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A LETTER FROM FR. LARRY HOSTETTER



At the beginning of a new academic year my thoughts are always with our newest students and those returning. The potential of a new year is always exciting as I look forward to seeing our students continue to grow into their talents and potential. This *Brescia Now*, however, is about looking back at the last year and especially the achievements of our graduating class. As we said goodbye to them, I was reminded of their incredible resilience and adaptability. Their university experience began under the shadow of the Covid-19 pandemic—a time that presented unprecedented challenges for all of us. Despite the obstacles of that time, these students navigated their studies with remarkable

determination and grace. They embodied our motto of those days—Resilient like a Bearcat. These students deserve a great deal of credit, but they didn't arrive to graduation day on their own, they were supported by the incredible faculty and staff of Brescia University, and I'm incredibly grateful for their dedication and hard work.

During this past year, and continuing this year and beyond, we continue to respond to the challenges of the Covid years and the needs of the 21st century. We have been very busy looking for new ways to meet the needs of today's students. In academics we are strengthening our undergraduate programs and are developing several new graduate programs, with a special focus on health care. Stay tuned for more news in the months ahead.

This past year we also began the process of revitalizing our athletic programs. Most evident was the addition of a

men's volleyball team, which added a new level of excitement to the Brescia gym. Finding a way for student athletes to continue to play their sport while pursuing their degrees is a critical consideration for today's parents and students. These academic and athletic developments underscore our commitment to remaining relevant and viable in our commitment to our mission and the Brescia Difference.

I hope you enjoy this edition of the *Brescia Now*. Within these pages you'll meet our students, staff and faculty. It's hard to condense a whole academic year into one magazine but I think you will get a great taste of the many activities, projects, and personalities that make up our mission. You are an important part of that mission. In fact, without you we can't do it—thank you!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Fr. Larry Hostetter".

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BRESCIA UNIVERSITY



2024

Graduation

Class of 2024

KENTUCKY

Bardstown

John Michael Clements, M.S. in Clinical Psychology

Beaver Dam

Madison Sierra Bryant, M.S. in Speech-Language Pathology
Jayna Breeze Patterson, B.S.W. in Social Work (Cum Laude)

Bowling Green

Jordan Layne Baer, B.S. in Accounting
Jerrius Borden, M.B.A.
Kathryn Nicole Levesque, B.S. in Middle School Education with Teacher Certification in 5-9 (Magna Cum Laude)

Brandenburg

+Parker Johnston, B.S. in Accounting: Emphases in Finance and Economics (Summa Cum Laude)

Cadiz

Abigail Suzanne Burgett, B.S. in Psychology (Summa Cum Laude)
Abigail Lee Gillespie, B.S. in Communication Sciences and Disorders (Summa Cum Laude)

Caneyville

Rhiannon Leigh Wilson, B.A. in History

Centertown

+Angelena Henderson, B.S.W. in Social Work (Summa Cum Laude)

Central City

Noah Duvall, B.S. in Accounting
Hailey Jo Rager, B.S. in Business

Cloverport

Macie Mattingly, B.S.W. in Social Work

Fancy Farm

Grace Kylee Thomasson, M.S. in Speech-Language Pathology

Glasgow

Heidi Burke Soto Holgate, M.S.W.

Georgetown

Emma Lauren Turner, M.S. in Clinical Psychology

Hanson

+Steven Knight, B.A. in Theology and Pre-Law Studies with a Philosophy minor (Cum Laude)

Hardinsburg

MaKayla Paige Pollock, B.S. in Psychology
Brooklyn Nicole Seelye, B.S. in Business (Summa Cum Laude)

Hartford

Enrique Mujica Perez, B.S. in Accounting

Hawesville

+Jillian Chun Elise Kruse, B.S. in Accounting (Summa Cum Laude)
Mckenzie Ranae Severs, B.S. in Elementary Education with Teacher Certification Grades P-5 (Magna Cum Laude)
Trevor Winningham, B.S. in Computer Science (Magna Cum Laude)

Henderson

Lauren Mason, B.S. in Psychology
Timothy De'Wayne Miller, M.S. in Clinical Psychology
Jacob Sauls, B.S. in Accounting (Magna Cum Laude)

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THE 2024 BRESCIA UNIVERSITY GRADUATES!

Brescia University awarded degrees at the RiverPark Center on May 11, 2024. The following students received degrees as indicated:

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS (A.A.)

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE (A.S.)

BACHELOR OF ARTS (B.A.)

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (B.S.)

BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK (B.S.W.)

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (M.B.A.)

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY (M.S. IN CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY)

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY (M.S. IN SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY)

MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK (M.S.W.)

SCHOLARLY HONORS

CUM LAUDE

CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE OF 3.5

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE OF 3.7

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE OF 3.9

+HONORS COLLEGE

ALPHA CHI, PSI CHI, AND/OR PHI ALPHA HONOR SOCIETY

CONGRATULATIONS BEARCAT GRADUATES



Congrats Graduates!

Knottsville

Alayna Victoria Petri, B.S. in Elementary Education with Teacher Certification Grades P-5 (Summa Cum Laude)

Ledbetter

Michael Ryne Barrow, B.S. in Business: Emphasis in Management

Leitchfield

James Ethan Pierce, B.A. in Graphic Design

Lewisport

+Mason Kelly Lee Potts, B.S. in Accounting (Summa Cum Laude)
Katherine Cox, M.S.W.

Maceo

Eileen Brandon, B.S. in Biology (Magna Cum Laude)

Madisonville

Chase Landon Garrett, B.S. in Business
Colin Reece Garrett, B.S. in Business
Courtney Ann Peyton, B.S. in Psychology (Magna Cum Laude)
Lindsey Jo Peyton, B.S. in Psychology (Cum Laude)

Masonville

Reese Charles Haight, B.S. in Biology
+Regan Haight, B.S. in Mathematics (Magna Cum Laude)

Melber

Sheila Womble, B.S. in Social Work (Cum Laude)

Owensboro

Brady Aud, B.S. in Accounting
Alyssa Beyke, B.S. in Communication Sciences and Disorders (Summa Cum Laude)
Madaline Brown, M.S. in Speech-Language Pathology
Abigail Paige Burden, B.S. in Integrated Studies: Emphases in Elementary Education and Social Work (Magna Cum Laude)
Emilee Nicole Clark, B.A. in Political Science and Pre-Law Studies
Thomas Miles Clark, M.B.A. with Finance Emphasis

Daylin Allen Crabtree, B.S. in Business

Kelsey Brooke Crabtree, B.S. in Business (Cum Laude)

Heather Doss, B.S.W. in Social Work (Magna Cum Laude)

Matthew Ryan DuFrayne, B.S. in Biology with a Chemistry minor (Cum Laude)

Magan Michelle Dukes, B.S. in Psychology

Logan Bryan Field, B.S. in Business: Emphasis in Human Resource Management (Cum Laude)

Eden Electa Folds, B.S. in Elementary Education with Teacher Certification Grades P-5 (Summa Cum Laude)

Sydney Ford, M.S. in Speech-Language Pathology

Preston Neel Franey, B.S. in Business
Brielle Elise Gaddis, B.S. in Biochemistry and Medical Laboratory Science (Cum Laude)

+Winona Galloway, M.S. in Clinical Psychology

+Valerie Michelle Gillim, B.S. in Biology (Cum Laude)

Charly Therese Hayden, B.S. in Business: Emphases in Finance and Economics

Lindsey Delores Hayden, B.S. in Business: Emphasis in Human Resource Management

+Michael Christopher Keller, B.S. in Mathematics with a Physics minor (Summa Cum Laude)

Pamela Keserich, B.S. in Business
Joshua Lane Kuegel, B.S. in

Integrated Studies: Emphases in Business and Agriculture
Madelyn Rose Lyon, B.S. in Business
Kaylee Madewell, M.S.W.

Matthew Marks, B.S. in Business
Blake Martin, B.S. in Computer Science with a Psychology minor (Magna Cum Laude)

Megan Elizabeth McCarthy, B.S. in Mathematics with a Psychology minor

Emily Alayne Means, B.S. in Psychology

Justin Garret Noffsinger, M.B.A. with Management Emphasis

Riley Norris, B.A. in English
Brady Oost, B.A. in Secondary Social Studies with Teacher Certification Grades 8-12

Hannah Pearl, B.S. in Psychology (Magna Cum Laude)

Desere Michelle Pitman, B.S. in Psychology

Madysen Nicole Poole, B.S.W. in Social Work, has met all

requirements for Certification in Public Child Welfare in Kentucky

Whitney L. Randolph, B.S.W. in Social Work (Cum Laude)

Braelyn Rhodes, B.S. in Biology
Kristen Robison, M.S.W.

Andrew Carey Saltsman, B.S. in Business

Cassandra Rose Schluntz, B.S.W. in Social Work (Cum Laude)

Alexandria Lynn Selby, B.A. in Art Education with Teacher Certification Grades P-12

Sarah Alexis Shadowen, B.S. in Elementary Education with Teacher Certification Grades P-5 (Cum Laude)

Kevin A. Shockley, B.S. in Business: Emphases in Finance and Economics (Cum Laude)

Kaylyn Sowders, B.S. in Psychology
Jace Alexander Sutherland, B.S. in Business

Joseph Tapia, B.S. in Business: Emphasis in Management

Maliyah Taylor, M.B.A. with Finance Emphasis

Mason Kemble Thompson, B.S. in Psychology (Summa Cum Laude)

Cole Michael Troutman, B.S. in Accounting

Audrey Elizabeth Wedding, B.S. in Communication and Science Disorders

Jodi Lynn Williamson, B.S. in Psychology (Cum Laude)

Paducah

William Kendal Kortz, B.S. in Business

Elyanne Grace Rubush, B.S. in Psychology

Philpot

Kealey Malay Couch, B.S. in Integrated Studies: Emphases in Psychology and Biology

Brianne Nicole Howard, B.S. in Elementary Education with Teacher Certification Grades P-5

(Magna Cum Laude)

+Amber Lynn Payne, B.S. in Special Education Emphasis in Learning Behavior Disorders with Teacher Certification in P-12 and Middle School English 5-9 and Theology Certificate (Summa Cum Laude)

Providence

Preston Glazebrook, B.S. in Computer Science

Russellville

Nevaeh DeArmond, B.A. in Political Science and History (Cum Laude)

Sacramento

Jessee Wood, B.S. in Business (Cum Laude)

Scottsville

Bryson Bonds, B.S. in Business with a Sports Management minor

Shelbyville

Faith Noel Axline, B.S. in Integrated Studies: Emphases in Business and Sports Management

Utica

Delaney Jo Evans, B.S. in Elementary Education with Teacher Certification Grades P-5

Bethany Jenna Hatfield, B.S. in Integrated Studies: Emphases in Business and Veterinary Technology (Cum Laude)

Kaylee Leonard, M.S. in Speech-Language Pathology

Whitesville

Kevin Maurice Foster, B.A. in Secondary English with Teacher Certification Grades 8-12 (Magna Cum Laude)

Margaret Lynette Foster, A.S. in Health Sciences

+Alexis Nicole Miles, B.S. in Communication Sciences and Disorders (Summa Cum Laude)

+Taylor Marie Pedley, B.S. in Communication Sciences and Disorders (Summa Cum Laude)
Paige Lee Vanzant, B.S. in Business: Emphasis in Management

ALABAMA

Daphne
Aaron Javon Jones, B.S. in Integrated
Studies: Emphases in Social Work and Sports
Management

CALIFORNIA

El Monte
Schon Pespisa, A.S. in Health Sciences

Los Angeles
Jessica L. Doria, B.S.W. in Social Work
(Cum Laude)

COLORADO

Telluride
Megan McCabe, M.S.W.

CONNECTICUT

Mansfield
+Sarah A. Dufresne, M.S.W.

FLORIDA

Crestview
Juan Hernandez, B.S. in Business

Palatka
Jennifer Thompson Young, M.S.W.

GEORGIA

Reidsville
Holly Michelle Carlyle, B.S.W. in Social Work

ILLINOIS

Edwardsville
Gavin Reames, B.S. in Accounting

McLeansboro
Bailey Ray Stricklin, M.B.A.

Quincy
Katie Louise Elmore, M.S.W.

Springfield
Sierra Nicole Thompson, M.S. in Clinical
Psychology

Waterloo
Jack Atchley, B.S. in Business

INDIANA

Corydon
+Lynsey Paige Butler, M.S.W.

