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► From the President

Gregg A. Chenoweth, Ph.D.



Eventually, you'll lay down under a stethoscope and Scripture. Everybody does.

Paul Kalanithi didn't understand that. Not until it was too late. This 36-year-old, award-winning neurosurgeon wrote in his autobiography, "When Breath Becomes Air," how a physician became a terminal patient.

After giving his 20s and 30s to study literature and science at world-class schools — Stanford, Cambridge, Yale — he contracted Stage IV lung cancer, and for the first time, probed religion. "I've made more moral slides than moral strides," he said. He objectified patients, inured to their pain. The brain was king, not the mind or soul.

But cancer changed that compass. He sensed the clock ticking. Death hovered.

If he had 10 years left, he reasoned, he'd return to neurosurgery. Save a few hundred lives. But with just a couple years on Planet Earth, he'd quit surgery, write a book, and perhaps save thousands.

Words, not scalpels, became the healing agent. So obsessed was Kalanithi, that this last testament was typed through gloved hands. Keystrokes shredded sore fingertips, spiking pain.

He finished the book, but not his 30s. Ironically, he died 200 yards from the spot his daughter was born, in the same hospital where he treated patients. In one space, life, death ... meaning?

Hear, O Reader, a poignant lesson from a dying man: "Had I been more religious in my youth, I might have become a pastor."

That's why I call sickness the "great equalizer." Whether you are Warren Buffett, Elon Musk or Oprah — or penniless — a sick person is forced to admit they cannot control everything.

Paul Tournier, the Swiss physician and theologian, says of the sick, "If he has regarded God, the sickness will be easier to bear, as he will wait upon new blessings from Him. But if he has made other things his god, then suddenly and tragically he is faced with deeper problems. (Eventually) Sickness sets everyone face to face with God."

Enter Bethel College. We prepare healers, with Scripture and the stethoscope.

Enjoy this edition of a magazine, celebrating our students and alumni in health care.

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President

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Aspiring Doctor ORGAN DONATION ADVOCATE

BY LISSA (GRASHORN) DIAZ '07

Senior Darrian Arch has known since she was a young child that she wanted to work in the medical field. Her father, Joseph, graduated from Bethel in 1980 — a biology major — and went on to become a prominent dentist in Chesterton, Ind. Her mother was a nurse. So, when it came to choosing what to study in college, she followed in her parents' footsteps.

"I knew biology was a good fit for me," says Arch, who interned in Bethel's cadaver lab, alongside Assistant Professor Vicki DeBolt '88, D.O., last semester.

Bethel is one of very few colleges its size to have a cadaver lab, offering exceptional medical school preparation.

"It's one thing to learn things in a book. It's another thing to experience the human body," Arch says. "It's really expanded my knowledge of what actually happens in surgery."

"It's one thing to learn things in a book. It's another thing to experience the human body," Arch says of her cadaver lab internship.

While taking 18 credit hours last semester — including microbiology, organic chemistry, ecology and the cadaver internship — Arch was also preparing for the Miss Indiana USA pageant. A two-time runner-up, and the 2013 Miss Indiana Teen USA, Arch was elated to win the crown on Oct. 22, 2018. The very next day, her father and biggest supporter unexpectedly passed away of natural causes.

"I won and he was doing fine — at dinner, he seemed fine," Arch says. "I got up at 7 a.m., called my mom and she said, 'He's gone.' I saw the ambulance leave [the hotel] ... it was so surreal."

Arch received an overwhelming outpouring of love and support — both from her pageant family and her Bethel family. She has turned her grief into determination to make her father proud.

"I know the drive and determination to get up and go every day comes from him," says Arch, who is managing course work and speaking engagements — sometimes driving to Indianapolis and back on weeknights.

One of her main goals as Miss Indiana USA is to promote her platform of organ donation through a partnership with the Indiana Donor Network. She's also receiving college internship credit for her work with the organization. This platform is very personal to Arch, whose mother Dawn has been in renal failure and on dialysis for the past six years.

"She is one of the 1,200 people in Indiana on the kidney transplant list," Arch says.

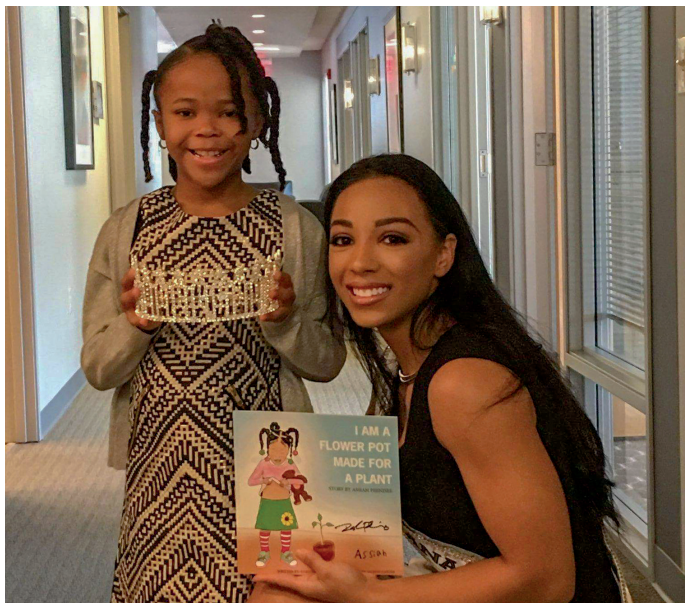
As a spokesperson, Arch advocates for organ donation in communities, schools and at high-profile events — like halftime of an Indiana Pacers game in February. She also posts about the Indiana Donor Network through her Miss Indiana USA social feeds.

