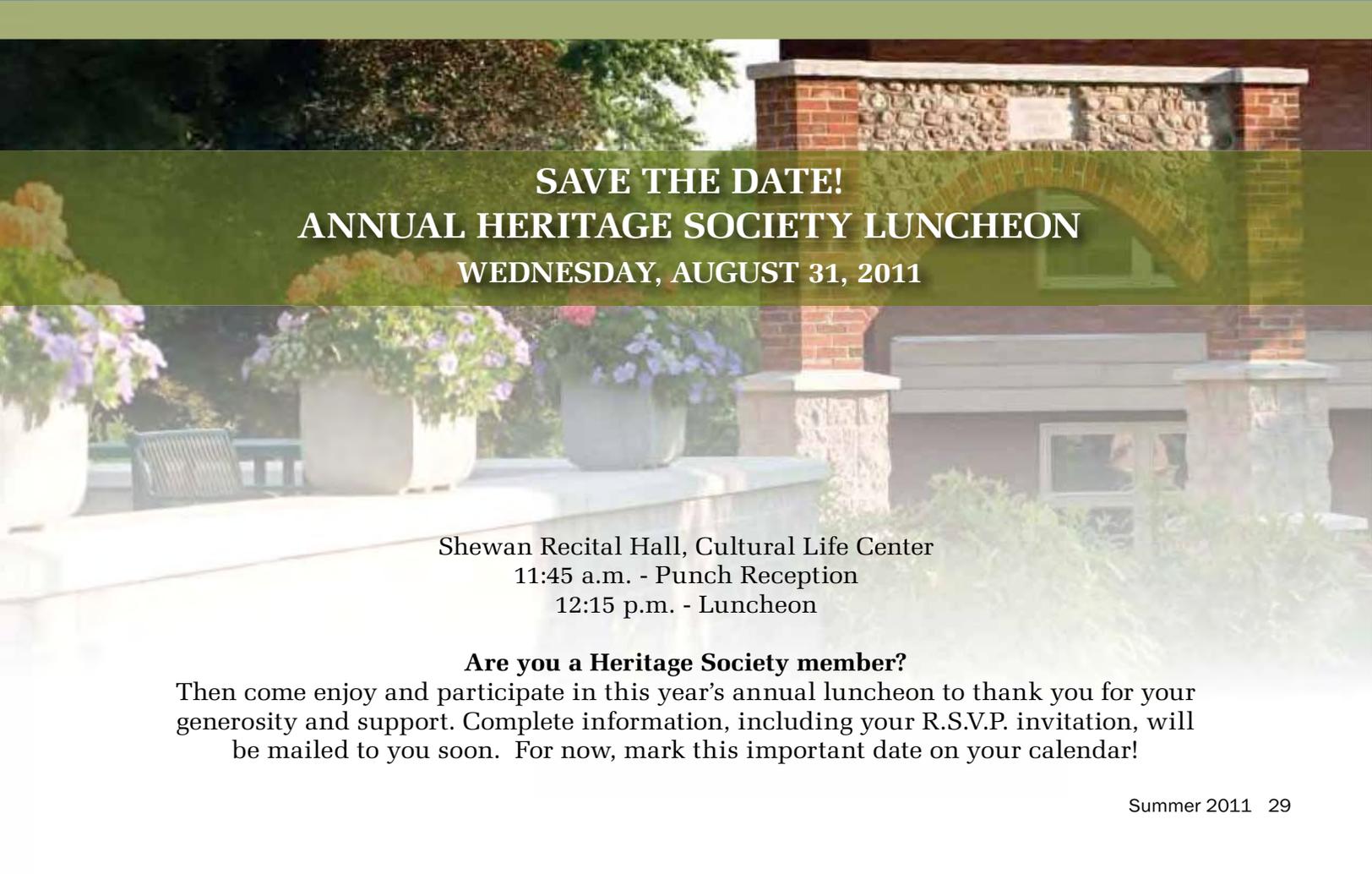
GLADYS BALCH ALEXANDER'45, 84, an employee of Roberts Wesleyan College for 17 years prior to her retirement in 1988, entered eternal rest on Sept. 18, 2010, at her home in Churchville. She was a member of Pearce Memorial Church for more than 55 years. She was preceded in death by her husband, David E. Alexander, who died Sept. 20, 2004.

DR. DAN BERRY, a longtime friend, donor and supporter of the College, passed away recently in Fairmont, W. Va. Married for 60 years to Bethany Smith, the daughter of former Roberts President Merlin G. Smith, Berry lost his sight in a hunting accident at age 16. Yet he continued to hunt, fish, hike, camp, water ski, build cabinets and cabins, sing in the church choir, and operate a ham radio throughout his life. Berry was a graduate of New York's Houghton College and Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine in Missouri. Three of the four Berry children graduated from Roberts.

CLARIS JEANETTE CALLEN'32, 99, passed away on Sept. 30, 2010, at Heritage Village in Gerry, N.Y. In 1957, she was appointed dean of women at Roberts Wesleyan College and was an instructor in the Education Department for three years. Callen was a member of the Gerry Free Methodist Church for more than 55 years. She was preceded in death by her husband, Rev. David Edgar Callen.

REV. DAVID E. DEGROAT, who with his wife Brenda (Brackett) taught at Roberts Wesleyan College during the late '60s and early '70s, passed away Feb. 27, 2011, at the age of 75. Over the years, DeGroat had pastored and ministered at several area churches, including Palmyra Assembly of God, Faith Temple, Zion Peoples Fellowship, Grace Bible Presbyterian Church in Sodus Center and, most recently, Rochester Calvary Assembly in Chili.

GILBERT GEIER McCURDY, a former trustee of Roberts Wesleyan College, passed away Feb. 16, 2010, at the age of 88. Gilbert was an active member of the First Baptist Church in Rochester. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Katherine Babcock McCurdy.



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RAIDER ROUNDUP

BY BRUCE HYLAND

NCAA APPROVES COLLEGE'S APPLICATION FOR INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS TO MOVE UP TO D-II

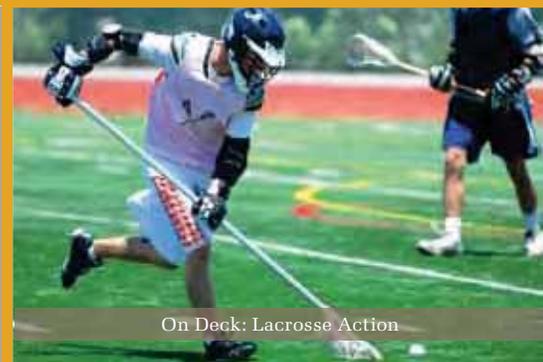
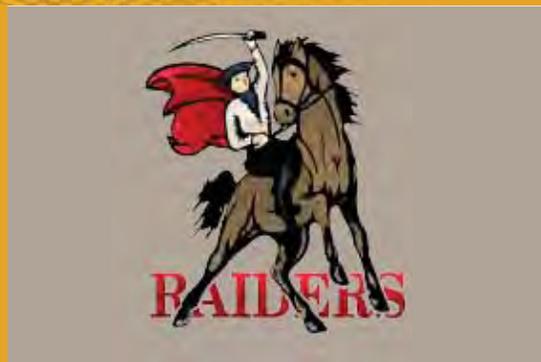
Roberts has received approval from the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) for Division II membership for its intercollegiate athletics. If all goes as planned, Roberts will become a full NCAA member in 2014-15. The College will remain in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) for the first two years of the transition as it completes the compliance process.

"We seek excellence in all areas of campus life, and this promotion will certainly move us forward in athletics," Roberts President John A. Martin said. "We also expect the benefits will extend to the greater Rochester region in terms of community recognition and a more competitive, entertaining level of sports."

25-YEAR-OLD VOLLER ATHLETIC CENTER GETS NEW FLOOR, HOOPS, SCOREBOARD

For much of last year, the main arena of the Voller Athletic Center (VAC) was off limits due to the complete replacement of its 28,000 square feet of flooring – two hardwood maple courts as well as a durable synthetic surface in all other areas. That project ended October 25, and now "the VAC" is better than ever. The arena houses collegiate-level hardwood basketball and volleyball courts. The remaining area has two basketball-sized courts and a 150-meter track. These facilities are in constant use by college teams, students and community members. In addition, many high school events and competitions are hosted by the College.

Apart from the two wood courts, the arena floor was a rubber-like, poured-in-place synthetic product widely used in arenas and gyms in the mid-1980s. After 22 years of games, work-outs and practices, it had reached the end of its useful life. Last May, workers started removing the existing flooring and the bleachers. The underlying concrete substrate was prepared to receive the new surfaces. Then new maple flooring was installed, followed by a new synthetic floor that surrounds the maple courts. Finally, the bleachers were installed and a couple other updates were added. The VAC got new basketball goals and a new scoreboard was installed.



IN OTHER ATHLETICS NEWS: NEW LACROSSE TEAMS, AND A POSSIBLE NEW ROBERTS MASCOT

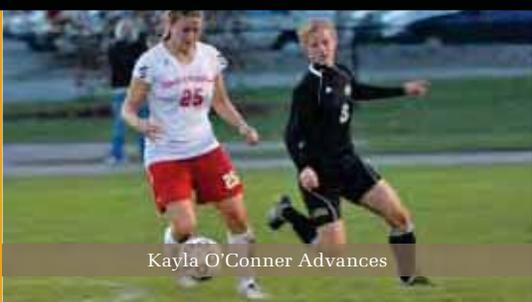
Roberts is adding men's and women's lacrosse as intercollegiate sports beginning with the 2011-12 academic year. "The Rochester area is a hotbed for high school lacrosse," Roberts Athletics Director Mike Faro'73 said. "We're excited to offer student athletes this opportunity to participate in a sport they love at a college like Roberts, where athletic competition is a valued part of the character development of our students."

The College's transition to NCAA Division II provides a terrific opportunity to enhance Roberts' image. For more than 60 years, the Raider mascot has served the College well. With intercollegiate athletics moving onto the larger D-II stage, it might be time to consider a mascot with broad appeal. So Roberts is asking for your comments and suggestions through the summer as a possible change is considered. E-mail your ideas and comments to: RWC_Athletics@roberts.edu.

MEN'S SOCCER

Jake Schindler'11, a senior from Irondequoit, N.Y., was selected as a Third Team All-American by the NAIA. He is the first men's player from Roberts Wesleyan so honored since Roger Groome was named a Second Team NAIA All-American in 2001.

This season, Schindler started 24 games, recording seven goals and two assists. He played just about every position on the field for the Raiders, but most of the time was a sturdy anchor on defense. Schindler also was made a first team All-AMC selection, named NCCAA East Region Co-Player of the Year, and selected to the All-Tournament Team at the NCCAA National Tournament. The Raiders finished their fall season 9-12-2 and advanced to the NCCAA National Tournament for the second time in three years.



Kayla O'Conner Advances



Great Play from Volleyball Squad



Ryan Sanford Makes Save

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

The road to a 21-14 record – the Raiders' best in recent years – took some interesting turns. The season started early with a much-anticipated trip to Puerto Rico. It ended in the renovated VAC gymnasium after the team played most of its home games at Gates-Chili High School as work on the VAC progressed.

In between, the Raiders hosted the NCCAA East Region Volleyball Tournament (at Gates-Chili), and swept the competition to win the University of Rochester Invitational Tournament. The team also conducted a free clinic for Gates-Chili high school and middle school students, as a “thank you” for the use of their facilities. The Puerto Rico trip, planned for nearly two years, saw team members lead volleyball workshops for local youth, play exhibition games against university-level teams, get involved in service and missions initiatives, and work in a little sightseeing and beach time. Coaches Jon and Kirsten Meyers said it was a trip the team won't soon forget.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Junior forward Erika Luedke from Greece, N.Y., was named the American Mideast Conference Player of the Year after leading the Raiders to the soccer program's first-ever regular season title. Her award was one of several earned for one of the team's most successful seasons ever.

Head Coach Dan Berg, who guided the Raiders to an undefeated conference record of 8-0-2 and a 15-6-3 record overall (with 12 shutouts), was named the conference Coach of the Year. Freshman scoring sensation Mandi Hochheimer from Greece, N.Y., was named AMC Freshman of the Year.

Luedke, Hochheimer and sophomore defender Ashley Drenth from Washingtonville, N.Y., were named to the all-conference first team. Three other Raiders – senior midfielder Alyssa Farina from Rush, N.Y., senior goalkeeper Amanda Prestigiacomo from Greece, and junior midfielder Kelsey Medeiros from New Bedford, Mass. – were selected for the all-conference second team.

Luedke led the conference in total points with 21, recording eight goals – six of them game winners – and five assists. For the entire season she finished with 14 goals and 14 assists. Hochheimer led the AMC in scoring, finishing with 16 goals and 9 assists for 41 points.

CROSS COUNTRY

THANK YOU, COACH KURTZ'97

For 20 years Paul Kurtz has helped lead the Roberts cross-country and track & field programs. In only his third season as the men's cross-country coach, Coach Kurtz's underdog squad won the NCCAA Championship – beating out Malone's stellar team on RWC's home course. A number of his athletes have received NAIA and NCCAA All-American honors and, under his direction, the women's cross-country team has qualified for NAIA Nationals on several occasions.

Now personal circumstances have prompted Coach Kurtz to step away. His professional skills, as well as the positive influence he has had on hundreds of Roberts students over the years, will be missed.

In November the men's and women's cross country teams – led by new coaches Andrew'07 and Jennifer'06 Dorr, respectively – participated in the NCCAA National Championships in Cedarville, Ohio. It was a successful day both on and off the course. Junior Kendra Zaffuto from Rochester, N.Y., placed 18th in the women's race and earned All-American honors. She also competed in the NAIA National championships in Vancouver, Wash. – the second consecutive season Zaffuto has qualified for the national championship meet.

On the men's side, senior Matthew Hussey from Marion, N.Y., and junior Bryan Picciotto from Liverpool, N.Y., were honored as All-Americans, placing 9th and 19th respectively. Hussey, the team's captain with a 4.0 GPA, also was awarded the NCCAA Wheeler Award for Christian service.

During her collegiate career at Roberts, women's coach Jennifer (Scribani) Dorr '06 received NAIA All-American honors and earned multiple NCCAA All-American awards in cross country and track & field. Like Jennifer, men's coach Andrew Dorr '07 is a former assistant cross country and assistant track & field coach at Roberts.



