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Three join Lycoming College Board of Trustees

Dave Freet '68, Don Hughes '72 and Dr. Lynn Kramer '72 have joined the Lycoming College Board of Trustees, according to Peter R. Lynn '69, board chair.

Freet, who earned a degree in business administration from Lycoming, retired in 2008 as the sixth president of the Pennsylvania Telephone Association, a trade organization representing the collective interests of the traditional local exchange telephone companies that operate throughout the state. Upon his retirement, Freet was presented with the PTA’s Distinguished Service Award for his outstanding contributions to the telecommunications industry.

Freet was a member of the Lycoming College Alumni Association Executive Board from 2001-10, serving as president from 2008-10. Freet and his wife, Jane, live in Harrisburg, Pa.

Hughes, a Lycoming accounting graduate, is a senior partner and the chief financial officer at Camden Partners, which operates private equity funds to provide growth capital for emerging companies. He previously served as CFO of Capstone Pharmacy Services Inc., as executive vice president and CFO of Broventure Company Inc. and in the audit division of Arthur Andersen LLP.

Hughes serves on the boards of several organizations, including Biomedical Enterprises Inc., IncentOne Inc., Questar Assessment Inc., and New Horizons Worldwide Inc. He and his wife, Yvonne, live in Hunt Valley, Md.

Kramer, who earned an interdisciplinary degree from Lycoming, is president of the Neuroscience Product Creation Unit at Eisai Inc., which is ranked among the top 20 U.S. pharmaceutical companies based on retail sales. His career also includes positions at PAR Pharmaceutical Inc., Purdue Pharmaceuticals, Ciba-Geigy/Novartis Pharmaceuticals, R.W. Johnson Pharmaceutical Research Institute, and Carter-Wallace Inc.

Kramer is a fellow of the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology. He graduated from the Hahnemann Medical School in 1976. Kramer and his wife, LaVonne, reside in Westport, Conn., and have two children.

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From admissions tour guide to chemistry tutor, options are plentiful with Lycoming’s student work-study program.

Gratitude and gumption
Briana (Lewis) Hassibi ’01 maintains a happy-go-lucky spirit while facing a debilitating disease.

Something to think about
Find out why psychology is one of the most popular programs on campus.

Finding independence
Bob Zurowski ’09 puts the versatility of his liberal arts education to good use after a life-changing operation.

Patience leads to peace
Capt. Pamela Sue Tipler ’05 leaves small-town America to become a flight surgeon in the Sinai.
The Lycoming College Board of Trustees has selected Dr. Kent C. Trachte as the College’s 15th president, effective July 1, 2013. He is dean of the college at Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster, Pa. Trachte succeeds Dr. James E. Douthat, who will retire in June after nearly a quarter-century at the helm of the College. The appointment was announced by Peter Lynn ’69, board chair.

“We welcome Dr. Trachte to the presidency of Lycoming College,” Lynn said. “His deep understanding and belief in the benefits and importance of a liberal arts and sciences education have prepared him well to lead Lycoming. He has a proven ability to translate the mission and vision of an institution into both strategic and effective actions. The members of the board look forward to working with him as he leads the College community in ways to further enhance the College’s mission, reputation and service to its students. We also extend a very warm welcome to Dr. Trachte’s wife, Dr. Sharon Trachte.”

“I am humbled and honored by my selection as the 15th president of Lycoming College,” Trachte said. “I look forward to building upon the leadership of President Douthat and his many accomplishments during the past 24 years. Lycoming College can approach the next phase of its history from a position of strength that lies in the excellence of its students, the distinction of its faculty, the dedication of its administrative staff and alumni, the commitment of its board of trustees and the prudence with which its finances have been managed. I anticipate deepening the educational excellence embodied in the ‘Lyco’ experience and moving the College toward even greater recognition.”

Trachte earned a bachelor’s in government from Dartmouth College, a master’s in international relations from the University of Kentucky and a Ph.D. in political science from Binghamton University. He taught political science at several institutions prior to being named dean of freshmen at Franklin & Marshall. As dean of freshmen, he collaborated with members of the faculty to create a highly successful first-year residential seminar program. In 2003, Trachte became dean of the college. During his term as dean, he worked with faculty, students and administrative colleagues to build F&M’s distinctive College House System, promote internationalization of the campus, and deepen and extend the college’s commitment to civic engagement.

Trachte has also led initiatives that have helped Franklin & Marshall become a more diverse and inclusive campus, including serving as liaison to the Posse Foundation. He also oversaw greater integration of athletics and recreation into the fabric of campus life. Finally, he raised major gifts in support of the College House Commons, athletic facilities, summer study abroad, a leadership program and F&M’s Life After College Success Program.

Trachte and his wife, who earned a Ph.D. in French literature, have one son. He and his wife live in New York state, where he practices law.

Lynn praised the work of those involved in the search process. The 16-person search committee was comprised of trustees, faculty, staff, students and alumni. It recommended four final candidates to the board of trustees, after concluding its review of a nationwide pool of more than 80 applicants.

Dr. Kent Trachte

Lynn also expressed the board’s gratitude for President Douthat’s service to the College. During his tenure, Lycoming’s academic profile was raised to that of a national liberal arts and sciences college, and its overall financial position was significantly strengthened, as illustrated by the growth of the endowment from less than $19 million to $165 million. He also praised Emily Douthat as a committed partner and an exemplary volunteer on behalf of the College.
Accolades continue
This past fall, Lycoming College was once again recognized as one of the nation’s top institutions for higher learning.

U.S. News & World Report included Lycoming in its 2013 edition of “America’s Best Colleges.” The report also ranks Lycoming 20th in the nation among liberal arts and sciences institutions in graduation rate when comparing actual graduation rate with the predicted rate. Most of Lycoming’s students graduate in four years, and data from the U.S. Department of Education confirms the College’s six-year graduation rate of 70 percent to be very strong when compared to other schools. Nationally, the average six-year graduation rate for all colleges and universities is 55 percent.

Forbes.com ranks Lycoming among “America’s Best Colleges”. The ranking includes the top 20 percent of the nation’s undergraduate colleges. The Princeton Review has recognized the College as one of the best institutions of higher learning in the Northeast.

Krebs receives national microbiology award
Jordan Krebs ’13 was a 2012 award recipient of the American Society for Microbiology’s (ASM) Undergraduate Research Capstone Program. A biology and chemistry double major from Roaring Spring, Pa., he was one of only seven students to receive the award, and was the only student from a baccalaureate college selected. Awardees receive up to $1,500.

Krebs’ research project was titled “Assessment of Bacillus horneckiae Spore Survival under Simulated Space ISS Conditions.” His mentor was Dr. Kasthuri Venkateswaran of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

Five join the faculty ranks
Dr. Phil Sprunger, provost and dean of the College, announced the arrival of five new faculty members.

Heather Demshock is an assistant professor of accounting. Prior to Lycoming, she was a senior associate at the Certified Public Accounting firm Dixon Hughes Goodman LLP in Norfolk, Va. Her primary focus there was auditing companies in the real estate, not-for-profit, leisure and employee benefit plan industries. In addition, she performed tax planning and preparation for individual and partnership tax returns. She is a Certified Public Accountant and earned a bachelor’s degree in accounting from Old Dominion University and a master’s in accounting from Liberty University.

Amanda Horn Gunderson is a visiting assistant professor of music. Her specialization is in piano performance and pedagogy, and she has an expertise in issues associated with small-handed pianists. She earned both bachelor’s and master’s of music degrees from Penn State University, and recently completed a doctorate of musical arts program at the University of Wisconsin.

Jay Innerarity is a visiting assistant professor of theatre. He is interested in collaboration and sculptural aspects of theatre design. He previously taught theatre at the University of Memphis and before that, taught as both a UH-60 Blackhawk NRC flight instructor and a standardization instructor for the United States Army. He is a graduate of the 101st Airborne Division, Noncommissioned Officer Academy, earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts in scenic design and fine arts from Stephen F. Austin State University and a Master of Fine Arts in scene design and technical production from the University of Memphis.

Tiffany Towns is a visiting assistant professor of theatre. Her interests include costume design, children’s theatre and puppetry. She joins Lycoming from the University of Alabama, where she earned a Master of Fine Arts in costume design and technology. She also has a bachelor’s of theatre from Brenau University and an associate’s degree in theatre from Gainesville State College.

Sabri Yilmaz is a visiting instructor of economics. His research interest is trade networks under asymmetric information and their applications to various markets. He earned a Ph.D. in economics from Southern Illinois University and master’s degrees in both economics and mathematics from the University of Missouri-Columbia, as well as a bachelor’s of mathematics from Marmara University in Istanbul, Turkey.

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New astrophysics major announced

Lycoming’s Department of Astronomy and Physics is now offering an astrophysics major.

Students can earn a Bachelor of Science in the field through coursework in astronomy, physics, chemistry and mathematics. The 13-course major was created to provide extensive study in both astronomy and physics while preserving students’ ability to complete their undergraduate degree in four years. Upon its completion, graduates will be prepared for advanced study in astrophysics or astronomy as well as all the other numerous and varied careers available to those who complete the traditional astronomy or physics major.

“Lycoming’s astronomy and physics programs emphasis lab-based instruction,” said Dr. David Fisher, professor and department chair. “It helps students grasp theoretical concepts if they can see them in practice rather than just read about them in a textbook. We encourage our students to use the wide array of equipment available in their areas of interest. It can be very rewarding.”

Students are also encouraged to participate in a summer National Science Foundation-sponsored Research Experience for Undergraduates, or equivalent research experience, during their course of study.

Website ranked among nation’s best

Lycoming’s website (www.lycoming.edu) has been listed among the most highly-rated in the country in the 14th annual My College Options Enrollment Power Index (EPI), an analysis of admissions websites from nearly 3,000 colleges and universities. Lycoming scored in the top 100 of all sites rated. The study grades institutions on a 100-point scale, including functionality, design and technology components.

“The site was developed knowing that it had to appeal to both prospective and current students, faculty, alumni and the general public,” said James Spencer, vice president of admissions and financial aid. “Not an easy task, but we were particularly pleased with our high score for ease of navigation.”

The site is managed by Lycoming’s web committee, which includes Spencer; Elizabeth Greenaway, web content coordinator; Murray Hanford, publications manager; Dave Heffner, associate dean of information technology and chief information officer; Robert Krepshaw, web designer; Jerry Rashid, director of college relations; and Casey Spencer ’05, college relations specialist. It boasts links to key information, including financial aid and scholarships, visitation programs and the application process, as well as College videos and profiles of students, faculty and alumni.

MyCollegeOptions.org is the nation’s largest online college planning program, and is operated by the National Research Center for College & University Admissions.

Boxed Heart

By Jay Innerarity

The “Boxed Heart #43” is part of the Heart Collection; a collection of work I began in 2005 as I attempted not only to transition to civilian life after serving six years as a noncommissioned officer in the U.S. Army, but to come to terms with life after war. The medical community has given it the nice title of PTSD, those suffering from it have other names for it. It is an illness that cannot only rule your life but can end it.

We (those afflicted) do not talk about it; we try to drink it away, work it away, anything to keep it inside to keep others from knowing. We fear the repercussions, the loss of employment, lack of trust and we fear ourselves. Some of us seek help and find it. Some are turned away due to lack of funding, misunderstanding or lack of concern. For some who have found the courage to reach out for help and been denied, it becomes the second to last thing they ever do on this earth. I do not fault those, as they found peace; as heartbreaking as the loss is, they found peace.