Floyds Knob
Talon Hutto, B.S. in Mathematics with a Physics
minor (Cum Laude)

Fort Branch
Hailey Rae Shadwick, A.S. in Health Sciences

Jeffersonville
Raelyn Michelle Leppert, B.S. in Psychology

Rockport
Manning Michael Webb, B.S. in Integrated
Studies: Emphases in Education and Sports
Management

Santa Claus
Brittany Morgan Crosby, B.S. in Special
Education in Emphasis in Learning Behavior
Disorders with Teacher Certification in
P-12 and Elementary Education P-5
(Summa Cum Laude)

Princeton
Lizabeth Gail Schmits, B.A. in History with a
Spanish minor (Cum Laude)

Tell City
Layla Piper, B.S.W. in Social Work
Magna Cum Laude)

KANSAS

Shawnee
Justin D. Mullins, M.B.A. with Management
Emphasis

MARYLAND

Baltimore
+Gregory B. Harris II, M.S.W.
+ Sophnielle Yanita Santana, M.S.W.

MICHIGAN

Baldwin
Shawn Lynn Ware, M.S.W.

Battle Creek
Mark C. Newcomb, B.S.W. in Social Work

MISSISSIPPI

Jackson
Tiffany T. Jones, M.S.W.

MONTANA

Mankato
Shelby Rae Dwyer, B.S.W. in Social Work
(Cum Laude)

NEW JERSEY

East Windsor
+ Carol Wolkiewicz, M.S.W.

NEW YORK

Bronx
Anthony H. Lopez, B.S. in Psychology

Buffalo
+Sarah Johnson, M.S.W.

NORTH CAROLINA

Washington
Dominique Nichelle Smith, M.S.W.

OHIO

Ashland
Tori R. Emery, B.S. in Psychology
(Magna Cum Laude)

Columbus
Tiya E. Omosigbo, B.S. in Psychology
(Cum Laude)

Jackson
+Alexis Star Dunn, M.S.W.



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PENNSYLVANIA

York
Heather R. Custred, M.B.A.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Charleston
Eleanor Price Wright, B.S.W. in Social Work

Myrtle Beach
Paul Crawford Icatar, M.S.W.

Summerville
Carrie S. Bell, B.S. in Psychology
(Magna Cum Laude)

TENNESSEE

Knoxville
Sarah E. Ray, M.S. in Speech-Language Pathology

Lafayette
+Raini DeShae Gerometta, B.S. in Biology
(Magna Cum Laude)

Nashville
Jeff Groves, B.S. in Business: Emphasis in
Human Resource Management

TEXAS

Little Elm
Mildred M Sandamuka, M.S.W.

Mission
Berenice I. Mendoza, M.S.W.

San Antonio
Gabriel Human, B.S. in Chemistry with a Physics
minor
Mackenzie Mae Parker, B.S.W. in Social Work

Waco
Haley Hartman, M.S.W.
Morgan Ashlee Williamson, M.S.W.

VIRGINIA

Woodbridge
Madison Miller, M.S.W.

WASHINGTON

Yakima
Brenda Esquivel, M.S.W.
Social Work (Summa Cum Laude)

WISCONSIN

Colfax
Hannah Sykora, B.S.W. in Social Work

CANADA

Calgary
Daniel Thomas, B.S. in Business

Medicine Hat
Ethan Daniel Boutkan, M.B.A. with
Management Emphasis

COLUMBIA

Bogota
Juan N. Tavera Moreno, B.A. in Political Science
and Business with a Sports Management minor
(Cum Laude)

MEXICO

Bellavista
Charlie Morales Vazquez, B.S. in Integrated
Studies: Emphases in Spanish and Education

SCOTLAND

Erskine
Erin McGuire, M.B.A. with Management Emphasis

SPAIN

Madrid
Raquel Crooke Losada, B.S. in Integrated Studies:
Emphases in Biology, Psychology and Chemistry
(Cum Laude)

VIETNAM

Thi Thanh Lam Dinh, B.S. in Integrated Studies:
Emphases in Education and Theology
(Summa Cum Laude)
Thi Thuy Dung Nguyen, B.S. in Psychology with a
Theology minor (Magna Cum Laude)
Nguyet Thi Pham, B.A. in English: Emphasis in
Professional Writing (Summa Cum Laude)

ZIMBABWE

Nathan Blessing Chitate, M.B.A. with
Finance Emphasis



Graduation Video

To watch the livestream of Commencement,
scan the QR code





My Brescia STORY

BY: EVA ATKINSON '79

My history with Brescia began before I was born and has been intertwined with my adult life. My mother took secretarial classes for her job at Texas Gas. Using his G.I. Bill, my Dad took organizational psychology with Father Charles Saffer. (I also had Father Saffer as a psychology professor at Brescia.) My parents would later meet & marry. While growing up I knew I wanted to go to college, but high school guidance counselors did little to help us out. My dream to go to college was assisted by Anna Katherine Therese Fraize who had been my 7-8th grade teacher, and was then teaching at Brescia and on the admissions committee. I was admitted and awarded a scholarship that covered most of my tuition. As the eldest of seven kids, I worked full time since age 16 to help support my family. This left little time to figure out a major; I changed majors three to four times in four years. I met my future husband during summer between my sophomore & junior years. We married the next summer when I was a rising senior. I graduated on time with many extra credit hours and got my first loan so I could pay my bill to graduate.

In sorting out my life, I realized I was called to be a professional helper. Fast forward to going to grad school at WKU to earn a degree in counseling while working full time. (I have true empathy for adult students.) I landed a great job

in a mental health hospital in Evansville, working in addictions treatment and psychiatric care. My specialty was offering multi-family group counseling. I was tiring of the daily commute and I applied for an opening in Brescia's student support services. I didn't get that job, but I did receive a call from Sister Vivian Bowles, founder of the Counseling Center. She had been selected as President of Brescia and asked if could she forward my resume to the search committee for a counselor. Sister Ruth Gehres, the outgoing president, hired me. My job was patched together from several openings at the college: counseling services, academic advisor to 100 business majors in Weekend College, a contract providing EAP counseling for Mercy Hospital, and teaching two sections for the psychology department. The Evansville hospital accepted a two-weeks notice instead of the standard 30 days. I hit the ground running with little guidance, 48 hours before I taught my first class. (Those of you who had me as instructor in my early days, now know the backstory!)

My goal was to keep pushing myself and allowing my students to stand on my shoulders to launch their own journeys. Highlights of my Brescia life included writing the first course website using HTML, leading a student group on a learning experience in American Samoa, being selected as a family therapy specialist with a National Association for Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors group doing a two week teaching exchange at psychiatric hospitals in China, earning a Fulbright Commission teaching assignment in Cyprus to work with addiction professionals and successfully writing a bi-communal grant to to the Fulbright Commission to bring 30 Greek & Turkish Cypriot medical professionals, psychologists, and social workers to Owensboro, Kentucky for three weeks of training on prevention and treatment of addictions. Amidst all this, I was blessed

to travel to China in 2000 & 2003 to adopt my wonderful daughters. I am grateful to the Brescia community that offered them a multicultural oasis in a small town. When Facebook first opened up to other colleges after the Ivy Leagues, I invited them to consider Brescia. Later, Sister Rose Jean Powers and I offered the first training on Facebook privacy settings. When I was cleaning computer files, I ran across some "interesting" photos lifted from student profiles for that presentation. I believe the majority of these folks now are pillars in their communities.

It's been a long strange trip and a beautiful life. I thought I would retire when Brescia turned 100. An injury from a fall in a local grocery resulted in 2 major shoulder surgeries in less than a year. I couldn't get the energy to fully attend to the needs of the students. My daughters now live in large, diverse cities on opposite sides of the country. I spent time with them both after retiring January 5, 2024.

I miss my students, my coworkers, my laptop, subscription to Microsoft Office, and my email address evaa@brescia.edu. ;-)

If I had made a master plan for my life, I would have sold myself short. I am extremely grateful for 40+ years of marriage, 39 1/2 years in recovery, 28 1/2 years at Brescia, and having the privilege of being Mom to my daughters and a stand in Mom for students far from home. One of my daughters earned two degrees from Brescia, one of them while in high school. The other graduated from Berea College, also an Association of Independent Kentucky Colleges and Universities institution. God had a greater plan for me than I could have envisioned and I look forward to what unfolds next. Thank you for letting me into your lives. Thank you for your trust. Best wishes to you in being the launchpad for the next generation.

Campus Life



WELCOME BACK BEARCATS

Bearcats enjoyed splashing around in the soaped fountain to kick off their day!



NSSLHA STUDENTS CELEBRATE RARE DISEASE DAY

Brescia University NSSLHA students hosted an event to bring awareness to Rare Disease Day on the rarest day, February 29th. The group partnered with Melanin Children Matter, a local nonprofit started by Lakeia Nard in honor of her son King'nazir Gates who was diagnosed with a rare disease called SPTLC2.



SOCIAL WORK STUDENTS GO ON RETREAT

On April 5th and 6th, Brescia University students attended the CW Prep Retreat in Louisville. Susan Howard, Associate Professor of Social Work and Sociology, and students Jazmin Jackson, Keleigh Boehman, Madison Carwile, Madyson Poole, and Sabrina Smith attended the retreat. Students were able to network with other social work professionals.



BEARCATS GET CHEERED ON BY ACES

During the basketball season, our Bearcats were visited by some members from Owensboro Catholic! The Owensboro Catholic Elementary Cheer Team stopped by to help cheer on our Brescia Bearcat basketball teams as they took on Oakland City University! The team had fun making bracelets, had snow cones, and met Barney the Bearcat! Then, during a match against Alice Lloyd, our men's and women's basketball teams were visited by The Owensboro Catholic Youth Basketball League!



BIOLOGY STUDENTS TAKE CLASS OUTSIDE



Dr. Jon Dudko and his class went to Jeffrey's Cliffs, in Hancock County, to have a hands-on, out of the classroom learning experience. The class used an app called iNaturalist to conduct their own miniature bioblitz to document biodiversity. The class collected more than 350 observations of plants and animals during their trip.



The Fresh Ideas staff took some time to hang out with Barney!



"THE BEAUTY OF WOOD"

The Anna Eaton Stout Art Gallery held a number of shows this year including "The Beauty of Wood" by Jim Barr '76. This show featured pieces from over 30 years ago to more recent relief sculptures.



KYCPA STUDENT PRESENTATION

Student Jacob Sauls invited members of the Kentucky Society of CPAs, or KyCPA, to speak with students about joining the student option of the society. Students were able to speak with CPAs about the process and testing requirements.

BRESCIA STUDENTS WALK FOR A CAUSE



Brescia University Students for Life participated in the Right to Life's Walk for Life in September.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK FUN!

Barney the Bearcat visited the Diocese of Owensboro again this year to celebrate Catholic Schools Week. Students were tasked with taking photos of themselves with Barney doing something where they feel loved or where they feel God's love. A winner was chosen from St. Romuald in Hardinsburg. She won a Chromebook and \$500 for her school!



The Brescia University NSSLHA Chapter met to celebrate their seniors and the end of the year!



BUBBLE SOCCER!

Brescia University students participated in an intramural game of bubble soccer! Students wore giant bubbles while trying to score points, creating an environment of community while doing something fun!



STUDENTS TRY THEIR LUCK

During the fall and spring semesters the Student Activity and Programming Board hosts Vegas Night. Faculty and staff members act as dealers while students try their hand at poker, roulette, and blackjack for the chance to win a ton of prizes.



Officers of the FCA, or Fellowship of Christian Athletes, selected their leaders for the year. Students met throughout the year to hear from fellow athletes about how Jesus can change your life.

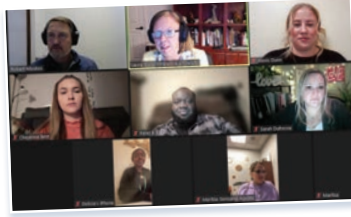
NEW KIND OF OLYMPICS

During the fall semester the Brescia University SGA hosted the Drunk Goggle Olympics! Students wore alcohol and drug goggles to play cornhole, race drift bikes, try cup stacking, and more!



PHI ALPHA WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

On February 1st seven new members were inducted into Phi Alpha. The Honor Society of Social Workers has been active on Brescia's campus since 2016 and serves to provide a closer bond among students and promote humanitarian goals and ideals.



Students gather in the Fr. Leonard Alvey Library to listen to the Taylor Swift album 1989 (Taylor's Version).