Coach Paul Kurtz



Kendra Zaffuto Sets Pace



Levesque, Metzger, and Mancino



Wetherwax and Medeiros

INDOOR TRACK

Two Raider women were record breakers and several other Roberts Wesleyan track athletes posted personal bests at January's GREAT Collegiate Invitational in Geneva, Ohio, which saw men's and women's teams from 32 colleges in five states compete. In the women's Distance Medley Relay, the Raiders ran a 12:40.38 – breaking the old record of 12:44.26 set in 2007 while placing 6th. The team consisted of junior Kendra Zaffuto from Rochester, N.Y., junior Kelsey Medeiros from New Bedford, Mass., senior Mary Stewart from Churchville, N.Y., and freshman Sarah Krolick from Arcade, N.Y. Their time qualified them for the NAIA National meet.

Later, Zaffuto broke a 15-year record, running the 600m race in 1:38.71 and placing fourth behind 3 NCAA Division I athletes. She also qualified for the NAIA meet. She now holds three individual records (600, 800, 1,000) and two relay records (4x800, DMR). Other good performances came from junior Aaron Steensma from Marion, N.Y., who set a personal best mark in the pole vault of 4.40m (14' 5") and placed 11th overall. He is now the #2 all-time pole vaulter for Roberts Wesleyan. Also in the pole vault, senior Natalie Wetherwax'11 from Wyoming, N.Y., tied her personal best 3.35m (10' 11¾"), placing sixth. She also set a personal best in the 60m high hurdles of 9.61. Andrew Saff had a personal best in the 400m, clocking a 51.78, as did Matt Hussey'11 in the mile at 4:30.70, and Brian Picciotto in the 3000m (9:02.96).

MEN'S BASKETBALL

The men's basketball team overcame early-season injuries to finish the season with a dramatic winning streak that included a remarkable 72-63 win over NAIA #1-ranked Walsh University – 26-0 at the time. The Raiders finished with an overall record of 19-12 and a conference record of 12-6 – good enough for third place.

The showing qualified the team for the AMC conference tournament, as well as an invitation to the national NCCAA Tournament in March in Oakland City, Ind. The Raiders finally were bested in the semi-finals by the #1 seed, Dallas Baptist University, 107-104, in a triple-overtime thriller.

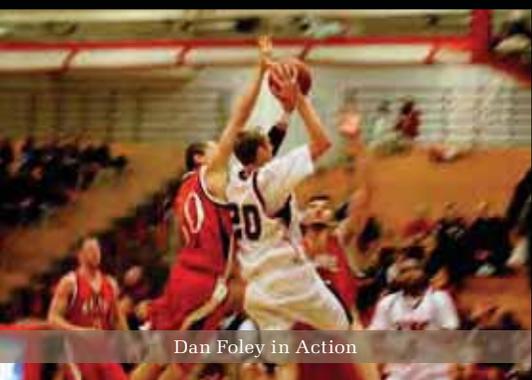
The season's strong showing earned Rob McCoy AMC Coach of the Year honors. Also, 6-8 junior center Alif Bland of Albany, N.Y., was named to the AMC First Team. Dan Foley, a 6-3 senior guard, and 6-10 sophomore forward Jordan Heath, both of Irondequoit, were named to the AMC Second Team.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The Lady Raiders this winter put together a winning season, qualifying for the AMC conference tournament – and for the national NCCAA Tournament, where they fell in the championship game to the defending national champions, Bethel College, by a score of 80-69. It was the Lady Raiders' third trip to the championship game in seven years, losing to Bethel College each time.

For many, the highlight of the conference season was a thrilling, double-overtime upset of powerhouse Daemen College – played at Lumsden Gymnasium on the Daemen campus. The final score was 83-80 in a game that saw the score tied 10 times with 14 lead changes. It was only Daemen's 10th home loss in eight seasons dating back to 2002-03.

Coach Bob Segave, who guided Roberts Wesleyan to an 11-5 conference record, 19-11 overall record, and a berth in the AMC Tournament semifinals, was voted Coach of the Year. Brittany McMillan, a senior forward from Lyons, N.Y., earned AMC First Team honors, and senior guard Tiffany Wilson was named AMC Newcomer of the Year.



Dan Foley in Action



Two More for Sarah Child!



German Michaylyszyn

TENNIS

The powerful men's and women's teams lost only one match between them during their spring 2010 seasons. The women went undefeated at 7-0, while the men were nearly perfect at 6-1.

The men placed second at the prestigious Flower City Tennis Tournament, defeating St Lawrence University and host University of Rochester before losing to #1 seed SUNY Oneonta. This spring, they faced off against Division I Cornell University and St. Bonaventure in pursuit of a post-season berth.

This past fall, the women defeated local colleges Rochester Institute of Technology, St. John Fisher, and Brockport. This spring they competed against St. Bonaventure and Division II LeMoyne, along with the usual American Mideast Conference foes.

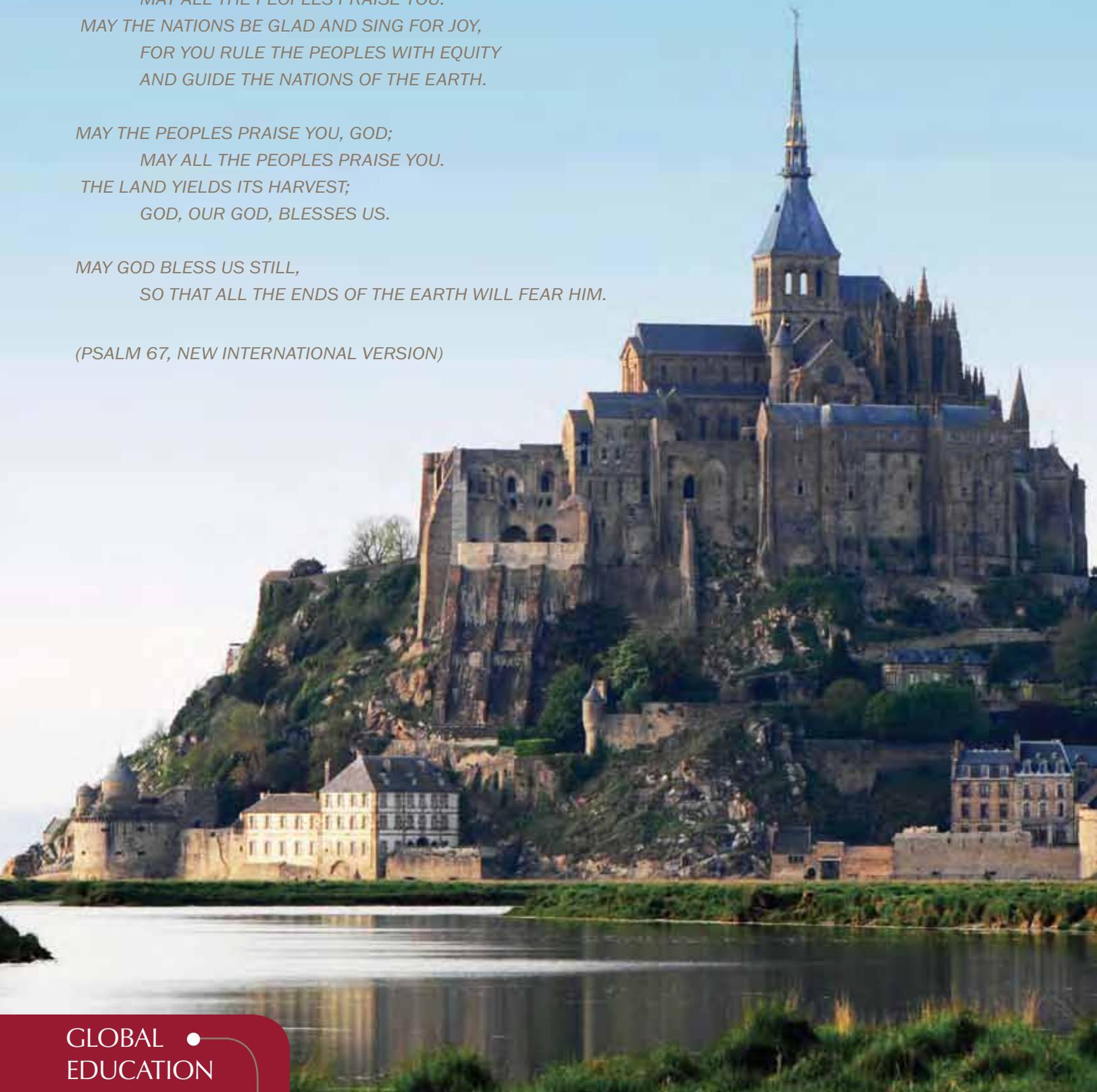
MAY GOD BE GRACIOUS TO US AND BLESS US
AND MAKE HIS FACE SHINE ON US –
SO THAT YOUR WAYS MAY BE KNOWN ON EARTH,
YOUR SALVATION AMONG ALL NATIONS.

MAY THE PEOPLES PRAISE YOU, GOD;
MAY ALL THE PEOPLES PRAISE YOU.
MAY THE NATIONS BE GLAD AND SING FOR JOY,
FOR YOU RULE THE PEOPLES WITH EQUITY
AND GUIDE THE NATIONS OF THE EARTH.

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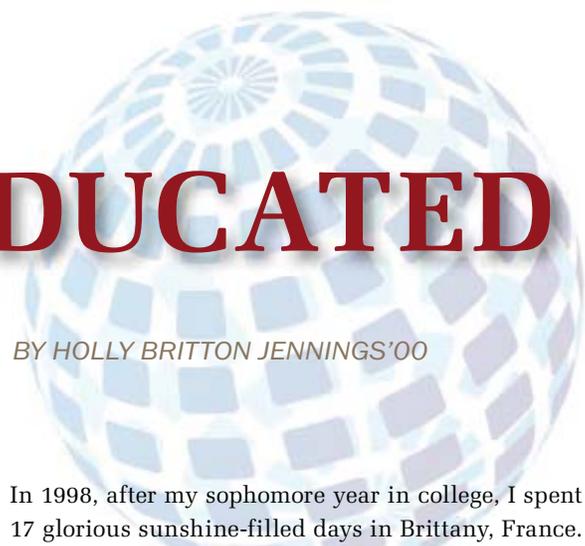
MAY GOD BLESS US STILL,
SO THAT ALL THE ENDS OF THE EARTH WILL FEAR HIM.

(PSALM 67, NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION)





GLOBALLY EDUCATED



BY HOLLY BRITTON JENNINGS'00

In 1998, after my sophomore year in college, I spent 17 glorious sunshine-filled days in Brittany, France. Before 9/11, traveling was easy; I simply boarded a plane and, many hours later, excitedly landed in the Charles de Gaulle airport, where I eagerly set out to speak my first full sentence in French while actually in France: “Vous tamponner mon passport?” or “Will you stamp my passport?”

Not only would the French immigration official not stamp my passport, but he was pretty rude about it. Thankfully, that was my worst experience while traveling abroad, save an unfortunate incident at a Celtic festival. (I argue that one hasn't really lived until one has been trampled by a drunken mob at a bagpipe concert.)

I went to Brittany with French professor Dr. Linda Piazza, who put together the entire trip. Our expedition was not a vacation, nor was it leisurely; it was an “on location course,” where students were expected to drink in French culture, participate in French conversation, and stay a few nights with a French family in the small city of Vitre. While in France, I earned 6 French credits. (This highly appealed to me. Why learn French in a classroom when I could learn it in a country where French is the native tongue?) We toured castles, ate an abundance of cheese and fruit, journeyed across shifting sands en route to Mont St. Michele, and ended our journey in beautiful Paris. There, we visited the Louvre,

ABBÉY SAINT MICHAEL'S MOUNT
NORMANDY, FRANCE

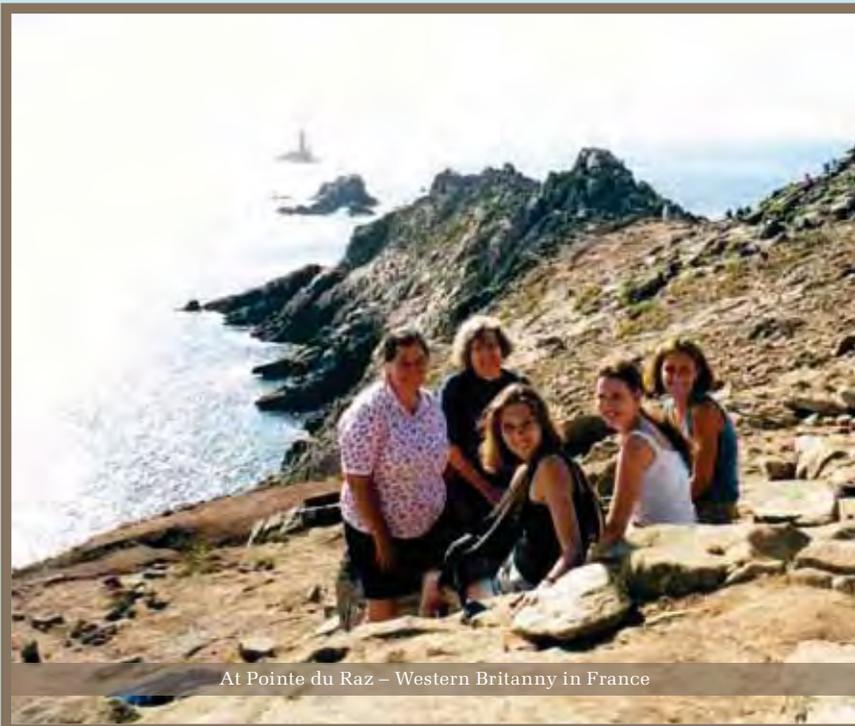
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“The world is a book and those who do not travel read only one page.”

– SAINT AUGUSTINE

QUOTE PROVIDED BY DAVID RINKER



At Pointe du Raz – Western Brittany in France

climbed the Eiffel Tower, ate lunch in the bustling market behind the Sacre Couer, and had dinner at a restaurant that, I remember, only served soufflés.

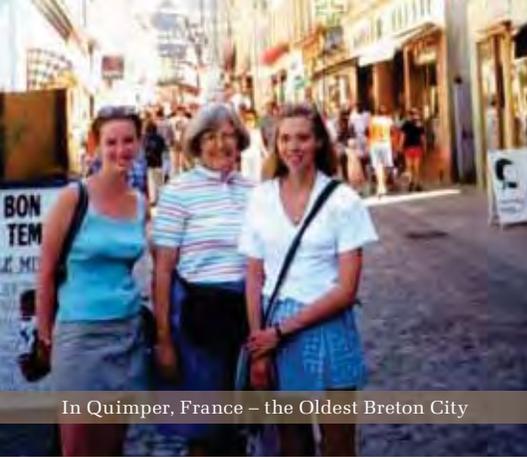
I consider those to be 17 of the best days of my life. (Aside from the days I gave birth to my children, of course.) Thirteen years later, Dr. Piazza has retired, boarding a plane has become a bit more complicated, and I have little opportunity to travel. Roberts

Wesleyan College’s Global Education programs, however, remain vibrant and more varied than ever.