Some of us who are turned away realize that peace can never be found, but you can find things to push the nightmares into a corner, to mute the voices of the dead – at least for some short period of time. I can never wash the blood from my hands, not even with steel wool and turpentine. I know, for I have tried. What I can do is allow those tears to fall, to use the pain, to transfer the nightmares into two- and three-dimensional works.

The Heart Collection represents the state of my heart as I learned to live with PTSD. The collection is formed from a variety of media: oil, pastel, bronze, porcelain, to name a few. Heart #26 is permanently inked on my chest as a reminder of what is, what was, and what is to be.

Note: Innerarity is in his first year as visiting assistant professor of theatre at Lycoming. His “Boxed Heart #43” was on display during the College’s faculty art exhibit held Nov. 29 to Dec. 15.
When did your interest in theatre begin?

I am the youngest of five children, and when I was a little girl, two of my older siblings constantly played records of Rodgers and Hammerstein musicals and taught me to sing along with them. Then they choreographed a number from *Flower Drum Song*, “Grant Avenue,” which we performed in the inaugural Dickinson (Texas) Talent Show. I think we won second place!

Dancing and singing in my emerald-green taffeta dress, homemade by my grandmother, was the official beginning of my lifelong love affair with the theatre! Ironically, my sister became a pharmacist and my brother an art history professor, but I never wavered. I have vivid memories of performing all through grammar and high school as well as college.

What has been your most rewarding show to direct at Lycoming?

I especially enjoy directing what are sometimes called “high-concept” productions, which usually means that the play is written in a style other than realism, so the challenges are very different. In 2008, I directed *Machinal* by Sophie Treadwell, an expressionistic work that called for many of the actors to perform their characters in a robotic style. Because the play was about how mechanistic and impersonal our society has become, the scene designer used steel to create all the set pieces, and the actors moved everything around the stage at lightning speed. It was a very spectacular show to watch, with dynamic lighting and sound effects as well.

This season’s *The Threepenny Opera* was a high-concept show because it is an example of Epic Theatre, which I find intriguing to interpret as a director. Playwright Bertolt Brecht believed in the theatre’s power to educate and serve as a vehicle for social change, so he created techniques to disrupt the audience’s absorption in the world of the play.

Actors speak directly to the audience; the action takes place all over the theatre, not just onstage; and nothing is hidden—everything happening backstage can be seen.

Do you have a favorite play?

I guess I’m not very inventive in this regard, but I must say that Arthur Miller’s *Death of a Salesman* is one of the most powerful plays ever written. I have taught it dozens of times and seen it twice on Broadway. The story of a middle-class family coping with their failure to achieve the American dream confronts values that are imbedded in the American psyche. I always tell my students that I personally go to the theatre to be moved, and *Death of a Salesman* is an incredibly poignant work that touches me deeply over and over again.

As coordinator of the College’s Women’s and Gender Studies Program, how do your interests in this field and theatre intersect?

The feminist in me is always searching for plays to produce that have complex female protagonists. That is part of the reason why *Machinal* and dozens of other plays through the years have appealed to me. I consciously select plays for all my theatre courses that address issues of gender in political, social and cultural spheres. I have taught my Modern Drama course by choosing plays that address the theme “women who kill.” I always change the course theme and at least some of my play choices every year, but this one may return!

What do you enjoy about teaching theatrical arts?

I am passionate about the theatre and its unique ability to enlighten human beings about themselves— their understanding of their own personal behavior as well as what it means to perceive and recognize their own worldview. Theatre exists because human beings have an insatiable desire to know, and the theatre is a live, alive exploration of the human condition. I want the theatre to live forever as a facet of human experience, and I consider my goal as a teacher to inspire my students to keep it alive far into the future.

About Stanley

Dr. N.J. Stanley is an associate professor of theatre and coordinator of the Women’s and Gender Studies Program. She teaches acting, directing, theatre history and dramatic literature. Research interests include women in American theatre and contemporary American drama. She has published numerous essays and directed more than 55 productions across the U.S. She earned an M.F.A. in directing from Florida State University and a Ph.D. in theatre and drama from Indiana University.
Finding a job is hard, especially for full-time college students who, unfortunately, either need to save money to pay for school or need extra money to pay for daily expenses. Many do not have cars on campus, are unfamiliar with the area or cannot seem to find any openings flexible enough to work around their class schedule. It’s a classic conundrum; most students are too busy with classes, homework, Greek life, clubs, community service, sleep and a bare minimum social life to have time for a job, despite their need for one. Yet many of us not only find the time to work, but consider it one of the most enriching and satisfying experiences of being a Lycoming College student.

And what better place to work than one that requires no driving and no further planning than rolling out of bed and walking to a different building on Lycoming’s campus?
Students hold roughly 650 part-time jobs and contribute to almost every office and department on campus, from tour guides in admissions to summer orientation staff to student cafeteria workers. More than 20 places on campus employ students, who also have the opportunity to look for jobs throughout the community utilizing Lycoming resources.

“We budget more than $900,000 annually for student employment because we know it is a win/win for the College and the student,” said James Spencer, vice president of admissions and financial aid.

Working for the College can provide students with extra money as well as enrich specific areas of interest and create appropriate professional relationships in a laid-back situation that will usually meet one’s needs.

“The College benefits because it expands our ability to deliver quality services and get things done without hiring full-time employees,” stated Spencer. “Students benefit by gaining valuable skills and important experience, often in positions that match their academic interest or career plans. And all of us—students, faculty and staff—benefit by the many lasting friendships made during our time spent working as colleagues.”

Students here also have the opportunity to find work off-campus through the Community Work Study program at places such as the James V. Brown Library and the Thomas T. Taber Museum. Finding one of these jobs is just as easy as finding an on-campus job; all job listings for students are available through the College’s website on the Student Employment Job Board.

I work for College Relations because I am interested in writing, reading, editing, communications and gaining office experience for my (hopeful) career in the publishing industry. As a secondary education certification student and an English literature major, all aspects of my job are appealing to further my writing and people skills, as well as to give me well-rounded experience in an English-related atmosphere. I have also had the opportunity to correspond with many of our faculty, staff and students, gaining professional experience communicating with those in established positions as well as peers.

I don’t make a ton of money, but nothing beats this job. I work Monday through Friday, and transportation to work involves walking across our beautiful quad. I am also able to pick hours that work around my class schedule, making it easy to come to work every day.

After thinking about why I work on campus, I decided I would like to know the motivations behind others’ employment here. Overall, students who replied to the survey had positive things to say about the Lycoming employment experience. The following are a few general reasons.

Money
When asked why they work on campus, most students answered “for the money.” Even working a few hours a week, as most students do – students are only allowed to work up to 20 hours per week – gives them a few extra bucks in their bank account every two weeks.

But “money” is a reflexive response for many; when asked to think about the benefits of their campus job, a meaningful answer involves many things.

Schedule-keeping, organization
Some students find that, despite being very busy, working during the week keeps them focused on a more regimented schedule that ultimately helps them get more work done. Being employed also creates opportunities to learn about personal responsibility and organization.

“Working so much has helped me stay focused and get my schoolwork done in a reasonable amount of time, leaving me with time to relax despite my busy schedule,” said Nicole Silvia ’15, who works for Dining Services.

Major-related
Students have the opportunity to tutor and become teaching assistants, giving them even more exposure to, and experience with, major-related subject matter. This benefits students in the classroom, especially since they sought the job themselves and pursue it as a way to better their understanding of the field they wish to enter.

“Learning and understanding chemistry as a student is one thing, but being able to explain the concepts to someone else gives me an even better understanding of the course material,” said chemistry major Timothy Kocher ’14. He has been a laboratory teacher’s assistant for the chemistry department and is a study group facilitator as well as a tutor for Chemistry 110.

Career-oriented
A campus job can also prepare students for careers they would like to pursue, or perhaps even expose them to career ideas or opportunities they were unaware of before working on campus.

“This job has given me the skills to the point that I could pursue a career in web development just from the experience from working at Lyco,” said math major David Brown ’13, who works for Information Technology Services.

Convenience
Most campus positions allow students to pick their own hours, accommodating class schedules that would be difficult to support jobs elsewhere.

“A big advantage is that all of my places of employment are so close,” said Amanda Watsula ’13, who holds four campus jobs. “I don’t have to spend money on gas to get back and forth. In addition, employers on campus understand that you are also a college student and are more accommodating with your schedule.”

Mathematics major Julie Martinez ’13, who is pursuing her elementary education certification and works for the education department, says “I love not having to drive anywhere to go to work. It’s great to be able to work during the day and not at night when I have to do homework or attend club meetings.”

Experience/relationships
Perhaps the most amazing benefit of working on campus is learning how to work with all types of people – employers, fellow employees, peers, adults, faculty and staff alike. This not only creates stronger people skills, but it allows students to make campus more of their own, to know more about its inner workings. Some jobs, such as being an admissions tour guide, allow students to learn how to interact with prospective students and to learn what makes being a Lycoming student so special.

“I love Lycoming, and being able to share that with prospective students is so special,” said Hope Weber ’13, an admissions tour guide. “I have learned how to talk with people and start conversations and to be comfortable around those who I do not know well.”
Major: Corporate Communications and Marketing  
Campus jobs: Front desk/fitness center attendant at the Recreation Center; Admissions tour guide; assistant for the Institute of Management Studies; Business Marketing teacher’s assistant

What are the day-to-day responsibilities of your admissions job?

The biggest responsibility I have is giving tours to prospective students and their families. It’s a very important task. You are required to be an ambassador for the College. A campus tour could make or break a student’s decision to attend the College. Tours are given by appointment but also on a walk-in basis; therefore, students must always be prepared to give a tour. Aside from giving tours, the admissions staff is responsible for sending out all mass mailings to prospective students. We make packets for incoming students and fill information requests.

Major: Psychology  
Off-campus jobs: Information services; youth coordinator, James V. Brown Library, Williamsport

What are your responsibilities as youth coordinator at the library?

I run two teen programs. During video game night, we play and learn about video games through interaction from multiple channels. The second program is Graphic Novel Club, where students explore the world of comics and apply concepts and themes to reality. We also learn the makeup of graphic novels and prove that they are more than pictures with words. We are working on making our own mini graphic novels.

What sort of advantages/benefits have you seen from your employment?

The biggest advantage is knowing that I am providing a service to the community. The James V. Brown Library isn’t your typical library; it’s more like a small café with lots of books. There are programs available for persons of all ages. It really does a service and I am a part of that.

Major: Biology with an English Literature minor  
Campus jobs: Admissions tour guide; Academic Resource Center tutor; “Mouse House” lab research assistant for the psychology department; Snowden Library’s Collection Management Services

What do you hope to say after graduation in regards to your campus employment?

I would like to look back and remember some of the really cool and fun things I did while working, not just think of my jobs as a means to get cash. Helping out “behind-the-scenes” for library events like ‘Snowden til 2,’ working open houses, and getting hands-on research in the mouse house are all valuable and dear memories for me. All of my jobs will make good references in that they each show that I have acquired valuable skills. The library has taught me organization and planning. Being a tour guide helps me relate to many different types of people and to market effectively, and the mouse house has given me new research skills and biological knowledge useful for when I apply to veterinary school.