BSU HOSTS BARBERSHOP TALK

In March, the Brescia University Black Student Union hosted a Barbershop Talk. Local barbers came to campus to give students a fresh haircut and create an environment for open dialogue.



STUDENTS TAKE UNIQUE FIELD TRIP

Associate Professor of Social Work Susan Howard's Death & Dying class visited James H. Davis Funeral Home. There, they had the privilege of meeting with John Hill, Vice President and Funeral Director, who shared insights and offered a glimpse into his daily routine. This experience allowed our students to discuss death as a natural part of life's journey.



BEARCATS GET CAREER READY

During Professional Readiness Month, Brescia University Career Services hosted events all month to help prepare our students for their next chapter. Students participated in Mock Interviews, attended a Career and Graduate Fair, joined partners from Kentucky Wesleyan College for a Business Etiquette Dinner, and were able to get professional headshots taken.



FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL PICS!



Students finally returned to campus on August 15th for their first day of class!



SAY CHEESE!

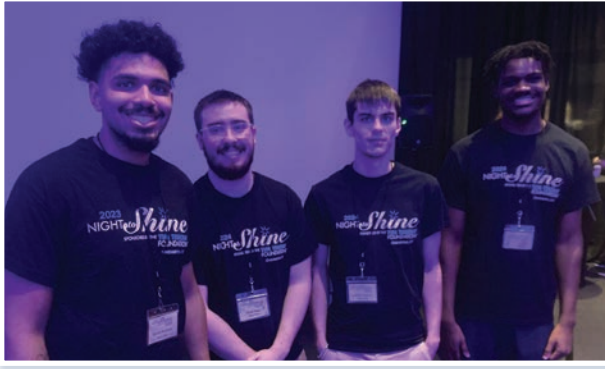
Fr. Larry and the Student Ambassadors take a goofy photo while they wait to welcome prospective students during an Open House in March.



PSYCHOLOGY INTERVIEW FUN



Students in Associate Professor of Psychology Vicki Will's Psy406 class interviewed each other with a twist! Students were tasked with researching famous psychologists and interviewing each other. It was a unique learning experience for students to learn from each other in a creative way!



BEARCATS HELP THE NIGHT SHINE

On Friday, February 9th, the Brescia University men's basketball team participated in the 'Tim Tebow's Night to Shine' event, hosted by Life Community Church at the Owensboro Convention Center. The basketball program, including players and coaches, joined the festivities acting as the paparazzi to welcome and celebrate each guest as they arrived on the red carpet.

SCHOOLS VISIT CAMPUS

Throughout the year, numerous schools visit the Brescia campus and sometimes Barney gets to drop in and say hello.



STUDENTS INDUCTED IN ALPHA CHI & SOPHOMORE HONOR SOCIETY



On October 29th, ten Brescia University students were inducted into the Alpha Chi National Honor Society and the Brescia University sophomore Honor Society. Students inducted are from the top 10% of juniors, seniors, and sophomores at Brescia.



BEARCATS SPENDING THE DAY WITH DOGS

In November, the Brescia University Psychology Club spent time volunteering at the Daviess County Animal Shelter.



RESIDENT ASSISTANTS CELEBRATED

The Department of Residence Life celebrated their senior resident assistants and gave out paper plate awards for leadership and outstanding work.



BEARCATS CELEBRATE VALENTINE'S DAY

For Valentine's Day, a photo booth was set up in the Moore Center for students to take photos to celebrate the day!

CONTINUED...

NEWEST MEMBERS INDUCTED INTO PSI CHI

The newest members of Psi Chi were inducted on April 7th. Psi Chi is an honor society for psychology students at four-year colleges and universities. Members are able to network, apply for grants and scholarships, have mentor opportunities, and more.



HONORS COLLEGE STUDENTS GIVE BACK

The Brescia University Honors College hosted Girls Inc. during spring break. The group did a campus tour, made bracelets, and watched a movie.



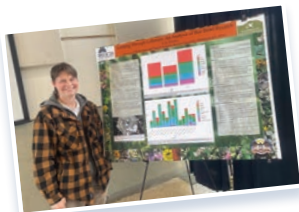
RA'S GET PIED FOR CHARITY

In April, Brescia University Residence Life hosted a drive for the Brescia Students Food Pantry. Students could make donations, and in return, pie a residence assistant!



BIOLOGY STUDENT PRESENTS RESEARCH

In February, biology senior Eileen Brandon, presented a research poster based on an internship experience with the Rocky Mountain Biology Laboratory in Colorado last summer. Her poster was titled, "Looking Through Leftovers: An Analysis of Bee Bowl Bycatch."



BRESCIA STUDENTS CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAY SEASON

The holiday season kicked off with the annual Hanging of the Greens. Students from the different clubs, organizations, and athletic teams hung decorated ornaments on a special student tree. The Brescia University Band and Choir also hosted a Winter Concert with songs for both Thanksgiving and Christmas.



BAND AND CHOIR SING THE SONG OF OWENSBORO



During the Band and Choir Spring Concert on May 2nd the group performed a number of songs including the 'Song of Owensboro,' an original piece by Professor Brett Ballard.



DELIGHT KICKS OFF

Brescia University Delight celebrated its kickoff in February. Over the spring semester, the group read Beautiful Kingdom: A Delight Ministries Study, which was the study of the book of Matthew.



STUDENTS CELEBRATE EARTH DAY

For Earth Day, students were able to pick out plants and decorate planters for their dorm rooms in an event hosted by the Brescia University SAPB.

BRESCIA MARKS 10TH MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL

On March 21st Brescia University hosted their 10th Annual Multicultural Festival. Brescia community members, as well as members of the Owensboro community, were invited to try foods from local restaurants and meals created by international students, faculty, and staff.



TRUNK OR TREAT!

The Brescia University Psychology Club hosted their annual trunk or treat for the community for Halloween. Students, faculty, and staff got dressed up and decorated their trunks to give out treats to the hundreds of kids that stopped by the event.



LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

During Mass, the Vietnamese Sisters performed a Lunar New Year dance to celebrate the occasion.



QUAD ECLIPSE PARTY

On April 8th, Brescia University was in the path of the eclipse, so of course we had a party! Students, faculty, and staff gathered on the quad for lunch, games, giveaways, taste testing from our Coca-Cola partners, and views of the eclipse through telescopes courtesy of Dr. Dmitry Uskov.



ONE LAST PARTY

Brescia students, faculty, and staff gathered on the quad for Farewell Fest on April 26th. Students climbed rock walls, played volleyball and cornhole, got their faces painted, and had lots of food! It was a great way to end the year!



WHO DUNNIT

The Fr. Leonard Alvey Library and Student Affairs joined together in the Library to host a murder mystery party. Faculty and staff acted out the roles of suspects and students asked them questions to figure out the mystery.



BRESCIA WELCOMES NEW SGA OFFICERS

During the annual Inaugural Ball, Brescia University welcomed its incoming Student Government Association Officers. These officers will serve during the 2024-2025 academic year. The officers are President, Josephine Gesser; Vice President, Amber Lopez; Parliamentarian, Claudette Villalpando; Secretary, Kaitlyn Orange; Treasurer, Nicholas Greer; and Historian, Diego Laguna.



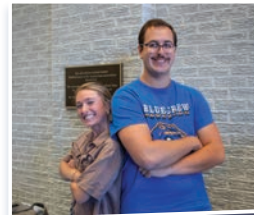
BRESCIA CELEBRATES FOUNTAIN DAY



Students, faculty, and staff celebrated the turning on of the fountain for spring! Once the fountain was on, participants painted rocks and played games while enjoying the calming sounds the fountain provided.

BEARCATS FIND WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

During August, students were invited to the Student Involvement Fair, where they were able to visit tables of all the clubs and organizations our campus has to offer!



REMBRANDT SCHOLAR ART SHOW

Alexandria Selby was awarded the Rembrandt Scholar Honors Award. This award is designed to encourage students to achieve the highest possible level of artistic ability. Alexandria's art was on display in the Anna Eaton Stout Art Gallery and she received recognition during Honors Convocation.



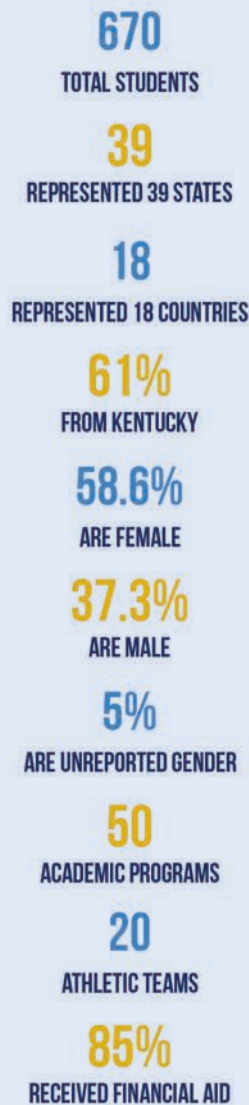


BRESCIA

EDUCATION FUND

A gift to the Brescia Education Fund supports the difference between what it costs to provide a transformative educational experience for each Brescia student, and the amount the student is asked to cover. This fund contributes to otherwise unfunded discounts or scholarships, allows the University to keep tuition as low as possible, and enhances in and out of classroom experiences to ensure that each Brescia student is receiving a state-of-the-art experience that will prepare them to carry the Brescia Difference with them as they enter their careers, raise their families, and make a difference in the world around them.

Gifts to the Brescia Education Fund during the 23/24 academic year supported:



None of this is possible, however, without the generosity and support of our Brescia family. We truly could not do what we do without the support of our alumni, friends, families, parents, and community partners who share our passion and commitment. I ask you to prayerfully consider making a gift to the Brescia Education Fund. You can mail your gift using the enclosed envelope, or by visiting www.brescia.edu/give. Your gift of any amount will help provide us with the resources to continue to empower our students today to solve the problems of tomorrow. Thanks to each of you for all you have done and continue to do to make the Brescia Difference!

Gratefully,

Director of Advancement

Brescia Family

BY: DILLON SCHUELER

Brescia is a strangely familiar place to me, although I have to admit – not overly familiar. I didn't go here as a student. I didn't grow up as a child of a parent who worked here. I didn't walk the halls and corridors to go to classes. At most, I spent time here with friends while I attended Kentucky Wesleyan College. I may have attended the occasional Mass service at Brescia if I had someone to go with. I spent a couple of hours over four years at sporting events.

But truly, that was the extent of my experience with Brescia. My dad went here. I had other family that went here. My sister graduated from here. My grandma still donates to Brescia. But me, I just sort of hung out here.

I've had a couple of jobs in my 28 years of life – and I've definitely done a little bit of everything. From food service to youth ministry, graphic design to refereeing soccer – I've done a few things in my lifetime. My favorite thing is when I talk with my wife about a job and say "I've done that" and her common response at this point is "Of COURSE you have – what haven't you done?" Well, up until the end of August, being a college Admissions Counselor was one job I'd never had, but one that I ALWAYS wondered – "How does someone get that kind of job?" Well – step one is to apply for it. Step two, and the most important step, is getting hired for it. And that's how I ended up at Brescia. From the moment I stepped onto campus for my interview, I knew that Brescia University was somewhere I wanted to be. Chris Houk and Christy Rohner went out of their way to make me feel welcomed right out of the gate, and honestly, I can say it was the most comfortable interview that I've ever been a part of.

So, what is it like to work as an Admissions Counselor? Well for starters, no two days are exactly the same – like, at all. It's such an interesting perspective in higher education where you truly do get to walk alongside potential students and help them discern what they want to do as they get ready

for college. Now, when I say that, I don't mean I'm the one making the decision on what major or program a student chooses to pursue - that all falls back on them. However, you truly get to speak out and represent the institution you work for and to help achieve what the foundational pillars of that institution represent. So for me, it's truly a unique perspective because I didn't go to Brescia, but in working here I've witnessed what the community and fellowship are about, and I get to help present that to our students. Now, it doesn't just fall back on my shoulders. I'm truly blessed with wonderful coworkers, coaches, supervisors, faculty and staff, and students who really help bring to light what it means to be a part of Brescia University. I have a great team of Student Ambassadors who help guide and direct incoming students toward their goals and aspirations – and who have all played a pivotal part in helping me grow in my career. I'm part of an amazing admissions team that always strives to get things done and genuinely cares about each student who steps foot onto this campus.