The Global Education initiative at Roberts consists of three major programs: the off campus study program, the international student program, and Roberts’ continued relationship with its sister college: Osaka Christian College in Osaka, Japan.

Each year, many students take advantage of the amazing global education programs Roberts has to offer. Some participate in short-term missions trips that take them to places like South America, Haiti, and Ireland. Others earn a few credits by taking an “on location course” in China, Italy, or London. Roberts also gives students the opportunity to take a semester to live and study abroad in colleges in Spain, Indonesia, Australia, Jamaica, or England. By working with our Global Education Coordinator, there is almost no place a Roberts student can’t go to learn and gain invaluable life experience.

Roberts’ student population includes a number of international students, who hail from countries all over the world. The College is dedicated not only to making sure students have the opportunity to travel abroad, but to bringing international students to live and study on the Roberts Wesleyan campus.



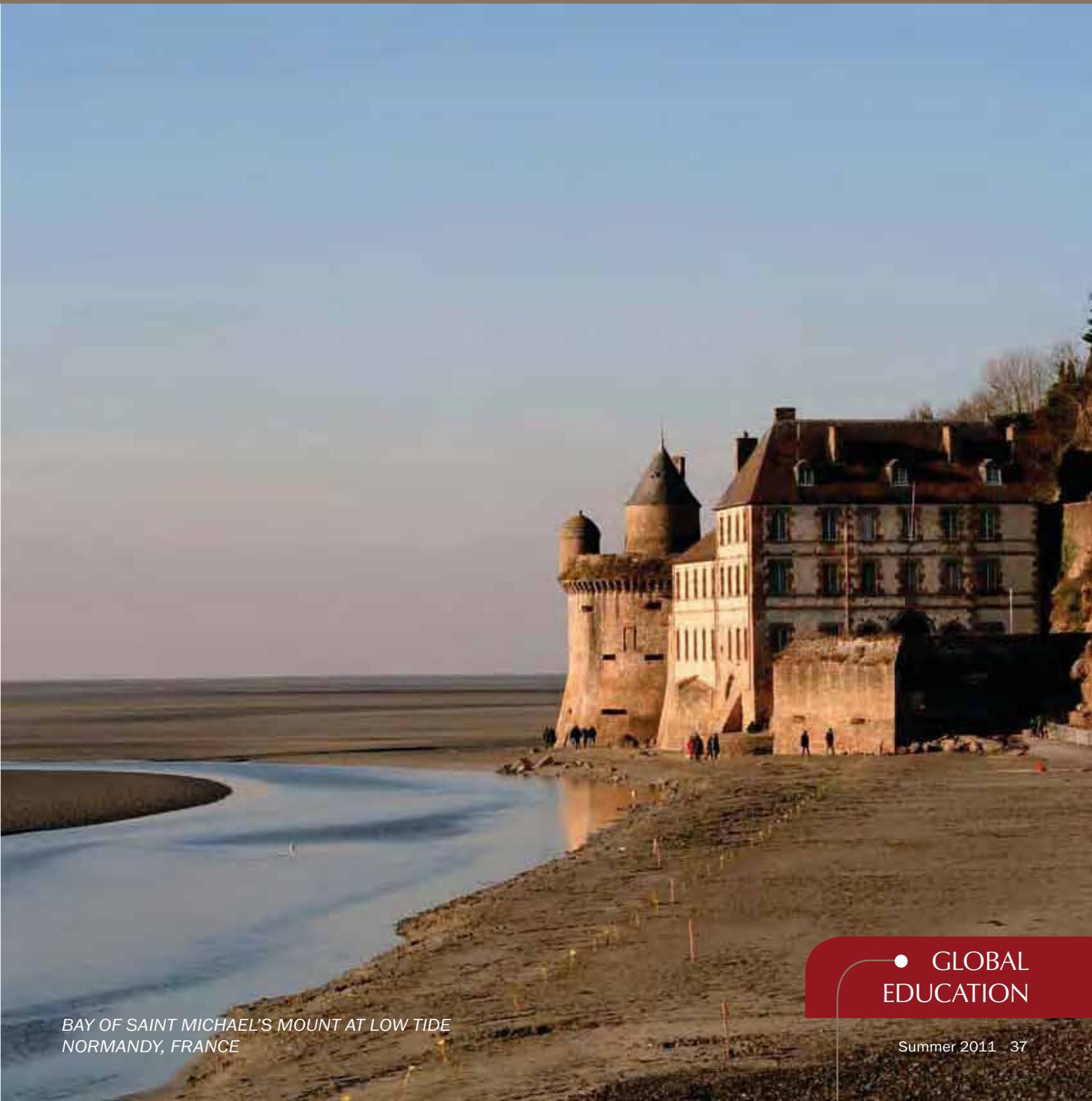
In Quimper, France – the Oldest Breton City



In Front of the Monolith in Concarneau, France



Walking to Mont Saint-Michele
Dr. Linda Piazza & Holly Jennings



BAY OF SAINT MICHAEL'S MOUNT AT LOW TIDE
NORMANDY, FRANCE

GLOBAL EDUCATION ...

Why does Roberts value global education initiatives?

BY GALE LYNCH, Global Education Coordinator

When I meet with students in my 10-by-12-foot cubicle in Rinker, I like to welcome them to my office by saying, "Welcome to my dorm room!" The fabric walls are barely visible for the study abroad posters, world map, gifts from our international students, and my cross-cultural Jesus pictures collection. My office walls introduce students to and remind me of the fact that God created us all, in all our beautiful colors and shapes, speaking different languages and singing to different beats, seeing issues from different angles and political persuasions. Studying abroad to experience this firsthand transforms students' worlds and those angles of sight. Building relationships with international students enlarges

students' understanding of those shapes and colors, of the languages and perspectives. Living and learning on a campus open to this kaleidoscope of our world ideally causes our students to think and care more intentionally.

At Roberts, our vision for global education is tied directly to our larger mission of preparing "thoughtful, spiritually mature, service-oriented people who will help transform society." We do this by encouraging students to study in a cross-cultural context (often but not always overseas); we welcome and serve international students as they integrate into our campus community; we offer students the opportunity to serve in a mission capacity through mission trips; we

work to expose our community of learners to the values that hold up the posters and pictures on my office walls.

We currently host 34 international students from 17 different countries, and we consistently have more than ten students studying abroad each year in countries such as Costa Rica, France, Spain, Egypt, Uganda, Lithuania and Australia, among others. In addition, our students get a taste of God's tapestry through faculty-led On Location Courses and missions trips coordinated by the Chaplain's Office. Global education captures the transformative power of a liberal arts Christian education in overlapping hues of scholarship, spiritual formation and service learning.



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MAY 2011 – ROBERTS GROUP IN FRONT OF THE TORII GATE AT
ITSUKUSHIMA SHRINE ON MIYAJIMA ISLAND NEAR HIROSHIMA
(FROM THE LEFT – ALLY YANSICK, ASHLEY CRUSET, COLLEEN WIMER,
MONICA FINGER, GALE LYNCH, MELANIE KOHR, GLORIA WIMER)

An overview

In this special section, we want to bring you a taste of what Global Education at Roberts Wesleyan College is all about. Experience the true heart of Global Education in the people who live, study, and serve all across the world. *BY HOLLY BRITTON JENNINGS'00*

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“All economic, political, and cultural issues facing us today have global connections and, consequently, implications. Our students need to be ready to work, serve, and lead in a global environment. Having international students on our campus, as well as providing international opportunities for our students, provides a more relevant education to our students and increases the reputation of the College.”

NELSON HILL'77 , VICE PRESIDENT AND ACADEMIC DEAN

BY HOLLY BRITTON JENNINGS'00

International recruiting plays an important role at the College. Roberts is fortunate to house and educate students from the far reaches of Asia to the islands of the Caribbean. The students come to study English and learn about American culture. In return, Roberts' North American students are exposed to different global perspectives. When asked how international recruiting programs benefit the College, Nelson Hill replied that the “North American experience” is not the only experience on the planet. Perspectives and experiences from around the globe provide an opportunity for all students to discover similarities and differences in the human experience.”

At the moment, there are forty-three international graduate and undergraduate students at Roberts. The Roberts English Language Institute, beginning in September, will offer a certificate program with six levels of study (basic through advanced English) taught in 15 week semesters to prepare students for matriculation into any of Roberts' undergraduate programs. The certificate program is offered year-round and provides international students with pragmatic learning opportunities in the classroom as well as full-language immersion through integration programs with English-speaking students. As long as the enrollment requirement is fulfilled,

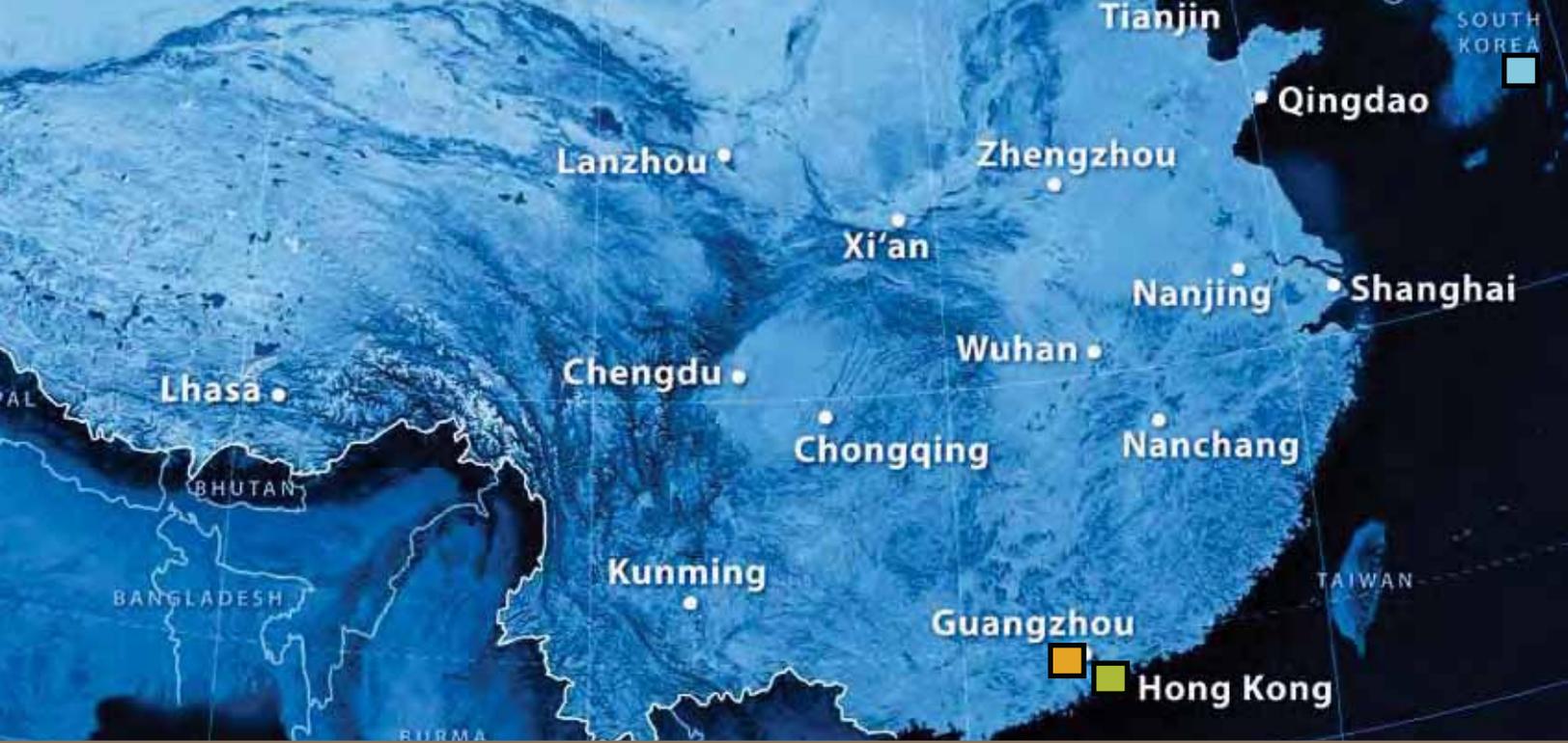
Roberts is excited to offer this program to its international students in the fall.

The English Language Institute fulfills a crucial component for international students at Roberts Wesleyan College: ensuring students become fluent in English.

When asked what excites students the most about coming to study in America, Kirk Kettinger, the former Director of Admissions, said: “Our educational system is recognized around the world for its excellence. The kind of student who wants to leave home and study in a place like the United States tends to be highly

INTERNATIONAL Student Recruiting and English Language Institute

INTERNATIONAL
STUDENTS



■ SHENZHEN, CHINA



■ BUSAN, SOUTH KOREA



■ HONG KONG

motivated. They are looking for a challenge and the chance to broaden their experiences. Also, a big driving factor is the chance to be immersed in English studies and American culture. Parents understand the value of that kind of educational experience. The ability to speak English fluently is a skill that opens doors, especially in business.”

Kettinger, now Director of Alumni Relations, traveled the globe recruiting students and making important connections with secondary schools. His travels brought him to Ontario, Canada; Hong Kong; Shenzhen, China; and Busan, South Korea. Kettinger firmly believes that international student programs benefit both international students and the colleges they attend, and help build bridges between different

cultures. How? For Roberts students, the opportunity to interact and live with international students “helps our U.S. students understand that the world is a big place full of many ideas and cultures,” Kettinger said. “The world is shrinking, and the ability to connect and empathize with others around the globe is an important skill.

“Second, the students I met in Asia were academically prepared and serious about their studies. This isn’t to say that our U.S. students are not, but they will help reinforce the importance of higher education and that it is a real privilege.

“Third, as a Christian college this is a great opportunity to help others learn about Christ. Many of the people I met in Hong Kong and Korea were Christian. However, a large

percentage of the students who will consider studying at Roberts will not be Christian. The opportunity to interact with these students on a spiritual level will be eye-opening for our current students. I’m sure that the Christian international students will have much to teach us about Christianity around the globe. The pre-Christian students will help us learn about how to communicate our faith with people from other cultures. Hopefully they will return to their homes ready to impact their communities in positive ways.”