Campus jobs:

- Academic departments
  - Teaching/lab assistants
- Academic Resource Center
  - Tutors
- Admissions
- Athletic training
- Bookstore
- Buildings and Grounds
- Business Office
- Dining Services
  - Catering, JP’s, Café 1812
- Career Services
- College Relations
- Development
  - Phonathon
- Information Technology
  - Lab monitors
  - Photo, computer labs
- Library
  - Archives
- Mailroom
- Recreation Center
- Registrar
- Resident advisors
- Safety and Security
- Sports Information
- Student Programs
- Summer Orientation Staff
Major: Chemistry
Campus jobs: Chemistry 110 study group facilitator and tutor

What was the hiring process like?
I had to get a faculty recommendation and attend two or three training sessions about how to be an effective tutor. For my study group facilitator job, I was recommended by a chemistry faculty member, and I had to attend one or two training sessions on how to run a study group.

What do you think of Lycoming's employment opportunities?
I think Lycoming has a good amount of on-campus job opportunities. If you want an on-campus job, I don’t think you will have any problem finding one. I did not expect to come to college and work on campus. Actually, I decided that I did not want a job when I came here. It turned out that I had some extra time and working as a tutor only required a few hours a week. I was a little surprised at the job opportunities. I did not know that a study group facilitator existed.

Major: Psychology
Campus jobs: Career Services; Admissions tour guide; Café 1812; sociology tutor

What do you hope to say after graduation in regards to your campus employment?
I’m very fortunate to work at Career Services. I’m responsible for a lot of the advertising for events hosted by the office. I make the majority of the posters seen around campus and I do the sidewalk chalk every weekend promoting our Monday night event. I also assist with the actual events, set-up, sign-in, etc. Not only do I get to represent a great resource for students on campus, I also feel very prepared for my life after graduation. By working with the career advisors and helping to plan events, I’m learning skills such as résumé writing, public speaking and how to be professional in an interview. In addition, the staff has helped me so much with planning for graduate school and beyond. I feel like they really want me to succeed, and it’s a wonderful feeling having Lycoming faculty support you like that.

What are your day-to-day responsibilities for your jobs?
For my work study in the Development Office, I do filing, electronic filing, looking up obituaries, mailings, event projects, etc. For Phonathon, I call alumni to update their personal records and ask if they would like to make a donation to the Lycoming Fund. It was a little nerve-racking in the beginning—having to call people to ask for money—but it becomes easier over time.

Community jobs:
- American Red Cross
- American Rescue Workers
- The Center
- Experience Works
- Habitat for Humanity
- James V. Brown Library
- North Penn Legal Services
- Office of Aging
- St. Anthony's Center
- Salvation Army
- Thomas T. Taber Museum
- Walkway of Hope through Academic Mentorship
The pain and discomfort is ever-present. Ten surgeries, including the removal of bone spurs and an ankle fusion operation, have been endured. To help combat her debilitating rheumatoid arthritis (RA), which she has courageously battled for the last two decades, 33-year-old Briana (Lewis) Hassibi ’01 receives intravenous infusions of the anti-tumor necrosis factor inhibitor, Remicade, self-injects the disease-modifying drug methotrexate weekly and takes prednisone, duloxetine and celecoxib on a daily basis.

For her most recent birthday celebration in September, she took the day off from work and enjoyed a morning walk with her husband, Cyrus, and their three Pomeranians. Then it was off to yoga class. Later in the day, Cyrus led her to their horse barn, where he had planned a small surprise party that included a trail ride on her Tennessee walking horse, Whiskey.

“After that, Cyrus and I watched a movie and relaxed – just an enjoyable, low-key, comfortable and fun day!” Hassibi said.

That happy-go-lucky spirit has served Hassibi well through the years. Sure, some of her days are more difficult than others, but they have never stopped her from pushing forward.

“Each day I am inspired by the sun rising,” said Hassibi, who lives in Delray Beach, Fla. “I enjoy looking forward to what each day has to offer. Life is truly a beautiful gift, and I am very grateful for the days that I can move and experience different situations. The tougher days make those days with fewer disputes even more appreciated. Yoga has taught me a lot, and I try to practice what I have learned both on and off of my mat.”

Hassibi hasn’t let her physical challenges stand in the way of her dreams, including putting her art-commercial design degree from Lycoming to good use. From Williamsport, she made her way to Georgia, where she earned a master’s in fashion design from Savannah College of Art and Design in 2003. She now serves as the director of marketing and design at Coldwell Banker Platinum Partners, a full-service real estate firm with a focus on

► Briana (Lewis) Hassibi ’01 with her Tennessee walking horse, Whiskey.
the coastal regions of South Carolina and Georgia. She’s involved with the firm’s social media, public relations, graphic design and marketing, and also helps with special events.

“My boss, Connie Farmer Ray, has been extremely helpful and generous in allowing me to work from home when I couldn’t leave my house and very flexible with the multitude of doctor appointments. I am currently telecommuting from South Florida and handle all my work from home. I have recently had to cut back to part-time because my condition has gotten even more challenging, but we have made it work.”

Not one to sit still, Hassibi also keeps active as the proud owner of B Creative Marketing & Design, a company she started as an outlet for her graphic design, photography, illustrations and hand-drawn and painted artwork. And she handles creative writing, e-marketing and more for companies and individuals.

Hassibi is quick to point out that Lycoming set the foundation for her career and personal life.

“Many heartfelt stories are what initially their collegiate experience, and their College. They always spoke highly about their teacher, conference. William ’73 and William ’73 Lewis, who met Hassibi’s parents, Susan (Anthony) ’73 and William ’73 Lewis, who met with introducing their daughter to the College. They always spoke highly about their collegiate experience, and their many heartfelt stories are what initially drew her to the institution.

“The Internet wasn’t what it is today, so I really learned a lot about Lycoming when I visited with my mom during Accepted Students Day,” Hassibi said. “I loved the campus immediately. The art department was amazing, the teachers were so warm and welcoming, and I especially loved the smaller class size. Lycoming was just what I was looking for.”

Her love for fashion began at an early age and allowed her to excel within the College’s art department. She especially appreciated the efforts of Lynn Estomin, professor of art, and Roger Shipley, professor emeritus of art, referring to them as the “two fundamentals in my college career.”

Among her best experiences were attending Art May Term twice – one year in Spain, the other in Paris. She also had a great group of friends at Lycoming, many of whom she remains very close with today.

“We loved to attend sporting events, cultural events and classes – pretty much anything that the school offered, someone in our large group of friends was a part of it, and we all supported each other,” Hassibi said. “The four years at Lyco remain some of the best experiences in my life.”

Outside of her professional career, Hassibi keeps herself physically active with the likes of yoga, horseback riding, swimming and non-impact gym workouts. And she spends whatever free time she has as a RA advocate.

Hassibi volunteers on two committees per year: the Arthritis Walk, which supports the Arthritis Foundation, and Magic of Caring event, a benefit for children with rheumatoid arthritis and other systemic diseases. All proceeds from the event, which includes a silent auction and a fashion show featuring children with arthritis and related conditions, go toward sending children to Camp FunRise, sponsored by Miami Children’s Hospital and the Florida Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation.

“I have had a chance to visit this camp two times and speak to kids with RA,” Hassibi said. “It is powerful and amazing to see what these children have gone through in their lives. They are wise beyond their years.”

Hassibi also tries to promote yoga to other arthritis-suffers. She has teamed up with Stick-e, maker of yoga and fitness products such as nonslip mats, socks and gloves and wrist support props. She says through the use of these props, individuals with physical limitations can expand their practice and therefore their lives.

It’s hard for Hassibi to remember life without RA, which is why she believes in the adage, “An object in motion stays in motion.”

“I think I probably do more with my RA than not,” Hassibi said. “I know it has its challenges, from the multitudes of surgeries, to the emotional struggles, to lifestyle changes; but it is an immense part of my life that has helped me to become who I am. I look at my RA as a blessing in that it has granted me a way to look at life with gratitude and gumption. Every obstacle that has presented itself, I try to creatively circumvent it. With the support of my family and friends, I am not afraid of a challenge or RA.”

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From top photo, Hassabi with her father, William Lewis ’73; mother, Susan (Anthony) ’73 Lewis; and husband, Cyrus.
Everybody should have an intro psych course,” says Dr. Rebecca Gilbertson, assistant professor of psychology.

If the trends of the last several years are any indication, students may be taking her advice. Psychology consistently ranks as one of the most popular majors at colleges and universities across the United States, and Lycoming College is no exception. At the beginning of the 2012 fall semester, the program had the third highest number of declared majors, and it consistently graduates a high percentage of students each year. In addition, psychology courses welcome a number of non-majors in many of their courses.

“Psychology is the study of behavior,” says Dr. Tina Norton, assistant professor. “The way I put it to my intro students is that unless you’re going to be living in a cave, you will have to live and work around other people, and it would be helpful if you know a little bit about them and their behavior.”

“I think they find it very relevant,” echoes Dr. Susan Beery, assistant professor.

“Many know someone with depression or anorexia and we’re giving them the information and critical thinking skills they need to understand them.”

Though the popularity of the program keeps pace with national trends, the College’s psychology program holds some unique opportunities for Lycoming students. Practical experiences facilitated by close relationships with teaching professionals who boast a breadth of interests lead to an individualized education that prepares students to enter the professional world.

“Many don’t know that they’ve got the potential that we see in them.”

“The best experience I have had in the department so far has been attending the Eastern Colleges Science Conference during my sophomore year,” says Kassandra Lee ’14. “One of my professors asked me to attend the conference, along with juniors and seniors, and aid in presenting some research I had been working on.”

Access to hands-on experience was further enhanced this year thanks to a grant from the George I. Alden Trust in

Putting it into practice

Opportunities for individualized, experiential learning opportunities through the department abound. Faculty-guided research projects, lab-based learning beginning in introductory psychology, conference travel and presentations, and practicums are the norm, not the exception, for Lycoming psychology students.

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By far, the most hailed facet of the College’s psychology program from faculty, alumni and students alike is practicum experience. Sarah (Kiely) Balduino ’05 directly attributes her career path to her practicum experience.

“During my senior year,” she says, “the practicum allowed me to intern with a school psychologist, which was highly influential in my career choice.” Balduino went on to earn a master’s from Bucknell University and is now school psychologist for a nearby school district.

“It’s amazing to have this experience first-hand and so early in my career,’’ says Allison Hurley ’13. “I’m currently working with neuropsychological testing, but I’m also able to sit in on initial and feedback sessions with clients.”

The two-semester long practicum program allows students to engage in the community while still meeting weekly as a class. This allows them to work out real-world issues in the field.

“A student who’s working in the nursing home saw her first elderly patient on Tuesday and when she went back on Thursday, he had passed away,’’ Dr. Kurt Olsen, assistant professor, provides as an example. “She was very emotional about how the staff there seemed to be invulnerable to this...And then our classroom becomes a place where the other students’ eyes get big and they think ‘I don’t know what I would have done in that circumstance.’” But the reality of managing the social services of a nursing home is of course that some of your patients die. And so she airs that out in a safe, wonderful context with other students who are talking about similar issues in their practicums.”

A committed faculty

Olsen asserts that his colleagues are ‘‘really good teachers,’’ an observation supported by high evaluations from students in all the department’s classes. Students appreciate the access and attention they have from their faculty.

Brian Schurr ’05, who earned a master’s and Psy.D. from Marywood University and works as a clinical program manager and outpatient therapist, wholeheartedly concurs.