To me, it's truly the people here that make Brescia as special as it is. The community and comradery are truly second to none, and it's so easy to look across the vastness of the campus and just see how truly connected people are with one another. That's not something you see everywhere you work – and I'd truly venture to say it doesn't exist anywhere else the same way it does in Brescia.

In my first two weeks of working at Brescia, I was talking with friends outside of Brescia about how much I enjoyed my job, and my wife Alyssa made a very good point: "There's something to be said about working somewhere that Christ is the center of the work environment." I believe that to be so innately true. Now that's not to say that my short time here hasn't been met with trials or difficulties; however, I truly feel like I've found my own community and network within Brescia, and that has made all the difference for me.

"YOUR LIFE DOES NOT GET BETTER BY CHANCE. IT GETS BETTER BY CHANGE."

- JIM ROHN

BRESCIA, OWENSBORO HEALTH PARTNER FOR PEDIATRIC INITIATIVE



Owensboro Health and Brescia University announced an exciting partnership at the September Greater Owensboro Chamber of Commerce Rooster Booster Breakfast today. The two organizations are collaborating on a first-of-its-kind workforce development program to train healthcare workers in management of pediatric patients based on the most effective therapy tools and the Adlerian Play Therapy principle.

The goal of this cooperative project is to reduce the stress and anxiety children and families experience in a healthcare setting, particularly in the emergency department. The healthcare professionals who participate in this program will be able to help pediatric patients cope through education, preparation and play more effectively. One of the tools they will use is the demonstration of all items the child may see, hear and feel before a procedure. For example, they will show them the sterile towels, let them feel the saline

and that it does not burn, and let the child touch any of the items used. This is especially true for anxiety-inducing tests like a CT, when a specialist can show the patient a video of another child getting the test and explaining what to expect. This can also calm parents' worries throughout the visit.

Brescia University's Workforce Development Program and Psychology faculty will train up to 10 Owensboro Health team members simultaneously with these special child-centric skills during a 10-week, 40-hour course. This professional development program is based on expansion of communication, critical thinking and life-long learning skills in practical application to the healthcare work environment. Such innovation in training allows the emergency department to provide child life services around the clock, seven days per week, while also transferring the essential skills of communication and critical thinking to other departments within the hospital.

Funding for the training is made possible through Owensboro Health Foundation.

"We are over the moon about this partnership," Tracy Naylor, foundation director, said. "The Psychology faculty, along with Dr. Anna Kuthy, Workforce Development Program Director, have worked very hard to give us an incredible offering. I am unaware of any other partnership of this kind, and I suspect it will be the first of many at Owensboro Health."

Lauren McCrary, Brescia University Executive Vice President, spoke about the partnership at the September Rooster Booster event, saying, "We are proud of our talented staff who collaboratively helped develop this initiative and our faculty who can use their well-developed and – researched expertise outside of the classroom in a way that impacts so many in our community. Especially exciting is the opportunity the hospital has afforded us to work with their capable employees in this impactful way."

The program began its first cohort September 2023.

#BearcatNation

PA PROGRAM

BRESCIA UNIVERSITY TO EXAMINE DEVELOPMENT OF A MASTER'S LEVEL PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROGRAM

Brescia University began conducting a feasibility study more than a year ago to examine the statewide shortage of healthcare workers and work towards developing a Physician Assistant Program.* Currently, there are no Physician Assistant Programs in Western Kentucky, and only three in the state. The need for physician assistants is projected to grow by 28 percent through 2031 according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

This program received startup funding from HealthForce Kentucky to support the new PA program. HealthForce Kentucky is an effort to inspire careers in healthcare by providing wider access to the highest levels of instruction and technology. This unique collaboration involves nine colleges and universities along with numerous school districts across 16 counties in Western Kentucky. The shortages in healthcare professionals is a national, if not global, phenomenon that impacts the quality and availability of healthcare services. The Commonwealth of Kentucky chose to invest in an initiative to address this crisis, passing legislation to authorize funding of 38 million dollars. As part of the collaboration, the post-secondary institutions and the P-12 districts will work to share instructors and resources to provide more offerings among the districts and post-secondary institutions to expand class availability while also reducing the cost of instruction. As HealthForce Kentucky does not provide any degrees or diplomas, the collaboration with these institutions and use of shared resources is key in reaching more talented students in the 16-county footprint.

Bart Darrell, Chancellor of HealthForce Kentucky, said of the proposed program, “The proposed Physician Assistant degree program for Owensboro, Daviess County, and this region of Kentucky is a groundbreaking advancement in healthcare quality and access. HealthForce

Kentucky is proud to be part of this new healthcare career pathway. This is the first of many new collaborations in which HealthForce Kentucky will be involved as a partner with our postsecondary and P-12 education partners, along with our healthcare institutions.” He continued to say, “There is an abundance of talent within our region. HealthForce Kentucky will partner on initiatives like this first ever Physician Assistant program in Owensboro, to ensure that we keep as many of our best and brightest ‘at home’, so that the region offers a broad range of health care with quality second to none.” Darrell also mentioned, “Accessible, high quality healthcare also provides benefits to the region far beyond a healthier population. It also spurs health economic growth, civic engagement, cultural enhancement, and, quite simply, happier lives. HealthForce Kentucky congratulates all involved in this Physician Assistant initiative.”

The University has hired Blair Whitaker, MPAS, PA-C, as the Program Director, and is pursuing provisional accreditation, a status granted to new PA programs, from the Accreditation Review Council for Physician Assistants (ARC-PA). Provisional accreditation lasts no less than two years and more than five years. Brescia University will be able to accept students during the provisional status.

As part of their comprehensive responsibilities, PAs conduct physical exams, diagnose and treat illnesses, order and interpret tests, counsel on preventive health care, assist in surgery, and in virtually all states can write prescriptions. Because of the close working relationship PAs have with physicians, PAs are educated in a medical model designed to complement physician training. PA students are taught, as are medical students, to diagnose and treat medical problems. PAs work in diverse medical and surgical settings, including family and internal med-

icine, emergency departments, pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology, general surgery and surgical sub-specialties, and mental and behavioral health care.

Education consists of classroom and laboratory instruction in the basic medical and behavioral sciences (such as anatomy, pharmacology, pathophysiology, clinical medicine, and physical diagnosis), followed by clinical rotations in internal medicine, family medicine, surgery, pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology, emergency medicine, and geriatric medicine.

Brescia University Executive Vice President, Lauren McCrary, Ed.D. said of the PA program progress, “The path to accreditation will be necessarily tough, but we are up for the challenge. We hope to get on the first available slot of the accreditors in summer 2025 and start accept-

ing students soon after the site visit. That gives us about a year and a half to get ready.” McCrary also stated, “This will be such an asset to Owensboro, Western Kentucky, and the entire state as Brescia joins the efforts to make sure every Kentuckian has reliable access to healthcare.”

**Brescia University Physician Assistant Program has applied for Accreditation – Provisional from the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA). Brescia University Physician Assistant Program anticipates matriculating its first class in August 2026, pending achieving Accreditation – Provisional status at the March 2026 ARC-PA meeting. Accreditation – Provisional is an accreditation status granted when the plans and resource allocation, if fully implemented as planned, of a proposed program that has not yet enrolled students appear to demonstrate the program’s ability to meet the ARC-PA Standards or when a program holding accreditation-provisional status appears to demonstrate continued progress in complying with the Standards as it prepares for the graduation of the first class (cohort) of students.*

ONLINE CSD PROGRAM

BRESCIA UNIVERSITY NOW OFFERS UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE IN COMMUNICATION SCIENCES AND DISORDERS ONLINE

Brescia University is excited to announce an online option for its Bachelor’s in Communication Sciences and Disorders, or CSD, degree starting fall of 2024. Students will be able to complete a degree completely online, and complete practicums in their area. This program complements the University’s online Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology, or SLP, program. Graduates of the CSD program will get preferred acceptance into the SLP online program.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), job growth for Speech-Language Pathologist is expected to rise much faster than average at 19% growth. Those with a master’s degree in Speech-Language will have an advantage.

Shanda LaRue, Brescia University Executive Director of BUonline and Transfer Center, said “Brescia University is excited to play a role in providing remote pathways for students to complete their CSD degree while balancing family and work responsibilities. This pathway will also assist in filling the critical shortages in the speech language pathology field.”

The online courses are eight weeks and designed with the adult student in mind. The University gladly accepts transfer credits from other regionally accredited higher-learning institutions. Students can transfer a maximum of 67 credits from a community college and a maximum of 81 from a four-year college or university.

Class of '27 Freshman

Brescia University welcomed its newest Bearcats on August 12th. Student-athletes helped to move in the new freshmen before everyone gathered for the Opening Academic Convocation. On Sunday, students participated in activities, including a scavenger hunt downtown. On Monday, the students performed service projects around town and helped to kick off the Brescia Month of Service.



No Orientation would be complete without a soaped fountain!



Resident Assistants were all smiles while they waited to meet the newest Bearcats.

Students met with their BU101 classes and did icebreakers around campus.



At the end of the first day of Orientation, all the new Bearcats gathered in the gym for more icebreakers.



The new Bearcats completed service projects around town. Students helped to clean kennels and walk dogs at the Owensboro Humane Society, helped at Dugan Best, cleaned up at the Habitat for Humanity, and more!



Orientation



Fr. Larry addressed the new students during the Opening Academic Convocation.



Students helped each other as they moved into the freshman dorms.



The 2023 Orientation Leaders posed in front of the fountain at the end of the first day of Orientation.



KWC Partnership

BRESCIA UNIVERSITY AND KENTUCKY WESLEYAN COLLEGE EXPAND PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES WITH PREFERRED ACCEPTANCE IN GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Brescia University and Kentucky Wesleyan College have announced an expansion of partnership with a preferred acceptance agreement. Brescia will offer KWC bachelor degree graduates preferred acceptance into its master level programs in business administration, clinical psychology, social work and speech language pathology.

The joint announcement was made by Brescia Vice President of Academic Affairs and Academic Dean Dr. Amanda Morris and

KWC Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. James Cousins.

“We are incredibly excited to partner with Kentucky Wesleyan College and offer their graduates preferred acceptance into Brescia University’s graduate programs,” said Dr. Morris. “We believe this collaboration emphasizes shared values of both institutions by supporting excellent academic programs delivered with a student-centered and holistic approach. We hope this cooperation strengthens

educational opportunities within our community.”

“Brescia and Kentucky Wesleyan have a long history of collaboration. Our faculty, staff, and students have partnered on everything from extracurricular programs to coordinated curriculum to travel,” said Dr. Cousins. “Brescia’s strengths complement our own, providing our students with unique experiences and opportunities. We’re proud of this collaboration and excited to see long-term results.”

GLOBAL INNOVATION



Students Juan Tavera, Nevaeh DeArmond, Emilee Clark, and Eli Mongare placed first in the College of William and Mary's Global Innovation Challenge! This challenge tasks teams from colleges and universities from around the world, including Harvard, Carnegie Mellon, and Brown, with finding creative solutions to current global issues. The team was tasked with finding solutions to the mining practices in Zambia.

The College of William and Mary's Global Innovation Challenge (WMGIC) is a hackathon-style international and sustainable development case competition aimed at encouraging interdisciplinary collaboration to create innovative solutions for current global issues. A hackathon is described as an event, typically lasting several days, where individuals come together to collaborate to solve a problem or identify new opportunities.

Once the problem is assigned the team will work through the night. Each team meets with mentors, who can be anyone working in public policy, for two 15-minute sessions to help discuss any issues they encounter.

The Brescia University team was able to present their solution to the other teams and mentors during the closing ceremony.

From Brazil to Brescia

BY: MARIA EDUARDA FERES

My name is Maria Eduarda Feres and I am a first-semester senior from Brazil. I am double majoring in Business and Psychology and plan to get my master's in clinical psychology at Brescia as well. There are many reasons why I chose Brescia to continue my education, but being involved in our community is one of the biggest things that caught my attention. One of the accomplishments I am most proud of is being a Moore Scholar. Right after I was admitted to Brescia, I signed up for an interview with Father Larry and Dr. McCrary to try to receive this very important scholarship. After an amazing conversation with them, I was happy to know that I was going to be a Moore Scholar. Three years later, I can say that I deeply enjoy being part of a group of such dedicated individuals who want what is best for Brescia and our community.