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

GET TO KNOW ROBERTS' INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS!

THE NEW INTERNATIONAL FLAGS IN THE GOLISANO LIBRARY WERE GIVEN AS A CLASS GIFT BY THE UNDERGRADUATE CLASS OF 2010

BY HOLLY BRITTON JENNINGS'00

Two students, with two very different backgrounds, agreed to share their experiences as college students in a foreign land. Arden Darko-Boateng, lover of hot sauce from Ghana, gave up scholarships at other schools in order to come to Roberts.

Maria Fernanda Jimenez Acuna hails from Colombia via Niagara Academy in Canada. A force to be reckoned with on the tennis court, Maria is also eager to someday begin a career in international business. We asked both what it's like being a student so far away from home:

WHY STUDY IN AMERICA?

ARDEN: Although I never intended to study anywhere else apart from the University of Ghana after my secondary school education, God worked through people like my grandfather and parents to bring me to RWC. After failing to successfully apply to the more famous American schools my family wanted me to apply to, we hired some educational consultants to assist me in the application process. In the end, out of the 13 schools I applied to, I received admission into eight of them, with RWC being one.

MARIA: My principal objective in coming to the USA was to play tennis while studying for my future career.

HOW DID YOU DECIDE TO COME TO ROBERTS?

ARDEN: From the very moment I saw the list of 13 schools, I was convinced in my spirit that Roberts was God's plan for me. So although other schools gave me better financial aid (up to full scholarship), I kept the news from my parents in order to attend Roberts.

MARIA: I decided to come to Roberts because the school I was attending in Canada knew and recommended this college.

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF AMERICAN PEOPLE?

ARDEN: Although I'm now in my third year in the U.S., I've come to conclude that Americans are just like any other people anywhere on the planet – there are some good Americans just as there are some not-so-good Americans. However, for the most part, I think I've met and interacted with some charitable Americans during my stay. To all such people who've invited me to their homes or encouraged me in God and in my studies, I say thank you very much!

MARIA: I think that Americans can be cold in the way they treat other people. I mean, they are not really open (not all of them). However, I have felt very welcome at Roberts. But it is very different from how I interact with people in my country.

ARE YOU HOMESICK AT ALL?

ARDEN: There are many times when I feel homesick. I've left my parents, brothers, family, friends, brothers, and sisters from my Christian family, my compatriots, food, sights, and sounds of Ghana. I wish I were home doing more to advance the developmental agenda of my country. But, all these notwithstanding, I know there've been doors opened for me because I'm away from home. So I try not to complain; whenever I'm able, I visit home (at least once every year.)

MARIA: I am homesick sometimes. I miss my family, food, and so forth. It varies depending on different things, like when I am not doing well at school or athletically, because that is my purpose here. Those are the moments when I feel really homesick, but it can also happen at unexpected times.

WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO LEARN WHILE STUDYING AT ROBERTS?

ARDEN: All I can learn! Already, I have learned a lot. It would take pages of writing to do justice to how much I've learned during my brief stay at Roberts. But to touch on some specifics, I'll say that I'm still learning how do interact with people and also how to effectively communicate. I also hope to gain some more insights into how to survive in a strange and foreign land, and how to keep up one's fervor serving God in a cultural setting that is different from one's own . . .

MARIA: I hope to learn more about the culture here, to become more open-minded, make friendships, play tennis, learn a lot of things about my major (international business), improve my English, grow spiritually, and learn from other people.

DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE CLASS OR PROFESSOR?

ARDEN: Undoubtedly, I'll say all my professors bring their own diverse and distinct gifts to bear. Not a single one has failed to leave a good impression on me; I am eternally grateful to all of them.

MARIA: I really love math, so I would say that at this moment algebra is my favorite class. But also marketing because I am learning things that I am most interested in.

FAVORITE FOOD SERVED AT GARLOCK?

ARDEN: Give me anything at Garlock, but make sure there's hot sauce!

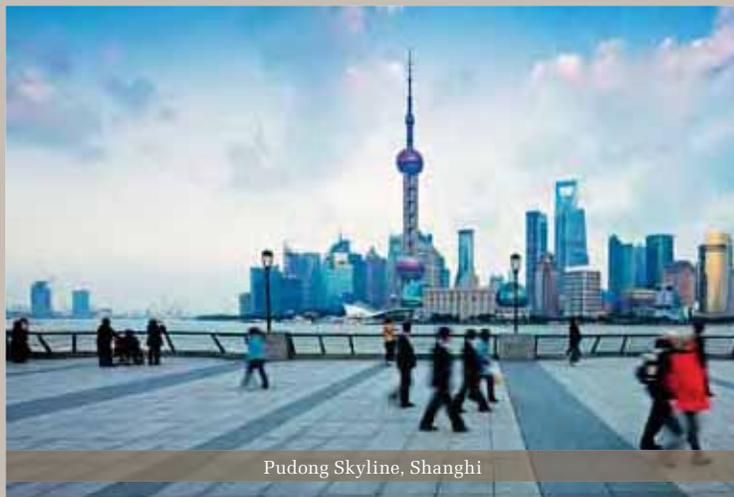
MARIA: I think I am very picky because I never find something good, so I do not have a favorite food.

ROCHESTER WINTERS: GREAT OR HORRIBLE?

ARDEN: I'll rather live year-round without the cold, but I think I've adjusted well.

MARIA: I do not like winter at all. Because tennis is one of my priorities, it is frustrating not to be able to play for five months.

SOCIAL WORK ON LOCATION IN CHINA



Pudong Skyline, Shanghai



Shangrao Social Welfare Institute



Ancient Village Li Keng



Li Keng River



Shangrao Social Welfare Institute

BY HOLLY BRITTON JENNINGS '00, INTRODUCTION BY BRUCE HYLAND

Students who study in China find a nation that's modern yet ancient, constrained yet bustling. Today's China is a mosaic of rich and challenging contrasts – a nation with a global reach and difficult problems at home. Taught by Dr. Harmon Meldrim, professor of Social Work, and Dr. Beth Gerhardt, professor of Theology and Social Ethics, this course also is offered through Northeastern Seminary.

DESCRIPTION:

Undergraduate and graduate students can visit China and work with abandoned children in an orphanage in Shangrao, China. Students will spend two weeks in this mid-sized city through this three-hour course offered as SWK 490 or 704. Before leaving, the course meets several times during the spring semester.

In 1979, Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping initiated China's controversial one-child policy. In China, nearly two thirds of the population are required to have no more than one child in order to control population growth. Promised to be a temporary measure, the policy still exists today. Subsequent pregnancies may end in either abortion or an abandoned infant. Abandoned children often end up in government-run orphanages like the Shangrao Social Welfare Institute, which houses children as young as two days to 16 years of age. Coordinated through Visiting Orphans, a non-profit Christian organization, this course offers hands-on experience caring for these precious children, as well as a glimpse into the plight of orphans in China. Throughout the two weeks in China, students are provided with guides and interpreters.

ATTRACTIONS:

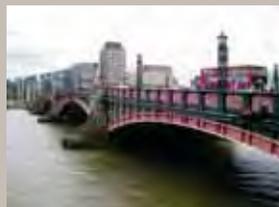
Shangrao is a beautiful city set amid a pastoral, mountainous region of China. The surrounding country is full of sparkling lakes, ancient cultural artifacts, magnificent trees, caves, and steep cliffs. Within the bustling city, students have opportunities to eat local cuisine, barter at Chinese markets, learn how silk is made, and shop for inexpensive jade and pearl jewelry.

This course is offered during the spring semester 2012. For more information, contact Dr. Meldrim at MeldrimH@roberts.edu, or visit: www.roberts.edu/China.

MUSIC AND ART ON LOCATION IN ENGLAND



London, England at Night



Bridge Over Thames River



Faculty and Students in London

Faculty and Students Ready to Ride

London Double Decker Bus



BY HOLLY BRITTON JENNINGS'00, INTRODUCTION BY BRUCE HYLAND

Winston Churchill once said England and the United States are great friends divided by a common language. Visitors find an appealing familiarity in this grand Anglo culture that extends to music and art. Dr. Dan Barta, professor of Music, Theory and Composition, and Dr. Michael Landrum, professor of Music and Film Studies, help their students experience British art and music in and around London.

DESCRIPTION:

How much can a person do in London in 12 days? When touring the city with an expert on London's topography and culture, quite a bit. London is one of the premiere arts and cultural capitals of the world, and Dr. Michael Landrum knows the city inside and out. From the major cultural attractions to less-sought-after corners of the city, visitors get a comprehensive view of London. Students can earn up to two fine art credits during the trip, though registering for academic credit is not required. Focusing on music, Dr. Landrum and Dr. Daniel Barta are prepared to show off London with its bustling city streets, great literary history, spectacular music, and extensive museums.

ATTRACTIONS:

Stops may include but are not limited to: Westminster Abbey, Royal Albert Hall, St. Martin's in the Fields, Handel House, Shakespeare's Globe Theatre, British Library, National Gallery, National Film Institute, Imperial War Museum, and Piccadilly Square.

This course is offered during the spring semester 2013. For more information, contact Dr. Barta at Barta_Daniel@roberts.edu, or visit: www.roberts.edu/London.

ART ON LOCATION IN ITALY



View of Rome, Italy



Rome Coliseum in Ancient Roman



Piazza del Duomo, Pisa

David by Michelangelo



Sistine Chapel

BY BRUCE HYLAND

The home of romance. The seat of papal authority. The country where the trains might not always run on time, but the food, the sights – and especially the art – are to die for. Art Professor Dr. Scot Bennett has perfected his “On Location” course in Italy over the years. He designs each trip to maximize his students’ exposure to, and appreciation of, Italy’s unique art and architecture.

DESCRIPTION:

Students who take this course spend time studying a particular topic in art history surrounded by some of the world’s greatest artistic creations. They are expected to participate in some traditional classroom work, but the course includes travel time – from a few days to three weeks – to destinations that relate to the topic of the course (which varies). Students should expect to pay an additional fee to cover travel expenses. Up to three credits can be earned.

ATTRACTIONS:

While the course differs somewhat each time it’s offered, students can expect to see many of the most famous, enduring works of art found in Italy. They include the ceiling frescoes in the Sistine Chapel painted by Michelangelo, the statue of David, the Roman Coliseum, and much more.

This course is offered during the spring semester 2012. For more information, contact Dr. Scot Bennett at Bennett_Scot@roberts.edu, or visit: www.roberts.edu/Italy.

SOCIAL WORK ON LOCATION IN JAMAICA



Montego Bay, Jamaica



Beach near Montego Bay



Ocho Rios

Kingston, Jamaica



Negril, Jamaica

BY HOLLY BRITTON JENNINGS'00, INTRODUCTION BY BRUCE HYLAND

Practically in our back yard, Jamaica (featured on this magazine's cover) offers the magic of a tropical paradise and the challenges of a developing nation. Students come to understand how its colonial past mixes with its contemporary culture. The course is taught by Dr. Peter Grinion, professor of Social Work.

DESCRIPTION:

Enjoy a cross-cultural experience in Jamaica via this interdisciplinary course with heavy social work, sociology and religion components. Highlights of the course include visits to heads of state, schools, colleges, family courts, and historic sites. Students have the opportunity to meet with local pastors, faculty and students of colleges and universities, seminaries, high schools, and various human service agencies.

Staying in hotels in the residential setting of Kingston and the beautiful Montego Bay, students are immersed in learning the culture of the Jamaican people, while attending classroom lectures and participating in missions project (painting sections of a Church Education Center/Day Care Facility). The weekend in Montego Bay is spent as tourists enjoying the area. The course is worth three academic credits and students have the option to audit.

ATTRACTIONS:

Here are some possible destinations for students studying abroad in Jamaica: Port Royal (the center of the Buccaneers, which *Pirates of the Caribbean* is based on), Devon House (a sugar plantation, now a museum, in Kingston), Rose Hall (the same, with a very colorful history, near Montego Bay), Tuff Gong Studios (the home of the late Bob Marley), Spanish Town (the old capital of Jamaica, before the British took over), plus some strictly recreational trips, such as to Helshire Hills, Ocho Rios, Dunns River Falls, YS Falls, etc.

This course is offered during the spring semester 2012. For more information, contact Dr. Peter Grinion at GrinionP@roberts.edu, or visit: www.roberts.edu/Jamaica.

NURSING ON LOCATION IN LATIN AMERICA



Arenal Volcano in Costa Rica



In Line for Clinic Day



Roberts Students Sort Medications



Squirrel Monkey of Costa Rica



In Line for Clinic Day

BY HOLLY BRITTON JENNINGS'00, INTRODUCTION BY BRUCE HYLAND

Students who study “south of the border” find that our neighbors to the south, while primarily sharing the same language, are anything but uniform in their culture, priorities, or day-to-day lives. The upcoming on location course to Latin America for nursing students will be taught by a faculty member from the Division of Nursing.

DESCRIPTION:

Nursing students have the opportunity to travel to beautiful Latin America to be exposed to the health care system and health care needs of a Latin American country. The course is designed to introduce students to the culture, health care needs, and health care system in a foreign land. Students receive hands-on experience, interacting with patients and providing loving care while promoting a positive image of nursing. The trip provides a unique opportunity to compare village trans-cultural nursing with community health and institutional nursing in the U.S.

The course meets several times during the semester, and students assist in gathering medical supplies to take on the trip. A number of required readings aid in preparation for the trip, including articles on missions in Latin America, current culture of the destination, as well as articles on the current political climate. Students are required to submit a statement of their personal and professional goals for the trip and to keep a journal during their stay. The course is open to junior and senior nursing majors.

In spring of 2011, the course was taught by Kathleen Walker, associate professor of Community Health and Pediatric Nursing. Professor Walker and 11 juniors and senior nursing majors stayed in San Jose, Costa Rica, for nine days. They spent most of their time administering health care prevention at local health fairs.

ATTRACTIONS:

The trip provides at least one full day for sightseeing. The Costa Rica team spent time lounging at the beach and visiting a nearby volcano.

This course is offered during the spring semester 2012. For more information, visit www.roberts.edu/LatinAmerica.

HISTORY ON LOCATION IN SPAIN



Toledo, Spain



The Alhambra in Granada



Seville - Plaza de Espana



Plaza de la Tendillas in Cordoba

BY BRUCE HYLAND

Students visiting Spain soon notice there is not just one Spain, but many. The days of a unified nation, governed from Madrid, seem to have gone forever, as the 17 separate kingdoms that made up the original Spanish state reassert themselves. And the differences are evident wherever you look: in language, culture and artistic traditions, in landscapes and cityscapes, and in attitudes and politics.