“The faculty is what makes Lycoming’s psychology program stand out,’’ Schurr said. “In addition to being knowledgeable, the faculty was always available and incredibly supportive of students. In fact, one of my professors from Lycoming served on the committee for my master’s thesis.”

Close relationships allow professors to connect students’ interests with their in- and out-of-classroom experiences.

“Lycoming really caters to this,” says Gilbertson. “A student gets really excited, really interested, probably through something they heard in class, and they know what to do with that. I get a lot of students who come through my door and say, ‘I heard this great thing about the brain in class and I really want to follow this up.’ Then we’ll talk about an experience they can do with it, such as independent study or an honors project.”

Professors find these relationships rewarding as well.

One of the things Olsen enjoys most about teaching at Lycoming is the first-generation students and students from central Pennsylvania.

“Many don’t know that they’ve got the potential that we see in them. [Lycoming] really does open up their eyes,” Olsen said. “We have kids who are working a part-time job and their parents are scratching up the money to allow them to come here. And then, after three semesters of various psychology classes they connect with a professor and start to work on their lab. Then you put them in the car and take them to Boston or New York City and for a lot of students, it’s not only the first psychology conference they’ve ever been to, it’s the first time they’ve been there. And then they start thinking about graduate school and ... you really, really change the lives of the people by interacting with them like this.”

The diversity of the training of the faculty – rare at many other institutions – is another hallmark of Lycoming’s program. Despite the breadth of the discipline, the department has professors trained in key areas of psychology.

“We’ve done a really good job keeping up with the changes in the field,” says Dr. Kathy Ryan, department chair and professor. “We have applied psychologists, like a health psychologist. We have someone who teaches school psychology. We have a clinical psychologist. And, we cover the basics such as neural psychology, personality theory and social psychology.”

Post-graduate success

Lycoming psychology majors are well-suited to enter a wide variety of fields, though particularly in counseling, teaching and research, especially when the strengths of the department are coupled with Lycoming’s liberal arts curriculum.

“Coming from a small college, I was nervous about my chances of getting into graduate school and doing well there,” says Dr. Deanna Barthlow-Potkanowicz ’99, Licensed Clinical Psychologist in a university counseling center.

“Doctoral programs in psychology are highly competitive to gain entrance to. I ended up receiving full-tuition and a paid assistantship at Kent State due to the resume I had built at Lycoming. In addition, because of the curriculum, I was a better writer and further along in my understanding of research methods than some of my graduate-school classmates.”

The accolades from the department’s alumni go on.

“At Lycoming, I was exposed to such a variety of ways to think and apply psychology,” says Lindsay Repko ’02, psychotherapist in private practice and therapist/care manager at Edgewood Center for Children and Families in San Francisco, Calif. “The faculty was phenomenal. I was given various opportunities to expand my thinking through classroom engagement, research and independent study in relevant areas. I still refer to those papers today that I wrote some 10 years ago. Lycoming was my introduction to the work and fostered the development of a solid foundation for future study. It was applicable, adaptable and comprehensive. I felt prepared in graduate school and developed the confidence to put myself forward in writing, presentation and practice. The psychology department prepared me to really go in any direction and for that, I’m grateful.”
You never know what a Lycoming College education is going to prepare you for!

I married my wife, Dr. Sandy Kingery [professor of Spanish], in 2004. Since I had given up my mechanical engineering job in Wisconsin to move to Pennsylvania, I decided it was the perfect time to go back to college. After five years at Lycoming, I graduated in May 2009 with a B.S. in computer science, B.A.s in economics and actuarial math, and a minor in art. I loved my time at the College and took classes in everything I could fit in, including my first-ever history class with Dr. Richard Morris, my first-ever language classes, and a film class with Dr. Fred Wild that has forever changed the way I watch movies.
But while I enjoyed all those classes, my three majors and my minor are what helped me become an independent businessman today.

None of this would have happened if I hadn’t gotten terribly sick in fall 2010. I had always been very health conscious, into working out, eating properly, training for triathlons, etc. I would have said I was completely healthy until one day, out of the blue, my whole digestive tract basically stopped working the way it’s supposed to. Without going into details, I’ll just say that I was never far from a bathroom, and I started losing all sorts of weight because I couldn’t keep anything in my system.

It turns out I had ulcerative colitis – a genetic disease of the colon. Since none of the medicines I was given seemed to be helping, my doctor insisted I check into Geisinger Medical Center so I could be monitored more closely. Things continued to go downhill until, two weeks after I had checked into the hospital, my colon suddenly ruptured, and there I was being rushed into life-saving emergency surgery. I awoke with an ostomy, which means I have a bag for collecting bodily wastes, just like around 700,000 other people in the U.S. who’ve lost their colon or bladder because of cancer or a disease like mine.

So what does all this have to do with a Lycoming College education? While I was in the hospital recuperating after my surgery, I was absolutely obsessed by how I could possibly get back to doing the sports and exercising that I love. Nothing felt more important to me, but I didn’t see how it was going to be possible. I felt like my ostomy was too vulnerable, that it would get bumped and injured during some sporting activity and I would end up back in the hospital. What a depressing thought.

So I searched around on the Internet to find some kind of protective device that I could wear to make me feel more comfortable. There were a couple of things out there that I tried, but nothing really worked, and I continued to feel like I was going to have to give up the sports that were so important to me. Unless … well, unless I could create my own product to resolve the issue.

And that’s exactly what I did. I invented a guard to wear that would protect my ostomy in exactly the way I needed. I tested it by wearing it as I slowly got back into swimming and biking and running and tennis and all the other activities that I love. I knew how to create a product like this because of my background in engineering; I could have designed and tested my guard even if I’d never gone to Lycoming College. But what I wouldn’t have been able to do without my degrees from Lyco was to figure out how to successfully market my new product to other people. I figured that if this guard was making my life so much better, other people might need a solution too. I decided to see if I could help them out.

It’s easy to see how my Lycoming math and economics degrees helped with some of the planning and logistics of creating a new business. What might not be so obvious is how my computer science major and art minor were absolutely fundamental to my success. My classes in computer science and art had taught me web programming and graphic design, and the first thing I did to create my business was develop a website (www.stomaplex.com) that would allow me to showcase my product. In my graphic design class, we were actually given an assignment where we had to create pamphlets and letterhead and business cards. I applied those skills to creating materials such as a trifold brochure that I sent to doctors and nurses, introducing my product so they could recommend it to patients. I also used the photography and Photoshop techniques I had learned to create a series of ads that have appeared in medical magazines and websites. All these skills allowed me to attract a steady stream of customers to my online store. In fact, the business grew so quickly that I had to leave an engineering job I had only recently taken in order to be able to keep up with demand. And my customers frequently let me know that the guard is making their lives better. I’m very happy to know that my invention is having a positive effect on other people’s lives.

In the end, I couldn’t have built a successful business without the skills I achieved throughout my Lycoming College career. The truth is that I had too many outstanding classes with too many excellent professors to acknowledge all of them, but I’d particularly like to thank Dr. Eileen Peluso in the computer science department for teaching me the skills that made it possible for me to succeed in this business. You never know where a liberal arts education from Lycoming College is going to take you!
As a high school senior exploring her post-secondary options, she was determined, much like many young adults at that stage in life, to attend a college far away from home. While Watsontown, a quaint borough with roughly 2,300 residents in central Pennsylvania, served as a good base growing up, Tipler says she was ready to “spread my wings.” In fact, she refused to consider schools within an hour radius of her home, which meant Lycoming College was out of the picture.
But, as fate would have it, she had a change of heart and decided to take the 16-mile, 25-minute journey up US-15 to Lycoming’s campus in Williamsport.

“I visited it during the ugliest time of year, when it was cold and dreary and all the leaves were off the trees,” said Tipler, who has doctorate in osteopathic medicine. “I figured if I could fall in love with a place during its ugliest time of year, then that’s where I belonged. When I stepped foot on campus, I fell in love. Everyone was warm and welcoming and the facilities were beautiful. I knew it’s where I belonged.”

Her time on campus was well-spent. She was class president, secretary of the Campus Activities Board and also held positions in Beta Phi Gamma and in numerous honor societies.

“My favorite faculty members were Dr. Fred Thayer [music] and all the biology, chemistry, Spanish and theatre professors,” said Tipler, who earned a bachelor’s degree in biology and a minor in Spanish. “Some of my favorite classes were my Spanish translation class, genetics, theatre and choir. I just really loved my time there.”

When Tipler walked across the stage at commencement and received her diploma in May 2005, she proudly became the first college graduate in her family.

Now, just seven years later, Tipler finds herself thousands of miles away from Watsontown, Williamsport, and for that matter, Pennsylvania. She is stationed in the Sinai in Egypt, where she serves as a flight surgeon for the Multinational Force & Observers, an international organization designed to supervise the implementation of the security provisions of the Egyptian-Israeli Treaty of Peace. And, as an added bonus, she is able to continue an honorable family tradition of military service; her grandfather served in the Navy during the Cuban Missile Crisis and her father was an Army Airborne Ranger.

“My grandfather was really proud of the time he spent in the military and used to show me his Navy books,” she said. “I looked at him and saw how proud he was of what he had done. I find that really admirable. He is what sparked my interest.”

Following her graduation from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in 2009, Tipler said goodbye to Pennsylvania and headed to Tacoma, Wash., where she engaged in a three-year residency in internal medicine at the Madigan Army Medical Center.

“An internal medicine residency, like any residency, is very challenging,” she said. “You are constantly studying and learning new things, as medicine is an ever-evolving field. You spend long hours at the hospital, managing very sick patients. You develop close bonds with those patients and their families. So it’s not only a mental challenge, but an emotional challenge as well. Sometimes it’s difficult to leave work at work and not take it home with you. I’m still learning that.

“The thing I love most about my job is my patients. I have met some amazing people. I take the time to talk to them and learn a little about their lives. I only get to experience the world through my eyes, so I find it fascinating to try and see the world through someone else’s eyes.”

Leading up to her assignment in Egypt, which began in October, Tipler received flight surgeon training at Alabama’s Fort Rucker, home of the U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence. There, she learned about the various aspects of aviation and the multitude of helicopter controls. She spent time flying, training in hypobaric chambers that simulate how the body responds to different altitudes with low oxygen, and working on swimming and survival skills. She also was prepped on what it takes to be a doctor for a flight unit.

“My unit wants to fly, so I’m going to do everything in my power to keep them in the air,” Tipler said. “In terms of learning the aviation aspect of it, I will never be a subject matter expert like the pilots and flight crew. However, by knowing a little about what they are doing, I can relate better to the soldiers I’m working with.”

Tipler’s dual-role with the American forces involves assisting with helicopter medical evacuation missions and providing camp-based treatment to keep soldiers healthy and ready to serve.

Although she has just begun to serve her country, Tipler has clear thoughts about her future.

“I joined the Army for a reason, and that is to take care of soldiers,” she said. “The only thing I know for sure is that I will stay in the Army for a career as it is my calling, and I love what I do and who I serve.”

That passion may have never been developed had she not taken that short jaunt up US-15 to Lycoming, which no doubt played a major role in helping her to spread her wings with soaring success.

“I gained a strong foundation from Lycoming in terms of my education,” Tipler said. “My classes prepared me to get into medical school and have that background knowledge to understand the physiology of the human body. The opportunities I had in terms of being involved in multiple organizations made me a well-rounded person and provided the skills I need to be a leader in the Army.”
Seven new members were inducted into Lycoming’s Athletics Hall of Fame during homecoming Oct. 19.