Even though I love being a Moore Scholar, that is not the only club I am involved in at Brescia. I have been a Resident Assistant since my sophomore year, and have just recently become a Senior Resident Assistant, working closely with

our amazing Director of Residence Life, Ms. Melissa Scuderi. I am also an Orientation Leader and Peer Educator, and I am extremely excited about my last Orientation and BU 101 class in the upcoming fall. Last year, I also started working with the Admissions Department as a Student Ambassador, which I truly enjoy. I have also been a tutor since the second semester of my freshman year and hope to keep helping students in Math, English, Spanish, and Psychology. I am also part of the Honors College at Brescia, Alpha-Chi, and Psy-Chi. I am currently the Outreach Coordinator for the Psychology Club, and the Broadcast Sports Editor. Lastly, I am part of the Women's Soccer Team, and I am extremely excited about my last season with a new coach and a lot of new players.

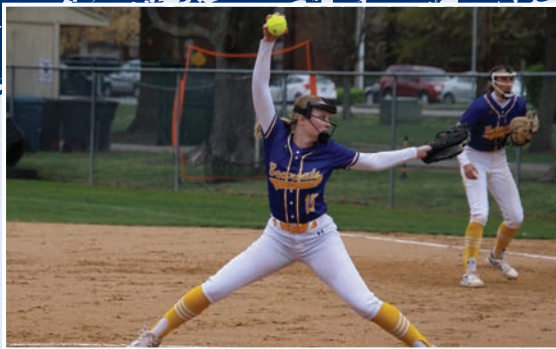
I am truly grateful that Brescia has allowed me to be as involved as I am with our community. Being part of all of these clubs and initiatives has deeply impacted my college experience and helped me grow as a student, an athlete, a professional, and as a person.



Athletics



Katie Fitzgerald, Jasmin Jones, and Emilyann Petri anticipated a serve during a match against Indiana University Kokomo. The team went 2-27 during their season overall and 1-18 in conference play.

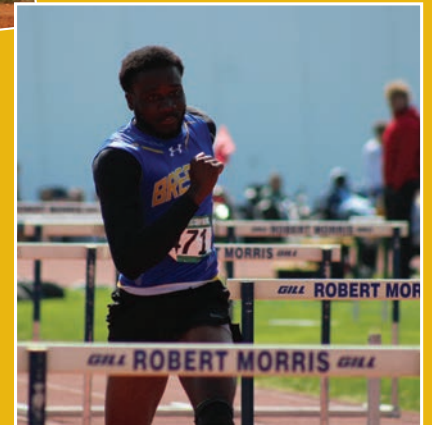


The Brescia Bearcat softball team competed against Point Park with Maddie Norton acting as pitcher during the game. The team went 11-30 overall and 9-23 in conference play.



Utility Player Gavin Heubner threw in the ball during a Brescia Bearcat baseball game against Indiana University—Purdue University Columbus. The team went 13-34 overall and 6-18 in conference play.

Ricardo Smith, Brescia Bearcat Track and Field team member, competed in the hurdles at the River States Conference Championships. Smith qualified for Nationals and became the second All-American in school history by placing fifth in the Decathlon with a final score of 6,453. The team competed in 12 invitational during their season.



During a match between Kentucky Wesleyan College, Brescia Bearcat men's tennis team member Sebastian Chacon Munoz returned a serve. The team went 4-6 overall and 2-3 in conference play.



Defender Payton Willis, Brescia Bearcat women's soccer team member, kept the ball away from the goal during a match versus Goshen College. The team went 3-10-2 overall and 2-6-2 in conference play.

BRESCIA UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES BOWLING TEAM

Brescia University is pleased to announce they will be adding a bowling team to their Athletic Program. The University has over 20 athletic programs, including varsity and junior varsity levels, with the addition of a men's volleyball team last year. The bowling teams, both men's and women's, will start their season in Fall 2024.

Mark Perdue, Brescia University Athletic Director, said of the new team, "It is exciting to add

men's and women's bowling to our athletics programs."

There are over 500 colleges and universities with bowling teams according to the United States Bowling Congress. The Bearcats will join the Mid-South Conference, which added bowling in their 2012-2013 season. In addition to the Mid-South Conference, both teams will compete will be a part of the NAIA, which held their 4th Annual National

Championship in March.

Brescia is actively searching and recruiting new Bearcats for the 2024-25 season. For more information, contact Mark Perdue, Director of Athletics, at mark.perdue@brescia.edu or 270-686-4240.

For the latest news on Bearcat Athletics, follow @BresciaBearcats on social media or visit BresciaBearcats.com.





Brescia Bearcat women's track and field team member Tori Poon competed during the River States Conference Championship. Tori, along with Carmela Shorkey, Mia Grosshans, and Genesis Ghide-Bryan, placed third in the 4x800.



Taeron Hogg, a forward for the Brescia Bearcat men's basketball team, fought to keep possession of the ball during a game against Point Park University. The team went 8-15 overall and 6-12 in conference play.



Courtney Peyton, forward for the Brescia Bearcat women's basketball team, took a shot during a match against St. Mary-of-the-Woods College. The team went 6-21 overall and 1-17 in conference play.



The Brescia Bearcat women's golf team member Riley Johnson took a swing during the Barts Bearcat Classic. The team competed in six invitationals during their fall season.



Aaron Munger, Brescia Bearcat men's golf team member, teed off during the Lindsey Wilson Spring Invite. The team competed in 11 invitationals during their fall and spring seasons.



The Brescia Bearcat cheer team competed at the Mid-South Conference Championships in March as part of their competitive cheer season.



During the Brescia Bearcat men's soccer match versus Freed-Hardeman, center-back Teranse Twihenya took control of the ball. The team finished their season 2-14-1 overall and 2-7-1 in conference play.



Malyah Wilson-Taylor, Abigail Burgett, Ashaunte Watts, and Nicholas Greer competed during the Bearcat Invitational in October. Both cross country teams competed in six invitionals during their fall season.



Brescia Bearcat men's volleyball setter, Meric Akovali, set up a play during a match against Midway University. The team completed their first season 6-19 overall and 3-7 in conference play.



BEARCATS



2024 SPORTS Awards

All RSC Men's Baseball Gold Glove Team:

Gavin Huebner
(Edwardsville, IL)

Men's Outdoor Track and Field All American Honors:

Ricardo Smith
(Jamaica)

All RSC Men's Baseball First Team:

Gavin Huebner
(Edwardsville, IL)

All RSC Men's Basketball Second Team:

Taeron Hogg
(Owensboro, KY)

All RSC Women's Soccer Second Team:

Maci Uffelman
(Murphysboro, IL)

Duda Feres
(Curitiba, Brazil)

All RSC Men's Basketball Third Team:

Cory Gardner

All RSC Women's Softball Third Team:

Lindsey Peyton
(Hanson, KY)

Maddie Norton
(Calvert City, KY)

RSC Champions of Character:

Jacob Sauls
(Henderson, KY)
Men's Soccer

Preston Franey
(Owensboro, KY)
Men's Baseball

John Saenz
(Palm Beach, FL)
Men's Basketball

Lindsey Peyton
(Hanson, KY)
Women's Basketball

Duda Feres
(Curitiba, Brazil)
Women's Soccer

Kaylyn Sowders
(Owensboro, KY)
Women's Softball

Sarah Dunaway
(Cynthiana, KY)
Women's Tennis

Cheaney Archer
(Shoals, IN)
Women's Volleyball

Player of the Week:

Ashby Greenwell
(Henderson, KY)
Defensive, Women's Soccer
August 28th - September 3rd, 2023

Geneva Hann
(South Beloit, IL)
Offensive, Women's Soccer
August 28th - September 3rd, 2023

Ksuan Casey
(Madisonville, KY)
Men's Basketball
November 13th - 19th, 2023

Breanna Alderton
(Owensboro, KY)
Women's Cross Country (3X)
August 28th - September 3rd, 2023; September 11th-17th, 2023; October 2nd-8th, 2023



River States Conference Scholar Athletes

2024 WINNERS

Cole Troutman
(Owensboro, KY) - Baseball

Colin Garrett
(Madisonville, KY) - Baseball

Gavin Huebner
(Edwardsville, IL) - Baseball

Gavin Reames
(Edwardsville, IL) - Baseball

Jake Frames
(Lewisport, KY) - Baseball

John Clements
(Bardstown, KY) - Baseball

Joshua Martini
(Cincinnati, OH) - Baseball

Michael Barrow
(Livingston, KY) - Baseball

Preston Franey
(Owensboro, KY) - Baseball

Thomas Clark
(Owensboro, KY) - Baseball

Jessee Wood
(Sacramento, KY) - Men's Indoor Track & Field

Nicholas Greer
(Murfreesboro, TN) - Men's Indoor Track & Field

Reese Haight
(Utica, KY) - Men's Indoor Track & Field

Talon Hutto
(Floyds Knobs, IN) - Men's Indoor Track & Field

Paige Vanzant
(Russellville, KY) - Women's Basketball

Courtney Peyton
(Hanson, KY) - Women's Basketball,
Women's Softball

Lindsey Peyton
(Hanson, KY) - Women's Basketball,
Women's Softball

Gabriel Human
(San Antonio, TX) - Men's Soccer

Lance Dickens
(Owensboro, KY) - Men's Soccer

Lucas Santos
(Brazil) - Men's Soccer

Max Endres
(Lebach, Germany) - Men's Soccer

Jacob Sauls
(Henderson, KY) - Men's Soccer

Jennifer Avila Ramirez
(La Piedad, Mexico) - Women's Soccer

Margaret Davis
(Princeton, IL) - Women's Soccer

Geneva Hann
(South Beloit, IL) - Women's Soccer

Tara Hardin
(Bowling Green, KY) - Women's Soccer

Duda Feres
(Curitiba, Brazil) - Women's Soccer

Ashby Greenwell
(Henderson, KY) - Women's Soccer,
Women's Indoor Track & Field

Isabella McChesney
(Henderson, KY) - Women's Soccer

Michaela Rhoads
(Chillicothe, OH) - Women's Soccer

Ashley Taylor
(Independence, KY) - Women's Soccer

Maci Uffelman
(Murphysboro, IL) - Women's Soccer

Hannah Hailey
(Hartsville, TN) - Women's Softball

Kaylyn Sowders
(Owensboro, KY) - Women's Softball

Mikah Goepfner
(Huntingburg, IN) - Women's Softball

Raini Gerometta
(Westmoreland, TN) - Women's Softball

Savannah Jones
(Bowling Green, KY) - Women's Softball

Zoe Smithson
(Paducah, KY) - Women's Softball

Brielle Gaddis
(Owensboro, KY) - Women's Tennis

Deimante Krivickaite
(Vilnius, Lithuania) - Women's Tennis

Natalie Estes
(Owensboro, KY) - Women's Tennis

Sarah Dunaway
(Cynthiana, KY) - Women's Tennis

Emilyann Petri
(Hawesville, KY) - Women's Volleyball

Nevaeh DeArmond
(Russellville, KY) - Women's Volleyball

Katie Fitzgerald
(Auburn, KY) - Women's Volleyball

Sydney Stevens
(Louisville, KY) - Women's Volleyball

Abigail Burgett
(Dawson Springs, KY) - Women's Indoor
Track & Field

Alayna Petri
(Owensboro, KY) - Women's Indoor
Track & Field

Carmela Shorkey
(Macomb, MI) - Women's Indoor Track & Field

Jordyn Cardwell
(Union, KY) - Women's Indoor Track & Field

HONORS CONVOCATION

Taylor Farrer was awarded the Sister Casimir Czurlies Outstanding New Biology Major Scholarship.

Rory Watts was awarded the William Elmer Business Scholarship.

Maggie Davis was awarded the Sister Alberta Birkhead Memorial Business Scholarship.

Emilyann Petri was awarded the Charles E. Field Business

Scholarship, the which is funded by a gift from Mr. Charles E. Field of The Field Foundation, the Inc.

Jacob Sauls was awarded the Lincoln Service Business Scholarship.

Katie Abel was awarded the Greulich Scholarship, which is awarded annually to a student in Business, Psychology, or Education.

Keely Eans was awarded the Greulich Scholarship, which is awarded annually to a student in Business, Psychology, or Education.

Piper Gainer was awarded the Florence Henderson Scholarship and the Greulich Scholarship, which is awarded annually to a student in Business, Psychology, or Education.

Haley Rigling was awarded the August C. Muckler Memorial Scholarship, which supports students pursuing a degree in Special Education and the Suzetta Ebelhar Education Scholarship.