DESCRIPTION:

Taught by Dr. Ronald J. Stansbury, professor of European History – who over the years has taken many groups to countries including Greece, Italy, and France – this course focuses not only on the history in a particular region, but on modern and ancient attractions, art, architecture, and culture. Students can earn up to three credits, and are expected to participate in some traditional classroom work. But the course also includes travel time – from a few days to three weeks – to destinations that relate to the topic of the course (which varies). The travel component usually takes place during a summer term. Students should expect to pay an additional fee to cover travel expenses. Travel is booked through EF Tours, which can accommodate large groups – so alumni, friends of Roberts, and other students are invited to audit the course.

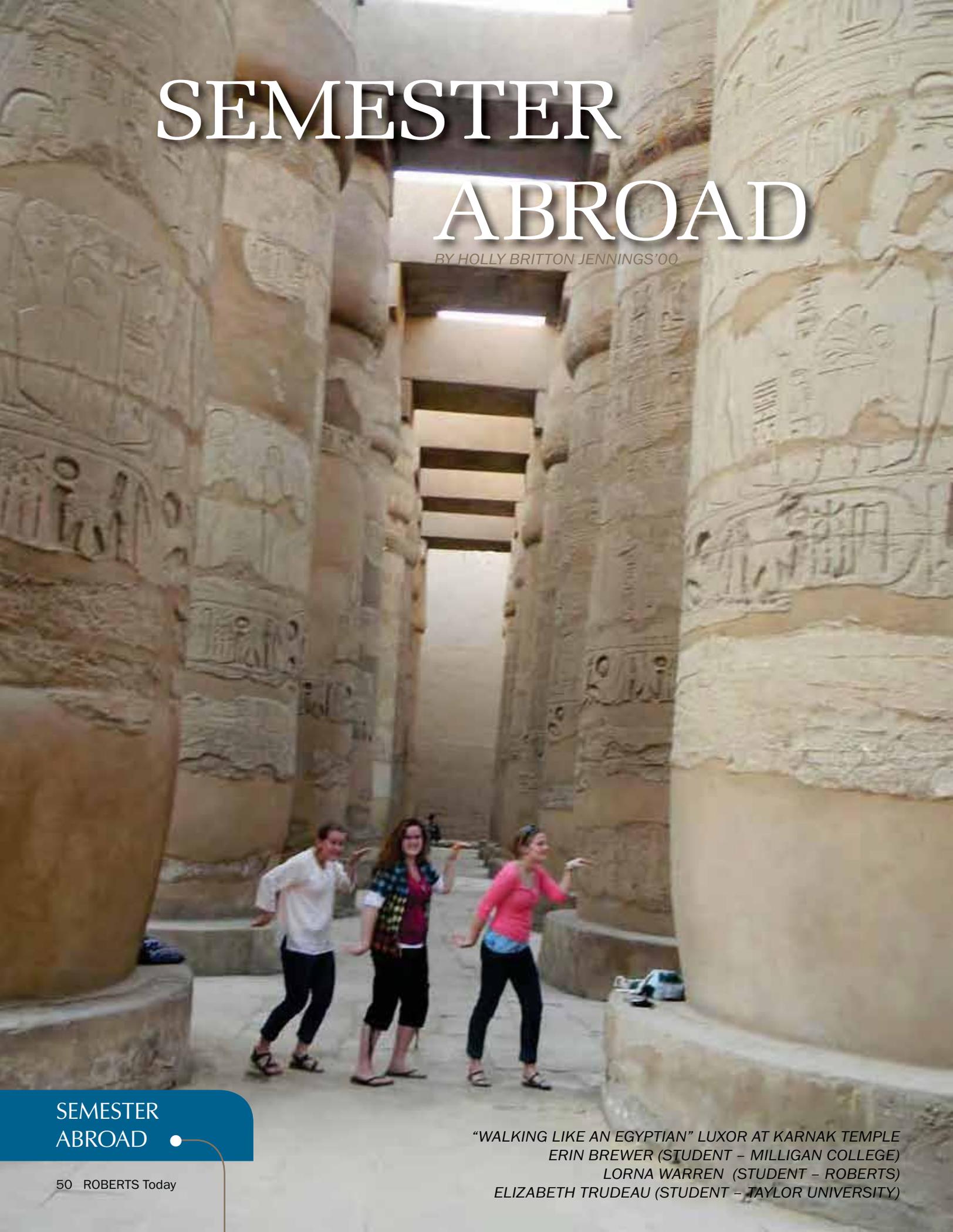
ATTRACTIONS:

Itineraries vary according to the course being offered. The trip to Spain in May 2012 will include guided tours of Madrid, Toledo, Seville, Cordoba, Granada and Barcelona.

For more information, contact Dr. Ronald J. Stansbury at Stansbury_Ronald@roberts.edu, or visit: www.roberts.edu/Spain.

SEMESTER ABROAD

BY HOLLY BRITTON JENNINGS'00



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*"WALKING LIKE AN EGYPTIAN" LUXOR AT KARNAK TEMPLE
ERIN BREWER (STUDENT - MILLIGAN COLLEGE)
LORNA WARREN (STUDENT - ROBERTS)
ELIZABETH TRUDEAU (STUDENT - TAYLOR UNIVERSITY)*



Costa Rica



Lorna Warren in Cairo, Egypt



Jerusalem from Mount of Olives



Matt Dearstynne with Host Family



Beach in Costa Rica

Traveling to and living in another country is always accompanied by little hiccups along the way – lost luggage, an upset stomach thanks to a bad burrito – but rarely do students find themselves in serious peril. Lorna Warren did.

Amy “Lorna” Warren, a junior studying to become a history teacher, was excited to be spending a semester in Cairo, Egypt. Three weeks into her stay, Lorna and her fellow students watched a revolution unfold from their hotel’s windows.

Then there’s Matt Dearstynne’11, who during a semester in Costa Rica found opportunities to travel to Nicaragua and Cuba. In a muddy creek in Nicaragua, Matt was skeptical when his host dad took him fishing – without a pole or net. Matt’s story cuts to the heart of a culture so different from his own – one he grew to love.



LORNA WARREN

When I left for Egypt, I expected to spend a semester in Cairo learning Arabic, Islamic studies,

and politics. I never expected to leave after only four weeks in the midst of a revolution.

The weekend after Jan. 26, we left for a trip to Luxor. Friday – the day of the first big protest – was spent exploring

ancient tombs and temples. On our way back, our leaders told us we would be confined within the hotel due to protests in Luxor.

From our hotel rooftop, we watched thousands of Egyptians protest. A police line was formed, rocks were thrown, protestors broke through. Undercover policemen dragged a protester away and beat him. Tear gas burned our eyes when a canister landed right in front of the hotel.

Eventually, the protests died down. We left early the next morning. When our train arrived in Cairo, the military decided not to let us leave; it was unsafe. Forced to spend the night in a crowded, tiny yellow room at the train station, no one slept.

At 7:00 a.m., taxis ferried us back to our flats. The empty streets were silent and eerie. Groups of men at each checkpoint waved us through, apologizing and promising safety.

We continued our studies in Palestine and Israel, but our minds were still constantly on Egypt. I enjoyed my time here; I only wish I had had more time to spend in the beautiful land of Egypt.



MATT DEARSTYNE’11

We arrived at the beach and my host dad asked if we

were ready to fish. “Sí,” we replied, though we had no fishing poles. Josué pulled a miniature harpoon gun from his bag. I slipped on my flip-flops and we headed back into the jungle, away from the ocean. This puzzled me. Don’t people usually go fishing out there?

We arrived at a creek. Josué waded into the middle and then moved downstream as we followed. The mangrove trees hung low; it became difficult to maneuver around them.

The water got deeper; so did the mud. Josué stopped and motioned us to stay quiet. He put on broken goggles, took his harpoon gun, and disappeared under the murky water. We stood motionless. But a dog behind me was paddling furiously; he’d joined us earlier and didn’t leave our side.

Minutes later, Josué burst back into view. “Se me escapó,” he said. It got away. We began laughing, quietly at first, then louder, until the sound of our laughter joined with the bird calls and the distant roar of the ocean.

I looked at my mud-stained clothes. I was tired, thirsty, hungry, and Josué caught no fish. And all I could think was, “I love Nicaragua.”

DESCRIPTION:

Spend a full semester studying at Jamaica Theological Seminary (JTS), an evangelical, interdenominational school. JTS is located on the eastern end of the island, near Kingston, and is widely acknowledged as a first-rate Caribbean institution. Students can choose from an array of classes; the college offers programs in social work, counseling, biblical studies, theology, music and media, and more. In order to determine what classes to take, students should visit Roberts' Global Education Office, which has a list of courses with their approved transfer equivalents. While at JTS, students live on campus in the dormitories and become a part of a community of approximately 400 students. For more information, contact Dr. J. Richard Middleton at Middleton_Richard@roberts.edu, or visit: www.roberts.edu/Jamaica.

JAMAICA

Semester Abroad

BY HOLLY BRITTON JENNINGS'00



Caribbean Sunset – Jamaica



Kingston, Jamaica



Middleton Family in Jamaica

Middleton Preaching

Country Road in Jamaica



Dr. J. Richard Middleton undertook his undergraduate studies at Jamaica Theological Seminary (JTS), where he eventually garnered a B.A. in Theology. During his first year there, he became best friends with a young man named Garnett Roper, who would eventually become a reverend and president of JTS.

Since Reverend Roper and Dr. Middleton graduated, JTS has grown into an impressive liberal-arts institution bolstered by its strong Christian convictions. In fact, JTS has become renowned for its counseling program; students from JTS are practicing guidance counselors in schools throughout the Caribbean.

After graduation, Dr. Middleton left Jamaica and eventually made his way to western New York, where he became a Professor of Biblical Studies at Roberts Wesleyan College. Throughout the years, the two friends kept in touch, and recently forged a union between their two colleges.

It took a year to put together, but Dr. Middleton now heads up the Jamaica Theological Seminary Semester Study Abroad Program. He hopes that the program will become reciprocal and that Jamaican students will soon make their way to Roberts to study for a semester.



ABBEY KRATZAT,

as a sophomore Biblical Studies major, was the first to participate in the program, spending a spring semester in Jamaica.

While opportunities exist to climb mango trees and swim in warm turquoise waters rich with fascinating sea creatures, a student’s experience at JTS, according to Abbey, is not as exotic as one might think:

“A typical day at JTS is in many ways similar to a typical day at any other college,” she said. “Most of the students can be found around campus doing homework, going to classes and trying to fit in time to hang out.

“Since JTS is a much smaller college than Roberts, it was very strange for me to see that everyone knew everyone else on campus.

“The campus is quiet for most of the day, since most of the students are evening students. In the morning, people will prepare for the day, do laundry by hand in large sinks in the laundry room, or attend class.

“We have chapel three times a week, where we listen to speakers from the

school or visiting lecturers. After chapel, many students will go get lunch in the cantina, where a typical selection might be stewed oxtail, curry mutton, or stewed beef, all of which will be served with dumplings or rice and peas.

“In the evening, those who are not in class or doing homework can be found playing ‘football,’ which we call soccer; climbing the mango tree behind the dorm to pick a snack; hanging out around campus; or maybe going down the road to Halfway Tree or Manor Park, which are both shopping areas within walking distance.

“I would highly recommend this program to anyone who wants to experience a culture very different from our own. I have learned a lot this semester about life outside of the United States, and specifically about Jamaican culture, including popular pastimes, the Patois language, and the style of living, which is very different than at home. This trip has been one of the best experiences of my life, as I am sure it will be for anyone who decides to come.”

DESCRIPTION:

Spend a semester in Avila, Spain. Students can earn up to 19 credits in Spanish Language and Spanish and Hispanic Culture. Up to 15 credits can be applied to a Spanish major or minor. Students study with other international students at the Instituto Murallas and live in homestay accommodations (living with Spanish families). The program incorporates total immersion at all levels of Spanish. Professor Maria Villodre determines a student's readiness before they apply to the program. For more information, contact Maria Villodre at Villodre_Maria@roberts.edu, or visit: www.roberts.edu/Spain.

SPAIN

Semester Abroad

BY HOLLY BRITTON JENNINGS'00

SEMESTER
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Plaza Mayor – Madrid, Spain



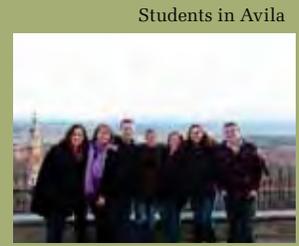
Students in Front of Grawada



Toledo Cathedral



City of Avila



Students in Avila

The RWC Semester Study Abroad Program in Spain allows students to spend five months studying in that country. Before relocating in 2010 to the Instituto Murallas in Avila, students studied at the University of Murcia, beside Spain’s sunny Mediterranean coastline.

While at Roberts, English/Spanish major Ashley Saile Leathersich’09 and business major Liz Thrush’10 made the journey across the Atlantic to live, eat, and study in the beautiful, historic town of Murcia, Spain. Here are their stories:



ASHLEY SAILE LEATHERSICH

“As I boarded the plane that would take me to Spain, I was unsure whether I was

making the right choice in studying abroad, but knew that I would regret it if I didn’t go.

“Once we landed in Madrid and arrived in Murcia, I felt surprisingly comfortable. Some cultural changes did take a while to get used to – for instance, the siestas, which take place during the middle of the day from about 1-4 p.m. when it’s hottest out. While we could easily adapt to taking naps every day, it took us a few days to realize that every store and business also closed.

“The Spanish are also a people who do not have the concept of ‘personal space’ like Americas do. I never became completely comfortable with cramming eight people into an elevator the size of a closet or bumping into numerous people while walking down the street.

“Living in Spain vastly improved my Spanish-speaking skills. I left very nervous about speaking Spanish all the time, but two months in, I didn’t think twice about yelling out what produce I wanted in the market or conversing with the teller at the bank as we paid our bills.

“Now that I’m back, I miss exploring a new culture and city and the laid-back atmosphere of Spain. One of our professors said it best: “In America, you live to work, but in Spain, we work to live.”

Family is truly the main focus in Spain and the emphasis is on spending time with those you love. I would love to go back again someday to re-explore the city where I grew in so many ways for those five months.”



LIZ THRUSH

“Studying in Spain was an incredible experience. For five months I lived in Murcia, Spain, a small city close to the Mediterranean.