The 27th induction class includes Mike Bonnes ’01, men’s lacrosse; Tim Deasey ’02, football; Tommy Wesner ’04, men’s basketball; Keith Jenkins ’99, football; Seneca Reilly ’05, volleyball; Sean Cullen ’07, wrestling; and Morgan Mantle ’07, softball.

Clark named Curry Coach of the Year

Football coach Mike Clark ’93 received the fourth Robb Curry Jr. Coach of the Year award at the 27th annual Athletics Hall of Fame induction ceremony on Oct. 19.

In 2011, Clark led the team to an 8-2 mark and a 5-2 mark to finish in a tie for second in the Middle Atlantic Conference.

The annual award was established by Susan and Robb Curry ’69 in memory of their son Robert (Robby) D. Curry ’05. Robb was a longtime college administrator and assistant football coach.

Mifsud earns school’s first MAC tennis title

Jason Mifsud ’13 finished off a torrid fall by doing something no one in the history of the men’s tennis program ever has—winning a Middle Atlantic Conference Individual Championship.

The top-seed in the top flight, the Montoursville Area grad made quick work of a pair of opponents on Sunday, Oct. 14 to clinch the title.

“I was stoked,” said the 5-11, 170-pound Mifsud. “I don’t show that much emotion on the court, but after that one, I threw my hands up in the air. It was a lot of weight off. I usually don’t like to be seeded No. 1 because it’s added pressure, but to win it for Coach [LeRoy] Baer was really nice.”

He finished the fall with a record of 7-1, which includes two wins at the ITA Southeast Regionals B-2 flight, where he was the first Warrior ever to reach the semifinals of a flight at the tournament.

With a 37-11 career record, Mifsud’s resumé already includes a school-record number of singles wins, two First Team All-Commonwealth Conference honors, one second-team all-conference accolade, three ITA Scholar-Athlete nods and two MAC Academic Honor Roll selections.

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Girardi bust unveiled at homecoming

Frank Girardi paced the sidelines at David Person Field as the Warriors’ head football coach for 36 years (1972-07). On Saturday, Oct. 20, his likeness became a permanent fixture at the field when a bronze bust of the legendary coach was unveiled prior to the homecoming football game.

The bust, crafted by Thomas Marsh of Orange, Va., sits atop a 4½-foot concrete pedestal that features two bronze plaques, one listing Girardi’s impressive coaching accomplishments and the other listing major donors who contributed to the $1.1 million fund drive for Field Turf at David Person Field.

Girardi concluded his career at Lycoming as one of the most successful coaches in NCAA history. He compiled an overall record of 257-97-4 (.723), ranking him 15th in all divisions in victories. He guided the program to two national championship game appearances in 1990 and 1997. He led the Warriors to 13 Middle Atlantic Conference titles, including seven during the 1990s, and 11 NCAA playoff berths. He was named the MAC Coach of the Year on 12 occasions and recorded 29 consecutive winning seasons from 1975-2003.

Girardi and his wife, Lynne, have four children, Cathy ’83, Jerry ’86, Frank Jr. ’89 and Justine ’96. They are also the proud grandparents of 10 children, who had the honor of unveiling the bust. Among them were Nate Hanner ’08, Zachary Hanner ’11 and Olivia Hanner ’14, who is a member of the women’s soccer team.

Coach Burch remembered

Coach Clarence “Dutch” Burch passed away Saturday, Sept. 8. He was 80.

Burch coached the men’s basketball program from 1962-94, amassing a school-record 318 wins. He led Lycoming to its first Middle Atlantic Conference regular-season championship in 1965-66 and added two more titles in 1983-84 and 1984-85. Lycoming made 11 appearances in the postseason during his tenure.

Burch, who was MAC Coach of the Year in 1983-84, coached 17 first-team all-conference picks and two league most valuable players. He coached 11 of the program’s 25 1,000-point scorers and five of the program’s top 10 all-time leading rebounders.

Burch served as Lycoming’s head baseball coach from 1962-72 and director of athletics from 1976-84, overseeing the addition of women’s basketball, women’s swimming, and men’s and women’s cross country. He also helped incorporate Lycoming’s women’s athletics program into the NCAA during the 1982-83 season.

Survivors include wife, Georgia, daughter, Susan ’81 Caravaggio (Steven), sons Stephen, Samuel ’86 (Dawn) and Seth ’89 (Debi); and three granddaughters, Anna Caravaggio ’16, Mersadies Burch and Gabriela Burch.

Memorial contributions in Dutch’s name may be made to Lycoming College and Dutch Burch Court, Development Office, 700 College Place, Williamsport, PA 17701.
Point guard Jerald Williams ’13 loves dishing out assists, something he has done at a record-pace throughout his career at Lycoming College. Perhaps it’s no surprise then that he’s assisted a U.S. Congressman and the International Trade Commission as a summer intern.

His coach has called Williams the team’s engine, driving the Warriors to 55 wins, an NCAA Division III tournament appearance and two Commonwealth Conference championship games during his first three seasons with the program.

It’s not where Williams may have thought he’d end up. He was recruited by several Division I schools before a knee injury kept him from playing the summer before his junior year of high school and several schools lost interest. Lycoming didn’t.

“In your mind, you have a vision of how you want to play and a style in which you want to do it,” Coach Guy Rancourt said. “It was like a hand and a glove with Jerald. It was a perfect fit. It really put us in a position to take off. He is a special young man and that’s why he has started every game since he arrived and accomplished everything he’s done.”

Williams has shattered records typically reserved for a player nearing the end of his senior campaign. He entered his final year at Lamade Gym with school marks of 560 assists and 242 steals and was less than 100 assists and 65 steals from the top 25 in NCAA Division III history.

His skills on the court are recognized by nearly everyone who watches him. He was the Commonwealth Conference Rookie of the Year in 2010 and earned all-conference honors as a junior.

In August, he went with Rancourt’s East Coast All Stars, a team with players from Duke, Stanford, Iowa and Xavier, to Estonia for three games against national teams.

As the players tried on their uniforms and walked around before their first practice together on Lycoming’s campus, Duke’s Quinn Cook, who grew up playing with Williams on the D.C. Assault AAU team, walked up next to him and said, “This guy here, he’s my man.”

After all, Williams’ on-court numbers are eye-popping. His 21-assist game against Mount Aloysius in 2011 was the 19th-most in NCAA history. With Williams at the point, the Warriors have led the league in scoring and turnover margin twice during his career, and he’s finished in the top 10 in Division III in assists twice and steals three times.

“I’ve been shocked,” Williams said of his records. “That is what hard work gets you. Coming off the knee injury, everybody had given up on me. Getting to come to Lycoming and set all those records has just been a good experience. It felt good having everybody cheer for me because I did something that will be remembered forever.”

The criminal justice major’s continued education off the court, though, may be even more impressive. Thanks to a connection from a cousin and some help on his résumé at Lycoming, he spent the summer after his freshman year on Capitol Hill, working for U.S. Rep. John Lewis (D-Ga.), who was a member of the Civil Rights movement.

“Coming into Lycoming, I wanted to be a business major, but I changed my mind when I was working on Capitol Hill,” said Williams, who plans to become a juvenile probation officer. “I got into politics, so that led me to the criminal justice major.”

After his junior year, Williams went back to the nation’s capital, this time working for the International Trade Commission, doing human resources and building management work.

“Jerald has a desire to be the best in everything he’s doing,” Rancourt said. “To his credit, he went out there and hustled and found himself opportunities in the summer. We certainly do all we can to put our players in position to be successful with internships in the summer, but Jerald was someone who wasn’t waiting around. He wasn’t asking for help. He’s a driven young man.”

The Warriors’ engine hopes that drive lands the team back in the NCAA tournament.

“The goal is to win the MAC championship,” Williams said. “We’ve been there two out of the three years I’ve been here. I want to go out on top.”
Dear Friends,

As you can imagine, we receive a lot of information through the alumni mailbox. Alumni provide us with address updates, career change information, class notes, wedding and birth announcements with delightful photos (my personal favorite), which are well-received and shared throughout the department.

We recently opened an e-mail from a gentleman who has no affiliation with Lycoming College, except for the 1974 class ring he found 13 years ago. He described the ring as white gold with a red stone engraved with “TKE” bearing the initials JWT on the underside. He was seeking our help in finding the ring’s owner so he could return it.

As luck would have it, there was only one Lycoming alumnus from the Class of 1974 who is a TKE and has the initials JWT. Any ’70s TKEs know who it might be? Spoiler alert, here it comes—Jay W. Theys. I left a message for Jay and received a call the next day. After speaking together, I learned that he lost the ring while attending a friend’s wedding 27 years ago! After almost three decades, he had written it off as lost forever. Jay made contact with the gentleman who found the ring and is once again proudly sporting the class ring from his alma mater!

Thank you for continuing to share information and updates with us. We absolutely love to know what’s happening in your life and want to be a part of it while you’re a student, when you get your first apartment, when you celebrate milestones and 27 years after you’ve lost your class ring. Stay in touch!

Fondly,

Amy S. Dowling ‘04
LYCOMING HAPPENINGS & GATHERINGS
Read more at www.lycoming.edu/alumni

LYCOMING DAY AT KNOEBELS • JULY 28

Matteuw Hines ’10, Jennifer Adams ’11, Robert Beamon ’11

Mary (Mittnacht) Odom ’99, Suzanne (Miller) Elliot ’96, Amy (Hippensteel) McGovern ’96, Matt McGovern ’96, Matt Barr ’98 and families

Alpha Rho Omega sisters

ALUMNI NIGHT AT THE HARRISBURG SENATORS • AUG. 4

Wendy (Park) ’89, Grace, Tim ’87 and Alex ’16 Myers

Susan (Hill) Scheib ’95 and family

Lycoming alumni!

CAMDEN RIVERSHARKS • AUG. 13

Don McGinley ’89, Dave Gibbons ’88

Barbara and Gregg Asman ’85

Paul Besancon ’76, Jack Tarditi ’63 (event host), Bob Bucknam ’81, Chip Edmonds ’98, Dan Green ’76

WARrior PRIDE TAILGATE AT DELVAL • SEPT. 8

Alumni fans!