Ashton Johnson was awarded the Owensboro Civitan Jack Keeney Education Scholarship, the which is awarded to a student pursuing a Special Education major who has a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0, the and the Suzetta Ebelhar Education Scholarship, the which is awarded to a Daviess County student who is pursuing a Teaching Certificate in Elementary Education.

Duda Ferres was awarded the Delbert S. Murphy Alumni Scholarship and the St. Catherine's Scholar Athlete Award for Soccer.

Elijah Hays was awarded the Suzetta Ebelhar Education Scholarship, which is awarded to a Daviess County student who is pursuing a Teaching Certificate in Elementary Education.

Colby Mayes was awarded the John D. and Anna Marie Byrne Family Education Scholarship, which is awarded to an Education major in good standing from a rural area.

Jacob Gregory was awarded the John D. and Anna Marie Byrne Family Education Scholarship, which is awarded to an Education major in good standing from a rural area.

Sydney Stevens was awarded the John D. and Anna Marie Byrne Family Education Scholarship, which is awarded to an Education major in good standing from a rural area.

Zack Humphrey was awarded the John D. and Anna Marie Byrne Family Education Scholarship, which is awarded to an Education major in good standing from a rural area.

Jessie Bickett was awarded the John D. and Anna Marie Byrne Family Education Scholarship, the which is awarded to an Education major in good standing from a rural area, the and the Sr. Sharon Sullivan Education Scholarship.

Katelyn Dykes was awarded The Margaret "Peggy" Mangas and Melinda "Mindy" Padgett Endowed Scholarship, which supports students pursuing a degree in Special Education.

Jasey Allen was awarded the Mary Karen Jones Special Education Scholarship that supports students pursuing a degree in Special Education.

Amber Lopez was awarded the J.B. Hocker Good Government Endowed Scholarship, which is given to a student enrolled in one or more Political Science, Social Studies, or History classes. The student must also complete an essay and present it publicly.

Diego Laguna was awarded the J.B. Hocker Good Government Endowed Scholarship, which is given to a student enrolled in one or more Political Science, Social Studies, or History classes. The student must also complete an essay and present it publicly.

Abigail Russell was awarded the Virginia Stout Fitzgerald Endowed Scholarship, which is awarded to junior and senior students in the Communication Sciences and Disorders Program with a 3.0 or better GPA.

Elkana Mongare are was awarded the Phillip Hayden Memorial Scholarship, which is awarded to a current Brescia University student with a serious interest in attending law school. Students





must have at least a 3.0 GPA and submit an essay entitled "Why I Want to Become a Lawyer."

Anh Nguyen was awarded the Florence Henderson Scholarship for Music, which was created by the musician/actor from the donated proceeds of a 1964 concert here at Brescia.

Kay-Lee Vernon was awarded the Florence Henderson Scholarship for Music, which was created by the musician/actor from the donated proceeds of a 1964 concert here at Brescia.

Josephine Gesser was awarded the Florence Henderson Scholarship for Music, which was created by the musician/actor from the donated proceeds of a 1964 concert here at Brescia.

Nichole Rhinerson was awarded the Florence Henderson Scholarship for Music, which was created by the musician/actor from the donated proceeds of a 1964 concert here at Brescia.

Cecilia Nguyen was awarded the Florence Henderson Scholarship for Music, which was created by the musician/actor from the donated proceeds of a 1964 concert here at Brescia.

Willow Matthews was awarded the Florence Henderson Scholarship for music, which was created by the musician/actor from the donated proceeds of a 1964 concert here at Brescia.

Thuoy Tran was awarded the Florence Henderson Scholarship for music, which was created by the musician/actor from the donated proceeds of a 1964 concert here at Brescia.

Emily Noland was awarded the Sr. Irene Hayden Scholarship for Music, named for a Mt. St. Joseph Ursuline musician by that name.

Lana Drake-Stull was awarded the Sr. Irene Hayden Scholarship for Music, named for a Mt. St. Joseph Ursuline musician by that name.

Tuyet Hoang was awarded the Sr. Irene Hayden Scholarship for Music, named for a Mt. St. Joseph Ursuline musician by that name.

Lan Thi (When)Nguyen was awarded the Sr. Irene Hayden Scholarship for Music, named for a Mt. St. Joseph Ursuline musician by that name.

Thi To Huyen (When) Nguyen was awarded the Sr. Irene Hayden Scholarship for Music, named for a Mt. St. Joseph Ursuline musician by that name.

Jenna Lucas was awarded the Sr. Irene Hayden Scholarship for Music, named for a Mt. St. Joseph Ursuline musician by that name.

Oanh Doan was awarded the Robert McDowell Scholarship for Music.

Jeremy Bryson Brown was awarded the Robert McDowell Scholarship for Music.

Chanh Ngo was awarded the Gary Karr Music Scholarship.

Daniel Rusiecki was awarded the Sr. Mary Carmel Browning Literature Scholarship.

Carmela Shorkey, was awarded the David & Suzy Bartholomy Scholarship.

Evan Vowels was awarded the Bill and Jacinta Garinger Scholarship.

Graduating seniors whose cumulative grade point average through the Fall 2023 semester is 3.9 or above on a 4.0 scale, and who have at least 64 hours at Brescia are recognized for HIGH SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT. This year's recipients include the following:

Alyssa Beyke

Abi Burgett
Also received the St. Catherine's Scholar Athlete Award for Cross Country and Track, the Senior Tutor Excellence in Academics Award, and an award for Outstanding Senior in Psychology.

Brittany Crosby

Thi Thanh Lam Dinh

Eden Folds

Abigail Gillespie

Angelena Henderson
Also received the Outstanding Field Practicum Bachelor's of Social Work Student Award.

Parker Johnston

Also received the St. Sebastian's Scholar Athlete Award for Tennis, the Senior Tutor Excellence in Academics Award, and the Institute of Management Accountants Honors Award.

Michael Keller

Also received the Fred J. Clements Science Award.

Jillian Kruse

Also received the Outstanding Accounting Student Award and is

an honors college graduate.

Alexis Miles

Also received the Outstanding Excellence in Communication Sciences and Disorders Award and is an honors college graduate.

Amber Payne

Also received the Outstanding Clinical Practice Candidates Middle Grades Award.

Taylor Pedley

Also an honors college graduate.

Alayna Petri

Nguyet Thi Pham

Mason Potts

Brooklyn Seelye

Mason Thompson

Also received the Outstanding Senior in Psychology Award.

Ashton Ferris

Was presented the Outstanding 1st Year Mathematics Student Award.

Talon Hutto

Was presented the Outstanding Student in Mathematics Award and also received the St. Sebastian Scholar Athlete Award for Cross Country and Track, and the Senior Tutor Excellence in Academics Award.

Madyson Poole

Was presented the Outstanding Bachelors of Social Work Student Award and also earned the Certification in Public Child Welfare in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Carol Wolkiewicz

Was presented the Outstanding Masters of Social Work Student Award for 2023-2024.





FACULTY TO FILMMAKER

BY: JAMIE ALVEY

During the spring 2024 semester, Brescia English students experienced a taste of filmmaking under the tutelage of alumna and Instructor of English Jamie Alvey. Alvey is perhaps best known around Brescia as an eccentric student turned teacher, but there is much more to this familiar face. In fact, Alvey is an accomplished screenwriter and filmmaker. When students within the English program started gaining interest in learning more about screenwriting and filmmaking, Alvey decided to put together an internship for the prospective screenwriters, teaching them the screenwriting basics and what it's like to take a script from page to screen.

This led Alvey to found Love and Horror Productions to better accommodate her students and meld her love of horror, writing, and teaching together.

The internship consisted of students Daniel Rusiecki, Riley Norris, Carmela Shorkey, Teagen Windham, and Sawyer Haming. The eager students signed on to create their own short screenplay and work as various crew members shooting Alvey's award nominated short script "Your Husband Was a Good Man." Alvey recruited fellow Brescia alumna Emily Fabrizio to aid in her lofty internship endeavors. Fabrizio stepped up as an executive producer

on the project. Shooting for the short commenced during spring break and lasted for three days. Brescia students were joined by crew members from Wright State University out of Dayton, Ohio to shoot this eerie short that follows a desperate widow who brings her husband back to life after he dies in a high school shooting. The students were able to learn from professionals on the set, gaining important skill sets that they can apply to other collaborative creative efforts. It was gratifying to see Brescia students blossom under the frenetic pressure of the set environment. Each and every one of them brought an important vitality to the table, approaching the tasks with

vigor and curiosity.

Now, you might be wondering what is next for these burgeoning filmmakers, well, Alvey's short will be taking the festival route after post-production and will hopefully be screened for the Brescia community in the fall. Brescia's newly founded filmmaking community will start raising funds to shoot student Daniel Rusiecki's short script titled "Modernity" after it was chosen by his peers as their next cinematic effort. If you're curious about the future projects, want help out, or reach out, feel free to contact Ms. Alvey at jamie.alvey@brescia.edu.



FOUNDER'S DAY CONVOCATION



This year, Amber Payne and Talon Hutto were named this year's "Spirit of Saint Angela Award" recipients.

Along with the "Spirit of Saint Angela" recipients, a number of other student leaders were also recognized for their service to the Brescia community:

Student Government Association
Maggie Davis

Student Activities Program Board
JoJo Gesser

Women's Track & Field and Psychology Club/Psy Chi
Abi Burgett

Men's Track & Field
Adam Gregory

Student Ambassador
Lauren Clements

Women's Soccer
Maria Duda Feres

Men's Soccer
Max Endres

Tutoring Services
Rhi Wilson

Women's' Cross Country
Carmela Shorkey

Men's Cross Country
Gerrick Sheffer

Music Club
Willow Matthews

Men's Basketball
Mark Cooper

Women's Golf
Emilee Clark

Men's Golf
Aaron Munger

Baseball
Gavin Reames

Volleyball
Katie Fitzgerald

Orientation Leader
Kenzie Severs

Peer Educator
Alexis Miles

Resident Assistant
Lucas Santos

National Student Speech Language Hearing Assoc.
Aubrey Wedding

The Thinkery
Noah Thomas

Bearcat's Table
Alan Hamilton

Delight Ministries
Abigail Burden

KEA/AE
Sydney Stevens

Men's Tennis
Juan Tavera Moreno



Fr. Larry Hostetter with this year's 'Spirit of Saint Angela Award' recipients Talon Hutto and Amber Payne.

Brescia University Announces Master of Science in Information Systems

Brescia University is pleased to announce a new Master of Science in Information Systems degree. This new program began Fall 2024 and is offered completely online.

“Graduates will be able to adapt to the rapidly evolving technological landscape by engaging in continuous learning and professional development, staying current with emerging trends and best practices in the field of information systems,” stated Master of Science in Information Systems Program Director, Dr. Jonathan Abramson.

The Master of Science in Information Systems, or MSIS, online degree is structured to accommodate the needs of working professionals and those seeking a high-quality, engaging learning experience in a flexible format. The core curriculum consists of six foundational courses that cover key concepts and principles in information systems. Students can further specialize in one of three concentrations: Information Security,

Data Analytics, or Artificial Intelligence, each consisting of three courses tailored to develop in-depth expertise in the chosen area.

Shanda LaRue, Executive Director of Operations for BUonline and Transfer Center said of the new program, “Brescia University is excited to play a role in providing remote pathways for students to complete their Master of Science in Information Systems while balancing family and work responsibilities. The MSIS pathway will assist students in contributing to the rapidly evolving world of technology and Artificial Intelligence.”

To learn more about the MSIS Program, visit <https://www.brescia.edu/program/master-of-science-in-information-systems/>.

For more information on the Master of Science in Information Systems, contact please contact buonline@brescia.edu or call 270-686-4353.

Economic Diversity

BRESCIA UNIVERSITY RANKED #11 IN NEW YORK TIMES LIST OF COLLEGES WITH GREATEST ECONOMIC DIVERSITY

Brescia University was ranked 11th in a new list in the New York Times Top U.S. Colleges with the Greatest Economic Diversity. This ranking is measured by analyzing the share of students receiving Pell Grants, looking at both public and private colleges.

The data used includes any Title IV-granting, nonmilitary institution with at least 250 total undergraduate students in the 2020-21 school year that was rated in the top four Barron's selectivity categories in 2009 or 2016. The data also includes all state flagships.