It was easy to adjust to the relaxed Spanish lifestyle. We had school in the mornings with a short break between classes; that’s when many of us took the opportunity to grab a café con leche or a croissant from one of the nearby bakeries. We got home from school around 2 p.m., cooked a large lunch, and then took a siesta. Like true Spaniards, we always had a late, light dinner. One of our favorite dishes was paella, a typical Spanish meal we learned how to make from a real Spanish chef!

We always had three-day weekends, which gave us time to travel. In addition to seeing many Spanish cities, I traveled to Italy, France, Sweden, and Morocco. It really opened my eyes to how much of the world there is to see.

I miss so many things about Spain: the slow pace of life, the beaches, the ability to just jump on a plane and go to Rome for the weekend. During my semester abroad, I grew as a person, learned a lot, and made lasting friendships.”

DESCRIPTION:

The concept of a “sister college” suggests close relational bonds. These are exactly the bonds that Roberts has developed with its sister college in Japan, Osaka Christian College (OCC), where connections are made at many different levels – from academic to spiritual to emotional. For more information on OCC or the Cross Cultural Communication On Location Course in Japan during spring 2012, contact Gale Lynch at LynchG@roberts.edu, or visit: www.roberts.edu/japan.

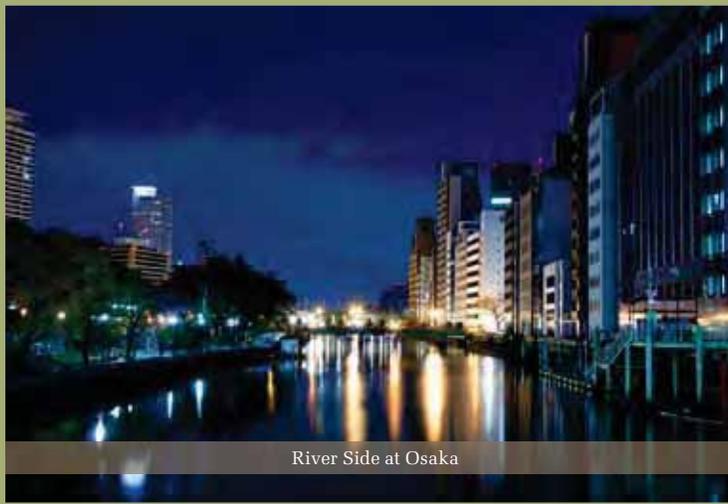
JAPAN

Sister College

BY KATHRYN MARTIN



SEMESTER
ABROAD



River Side at Osaka



Coast of Japan



Donna Alder and Her Host Family



Group in front of Osaka Castle



Japanese Garden

Nervous laughter and shy glances bounced around the Ellen Stowe Roberts dining room last fall as RWC students and students from Osaka Christian College (OCC) met for the first time. The gathering was the first of a series of events during Konnichiwa Week, where OCC and RWC students are paired for the purpose of sharing American and Japanese culture.

In addition to experiencing American dorm life, student activities and chapel, OCC students enjoyed a Fall Party and cheered at a RWC soccer game while waving red and white pom-poms. One evening the OCC students demonstrated such traditional Japanese craft activities as origami and calligraphy, while sharing some typical Japanese junk food. At the end of the week, tears were common as new friends from Japan left campus and their student hosts.

In 1983, then President William Crothers sought to broaden Roberts' horizons by initiating a "sister school" relationship with OCC. Founded in 1952 by the Free Methodist Church, OCC is in a metropolitan area of more than 4 million people – Japan's third-largest. Although small, OCC is a modern campus with lovely classroom buildings, a fine chapel and all the amenities of modern student life. Three main programs – a theological seminary founded in 1905, an early childhood education program complete with a model pre-school, and

an international studies program – comprise the college.

Although OCC is a Christian college with required chapel attendance, less than 2% of the student body is Christian. That closely reflects the percentage of Christians in Japan.

In the years since the relationship began, a three-pronged program of cultural and educational exchanges has developed. Konnichiwa Week each fall – when OCC students visit New York City as well as Rochester and RWC – is just one part of the program. Each spring, RWC students make a visit to Japan – touring Osaka Castle, the ancient city of Kyoto and the Peace Memorial at Hiroshima, as well as leading an "English Camp" staying in the home of an OCC student, and experiencing Japanese culture more broadly.

In addition, the relationship makes possible longer educational cross-cultural experiences. RWC offers a scholarship in partnership with OCC that allows one student from OCC to study at RWC for a semester. OCC offers an English Teaching Assistant program where an RWC graduate is given a one-year position as a teaching assistant in English Language. In addition to housing, the position offers a stipend, insurance and Japanese language lessons. Since its start in 2003, eight Roberts' graduates have served.



ASHLEY CRUSET'10

A Religion and Philosophy major and alum of the Latin America Studies Program

through Best Semester (CCCU), Ashley Cruset has been the teaching assistant at OCC since September 2010 and has signed on for another year. At the midway point through her first year, Ashley wrote on her online blog:

"Every day I make new observations and I experience different aspects of Japanese culture and language that are completely new to me. So far my time here has been steeped in tradition, formality, 'cute-ness' and respect.

"I can't even put into words the things I feel everyday about this place. Many days have been very fun and eventful, other days have been dull and emotional. I have really enjoyed my time here so far and I try to make the most of every day and take advantage of all the opportunities that come my way."



Murcia, Spain –Laurie Cole, Gwen Wilson, Jenna Benedict'05, Lindsay DeSormeau'07, and Julia DeSormeau'11



Sarah Tatar with Some of Her Students in Cambodia

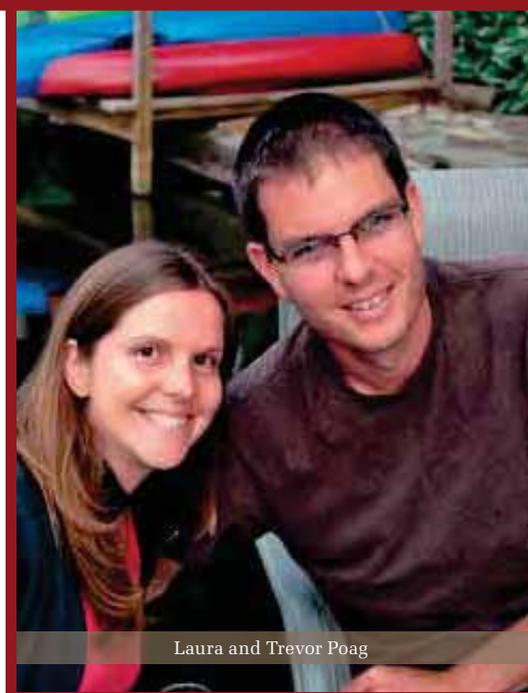
BY MARSHA BOLTON RIVERS'96, NES'04

JENNIFER (SCHIEDEL) PATANELLA, ROBERTS CLASS OF 2005

(Earned master's degree online through Walden University, May 2010.) I was a teaching assistant at Osaka (Japan) Christian College, 2005-06. I led small tutoring sessions on conversational English, taught Adult English study classes, and volunteered at the Elementary Saturday morning English program. This gave me a chance to work with a variety of age groups in an educational setting where I could share American culture and instruction of the English language while also experiencing and learning about Japanese customs, culture, and traditions. I formed life-long friendships with students and families. I also learned a lot about myself. I experienced true independence for the first time.

LINDSAY DeSORMEAU, ROBERTS CLASS OF 2007

I lived in Murcia, España, for a semester. I lived in an apartment with another Roberts student while attending classes at the Universidad de Murcia. I was fortunate to be able to travel around Spain and to Morocco during the six months I was there. Living abroad, I learned how to view and understand the world from another point of view; it is a wonderful gift to learn to see the world through new eyes. I currently live in Rochester, N.Y., teaching Spanish for grades 7-12.



Laura and Trevor Poag



Rob and Tabitha Arrendell with Family



Teaching Assistant – Jennifer (Schiedel) Patanella in Japan



Murcia, Spain – Jenna Benedict'05,
Lindsay DeSormeau'07 and Julia DeSormeau'11

LYNDSAY CURRIER, ROBERTS CLASS OF 2009, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

I studied abroad in Uganda, Africa, during my senior year at RWC. Since then I have traveled to Brazil and will likely be back in Uganda this summer, studying International Development as a graduate student. Studying in Uganda taught me to look beyond myself and my circumstances. I met people who had more joy than I could ever fathom and they had nothing compared to what I have in worldly possessions. Uganda really taught me about what is truly important in life. Now, I daily strive to live simply so that others may simply live. *Lyndsay's blogs: lyndsayinafrica.blogspot.com and wyndsaylyndsay.blogspot.com*

SARAH TATAR, ROBERTS CLASS OF 2010, CHILDHOOD AND SPECIAL EDUCATION

I've been on missions trips to Peru, Guatemala, and Honduras. I currently work as a Grade 2 Teacher at Life International School in Sihanoukville, Kingdom of Cambodia. The greatest thing I've learned from living abroad is that I need to live each day depending entirely on God. We complicate life too much. We are on this earth to know Him and make Him known. *Sarah's blog: <http://sarah-teachingadventures.blogspot.com/>*

TABITHA ARRENDELL, ROBERTS CLASS OF 1999, MSM'04. ROB ARRENDELL, CLASS OF 2000, M.ED.'04.

We served in San Jose, Costa Rica, for a four-month sabbatical (Rob was on a sabbatical from his job as a biology teacher in the Rochester, N.Y., City School District, Tabitha was on a leave of absence as RWC's Resident Director). The most important thing we learned from life abroad: Make the most of each day and the people and opportunities in front of you.

TREVOR POAG, ROBERTS CLASS OF 1996

(M.A. in Educational Leadership – Framingham State University, Boston, 2004; Ed.D. in International Educational Leadership – Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa., – Expected 2012.) I am the Assistant Director of CCCU's Latin American Studies Program (LASP). LASP facilitates study-abroad experiences in Latin America for students attending CCCU member institutions. My experiences abroad have taught me to value failure, humility, and humor!

WHY MISSIONS?

BY HOLLY BRITTON JENNINGS'00, INTRODUCTION BY JONATHAN BRATT'84

Short-term mission teams and trips are part of RWC's expression of, and commitment to, Global Education and Christian service throughout the world. Our missions focus also includes a combination of long-term commitments to a few highlighted areas, as well as the ability to respond to any current crisis areas.

These mission trip experiences give us direct contact with cultures with different perspectives on life, faith, economics, government, and societal structure. We listen, we serve, and we grow in our love and appreciation for all people.

We know short-term mission trips aren't the end of our involvement in the world. But as we look at the overwhelming needs of our world they do represent a starting place for individuals and groups.

By participating, students increase their cultural awareness and create space in their hearts and minds to explore and discover other significant ways we can be faithful to the calling of God to love others and do the

“greater works than these” that Jesus talks about in John 14:12.

In 2009 and 2010, Kirk Kettinger'92 and his wife Michelle led 10 students (each trip) to the Dublin Christian Mission in Ireland. They stayed for 10 days, living in the Four Courts Hostel with other international travelers. In May 2011, Todd Daningburg'86 and Jackie Brennon'08 led another group of students to the Mission. Here, Kirk shares some of his experiences:

What drew you to Ireland?

“I was an English major in college and have always had an interest in that region of the world. My wife (Michelle'92, MSW'09) and I were interested in leading a missions trip that would partner with a group in Ireland. Our hope was it would turn into a yearly trip and be a long-lasting relationship.

We found out about the Dublin Christian Mission (DCM) from friends of ours (and Roberts graduates) Chris'92 and Lisa'91 Williams. They had spent time at the DCM about 10 years ago and introduced us to the

Mission's director, Billy Swann. The DCM (<http://www.dcmlive.ie/index.html>) is one of the oldest missions in Europe.

It was a unique missions trip because we had so many different opportunities to serve – working with youth and children, working with the homeless at a shelter, and doing manual labor preparing the camp sites for the summer ministries – we even dug a sewage line! It definitely stretched the team and gave many avenues for sharing our faith.

How did you prepare?

We fundraised and trained from November to May. Students prepared personal testimonies, lesson plans for the afternoon and evening programs, crafts (for after-school programs), and music to lead during the worship times.

We used the Internet to learn about the culture of Ireland and some of the language issues we would face. We were also given additional cultural training by Liesel Reimer, the Youth Work Coordinator.



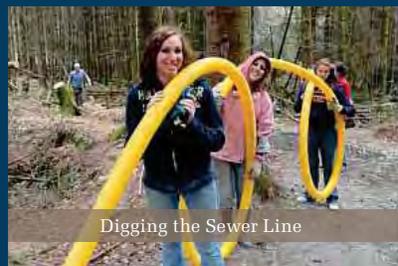
The 2010 Team



Working with the Kids



Singing at a Children's Event



Digging the Sewer Line



HEADLAND SEASCAPE NEAR
DUBLIN, IRELAND

What was the trip's purpose?

First, the DCM relies on volunteers to function. The work is important, but it is tiring. The children and teens are fun and energetic, but also can be exhausting. So the staff at the DCM really appreciated extra helping hands. They also needed the physical labor at the campground to get ready for summer camps. We definitely filled a need.

Second, it was an opportunity for the students to share their faith and give with nothing expected in return. They learned a great deal about a foreign culture, and about themselves.

Describe a typical day.

Mornings and early afternoons were either free time, working at the Light House homeless shelter sorting clothes or cleaning, or working at the campground. We went to the DCM afterward to greet students as they arrived from school, help them with their homework, and assist with activities and meals.

Beginning around 6 p.m., students would come to the DCM to learn about Jesus (we provided the devotionals), sing, and play games directed by our team. Part of our team would go to the Light House to help serve dinner to the homeless.

Most evenings ended by 10 p.m., when we met at the hostel to debrief and talk about the next day. Then typically we would go back out to have dinner at about 11 p.m.

What was the biggest hardship?

It wasn't really difficult, like it might be in Haiti or a third-world country. But the first couple of days were a little disorienting. We left Rochester on Sunday and flew overnight to get to Dublin at about 10 a.m. We were picked up from the airport, dropped off our luggage at the hostel, and went directly to the DCM (about two blocks away) for orientation.

The kids started showing up just after we finished. However, once

things started clicking (and we got some sleep), it was really a smooth experience and lots of fun.

What was the high point?

Definitely building relationships with the RWC students, the students at the DCM, and the DCM staff. Michelle and I were so excited to go back and see the kids and staff again.

The amazing part was that the kids remembered us and especially Matt Little, who went both years! We had been corresponding with the staff via Facebook and email throughout the year, so those relationships were strong. It was like going to see old friends, and we got the same feeling from the DCM staff as soon as we returned.