Karen (Newhouser) Sheaffer ’74, Diane and David Franklin ’74

Warrior parents Amy and Mike Shertzer
MANAYUNK HAPPY HOUR - SEPT. 14

Gene Barclay '68, Brian Duey '11

Elyse Johnson '10, Brian Duey '11, Meredith Brooks '11, Alex Bause '11, Jake McDonough '09

Jen and Brian Yeager '06

FELL'S POINT HAPPY HOUR - OCT. 12

Rodman '05 and Erin (Bierly) '06 Berfield

Leanne Barnett '12, Megan (Miller) Kirk '05, Amy Dowling '04, Kyle Latham '08, Rodman Berfield '05, Erin (Bierly) Berfield '06, Elizabeth Brescia '03

Megan (Miller) Kirk '05, Elizabeth Brescia '03, Kyle Latham '08, Leanne Barnett '12

WASHINGTON, D.C., STUDENT AND ALUMNI MEET & GREET - NOV. 9

Beta Phi Ladies: Nora Dickert '11, Kristin Schellbase '10, Sabrina Eddington '11, Jamie Drucker '09, Jaquelyn Kitner '12

John Wolff '13, Nicole Gramlich '14, Colin Johnson '14

Amilcar Guzman '08, Greg Bell '99

TRÖEGS BREWING COMPANY - NOV. 10

John '68 and Roni (Bennett) '69 Trogner, Don '68 and Marilyn (Phillippy) '70 Failor

Andrea (Cooper) Tiedgen '09, Jason Dow '09, President Douthat, Jake McDonough '09, John Caggiano '10, Justin Eby '09, Alissa (Miller) Eby '09, Teddy Geurds '09, Benjamin Tiedgen

Yvonne and Don Hughes '72, Robert '63 and Bjorg (Storbye) '65 Little, Susan and David Werner '72, Chuck and Kathleen (Conroy) Johnston '86
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Kurt Weirich ’90

Ann (Bell) Wood ’73

UPCOMING events
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Saturday, Jan. 26 • Tour Choir Concert and Reception
Concert • 7 p.m. Paoli (Pa.) Presbyterian Church
Post-concert reception at McKenzie’s Brew House, Berwyn, Pa.
Catch the Lycoming College Tour Choir under Dr. Fred Thayer’s direction in his final tour season before retirement! Join us at the Paoli Presbyterian Church, 225 S. Valley Road, Paoli, Pa., for a concert before heading to McKenzie’s Brew House, 324 W. Swedensford Rd, Berwyn, Pa., for complimentary snacks and a cash bar.
RSVP by Jan. 24

Saturday, Jan. 26 • 8th Annual Black History Month Dinner - 6 p.m.
Jane Schultz Room, Lycoming College
Join Lycoming College alumni, students, faculty, staff and community members for the 8th Annual Black History Month Dinner featuring guest speaker Bruce Sawyer ’75.
$20 per person, RSVP by Jan. 18

Saturday, March 2 • Pittsburgh Dinner and Tour Choir Concert
Dinner on your own • 5 p.m. North Park Lounge, McCandless
Tour Choir Concert • 7 p.m. North Hills Community Baptist Church
Catch the Lycoming College Tour Choir under Dr. Fred Thayer’s direction in his final tour season before retirement! Join us for a dinner on your own at the North Park Lounge, McCandless, 8701 Babcock Blvd., Pittsburgh, before heading to the North Hills Community Baptist Church, 7801 Thompson Run Road, Pittsburgh, to enjoy the tour choir’s performance.
RSVP by Feb. 27

Friday, March 15 • NYC Happy Hour with the Lycoming College Accounting Society
Little Town NYC Restaurant Row • 6 to 8 p.m.
366 W. 46th Street, between 9th and 10th
Network with fellow alumni in the Big Apple while sharing your Lycoming memories and real-world experiences with accounting society students who are visiting NYC accounting firms. Complimentary appetizers and cash bar.
RSVP by March 14

Spring in Florida!
A variety of events are being planned in Florida that will include reflection and celebration of new beginnings for Lycoming College with President James Douthat. Details about the events including locations/venues will be shared in the very near future. For more information, please contact Amy Dowling ’04, director of alumni relations, at 570.321.4134 or dowling@lycoming.edu.

Tuesday, Mar. 19 • Tampa
Thursday, Mar. 21 • Naples
Saturday, Mar. 23 • Ft. Lauderdale
Sunday, Mar. 24 • Orlando

Saturday, May 4 • Choir Alumni Rehearsal - 6:30 p.m.
Clarke Chapel
Graduation Choir Concert • 8 p.m. Clarke Chapel
Choir alumni are invited to take part in Dr. Fred Thayer’s final graduation choir concert in Clarke Chapel. Gather for a special “all-alumni rehearsal” before the concert to rehearse “Ride On, King Jesus” and “Beautiful Savior,” which will be performed with the current choir during the concert.
RSVP by May 1
Class Notes submissions:
Lycoming College wants to join you in celebrating your career and life accomplishments. You may wish to share information about a birth, wedding, anniversary, career move, retirement, life-changing experience, etc. We reserve the right to edit submissions to meet Lycoming Magazine style guidelines and space limitations. Only activities that have already taken place will be included in Class Notes.

Photo submissions: Please feel free to submit printed and high-resolution digital photos. Because of space limitations, we cannot publish every photo we receive, but your chances improve if your digital photos are of good quality and at least 300 dpi at a canvas size of 3x5. Lower resolution pictures may look sharp on your computer screen, but will not reproduce well in the magazine.

Information received after Nov. 9, 2012, will be used in a future issue of the magazine.

Send your Class Notes information to:
 a) Class scribe
 b) Alumni Office
    Lycoming College
    700 College Place
    Williamsport, PA 17701
 c) E-mail: alumni@lycoming.edu

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1952
Ralph Marion
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1954
Rev. James Horace Gold
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1958
Charles Fox (biology) was recently sworn in as the Pennsylvania Game Commissioner for Region 5, which includes Bradford, Lycoming, Northumberland, Sullivan, Tioga and Union counties. He worked for more than 40 years as a biology teacher and administrator in the Troy School District.

Bill Humes (mathematics) and Bruce Kisthardt ’60 (business administration) were both honored as inductees into the United States Tennis Association’s 2012 Middle States Hall of Fame in October.

1959
Beverly (Strauser) Manbeck
Ladypink101@aol.com

1961
Don Whistler (business administration) was elected president of High Twelve International in June. He appointed his fraternity brother, masonic brother and good friend, William Hartman, as associate chaplain. Members are Master Masons who seek to serve civic, patriotic and humanitarian causes and educational institutions. Don is retired vice president of Allfirst Bank, now M&T Bank, has actively served on the boards of a number of nonprofit organizations in the York, Pa., area and is the chairman of the board for the Margaret E. Moul Foundation.

1962
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1963
Evelyn (McConnell) Derrick
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1964
Bill Lawry
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1965
Nancy (Snow) Cross
(540) 721-0003
crosswindsnsc@yahoo.com

Ronald Blatchley (chemistry) has been portraying 18th-century chemist Joseph Priestley in demonstrations around Pennsylvania and in eight other states since 1983. On three occasions, he has been invited to Yorkshire, England, by the Priestley Society. For 36 years, he taught high school chemistry.

1966
Kitty (Traxler) Morrison
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jimkitty@jimkitty.com

Bill Bachardy (biology) completed the nearly 400 mile 14th annual Cycling the Erie Canal bike tour.

1969
Tom McElheny
tmcelheny@churchplaza.com

1970
Susan Stewart
susancstewart@hotmail.com

Jake Briggs ’14

“Don’t take your foot off the accelerator,” said Michael Hayes ’63, who returned to campus to share his career experiences during the Institute for Management Studies’ James W. Harding Executive Speaker Series on Oct. 15. He has lived by those words during his climb up the corporate ranks of Wall Street and on to ownership of Fred’s Inc.

Hayes, who earned a bachelor’s degree in economics from Lycoming, is the recently retired CEO of Fred’s Inc., a Fortune 1000 company with more than 700 stores throughout the Southeast. Fred’s is a unique, general merchandise store, combining elements of a discount dollar store, drug store and mass merchant.

Lycoming served as the positive experience Hayes needed to propel him to greatness; it gave him a good feeling about life and his future possibilities. At the College, Hayes said, he learned to carefully present and articulate positions to very educated people, a skill that was “very beneficial in his dealings with Harvard and Yale graduates.”

Following graduation, the Williamsport native began his professional career as a stock broker for Merrill Lynch. As he moved up the ranks to become vice president of the individual investment division, he drew heavily from his experience as a broker, which taught him to listen and think before speaking, and to understand the importance of execution.

Hayes went on to become one of the general partners and the executive vice president of corporate and financial services at Oppenheimer and Company and the executive president of Oppenheimer Life Agency. His career success continued to accelerate as he advanced at Oppenheimer, where he had the opportunity to work with partners such as Alan Greenspan and Milton Friedman. He structured and marketed more than $1 billion in venture capital and real estate, as well as oil and gas investments, for the firm and its clients.

Hayes then began his own investment firm, which invested in Fred’s. Shortly after, Hayes became its CEO and president. He turned around the company’s financial state, and Fred’s exited the IPO sale with almost no debt left. It didn’t take long for Hayes to turn Fred’s into a billion-dollar-a-year company, where he remains chairman of the board.

In addressing Lycoming students, Hayes outlined specific strategies for better interviewing and improved business etiquette. He insists that prospective employees must be passionate and enthusiastic about their career opportunities. Personally, Hayes looks for candidates that make at least three positive statements during the interview, and he also stresses the significance of asking for the job. Hayes says the keys to interviewing are “preparation, passion and a positive attitude,” all of which were instilled in him while he was a student at Lycoming.
1976

Tom Eisenman  
(567) 204-8889  
tne45801@yahoo.com

Haydn McLean (biology) published an article, “Becoming Your Own Vicar,” in the October 2012 issue of Superconsciousness magazine.

Audrey (Hons) Sherrick (accounting) was recognized as one of the New Jersey Society of CPAs “Women of Note” in a recent issue of its magazine. She is a partner and CPA in the Linwood office of Friedman LLP.

1977

Brian Leonard  
(703) 220-8121  
unclebrian@brianleonard.net

Paul Hoffman (English) recently published a book, Faith Forming Faith. A second volume in the series, Faith Forming Faith Shaping Ministry, is due out in early 2013. Paul is lead pastor of Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church in Seattle, Wash., where he has lived with his wife, Donna (Seuren) ’78, for the last 16 years. He previously has served congregations in Nebraska and Texas. Donna is a reading specialist in the Shoreline School District and also directs two children’s choirs at Phinney Ridge.

1978

Edward and Jane (Snyder) Bird  
fish1156@sbcglobal.net

Neil Henry (communication) has been appointed Long Hill Township (N.J.) administrator. He has served as mayor of Mendham Borough since 2006.

1979

John Piazza  
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johnpiazza3@verizon.net

Kenneth Holdren (accounting) has been named to the board of FNB Bank. He is the chief administrative officer for the Geisinger Clinic, Geisinger Health System.
Four alumni honored during homecoming

The Lycoming College Alumni Association Executive Board (AAEB) presented four awards during the College’s Homecoming activities on Oct. 20.

Charles D. Springman ’59
Outstanding Alumnus Award

Springman was the senior vice president of operations for Lord and Taylor Department Stores. Upon his retirement, he and his wife, Shirley, returned to the Williamsport area where he has volunteered for numerous non-profit organizations, government agencies and the United Methodist Church. A trustee emeritus of the College, he remains active on several committees. He was recently elected a 33rd Degree Mason based on his contributions to society throughout his lifetime, an honor bestowed on only one half of one percent of all Masons. Springman earned a master’s in retailing from the University of Pittsburgh in 1960. He served four years in the U.S. Air Force, attaining the rank of staff sergeant.

Dr. John E. Marthinsen ’70
Outstanding Achievement Award

Marthinsen is a professor of economics and international business and the distinguished chair in Swiss economics at Babson College in Massachusetts, where he has served since 1974. He has been elected a professor of the year by the student body and received the Thomas Kennedy Award for Teaching Excellence in 2009. Marthinsen has authored and co-authored several books; among his most recent are Managing in a Global Economy: Demystifying International Macroeconomics and Risk Takers: Uses and Abuses of Financial Derivatives. He and his wife, Laraine (Danielsen) ’70, have two sons, Eric and Nils.

Gary R. Spies ’70
Dale V. Bower Service Award

Spies served two terms as a board member and treasurer of Lycoming’s AAEB. He assumed the responsibilities for the annual homecoming golf tournament which, under his leadership, was re-named the Thomas Croyle Memorial Golf Tournament, in memory of his Theta Chi brother who died tragically in 2007. Spies has served as a statistician for athletic events and as a commencement usher and greeter. He continually recruits AAEB members, volunteers for committees and participants for alumni events. He and his wife, Karen, reside in Williamsport and have a daughter, Jenni, and a son, Brian ’02.