Chris Houk, Brescia University Senior Vice President for Enrollment Management said of the ranking, "Brescia University prides ourselves on making private education affordable to all students regardless of economic background. We are able to accomplish this through a robust program of financial aid that not only focuses on academic merit and athletic talent but also on financial need coupled with keeping

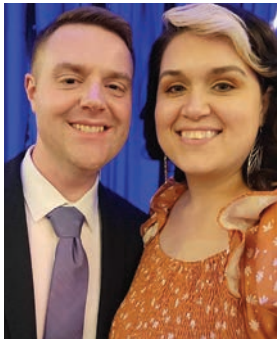
our direct costs below the state and national average."

According to the Department of Education Federal Pell Grants are usually awarded to undergraduate students who display exceptional financial need. Along with offering Pell Grants, Brescia University awards other federal, state, and institutional assistance for students based on financial need, academic merit, and talent. Many of these institutional awards include internal endowments set up by our generous donors and community partners.

In addition to the New York Times ranking, the University also received recognition from EduMed.org for its online Associate Degree in Human Services and online Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Social Work.

For the full New York Times list, visit <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2023/09/07/magazine/college-access-index.html>.

Class Notes



MATT LASLEY '12

Named Editor of The Breckinridge Herald-News, in addition to celebrating seven years as Editor (and 11 years on staff) of Grayson County News.



SR. LARRAINE LAUTER, OSU '87

Sr. Lorraine's nonprofit, Water By Women, was featured on The Kelly Clarkson Show as part of the show's What I'm Liking segment. Sr. Lorraine was interviewed by Clarkson and was able to share her work in providing clean water to families in need on a national stage.



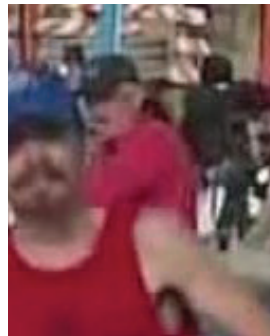
THOMAS NYGUEN '20

Graduated from the University of Dayton with a Master's in Pastoral Studies.



KAYLEIGH HUGHES '16

Started Speechology NWA in Northwest Arkansas as a private speech-language practice that will be evaluating and treating pediatrics and adults.



ANTONI MARCHI '17

Completed the THREE-PEAT by winning his 3rd consecutive Kentucky Derby Festival Marthon in Louisville, KY.



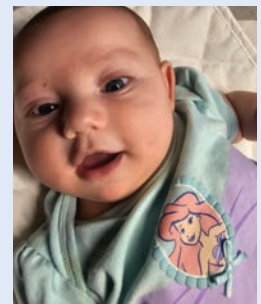
BRESCIA BASKETBALL RECEIVES SHOUT OUT ON ESPN'S THE HOOP COLLECTIVE PODCAST

ESPN's Tim McMahon wore a Brescia Basketball t-shirt and gave a shout out to Brescia Basketball, Alumni Director Jake Davis, and Head Men's Basketball Coach Sarah Gayler after they sent him some Brescia gear.



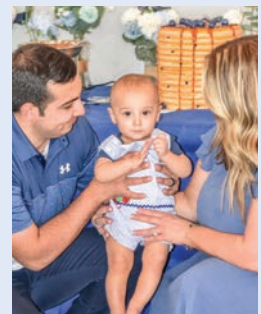
C.J. '16 AND ED '19 CARTER

Welcomed Eden (Class of 2046) to the family!



LEE ANN WELLS '13

Welcomed daughter Aurora to the family!



VICTORIA AND YASMANI OCHOA '17

Celebrated the long awaited arrival of their baby Bearcat Matteo!

Connecting with our alumni and local communities in a new way: The Bearcat Breakfast Club. Alumni and prospective students were invited to join us at coffee shops and bakeries in Paducah (Pipers Tea and Coffee), Owensboro (Gramps Donuts and Coffee and alumni-owned Niko's Bakery and Café), and Louisville (Heine Bros. Cofee). The attendance was great, the conversations were great, and the coffee was great! The donuts, cronuts, and pastries weren't too bad either! We hope to see you this Fall as we continue the Bearcat Breakfast Club. Keep an eye out for an invite to a meeting near you.

2023 Homecoming

Brescia welcomed alumni new and old to the 2023 Alumni Homecoming and Family Weekend, September 29th through October 1st. The weekend kicked off with the Alumni Association's Golf Scramble in the morning. Student-athletes were available to help tee off with a golf or soccer ball. Students held their own events during the day including a volleyball tournament and the School of Education Pinning Ceremony. Friday night hosted the 2nd Annual Brescia Block Party, with musical guests The Rubbing Alcoholics. Saturday's events kicked off with the Alumni Pancake Breakfast, followed by the beloved event of Chariot Races. The Owensboro Community was then invited to the Fall Festival on the Quad, where visitors could play games, get their faces painted, and play on inflatables. Three new alumni, Dr. Francis Hayden '85, Sr. Anita Louise Lowe '87, and Patricia Biscopink Merimee '73, were named during the Distinguished Alumni Banquet and Dr. Preye Agbana '17 received the first ever Outstanding Graduate of the Last Decade Award. After the banquet, students performed at the Brescia Lip Sync Battle with acts performing songs from Pit Bull to Miley Cyrus. The weekend ended with Mass in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel. It was a wonderful weekend filled with laughs and memories! We can't wait to celebrate again in September!



Maggie Davis from the Brescia Women's Soccer team kicks off at Hole #8.



Kya Seibert and Payton Willis from the Brescia Women's Soccer team sponsored Hole #8 for the Golf Scramble.



Students Stephen Schmidt, Victoria Poon, and Katy Fisher enjoy the sunshine during the Homecoming festivities.



The Bearcat Golf Scramble happens every year during Homecoming at the Ben Hawes Golf Course. Groups tee off with fellow Bearcats, with proceeds benefiting the Brescia University Alumni Association and the Bearcat Golf Programs.



Volleyball is a student favorite during events.





New students were inducted into the Brescia University School of Education during the School of Education Pinning Ceremony.



Brescia alumni pose with Barney the Bearcat.



Sagan Storm '11 hands Mary Ann Snyder '68 the Fr. Charles Saffer Alumni Hall of Fame Award. The Fr. Charles Saffer Alumni Hall of Fame Award is given to honor an alum who, through a lifetime of personal achievement, has personified the ideals of Brescia University.



Students from the Women's Basketball team pose while getting a snow cone during the Fall Festival.



Chariot racers line up to begin the race of alumni vs. students.



Local band "The Rubbing Alcoholics" performs during the Block Party.



A birds-eye view of the Brescia Block Party festivities.



The Brescia University Band performs during the Homecoming festivities.



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Students enjoy the inflatable photo booth set up in the Quad.



Duda Feres, Brescia Women's Soccer player, shares some soccer tricks with Dr. Lauren McCrary and daughter, Lulu.

Students celebrate with noise makers before Chariot Races begin.



The Lip Sync Battle is another student-led tradition during Homecoming where students (and even Barney) perform their favorite songs for a grand prize of \$300.



Chariot Races have been a fan-favorite tradition since the 1960's. Students and alumni race down West 7th Street in a chariot and compete for prizes (and bragging rights).



Students from the Brescia Men's and Women's Soccer team pause from a game of volleyball to take a group picture.

HERE COMES ANOTHER Popham

BY: AUDREY POPHAM '11 COX

When Jake Davis ('12), Director of Alumni Relations, approached me to write an article about the “Popham Legacy” at Brescia University, I couldn't help but chuckle. It's something I've joked about for years. “Here comes another Popham!” “When is the next Popham coming?” “It's five Pophams, and the sixth is free, right?”

When my older brother, Jacob ('08), started Brescia in August of 2004, it was not with the intention that all five of his younger siblings would eventually follow. Indeed, only four of said siblings were in existence at the time! Our youngest sibling, Ellie, was born while he was in a summer session class at the end of his sophomore year. Our mom wouldn't let us call and share the news until he was out of class for the day!

At that time, I was a high school student attempting to figure out my own future. I visited Brescia's campus a few times, and it hit all my boxes. I was coming from a tiny school, and the idea of a huge campus was unappealing and intimidating. I had just fallen in love

with my new baby sister, and I wanted to be close enough to home to visit often. I loved the idea of being on a campus that reflected the values of my Catholic faith, and Brescia had an excellent program for my intended career path of elementary education. It seemed like a no-brainer - I was destined to be a Bearcat!

I started Brescia in the fall of 2007, my brother's senior year. While we didn't precisely pal around together, having him on campus made my transition to college much smoother and more comfortable. He introduced me to some of his friends, some of whom I am still close with. He (an RA at the time) corralled my friends and me downstairs to his apartment when we attempted to make the ill-advised decision to remain upstairs and watch Twister... during a twister. He gave me tips and advice about professors and classes. And simply knowing he was on campus made me more at ease, knowing I had someone there if I needed anything.

By the time my next brother, Ben

('13), arrived on campus, the “Popham Legacy” jokes were really rolling. After three siblings in a row choose the same college, and when there are still three younger siblings left to go, people start to make assumptions about those younger siblings' future college decisions. People started asking, “So when is the next Popham arriving?” “Who's next?” “How many years have we had a Popham on campus?”

Caleb ('15) and Hallie ('18) followed over the next few years, and when Hallie graduated, Brescia was without a Popham enrolled for the first time in about 14 years. It was 14 years of learning and growing and of developing skills for future careers, but also of forming friendships and making memories, of midnight fountain soapings, garbage bags of popcorn, filling hundreds of dart holes in apartment walls, ice skating with the president, karaokeing in the Cat's Den, putting on a Senior (Citizen) Prom, chariot racing, Zombie apocalypse prepping, and somehow finding ourselves stepping through an invisible threshold into adulthood...

and wondering how we got there.

Now, if you've been counting, you'll realize five Pophams have been encompassed in that 14-year span. In the ensuing years, I've had friends ask me from time to time how long it would be before the arrival of "#6." And I must admit (sorry, Jake!) what I told Ellie as she was feeling the pressure of making decisions about her future: You don't have to go to Brescia if that's not what you really want. Being the youngest in a family of six siblings is not easy. I can't help but think of Ron Weasley lamenting his role as the youngest brother in Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone. "Everyone expects me to do as well as the others, but if I do, it's no big deal, because they did it first." I wanted her to know that she was more than just the final piece in the whole set of Popham Bearcats, and that I would be proud of her for pursuing whatever path she chose. That just because she spent her first night in a Brescia dorm room before she could write her name didn't mean she wasn't in control of her own future.

And though I told her this with complete honesty - I am proud of her no matter what - I am also honest in saying that I am excited to see her officially join

the Brescia family this fall. I'm excited to watch her take this step, which will lead to experiences that will shape her future and will be looked back on with fond nostalgia.

My first few years after graduating, the "fond nostalgia" was strong enough to sometimes wish myself back to those good ol' college days. They were an amazing time in my life, and it took something else amazing to be 100% happy moving forward instead of back. At an alumni event in 2014, I was reintroduced to Glenn Cox ('14), who had been in the orientation group I led my senior year. We were married in 2016, and now have three beautiful, wild, kindhearted children: Sadie, James, and Penny. We both teach at Cloverport Independent School, and love getting to see our oldest, Sadie, in the hallways.

Hallie also married another Brescia alum, known to most as Caleb Tisher, though dubbed by our family as "BC" years ago to distinguish him in our conversations as Hallie's "Brescia Caleb." They have two beautiful boys, Jaxson and Joseph. Hallie works in the lab at Owensboro Health Regional Hospital, and Caleb also teaches at Cloverport Independent School.

Jacob's lovely wife, Alex, isn't an alum, but her father is, and she remembers his time on campus. Jacob left Kentucky for a few years to complete a Master's program at Frostburg University, before returning home and beginning a career at Domtar. He and Alex are our nearest neighbors, and our kids love visiting their sweet little boys, Matthew and Samuel.

Ben currently works at AT&T, and is about to be the first to marry someone completely unconnected to Brescia University, though I think we can forgive her for that as she currently lives in another hemisphere. His beautiful fiancé, Lina, is from Uberlandia, Brazil, and they are working on planning their wedding while waiting for her Visa approval. Sadie and Jaxson have been not-so-subtly hinting at their hopes to be in the wedding.

Caleb works as a librarian at the Breckinridge County Public Library, and is known as Uncle Bub to his passel of nieces and nephews. He's in the process of building a new home next door to ours, though not quite as near as Sadie wanted - she had hopes of walking directly off our porch and onto his!