ALUMNI NEWS

BY BRUCE HYLAND



Eileen Button



EILEEN BUTTON'S book, *The Waiting Place: Learning to Appreciate Life's Little Delays*, has been released by Thomas Nelson. In this collection of essays, Eileen describes the beauty and humor of waiting for things like a place called home ... a baby's healing ... church to be over ... a mother's acceptance ... a loved one to die. She calls us to celebrate the tension between what we hope for tomorrow and what we live with today.

Eileen, a 1989 graduate, is an award-winning columnist for *The Flint Journal* and an adjunct professor of communication. Her essays have been featured in *Newsweek*, *Christianity Today*, *Holy Bible: Mosaic*, and other publications. She and her husband Brad'89 live with their three children and one lunatic dog in Davison, Mich.



Jenn Suhr

Photo by Victah Sailer

THE SKY CONTINUES TO BE THE LIMIT FOR OLYMPIC POLE VAULTER JENN SUHR

With her last opportunity, on her last try, Jenn Suhr'04 – 2008 Olympic Silver Medalist in the pole vault – planted, jumped and soared above rival Yelena Isinbayeva of Russia to win the U.S. Indoor Athletics Championship this past February in Albuquerque, N.M. Her jump of 15 feet, 11½ inches was best in the world this year, and it broke her own American record.

The awards and accolades keeping piling up for Suhr, who claimed her 10th U.S. crown – five indoor, five outdoor – in Albuquerque. In the process she won the Visa Championship Series of three meets, winning a \$25,000 bonus prize and solidifying her reputation as the world's best.

BRINGING 'SHADE AND FRESH WATER' TO THE PEOPLE MOST IN NEED IN BRAZIL

"Shade and fresh water" is a Brazilian expression that describes protection from life's harsh realities. Roberts alum Keila Guimarães'92, a member of Brazil's national committee of the Shade and Fresh Water Project, has been busy promoting this effort to aid the poor, which is dear to the hearts of many mission-minded United Methodists of the Virginia Conference and elsewhere.

The daughter of a Brazilian Methodist pastor, Guimarães was invited by a former American missionary couple to Brazil to live with them in Attica, N.Y., for her senior year of high school. She went on to earn a degree in Communications and Social Services from Roberts. After school she worked for WXXI-TV, Rochester's PBS affiliate, and for Heritage Christian Group Home. Guimarães was the Brazilian Methodist Church's National Secretary for Social Action from 2000-07.



Kirk Kettinger

FROM RECRUITING TO RELATIONSHIPS: KETTINGER HEADS ALUMNI OFFICE

For 15 years, Kirk Kettinger'92 helped high school seniors and transfer students enroll at Roberts as a member of the Office of Admissions. Today, he's finding ways to keep Roberts graduates – some of them the very same people he brought to the College – connected to each other and to their alma mater as Director of Alumni Relations.

In his new role, which also covers Northeastern Seminary alumni, Kettinger directs Homecoming, works with the alumni councils of the College and Seminary, oversees regional alumni functions, and coordinates communication between the College and its alumni base. "This is an exciting time in the history of Roberts, and if we are to achieve our mission and potential, we'll need the support and input of alumni," he said.



Tim Francis '92 and Class

FRANCIS SHOWS TRUE COLORS IN PICK-A-COLLEGE PROJECT

If you can't bring the first-graders to the college, why not bring the college to the first-graders? Tim Francis'92, an elementary school counselor for the Middlebury Community Schools in Indiana, did just that not long ago – decorating his room with a Roberts flag, t-shirts, maps, photos and other memorabilia as part of a larger program to introduce younger students to the possibilities of a college education.

“We talked to our students about the importance of going to college. We talked about how many more choices they'll have if they attend – about how college attendance impacts their job and career choices,” Francis said.

KOCZENT'S COMMITMENT TO HEALTH CARE EARNS RECOGNITION ON “FORTY UNDER 40” LIST

By day, Kurt Koczent'06/'08 manages the business end of a medical practice as chief administrative officer of FLH Medical, P.C., affiliated with the Finger Lakes Health System. By night, he teaches leadership and business planning classes to adult students in the bachelor's and master's degree nursing programs at Keuka College. Koczent's professional achievements, as well as his service to the community, earned him a place in the 2010 class of the *Rochester Business Journal's* “Forty Under 40” outstanding area citizens. He was chosen for the honor from a pool of some 175 nominations.

WOODY DRAWS FROM HIS EXPERIENCE TO HELP NEW GENERATION OF STUDENTS

Now that Michael Woody'04 is an associate director of Admissions at Wells College in Aurora, N.Y., he has one goal in mind. Recalling the difficulties he encountered as the first member of his family to attend college, Woody is determined to help young people navigate the admissions and financial aid processes.

“I didn't have a clue,” Woody told the *Syracuse Post-Standard*. “The whole process was very daunting. I want to help as many people as I can, because the process for me was so difficult.” Selected late last year from a field of 75 candidates, Woody manages the day-to-day operations of the Admissions Office, overseeing a staff of five counselors and four staffers.



CAN AVERAGE AMERICANS DO FARM WORK? TOM RIVERS DID

The proposition seemed simple enough. Tom Rivers'96, agriculture reporter for the Batavia (N.Y.) News, would take on different farm jobs – from milking cows to picking apples – over a summer to test the claim that Americans can't (or won't) do this kind of work. The result: Profound new insights into the issue of migrant labor, and an influential book, *Farm Hands*.

“People have these radically old-fashioned ideas about what farms are,” Rivers, a resident of Albion, N.Y., says. “I don't want to be disparaging, but it would take an exceptional American to be able to do these jobs today.” *Farm Hands* has taken on national significance. The American Farm Bureau and farm labor experts say the volume is aiding American farms by drawing attention – in a unique way – to the problems farms face.

A GAME IS MORE THAN A GAME TO XENOME DESIGNER STEVE TANNER

Mutants and other humanoids roam the Earth unchecked. A scientist – more accurately, our unlikely hero – can't seem to remember who he is after coming out of a 250-year long cryogenic sleep. This is the world of Xenome, a new series of web-based games created by Nine Pound Studios, founded by Steve Tanner'94. The ambitious Xenome series – 3D-immersive role playing games set in the 24th century – is accessible via XenomeOnline.com, which also hosts an information portal and user community forum. Xenome is designed for the iPhone and iPod Touch platform. Reviews have been quite positive. Says one: “Post-apocalypse is cooler than you think.”



HOMECOMING 2011

MIRROR TO THE PAST ... WINDOW TO THE FUTURE

RWC HOMECOMING
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2011

Join us for all your favorite Homecoming activities:

Homecoming Parade
Pep Rally
Class Reunions
Bobby's Bazaar
Grand Family Reunion

We've also planned additional activities – and a few surprises –
to make this year's Homecoming memorable!

Watch for a complete schedule of events online at:
www.roberts.edu/homecoming

We'll be looking for you at Homecoming 2011!

ALUMNINEWS

BY BRUCE HYLAND

1950's

Grove'53 and Charity **Armstrong** have moved from Arizona to North Carolina to serve as Volunteers at JAARS (Jungle Aviation and Radio Service), the logistical arm of Wycliffe Bible Translators. Grove, a Partnership Ministries representative responsible for contacting donors in Alabama, Mississippi, Kentucky and Tennessee, does a lot of traveling. Charity works in the Aviation Safety Department, as a writer in the Creative Services Department, and as a host in the Mexico Museum. The job she likes best: caring for babies in the Kid Station. They have a guest room and invite classmates to visit. (704) 843-8063.

1960's

Richard A. Stevick'61 is author of the book *Growing Up Amish: The Teenage Years* (Young Center Books in Anabaptist and Pietist Studies), while wife **Pauline Stevick'60** is author of the book *Beyond the Plain and Simple: A Patchwork of Amish Lives*.

1970's

After 12 years in Kingston, Ontario, **Marie'71** and **Chris'73 Walker** now live in Kanata, where Chris serves as pastor for the Ottawa Mandarin Wesleyan Church, a congregation moving to a cross-cultural vision of the Body of Christ in urban, multicultural Canada. In Kingston, Marie served for 11 years as Campus Ministry Coordinator for St. Mark's Lutheran Church, and founding Chaplain (later joined by Chris) of St. Lawrence College. Chris was Associate Pastor of Bethel Church, and later served in a generalized ministry called Religare Reconnects. They would be delighted to receive friends from Roberts days.

Dennis Ballenger'72 is an Institutional Chaplain with the Michigan Department of Corrections. Directing the Religious Programming for a prison with more than 1,200 inmates, he oversees the needs of Faith Groups that include Protestant, Catholic, Buddhist, several Muslim sects, and Native American Traditional Ways. Dennis and his wife, **Linda'72** live in Lansing, Mich. to be near their two daughters Leah, husband John and daughter Emma, and Lisa and husband Chris. You can follow Dennis from his blog, <http://chaplainb-beyondthewall.blogspot.com/>, or email at ChaplainB@ymail.com. In 2007, Dennis was promoted from assistant professor to associate professor of mathematics at Genesee Community College and awarded the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2008.

West Virginia native and artist **David Berry'75** returned to Roberts for an exhibit of his selected paintings as part of "Thaw: Painting Confluence & Influence," last winter in the Davison Gallery on campus.

Carol Clement Boehlke'76 and husband **Gerald'88** have assembled audio CDs of Christmas and other music. All proceeds from the sale of these CDs go to support a Christian nursery and day school in the remote, largely Muslim African village of Kiziba, Tanzania. The nursery and school are the ministry of the Rev. Gerald Boehlke.

Rick Denzien'78, now a Philadelphia-based recording artist, returned to his hometown of Springville, N.Y., for an April 30 performance with Michael

Ronstadt (Linda Ronstadt's cousin) and other musicians. As part of his return visit to Western New York, Denzien also appeared April 28 at Nietzsche's in Buffalo. In 2007, Denzien was nominated for AC Breakthrough Artist of the Year and Best New Recording Artist for his hit song "Tsai."

Linda S. Stirling'79 recently retired from the U.S. Department of State. She worked as a U.S. diplomat at overseas missions in the Philippines, Costa Rica and Qatar, and traveled to 22 different countries over the course of her career. Now back in the U.S. ("still the best country in the world," she says), she is enjoying her children, grandchildren and friends.

1980's

On May 22, 2010, **Nancy Jo Thompson (Ramsey)'80** married John E. Todd, Jr. at Lakeholm Church of the Nazarene in Mt. Vernon, Ohio. Nancy Jo works in the Admissions Office of Mt. Vernon Nazarene University, and enjoys leading small groups with girls on campus. John is a retired computer analyst and Nazarene pastor. They live in Mt. Vernon, where they enjoy being involved in the church and campus communities.

Paula H. Lomas'83 recently had an article published in the *American Journal of Nursing* (August 2010 Vol 110, No. 8, page 30-37) titled: "Parents and Children with Cystic Fibrosis: A Family Affair."

On Jan. 14, 2010, **Timothy L. Foster'84** graduated from the Genesee Valley BOCES School of Practical Nursing. Two months later, he was licensed as an LPN in New York State. By the end of

April, he was employed at the Jewish Nursing Home in Rochester, working in its Transitions Unit. Timothy recently retired from the United Methodist Ministry after 26 years. His ministry, he says, will now be carried out in the healthcare community.

Cheryl A. Parnell'84 is a physician's assistant with the Rochester Otolaryngology Group. She and her husband Chuck are involved in music ministry at Cornerstone Bible Chapel in the city.

John F. Waldo'86, a Michigan resident for 20 years, works for Baker College System Academics in faculty professional development. He is married with four children. The oldest is a sophomore at Cornerstone University in Grand Rapids; the other children are homeschooled.

On Oct. 31, 2010, **Rex Berggren'87** and **Andy Ford'87** successfully completed the 35th Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, D.C. This was the third marathon they have run together. The two previous ones were in Chicago (2000) and Honolulu (2005).

1990's

Monroe County (N.Y.) Deputy Sheriff **Jonathan Strong'90** received a Purple Heart award during 2010's eighth annual Monroe County Sheriff's Office Awards Luncheon at the R.I.T. Inn & Conference Center, for injuries received in the line of duty.

Corey Pershing '92 and his wife Connie are approaching the halfway point of a two-year developmental missionary internship in Thailand – the first such internship instituted by Free Methodist World Ministries. The

couple and their three children are serving in Chiang Mai, with Corey teaching math and computer at Grace International School, and both assisting with the ministries of the local church.

Chris Miller'94 recently was hired as Controller of Messenger Post Media, the regional newspaper / media company headquartered in Canandaigua, N.Y. An accountant and senior accountant with previous employers, He earned his Masters in Organizational Management degree from Roberts.

Karen A. Bailey'95 recently moved back to Canada after working in Pennsylvania for three years. She is now an assistant professor and pediatric general surgeon at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario and co-director of its Pediatric Trauma Program. Bailey says she is grateful for the faith and support she received from the faculty at Roberts.

Heather Stacy'95 married Kevin Lee on March 20, 2010. She also completed her doctorate in Christian school leadership from Columbia International University in spring 2010.

Rachael Elizabeth George was born to **David'98** and **Sarah'04 (Beales) George** on March 31, 2010, and proud big brother Nathanael turned 3 the very next day. David and Sarah work at Roberts in the Facilities Department and the Division of Graduate Business, respectively.

Jacqueline K. Christenson'99, Genesee Community College's alumni affairs coordinator, was named Employee of the Month for October 2010. In just a little more than a year, she has become an

avid supporter of the college and a staff voice for Genesee alumni. Jackie recently planned and successfully implemented GCC's first Homecoming celebration. Before working at Genesee, Jackie worked at Roberts for 21 years as its Learning Center office manager, a tutor coordinator, and later director of alumni programs.

2000's

Kristen M. Bianchi'00 is currently living in Verona, Italy, teaching first grade at an international school.

On April 22, 2010, **Jayson G. Hanson'00** was promoted to Captain in the U.S. Air Force. He entered active duty in 2009 as an Air Force Chaplain, and now serves at Moddy Air Force Base in Georgia.

Peter W. Augrom'01 was named the Fredericksburg (Pa.) winter Track Coach of the Year for 2009-2010.

Elena Chizh'01 married John Colton on May 22, 2010.

On Sept. 28, 2010, Myles Christian Green was born to **Jessica'01** and **Samuel'01 Green**. Myles joins 5-year-old Mikayla, who is homeschooled; Ryan, 3; and Lydia, 2. Sam is a firefighter / EMT who began paramedic school in January 2011.

Timothy P. MacArthur'01 is now working at Delta Systems, Inc. in Ohio as a manufacturing engineering manager. He and his wife Marcy are raising a 4-year-old son, Gavin, and a 2-year-old daughter, Kensley. Tim also coaches women's soccer at Notre Dame College.