Lauren L. Lawson-Zilai ’99
Inaugural Taunia Oechslin Young Alumnus Award

Lawson-Zilai is the director of public relations and national spokesperson for Goodwill Industries International. Her prior nonprofit experience includes serving as the public relations representative for the Children’s Defense Fund, Doorways for Women and Families and Greater D.C. Cares. She is the past president of Washington Women in Public Relations. She is the founder of the Emerging Leaders Award, a special accolade for young women ages 21-30 who have made a significant impact in the communications industry. She is the recipient of the Entrepreneurship Achievement Award from the Greater Washington Women’s Network. She and her husband, Justin, reside in Potomac, Md.

If you are interested in nominating someone for the 2013 alumni awards, visit www.lycoming.edu/alumni.
1980
Roy Crowe
roycrowe@optonline.net

John “Jace” Scala (astronomy) was named by the Princeton University Office of Teacher Preparation as one of the “10 Most Distinguished Secondary School Teachers” in New Jersey for 2012. He just completed his 25th year as planetarium director at Lenape Valley Regional High School in Stanhope, N.J.

1981
Jeffrey S. Reddall
(281) 242-6010
jeff@reddall-law.com

1982
Shari (Chambers) Noctor
610-266-5241
shari@sharinoctor.com

1983
Karen (Sayman) Black (biology) has been named gallery director of the Blue Heron Art Gallery in Wyalusing, Pa. She is an award-winning artist and author, and has recently released her latest book, Full Circle: the Life and Works of Karl-Heinz Meschbach. For more information, visit www.karensart.net.

1984
Lynn Cruickshank
lynnacip@yahoo.com

1985
Theo (Gude) Truch
(908) 936-1273
theotruch@gmail.com

1986
Patricia (Dempsey) Hutchinson
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Robert Glunk (history) has been named senior vice president and chief operating officer of Jersey Shore State Bank.

1987
Tina Muheim
(215) 574-0160
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1988
Cindy (Smith) Snyderman
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stealthcu@aol.com

Dr. William Frick (religion) was promoted to associate professor with tenure at University of Oklahoma’s Jeannine Rainbolt College of Education, Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies.

1989
Wendy (Park) Myers
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forestabode@verizon.net

1990
Courtenay (Wells) Arendt
(410) 561-0909
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Heidi (Meakin) Lind (economics) ran the Disney half-marathon in January 2011 in a time of 2:07:10. She is a mathematics teacher at Kittatinny Regional High School in New Jersey.

1991
Malena (DeMore) Pearson
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1992
Julie Makatche Collins
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Dr. John “Ed” Frick (history), earned a doctorate in educational leadership and management from Drexel University,

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Jessica (Bixler) Bower (nursing) was recognized as a Woman of Excellence by the YWCA of Northcentral Pa. She is a communicable disease nurse consultant for the state Department of Health. She is also a nursing clinical instructor at Pennsylvania College of Technology. She serves on the board of the Williamsport Women’s Tennis League and YWCA’s board of directors, and volunteers at St. John Neumann Regional Academy. She and her husband, Carl, have two sons, Clark and Lucas.

Gregory Corbo (history) and 10 other caddies from Essex County, N.J., journeyed from the Shillelagh Club in West Orange to the World Trade Center, each carrying two sets of golf bags, on the 11th anniversary of 9-11 in memory of the members of local golf and country clubs who were killed that day.

Randy King (business administration) accepted a position as a technical trainer and content developer for Birst, a business analytics software company based in San Francisco, Calif.

Mark Rice (accounting) was named chief financial officer of Jersey Shore (Pa.) Hospital.

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Kelly (Norton) Knight (philosophy) was promoted to vice president of compliance services with the Benecon Group of Lititz, Pa. She holds a law degree from Dickinson School of Law.

Chris Rada (Spanish) has been named middle school assistant principal with the Eastern Lebanon County (Pa.) School District.

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Amanda Morgan (psychology) was promoted to placement unit supervisor for the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, where she has worked since 2011.

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Christopher Iori (economics) was recognized by Philadelphia magazine as a Five Star Mortgage and Home Auto Insurance Professional. He is employed by Collegeville Financial Group LLC independent insurance agency in Collegeville, Pa. The Five Star listing represents less than 2 percent of mortgage professionals and 1 percent of insurance professionals in the area.
The annual Thomas B. Croyle ’70 Memorial Golf Outing was held on Friday, Oct. 19, at the White Deer Golf Complex. Fifty-two golfers enjoyed an overcast fall day to complete 18 holes on the complex’s Vintage Course during the opening event of Lycoming’s 2012 Homecoming activities.

Despite overcast skies the winning foursome this year shot a 16 under par (56). The team consisted of head wrestling Coach Roger Crebs ’87, and former wrestlers Jeff Harris, Mark Morgan and Tim Brown. The second place team was comprised of brothers Joseph ’02 and Jeffrey Feerrar ’05, their father, Joseph, and Mike Shall. Finishing third were Bill Kieser ’98, Tim Smith ’99, golf coach Jamie Spencer ’01 and Royce Eyer ’01. Prizes for closest to the pin were won by Tim Brown, Charlie Matter ’64 and Mark Morgan.

All golfers received a boxed set consisting of a hat clip with ball marker, a divot repairer and an additional ball marker, all with Lycoming College markings. In addition, thanks to the continued generosity of several Lycoming coaches and the Campus Bookstore, door prizes of team polo shirts, sweatshirts and other gifts were distributed to lucky ticket holders. This support from campus groups was greatly appreciated by the golfers and the Alumni Association Executive Board.

Mark your calendars for the 2013 Thomas B. Croyle ’70 Memorial Golf Outing scheduled for Friday, Oct. 24.

Andrew Lausier (psychology) was named head wrestling coach at Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, Conn. He previously served as the head assistant coach at Princeton University.

David Stark (accounting) was named vice president of finance and operations at Centerre Healthcare. He previously was CFO and assistant administrator of Lancaster Rehabilitation Hospital.

Austin Duckett (610) 213-7504 ducast776@hotmail.com or Sharon (Rogers) Rotundo SharonR6300@aol.com

Amelia Demcher (business) has been promoted to director of admissions at McCann School of Business & Technology in Pottsville, Pa.

Justin Long (criminal justice) participated in a panel discussion, “Preparing for Background Investigations,” sponsored by Lycoming’s criminal justice and education departments in October. He is a trooper in the criminal investigation unit of the Pennsylvania State Police.

Tim Yorke (English literature) earned a Master of Library Science from The Catholic University of America in October 2011. In August, he was appointed the activities director at Heritage High School in Leesburg, Va., where he teaches AP English Language and Composition. This April, he was honored as a Rising Star by the Journalism Education Association.
Dr. Jon Carlson '05

Dr. Jon Carlson (biology) opened All-Star Chiropractic and Sports Rehabilitation in 2009 in his hometown of Emporium, Pa. In 2010, he began working with the Nittany Lion Wrestling Club, a USA Wrestling regional training center. He worked at the 2011 U.S. Open World Team Trials, the World Championship in Istanbul, Turkey, and the Pan American Games in Guadalajara, Mexico. In 2012, he worked at the USA Olympic Team Trials, the 17th annual city of Sassari international tournament in Italy, the Ringen Grand Prix in Germany and the 2012 London Olympics, where three of the club’s wrestlers competed, and two medaled, in men’s freestyle wrestling.

Pamela Dailey
(creative writing)
earned a master’s in English from Bucknell University. She recently accepted a position with the Bucknell University Press.

Michael Ruddy
(business administration, economics) received the Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter professional designation from the American Institute for Chartered Property Casualty Underwriters.

2006

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or
Jamie (Hershey) Arnold
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Dr. Andrew Lutzkanin
(interdisciplinary, music) graduated from the Penn State College of Medicine in Hershey and will continue his education as a resident physician in family medicine at Reading Hospital and Medical Center.

Dr. Lindsay Welch (chemistry) earned a Ph.D. in physical-inorganic chemistry from Lehigh University in September. She teaches chemistry at Cedar Crest College in Allentown, Pa.

Maritime archaeologist

By Casey Spencer ’05

Lesley Haines ’09 has always had a love for the ocean; she even received her diving certification by age 12. Eventually, this love developed into an interest in land and maritime archaeology, which led Haines to pursue her studies in Lycoming College’s archaeology program.

Haines double-majored in archaeology and history, and minored in classical studies. Through the College’s study abroad program, she had the opportunity to study in Florence, Italy, gaining a hands-on understanding of conservation methods. She is a staff member at Tel Gezer, Israel, one of Lycoming’s archaeological field sites, where she also volunteered as a student.

After graduating from Lycoming, Haines went on to study at Bristol University in the United Kingdom. In 2010, she honed her underwater archaeological skills in the Sound of Mull, Scotland. There, she worked tediously on recording, analyzing, preserving and excavating a shipwreck.

Having completed her first master’s, Haines recently returned to Lycoming to deliver a colloquium lecture on her experiences and knowledge concerning the techniques, preservation and conservation involved with maritime archaeology.

Now, the young archaeologist is beginning a graduate program in conservation at Cardiff University, U.K., with the hopes of pursuing a career in the conservation of maritime archaeology, and eventually earning a Ph.D.
2007
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Erin Dunleavy (history, psychology) was hired as an adjunct professor in the psychology department at Marywood University, where she will teach graduate-level human development. She also continues to work as a medical case manager.

Danielle Palleschi (corporate communication) was recognized by the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation as D.C.’s Finest Young Professional Honoree for 2012. She has volunteered for the CFF since 2007. Her sister, a cystic fibrosis patient, passed away in August due to complications from the disease.

Dr. Betsy Reese (biology) earned a doctorate from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in June. She is continuing her medical training at West Penn Allegheny Health System-Forbes Regional Hospital in Monroeville, Pa.

Dr. Erika Sweigart (psychology) earned a doctorate from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine.

2008
Amil Guzman
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Hannah White-Gibson (political science) was named a member of the Saidis, Sullivan & Rogers law firm in Carlisle, Pa.

Elaine Seward (communication) returned to campus in November to demonstrate the After Effects motion graphics program to digital communication students.

2009
Ashley Wislock
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John Gordon Bergstresser (music, political science) passed the Pennsylvania Bar examination and the character and fitness inquiry.

2010
Pamela Burke
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Amanda Clouse (biology) is a special education teacher at Rockbridge County (Va.) High School, where she also coaches junior varsity girls’ basketball. She earned a master’s in education from the University of Phoenix.
Tyler Hutson (corporate communication) was promoted to account executive for the Philadelphia 76ers. He began working for the team in December 2011.

Brian Marshall (business administration) officiated the Peach Belt Conference men’s soccer championship semifinals and finals in Evans, Ga., in November.

Jordan Snyder (archaeology, religion) is taking an osteoarchaeology master’s course at the University of Sheffield, England.

Jennifer Adams (chemistry) was hired as a lab technician at Bayer HealthCare LLC in Myerstown, Pa.

Robert Beamon (chemistry) is employed as a laboratory analyst at Bayer HealthCare LLC in Myerstown, Pa.

Erin Healey (art) was awarded a graduate assistantship with the Seton Hall University magazine. She will begin a master’s program in museum professions at the university.