We all spend most Sundays together, and the chaos keeps growing with seven grandkids and counting. And so, I suppose, this Popham legacy at Brescia isn't necessarily drawing to a close. Ellie's next four years may be closing a chapter of Popham siblings... but a new chapter of Popham, Cox, and Tisher cousins could open in a few years. Certainly sooner than I'll be ready!



Western Kentucky THERAPIST RETREAT

BY DR. TODD PALMER

Brescia University, in partnership with The Compass Center in Wilmore, Kentucky, hosted the Inaugural Western Kentucky Therapist Retreat on October 20th and 21st. With the generosity of our sponsors, Compass Counseling, KY Counseling Partners, and New Beginnings, the retreat offered a chance for area social workers, counselors, and psychologists to relax and rejuvenate while gaining continuing education on several topics. Over the two-day retreat, mental health professionals took much-needed time to attend to their mental health by connecting with others and enjoying time away from their offices.

The retreat offered workshops on various topics including ethics, obsessive compulsive disorder (OCD), spirituality, working with first responders, polyvagal theory, playful interventions, therapeutic photography, enneagram, and narcissistic abuse. Presenters from around Kentucky provided information and insight on how to incorporate these into their practice while gaining insight into the benefits of these techniques. Additionally, retreat participants were offered a chance to relax by joining yoga sessions and a drumming circle if they were interested.

Feedback from the participants was positive, with many asking when the next retreat would occur. Several shared they planned to begin incorporating the information and techniques into their therapeutic practice to benefit their clientele. Both Dr. Blake Jones and Dr. Lori Jones, owners of the Compass Center, were so pleased with the event that they are already planning to offer the 2nd annual Western Kentucky Therapist Retreat. A special thank you to Cori Douglass, LCSW who works at Daviess County Public Schools and Compass Counseling in Owensboro for her initiative in bringing the retreat to the area, and Brooke Staples at Brescia University for her work behind the scenes in getting the continuing education certificates approved.

Brescia University is looking forward to hosting this event again next year and hopes to welcome even more area therapists for a chance to relax, rejuvenate, and gain information while earning continuing education.





A NOTE FROM THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESIDENTS

Sagan Storm '11, President, 2022-2024

When I first arrived at Brescia University in 2007, I knew I had found my place. By my second year at Brescia I was able to begin working in student leadership and found a calling in higher education. While my career brought me back to Brescia University as a staff member, I knew I wanted to do more as an alumna. I wanted to share the good things I get to see every day with my fellow alumni.

Serving on the Brescia University Alumni Association Board of Directors has been my favorite way to do that. Not only do I get to share good Brescia news, but I get to meet so many amazing alumni and hear their stories. Together, the board gets to host and plan fundraisers and activities for the Brescia community. I have loved being able to help plan and host homecoming and family weekend each year. The Board of Directors have also worked to become more accessible to all alumni allowing online participation and more voices

seeing all the new ideas to come. I hope we can grow board membership and add new voices to expand the Brescia story.

Cameron Robinson '18, President-Elect

Hello, my name is Cameron Robinson and I am a proud alum of the 2018 graduating class. During my time at Brescia I held various leadership positions that enabled me to truly live the Brescia Difference everyday. Those leadership positions included being a student ambassador, peer mentor, orientation leader, and SGA President. These positions helped teach me valuable skills and molded me into the person that I am today. I am currently teaching middle school science and believe that I would not have been able to have a career in education if it were not for what I learned during my time as a student leader.

Now on to a more personal note about my time at Brescia. If it were not for Brescia, I would not have met my wife. We met during our freshman year and have been together since - five years married and nine years total. We now have two beautiful children, Remi who is three and Elle who is nine months old. We both owe a great deal to Brescia for bringing us together. Who knew that a

tennis ball and the front of Merici Hall could begin a lifelong love story for two crazy kids?

I have served on the Brescia University Alumni Association for three years now. I have enjoyed being able to foster new friendships and work towards strengthening the alumni presence on campus. In October, I will have the honor of being able to serve as President of the Alumni Association. I am hopeful that under my leadership, the Alumni board will be able to continue to make its presence know on and off of campus. I hope that we can show students the pride that comes with being an Alumnus of the university. I also hope to help initiate new ways to become more involved in the day to day operations of the university. I look forward to this opportunity and hope to serve the alumni and students in a meaningful and impactful way!



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Faculty & Staff NEWS

Dr. Kenny Barrese, Assistant Professor of Mathematics, has been selected to serve as a teaching faculty in the Kentucky Governor Scholar Program this summer.

David Stratton, Professor of Art, displayed his work at the Roane State Community College Powers-Brown Art Gallery in TN.

Dr. Nikie Walker, Associate Professor of Business, has a regular column in the Messenger Inquirer. Her first article, "Introverts in the workplace; it's a good thing," was published Oct. 7, 2023.

Dr. Nikie Walker, Associate Professor of Business, presented at the 39th Annual KYSHRM conference in Lexington.

Dr. Dmitry Uskov, Associate Professor of Physics and Mathematics and head of the engineering

program, was awarded a summer research fellowship in the field of quantum information theory at the Air Force Research Laboratory in Rome, New York. This is Uskov's fourth time participating in the fellowship as a research scientist.

Elizabeth Gramelspacher, Director of Career Services, graduated from Leadership Owensboro, which was hosted through the Greater Owensboro Chamber of Commerce.

"YOUR HUSBAND WAS A GOOD MAN"

JAMIE ALVEY'S (ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH) SHORT FILM "YOUR HUSBAND WAS A GOOD MAN" HAS RECEIVED SEVERAL ACCOLADES AND NOMINATIONS:

International Horror and Sci-Fi Film Festival 2024 Short Screenplay Competition Finalist

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HorrorHound Spring 2024 Best Characters in a Short Script Finalist

HorrorHound Spring 2024 Best Short Script Concept Finalist

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Short. Sweet. Film Fest. 2024 Official Screenplay Selection

Frights! Camera! Action! Horror Screenplay Contest 2023 Honorable Mention



Tales of Travel

FROM ELAINE WRIGHT, PROFESSOR OF SOCIAL WORK



While in India in December for a wedding, I met with the University of Delhi Department of Social Work and the Central University of Rajasthan (CUR) Department of Social Work. Along with speaking with doctoral social work students at both universities, I was honored at the University of Delhi for serving on their advisory board for the Indian Journal of Social Work Education and Practice (<https://ijswep.socialwork.du.ac.in/>) and was invited to respond to a Dean's panel at CUR on India's future. As part of a research project with CUR, I met with rural villagers participating in community sustainable development projects with the Foundation for Ecological Security (FES - <https://www.fes.org.in/>) in Bhilwara, Rajasthan. This organization and CUR faculty work with village communities to protect and restore the integrity of the land, forest, and water resources across India.

Todd Palmer and I were invited to visit Caritas

College of Social Work, our partner institution in Owensboro's Sister City of Olomouc, Czech Republic. I was able to provide multiple lectures for students and workshops for faculty, participate in planning meetings for future partnership collaborations and exchanges with both Caritas College and Palacký University, and consult with several non-profit organizations providing services for Ukrainian refugees, a Roma community, e-gambling addiction, and women experiencing homelessness in Prague. In October, I also met with Sister City representatives from Olomouc City Hall, connected with Caritas graduates who had completed social work student internships in Owensboro through Brescia, had a private tour of the Archbishop's Palace, and attended a sacred music concert at the Klášterní Hradisko, a former Baroque monastery and currently a military hospital.



jubilarians

Eight Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph who graduated from Brescia are celebrating anniversaries of religious life in 2024.



Sister Mary Timothy Bland, is celebrating 60 years as an Ursuline Sister. The native of Greenbrier, Ky., earned her degree in elementary education from Brescia in 1969. She earned her master's degree in elementary education from Western Kentucky University. Sister Mary Timothy taught elementary school in Kentucky and Missouri for 52 years, including 33 years in Owensboro at what is now the Catholic K-3 Campus. Since 2019, she has served as assistant to the archivist at the Motherhouse.



Sister Joyce Marie Cecil, is celebrating 60 years as an Ursuline Sister. Her former religious name was Sister Lisa Marie. The native of New Hope, Ky., earned her degree in elementary education from Brescia in 1968. She earned her master's degree in elementary education from Western Kentucky University. She ministered in Kentucky, Missouri and New Mexico. She is retired at the Motherhouse and active in the Powerhouse of Prayer.



Sister Mary Matthias Ward, is celebrating 70 years of religious life. She earned a bachelor's degree in American history from Brescia in 1966 and earned a master's degree in American history from The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. In 2016 she was selected as a Brescia Distinguished Alumna. A native of Clementsville, Ky., she has been a teacher, principal and campus minister in Kentucky and has served as major superior of her religious community for two terms (1988-96). Since 2022 she has assisted Ursuline Partnerships with formation and prayer at the Motherhouse in Maple Mount.



The Ursuline Sisters are celebrating 150 years of service since arriving at

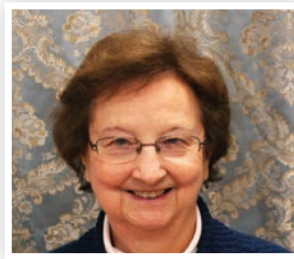
Founded at Maple Mount in Daviess County, Ky., in 1874, the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph currently



Sister Karla Marie Kaelin, a native of Louisville, is celebrating 60 years as an Ursuline Sister. She earned her degree in elementary education from Brescia in 1968. She has earned two master's degrees, one in elementary education from Western Kentucky University, another in religious education from Boston College. She has served as a teacher and parish minister in Kentucky and Missouri. She is retired at the Motherhouse, where she is active in the Powerhouse of Prayer.



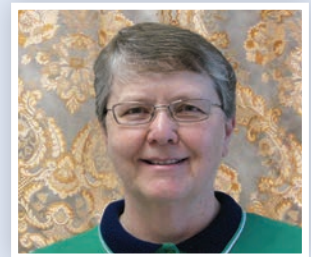
Sister Joan Riedley, a native of Louisville, Ky., is celebrating 60 years as an Ursuline Sister. She earned her degree in elementary education from Brescia in 1967. She earned her master's degree in elementary education from Western Kentucky University. The Louisville native has served as a teacher and parish minister in Kentucky, Missouri and New Mexico. Since 2009, she has served as a parish minister at Mary Queen of Peace Parish, Louisville.



Sister Susan Mary Mudd, a native of Lebanon, Ky., is celebrating 70 years of religious life. She is a 1966 graduate of Brescia with a degree in history. She earned a master's degree from Spalding University, Louisville, and a doctorate in education from the University of Cincinnati. Sister Susan Mary was an educator in Kentucky, Nebraska, Wisconsin, Virginia, Venezuela and Chile. From 1997-2002, she was director of the Owensboro Catholic School System. She served as academic dean at Owensboro Catholic Middle School from 2002-2007. She taught at Brescia from 1985-87 and returned to serve as Brescia's director of institutional research from 2007-2009. From 2009-2021, she was the administrative assistant in the Brescia School of Business. She retired in 2021, and is active in the Powerhouse of Prayer.



Sister Laurita Spalding, a native of Springfield, Ky., is celebrating 60 years as an Ursuline Sister. She earned her degree in elementary education from Brescia in 1968. She earned her master's degree in elementary education from Western Kentucky University. She ministered throughout Kentucky as a teacher for 54 years, including in Owensboro and Henderson. She now volunteers at Holy Name School and Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Henderson



Sister Melissa Tipmore, a native of Owensboro, is celebrating 60 years as an Ursuline Sister. She earned her bachelor's degree in elementary education from Brescia in 1968. She earned a master's degree in elementary education from Western Kentucky University. She has ministered in Kentucky and Nebraska. Since 2019, she has served as coordinator of the library at the Motherhouse.

at Maple Mount in 1874. Jubilee congratulations may be sent to 8001 Cummings Road, Maple Mount, KY 42356.

ently minister throughout Kentucky and in Illinois, Kansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Missouri, New Mexico, New York, Tennessee; and in Washington, D.C., and Chile, South America.

Society of the Arch Celebration Toast

Good evening, everyone. As we gather tonight to celebrate and support Brescia, let's take a moment to reflect on the incredible journey we are apart of. Next year we will be celebrating our centennial. I think it is so amazing to be able to be apart of that celebration! Brescia is not just a place of learning but a community of caritas, educational excellence and potential. Each contribution we make as members of the Arch helps fuel the dreams of students and strengthens our academic community. So let's raise our glasses. Here's to the future leaders, the trailblazers, and the visionaries will emerge from theses halls. To the alumni, donors, and friends who believe in the power of education.

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