Rev. Andrew J. Thomas'02 has been serving as Senior Pastor of St. Paul UM Church in Charlotte, N.C.

He previously was Associate Pastor of 1,300-member Boone United Methodist Church in Boone, N.C.

John D.'03 and **Amy'06 Keller** are the proud parents of daughter Grace Makenah, born Jan. 14, 2010.

On July 22, 2010, **Jocelyn Reynolds Rauch'03** and her husband Mark welcomed a baby girl, Anna Katherine. Anna joins siblings William, 6, Margaret, 4, and Molly, 2.

On May 19, 2010, **Robin'03 (Babcock)** and **Kevin'05 Buhr** welcomed their second child, Carson Richard, who has a big sister named Katelyn.

Adam Leidhecker'04 (Marketing) married to **Wendy (Mack) Leidhecker'03** (Psychology) who utilized social media for previous ventures, won Best Business in the World on Twitter (2008 Shorty Awards). They recently launched City on a Hill Marketing, a creative social media marketing firm. In October, Adam and Wendy relocated to Scottsdale, Ariz., where Adam took the position as Social Media Director at The Alliance Defense Fund (ADF). ADF is a Christian non-profit organization that fights for religious freedom, right to life, marriage and the family through strategy, training, funding and litigation. Wendy is Chief Social Media Strategist for City on a Hill Marketing. She consults and manages complete online presence of several large ecommerce companies and many niche pet sites. Those wishing to reconnect can find Adam and Wendy at www.facebook.com/TheLeidheckers.

Aaron Shutt'04 was promoted recently to Network Coordinator in the Information Systems Department of Noyes Memorial Hospital, Dansville, N.Y.

Julie'04 (Cranmer) Shutt and her husband **Aaron'04** welcomed a son, Reid Warren, on Sept. 21, 2010. Reid has a big sister, Onnolee.

Timothy S. Cooper'05 is currently pursuing a Doctor of Chiropractic degree at New York Chiropractic College, Seneca Falls, N.Y.

Courtney Roberts'05 and Peter Nettleton were married on May 29, 2010. Courtney is the Museum Educator at the Hyde Collection in Glens Falls, N.Y. Peter is a professional photographer.

Caroline'05 (Bitton) and Jonathan'05 Lee are the proud parents of twin girls – Liliana Grace and Madison Faith – born April 8, 2010.

Veronika McGraw'06 is in her second year of the Physician Assistant program at Daemen College in Amherst, N.Y.

Melissa S. Neault'06 got engaged last summer to Cory Dunkelberg. An August 2011 wedding is planned.

Beth S. Malone'07 is completing her final year of a Masters of Divinity program at Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School in Rochester, N.Y. She also serves at Rush United Methodist church. Beth and her husband Darren have been married 22 years.

On May 22, 2010, **Jasmine (Poole) McAleavey'07** married Robert McAleavey, her high school sweetheart. Their first child was born in February.

Jessica S. Fisher'08 is pursuing a Master of Divinity degree at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C. She hopes to explore emerging ministries,

spiritual formation, and art and theology, and is working towards ordination in the Presbyterian Church (USA).

Amanda E. Roode'08 is employed as a Registered Nurse in the BMT/Oncology Department at the University of California at San Diego Medical Center, La Jolla, Calif.

Timothy P. Rutkowski'08 is enrolled in the Ph.D. biochemistry program at the University of Rochester.

2010's

Crystal J. Baker'10, who graduated with a Doctor of Medicine degree from Saba University School of Medicine in Saba, Netherlands Antilles, was recently matched to the Queen's University Family Medicine Residency Program (Class of 2012) in Kingston, Ontario.

Lindley Rae Zimmerman'10 married Patrick Cox on Aug. 14, 2010.

FRIENDS OF RWC

Amy Gallipeau, a friend of Roberts, is employed as Internet Services Manager at Blackbaud in Charleston, S.C., providing web site support to the company's non-profit clients.

Edith H. Dickerson, a friend of Roberts, died last year proclaiming her "full trust and confidence in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ" and her knowledge that "by faith in His sacrifice on the cross for me, I have eternal life."

ANNUAL ALUMNI SENIOR AWARD 2011 AWARDEE LINDSEY GROVES



“As a community of learners committed to historic Christianity, Roberts Wesleyan College seeks to prepare thoughtful, spiritually mature, service-oriented people who will help transform society.”

When I was searching and deciding on which college to attend, there were two key factors that attracted me to finally choose Roberts. One was the fact that the campus was relatively small, which was perfect for me coming from a small town. The second was that Roberts was a Christian college and I desired to attend a school that was firmly based in its Christian beliefs. Little did I know when coming in as a freshman, my experiences here at Roberts would completely change me for the better.

As Roberts Wesleyan College’s mission statement mentions, the College strives and makes it a priority to prepare their students to become not only leaders in their respective studies, but also spiritually mature and service oriented. In order to achieve this goal, three main objectives or rather foundational pillars must be built

upon and accomplished. These include scholarship, spiritual formation and service. Once each of these has been accomplished, it is the hope of the school that the students will have been prepared and can now go out into society and change it for the better. For the remainder of this paper, I would like to reflect on how these three pillars have been exemplified throughout my time here at Roberts and how I will apply these fundamental factors into my future career.

SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship is defined by four main characteristics: discovery, integration, application, and education. When I think back to when I first came to Roberts, I was an undeclared major with thoughts of either going into the music program or the business program. I knew that I had liked aspects of both disciplines. But when it came down to deciding what area I could see myself making the most impact in, I knew that business would offer more opportunities. I also chose business because I had been placed in several leadership positions which allowed me to experience managing and leading different groups of people. Throughout my studies at Roberts, I was able to learn more about the key aspects of what management is and how to properly apply it to certain situations. I was also able to take what I learned in the classroom and apply it to real life situations such as becoming involved with the SIFE team (Students In Free

Enterprise) and taking on a project management role leading a camp for young inner-city teen girls my sophomore year.

I feel that scholarship is very important because it is the driving force that keeps us interested in what we are doing. It helps us discover new ideas, integrate them into what we already know, apply this new knowledge into actual life situations, and educate others so that they too will have the knowledge that we do. With this in mind, I will take this forethought of always doing my best, trying new things while also following after things that I know I do well and apply these to my future career in the management field.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION

Spiritual formation, I believe, is the one pillar that needs to be intact before you can truly do your best in the other two areas. I believe that God created us with a special purpose and calling on our lives, and it is up to us to seek him out to see what that particular calling is. In seeking what God has for our lives, we will have a better understanding of what scholarly area to study or what service to get involved in, or even some of both. In order to reach the level of understanding between us and God, there are four different approaches that can be implemented including scripture (studying), tradition (what has been done in the past), reason (integrating faith and other views), and experience (hands-on work).

In terms of my own spiritual formation since being on this campus, I can say that I have found myself growing stronger in the Lord in these last two years as opposed to my first two. I think that is because in the beginning, I was trying to find who I was in terms of being a Christian while going to a Christian College where people believe and worship differently than what I had been used to. I had to redirect myself in sense to really focus on what God had for me, because it was only Him that had directed me to this school. It also helped when I found a few friends that I could share my thoughts and my questions about God and plans that he had.

Besides just the school atmosphere, I also went on my first mission's trip to Santa Cruz, Guatemala, with the SIFE team my sophomore year. Being able to experience a different culture but also one that is in very much need of some assistance really changed my perspective in being more thankful for the things that I have. Not only this, but it gave me a desire to seek God more and see what He wants to do with my life. I saw so many people in need, and my heart went out to them trying to help where I could. But most of all I was able to spread the light of Jesus to these people whether it was through a smile, a hug, or sitting down with someone and reading a bible verse or praying with them. If nothing else, coming to this school has opened my eyes to the missions field and being of assistance where

needed, but most of all seeking God and the plan that He has for my life.

SERVICE

I have always been a service-oriented person, lending a hand where it was needed whether that was at my church's food pantry, helping a friend with their school work, or just helping out with the gardening for one of my neighbors. I personally feel that God has given me a servant's heart where I have a desire to help any who are in need. Also being a part of the Business Department, there is a four-year model that includes hope and courage, integrity, personal excellence, and servant leadership. As this is my senior year, the theme is servant leadership, and throughout the year I have found several opportunities to learn more about what it is to be a servant leader and really focus on serving others.

For one of my classes I took on the role of being a mentor to one of my peers for a SIFE project called Women of Courage. At first, I was more taking on the role to fulfill my class requirement, but as I got into the role more I realized that in order to be an effective mentor you have to build a relationship and be open to whatever may come about. I started training my mentee on the camp information, but I also put myself in a position where I was always open to serve and see where God would use me. What seemed like a sacrifice to many, especially with all of the hours that were put

in for the camp, to me was more about the impact and how through this camp we would be able to change lives. That is what I like about service – being able to make a lasting impact in someone's life. That is not to say that I put myself in service oriented situations to get attention, but I love doing small things for people just to make them feel better, and being able to see their smile lets me know that I have made a positive impact on their life.

God also calls us to be servants, because as Jesus was washing the feet of His disciples he mentioned that in order for us to be a leader, we first have to be a servant. Many leaders are in their position only for the sake of having power. But what leadership should really be about is understanding people and their needs and leading others in a positive manner; being able to serve one another leaving a lasting impact. My future goal is to be a leader who is able to show people the way and meet their needs.

CONCLUSION

As I am concluding my fourth year here at Roberts, I believe that I have been well prepared for what is to come as God sees fit in His plans for my life. I will take what I have learned through the three pillars of Roberts, that being scholarship, spiritual formation, and service, and apply them to all that I do in my future.

EVERMORE

ALUMNI OBITUARIES**DOUGLAS JOHN BUCHANAN'69**

Douglas John Buchanan'69 of East Hamilton, Ont., a former Board of Trustee member, passed away on Feb. 18, 2010, at the age of 63. He is survived by his wife, Marilyn.

RUDOLPH BUETTNER'57

Rudolph Buettner'57, brother of Dr. Elvera Berry of the College's Religion and Humanities Division, passed away April 13, 2010, after a long battle with leukemia. During his career Buettner taught science in several Rochester, N.Y.-area school districts, as well as chemistry at Roberts.

DANIEL R. CORNWALL'64

Daniel R. Cornwall'64, a lifetime resident of Wyoming, N.Y., passed away last year. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Wyoming and a former choir director. Cornwall is survived by his wife of 46 years, Joyce Perry Cornwall.

REV. THOMAS HAMILTON'42

Rev. Thomas Hamilton'42 died in November 2010, the result of a hiking mishap in Alleghany State Park with his daughter Rebecca Huffman '66. He was married to the former Dorothy Farrington whom he met when both were students at Chesbrough Seminary (now Roberts). They served Free Methodist pastorates in New York at Albion, Warsaw, Brockport, Fredonia, Allegany, and Salamanca. For the 27 years prior to his retirement, Hamilton was the pastor of the United Methodist Church in Great Valley, N.Y. Hamilton is survived by his daughters Rebecca and Marilyn.

BETH LOIS JOHNSON-BURNS

Beth Lois Johnson-Burns of Belmont, N.C., who attended Roberts in the 1970s, passed away on June 20, 2010, after a long battle with cancer. She is survived by her husband, Christopher Burns of Belmont, N.C.

EVAJANE CANON SCHMITT'67

Evajane Canon Schmitt'67, who earned her Bachelor's degree in nursing at Roberts and later served as a faculty member in the Division of Nursing from 1978-79, died Sept. 15, 2010. Sister of Charley Canon, she lived in Valparaiso, Ind., with her husband Jerry and children Mary and Paul.

CARROLL F. "BUDDY" WARLICK'53

Buddy Warlick'53 passed away on Feb. 6, 2010, at the age of 86. Warlick had been a Merchant Marine during World War II. He is survived by Josephine, his wife of 59 years.

SCHEDULE OF EXHIBITIONS

2011-2012

Celebrating the Davison Gallery's 15th Anniversary

SEPTEMBER 1 – OCTOBER 1

BOWDEN AND FUJIMURA: EPISODES

Sandra Bowden and Makoto Fujimura

Reception: Friday, September 23, 5 – 7 p.m.



OCTOBER 12 – NOVEMBER 11

BETLEM AND GEOS: MATTER AND COLOR

Gloria Betlem and Ruth Geos

Reception: Friday, October 14, 5 – 7 p.m.



NOVEMBER 15 – DECEMBER 15

COUNTERPARTS AND INTERLUDES

Lori Cooley, Alice Gold, and Jack Wolsky

Reception: Thursday, November 17, 7 – 9 p.m.



JANUARY 9 – JANUARY 31

ART FACULTY SHOWCASE

Jeffrey Grubbs and Romy Hosford

Opening Reception: Thursday, January 12, 7 - 9 p.m.



FEBRUARY 6 – FEBRUARY 25

IN...SIGHT: THE ALL-STUDENT JURIED SHOW

Opening Reception: Friday, February 10, 12 – 1:30 p.m.



MARCH 5 – APRIL 5

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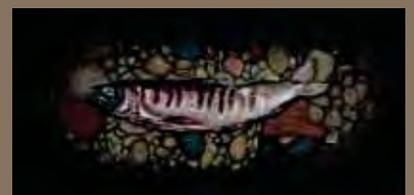
Also in conjunction with the Academic Conference



APRIL 16 – MAY 5

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ERNIE HAASE AND SIGNATURE SOUND / 4.13.12



STEP AFRIKA! / 2.11.12

**Trumpeter Allen Vizzutti with
Roberts Wesleyan College-Community Orchestra**
September 23, 2011 – 7:30 p.m.

Mark Lowry
September 25, 2011 – 6:00 p.m.

Sinatra & Basie at the Sands
October 1, 2011 – 7:30 p.m.

Third Day with Tenth Ave. North
October 30, 2011 – 6:00 p.m.
Voller Athletic Center Arena

RWC Christmas Gala
December 10, 2011 – 7:30 p.m.
December 11, 2011 – 3:00 p.m.

**Cinderella performed by
Roberts Wesleyan College-Community Theater**
January 13-14/20-21, 2012 – 7:30 p.m.
January 15/22, 2011 – 2:00 p.m.

Step Afrika!
February 11, 2012 – 7:30 p.m.

Mandisa
February 25, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.

**Violinist David Kim with
Roberts Wesleyan College-Community Orchestra**
February 28, 2012 – 7:30 p.m.

Phil Keaggy & His Band
March 10, 2012 – 7:30 p.m.

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