Ashley Pratt (interdisciplinary) is employed by The Ottery Group as an archaeology field technician. She was part of a team of archaeologists uncovering layers of history at Cape Cod National Seashore’s Baker-Biddle property in Wellfleet, Mass.

We all remember a faculty or staff member who changed our Lycoming College experience. Maybe it was a favorite professor, an inspirational coach or someone who went out of their way just to show they cared. This year, make a gift to the Lycoming Fund in honor of that person.

To make your gift, please use the enclosed envelope, call 570-321-4353 or visit www.lycoming.edu/LF
For Kari Lenz ’12, Lycoming College was integral in setting her on her career path. The corporate communication major and business administration minor works as a leasing consultant for Paradigm Companies in Ballston, Va.

Paradigm is a real estate development company that consists of three branches: construction, development and management. They have been providing high-quality housing and real estate options in the Mid-Atlantic region for more than 20 years, with a focus on creating family-sized, residential properties in and around Washington, D.C.

Internships with the company have been recurring experiences for many Lycoming business students. The company’s CEO, Stan Sloter ’80, is a member of the College’s board of trustees. Lenz interned with Paradigm in D.C. during summer 2011, and was offered a full-time position before she graduated.

During her internship, Lenz showed clients the benefits of the Paradigm community, executed resident events and learned general business skills. “It was such a great experience; it made me feel more prepared for the real world,” she said.

Now, Lenz helps prospective clients find homes in Paradigm’s communities. Much like during her internship, she gives tours, interacts and builds relations with residents, helps plan events and assists with financial reports and online marketing.

“I have very good people skills, and this profession allows me to interact with many different types of people,” she said. “I love the people I work with, and I really enjoy going to work each day.” Her enthusiasm shows, as the young employee recently received the company-wide monthly leasing award.

Lenz credits the College for preparing her for her profession. “Being at Lycoming definitely fed my interest in working for Paradigm. I was very involved on campus, which allowed me to interact with many individuals and strengthened the people skills I now use so often.”
To read a listing of alumni and friends in attendance at many of the weddings shown on this page, please visit www.lycoming.edu/alumni.

1 Sandra (Heim) ’94 and Gene Clark, July 14, 2012.

1 Summer (Beretsky) ’06 and Jason Bukeavich, June 23, 2012, at Konefal’s Grove in Jackson Township, Pa.

2 Amanda (Kascic) ’08 and William Bulmahn ’08, May 26, 2012, at Lycoming’s Clarke Chapel. They reside in Crofton, Md.

3 Amy (Sharlow) ’12 and Matthew Klipp ’10, June 23, 2012, at Ramsey Golf and Country Club, Ramsey, N.J.
1 Yushan and **Taimur Mirza ’96**, a son, Rishi, April 18, 2012.


3 **Allison (Hughes) ’98** and Wes Randall, a daughter, Abigail, Sept. 14, 2012.


5 **Julie (Vaughn) ’99** and Shaun Reich, a son, Daniel Timothy, May 2, 2012.


8 **Erica (Moerschbacher) ’02** and Jasen Kastner, twins, Rayce Michael and Ryin Austin, Aug. 28, 2012. They join sister, Harlee Paige, 5.

9 **Amy (Beaver) ’03** and **Kris Reed ’01**, a daughter, Kendall Marie, Aug. 15, 2012. She joins sister, Kylie, 2.

10 **Christina (Groves) ’03** and Tim Bracey, a son, Cole Groves, March 25, 2012.

11 **Kirsten (Newman) ’04** and Josh Heck, a daughter, Caroline Ann, June 18, 2012.

12 **Hannah Hutley ’05** and Adam Watson, a son, Archer Wayne, May 31, 2012.


14 **Jackie (Gauer) ’06** and Jesse Dorn, a daughter, Emily Margaret, April 15, 2012.

15 **Sarah (Reich) ’07** and **Stephen Parente ’98**, a son, Ignatius Marco, Dec. 27, 2011.

16 **Melissa (Spink) ’08** and **Thomas Kiehl ’06**, a daughter, Mikayla Ann, June 3, 2012.
1937

1938

1941

1942
Martha L. (Mann) Shipe, of Canandaigua, N.Y., March 8, 2012.

1943

1946
Frank S. Carothers, of Anderson, Ind., Sept. 27, 2012. Among survivors is wife, Roberta (Schmoyer) Carothers ’46.

1947

1948

1950


Jean M. White, of Washington, D.C., July 14, 2012. Jean was the 1998 recipient of the Angela R. Kyte Outstanding Alumnus Award and a past member of the Alumni Association Executive Board.

1951


1953


1954

1955

1956
Mary L. (Bacon) Dougherty, of Knoxville, Pa., Oct. 30, 2012. Among survivors is husband, Robert Dougherty ’58.


1957

Carol (Scott) Konow, of Redding, Conn., Aug. 17, 2012. Among survivors is son, Gary Konow ’89.

Samuel F. McDonald, of Vista, Calif., July 1, 2012.

Louise A. Wilson, of Zellwood, Fla., April 23, 2012.

1960

1961

1962
Richard D. Mase, of Montoursville, Pa., July 3, 2012. He was trustee emeritus of the College.

1964


1965

David B. Thomas, of Valley View, Pa., Sept. 15, 2012. Among survivors is wife, Sandra (Moriarity) Thomas ’65.

1966

1967

2004
Wesley L. Keen Jr., of Avis, Pa., Sept. 29, 2012.

Clarence “Dutch” Burch, of Williamsport, Pa., Sept. 8, 2012. He was Lycoming’s former men’s basketball coach and director of athletics. See related article on page 21.

Richard Cowher, Williamsport, Pa., Oct. 16, 2012. He served the College for more than 34 years, most recently as printing services manager. Among survivors is wife, Kathy (Moriarity) Cowher ’80.

Dr. Robert Yasui, Philadelphia, Pa., Aug. 20, 2012. He was a longtime surgeon and physician for Lycoming’s athletics department. Robert received an honorary degree from Lycoming in 1988; was inducted into the Warriors’ Athletics Hall of Fame in 1991; and received the College’s Dale V. Bower Service Award in 1995. Among survivors is wife, Phyllis Yasui, trustee emeritus of the College.

Memorial donations may be made to the Phyllis Yasui Endowed Scholarship, Lycoming College, PO Box 165, 700 College Place, Williamsport, PA 17701.
Clay says he is pleased that Lycoming and other colleges continue their commitment to educating students with potential, helping them develop into successful and productive citizens.

“Family was the center of Dolores’ life,” Clay says, “and her education, like mine, was important to her lifelong success. So when I decided to make Gettysburg the beneficiary of my IRA, I knew that Dolores would want to do the same for Lycoming College. These funds, after all, are also hers.”

Dolores and Clay had much in common: both were born and raised in Hughesville, Pa., both their families were business owners, and they attended the same high school. Despite paths which crossed frequently, each temporarily took a different route after high school.

Dolores attended Lycoming, where she earned a biology degree in 1960. She went on to have a long and successful career in medical technology.

As indicated by a quote from his high school yearbook, college was not, at first, a consideration for Clay: “Clay is a smiling, happy boy; Why should he study when he can spread joy!” Instead, he joined the Air Force and served in Japan during the Korean conflict.

After serving his country, however, Clay was ready to further his education, and was welcomed by Gettysburg. The support of the institution helped make it possible for him to earn a mathematics degree in 1960.

With college behind them, Clay and Dolores returned to Hughesville, and soon re-connected. They were married in 1961 and in 1980, adopted two young brothers from Korea: Tyrus Soon and Jacob Sun.

The Foughts lived for their children. Dolores was active in the boys’ daily activities and the church. Clay coached them on sports teams and became a Scoutmaster. Some of his fondest memories are of the wonderful vacations spent at the family’s Chincoteague cottage and the many holidays with family and friends before Dolores passed away.
Dr. Fred Thayer, longtime professor of music and director of choirs, will retire at the conclusion of the 2012-13 academic year. In recognition of his 37 years of dedication, Lycoming has established the Thayer Fund for Choir Enrichment, which will provide annual resources to enhance the education and musical horizons of students and the College. In the spirit of Fred and Pat Thayer, it will further their work and commitment to performing, composing and participating in music at the highest levels. To make a gift or for more information, contact the development office at 570-321-4347 or Chip Edmonds ’98, vice president for advancement, at edmonds@lycoming.edu.

In addition, please help pay tribute to Fred and Pat by sending in a letter, note, picture, favorite memory, etc. for a scrapbook that will be presented at the May 4 Graduation Concert. Send your submission by April 1, 2013, by mail or email to Office of Alumni Relations, Lycoming College, 700 College Place, Williamsport, PA 17701, or dowling@lycoming.edu. Questions? Call 570-321-4347.

We hope to see you at one or more of the upcoming choir events:

### 2013 TOUR CHOIR SCHEDULE

**Saturday, Jan. 26, 7 p.m.**
Paoli Presbyterian Church, Paoli, Pa.
Alumni are invited to a post-concert reception at McKenzie’s Brew House
**Register by Jan. 24**
www.lycoming.edu/alumni/events

**Sunday, Jan. 27, 11 a.m.**
Zion’s Reformed UCC, Ephrata, Pa.

**Sunday, Jan. 27, 4 p.m.**
Wesley United Methodist Church, Selinsgrove, Pa.

**Saturday, Feb. 16, 7 p.m.**
Muncy United Methodist Church, Muncy, Pa.

**Sunday, Feb. 17, 10:30 a.m.**
First Presbyterian Church, Lewisburg, Pa.

**Sunday, Feb. 17, 4 p.m.**
Grace Covenant Community Church, Middleburg, Pa.
**Friday, March 1, 7 p.m.**
Shiloh Presbyterian Church, St. Marys, Pa.

**Saturday, March 2, 7 p.m.**
North Hills Community Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Alumni are invited to gather for dinner at North Park Lounge, McCandless 8701 Babcock Blvd., Pittsburgh, Pa.

**Sunday, March 3, 11 a.m.**
North Hills Community Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.

**Monday, March 4, 7 p.m.**
St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, Basking Ridge, N.J.

**Wednesday, March 6, 7:30 p.m.**
Universidad de Puerto Rico en Ponce, Ponce, Puerto Rico

**Friday, March 8, 7:30 p.m.**
Conservatorio de Musica de Puerto Rico, San Juan, Puerto Rico

**Saturday, March 9, 6:15 p.m.**
Iglesia San Francisco de Asis, Old San Juan, Puerto Rico

### Campus and Community Concerts

**Marc Thayer, violin**
A special Concert at Noon honoring his father with Maryse Carlin, harpsichord
**Thursday, Jan. 17, noon**
Honors Hall

**Lycoming College Choir**
**Sunday, Jan. 20, 9 a.m.**
First United Methodist Church, Williamsport

**Tour Choir Homecoming Concert**
**Wednesday, March 13, 8 p.m.**
Clarke Chapel

**Chamber Choir**
**Friday, April 5, 8 p.m.**
Clarke Chapel

**Lycoming College Choir**
**Sunday, April 14, 10:45 a.m.**
St. John’s United Methodist Church, Williamsport

### Graduation Concert
**Saturday, May 4, 8 p.m.**
Clarke Chapel
Alumni are invited to join the choir for an encore performance of Beautiful Savior and Ride On, King Jesus honoring Thayer at the conclusion of the program. **Register at www.lycoming.edu/alumni/events.** Copies of music will be sent upon receipt.