"One person can enhance up to 75 lives and save up to eight lives," she says. "If I can make an impact [bringing awareness], the Indiana Donor network is perfect for that."

Arch aspires to be a doctor in Indiana — the state she's grown up in and loves. "That's where I hope to stay," she says. "I want to bring back that good bedside manner ... I want to be a doctor to be a doctor — not for the salary."

Her Bethel education is helping her get there.

Next on Arch's goal list: apply to Indiana University Medical School, graduate from Bethel (May 5) and compete in the Miss USA pageant in Louisiana, live May 21 on Fox.



▲ ARCH'S ULTIMATE GOAL IS TO HELP SPONSOR A CHILD'S ORGAN TRANSPLANT THROUGH COTA (CHILDREN'S ORGAN TRANSPLANT ASSOCIATION). SHE IS PICTURED AT THE INDIANA DONOR NETWORK OFFICE WITH ASSIAH, A CHILD WHO RECEIVED A LIVER TRANSPLANT AND WROTE A BOOK ABOUT IT.

BECOMING MISS INDIANA USA

At age 12, Arch competed in her first pageant, the National America Miss Pageant. Her parents have always been very involved in pageant life, ensuring it would be a valuable learning experience for her — and not just about looks.

"It's always been [about] interviews, what you can do in life," Arch says.

Arch was crowned Miss Indiana Teen USA in 2013. She went on to compete in the Miss Indiana USA pageant and was first runner-up two times before being crowned in 2017.

"You spend pretty much every day being cautious about what you eat, being in the gym. You do interview prep, staying on top of what's going on in the community and globally," Arch says. "Picking out wardrobe is the easy part."



▲ (TOP) ARCH, AT CENTER, WITH HER PARENTS, JOSEPH AND DAWN, AFTER BEING CROWNED MISS INDIANA USA. (BOTTOM RIGHT AND LEFT) ARCH AT THE MISS INDIANA USA PAGEANT. BOTTOM TWO PHOTOS ©PAGEANTVISION.COM.

A CAREER DEVOTED TO *Health care*

BY YONIKA WILLIS



Greg Conrad '81, '04, retired in January after a 37-year career working in health care administration. He most recently served as president of Beacon Health Ventures – the home health and professional services division of Beacon Health System, which is nationally recognized as a leader in high-quality care and innovative customer service.

"I have found my career very rewarding as I've always felt that health care as a service was so important that it gave the jobs I had purpose and meaning," he says.

After graduating from Bethel College with a double major in accounting and business administration and a minor in economics, Conrad launched his career by taking a position as an internal auditor with Health Quest.

In 1989, he began working at Memorial Hospital and Health System as the accounting manager for a home and community-based services division. He was promoted to the director of finance and eventually named vice president of the division in 2004. Four years later, Conrad was named vice president of Beacon Health System when Elkhart General Hospital and Memorial Hospital and Health System combined. Finally, in 2013, he was named president of Beacon Health Ventures.

"From a personal career perspective, I consider the fact that I've been successful both on the financial side as well as the operational side a highlight," Conrad says. "I had purpose and meaning. I always considered the awards or recognitions that my areas received as validation of the efforts of a team [of] people."

Throughout his career, Bethel has remained a part of his life. Conrad has been teaching as an adjunct professor since 2001, and returned to Bethel as a student to complete his MBA in 2004. He's currently teaching two courses on health care administration, and hopes to continue teaching despite his retirement.

With his extensive knowledge of both health care and higher education, it's not hard for Conrad to see how the two intertwine.

"Changing demographics, consumerism, the application of new technology, regulatory and governmental influence, and the

need for new business models will continue to create dynamic environments for both industries [which] mean a great deal to me."

Conrad's family history with Bethel is extensive. Nearly all of his immediate family, including his own mother, father and children, and more than 80 extended family members, either attended or

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graduated from the institution.

"Our lives were completely tied to Bethel," said Conrad, whose dad went on to become the registrar and a 35-year professor at the school. "I literally grew up on the campus."

He said the main thing that Bethel provided him "was a positive environment for development, a broader exposure to areas of study that comes with a liberal arts degree, and a wife who loves the Lord."

Conrad's vast career in the health care industry led to him serving on many boards in the Michiana community, mostly related to health care or community needs. Now that he is retired, he is significantly scaling back his involvement with these boards.

And with retirement, Conrad is looking forward to spending his first "summer off" in nearly 38 years with his wife, Kathie '82, who is a teacher.

But, as he points out, "there's no such thing as a 'retired' Christian."

"So I will just do my best to discern His leading and obey when I see doors opening up."



▲ CONRAD, HIS WIFE KATHIE '92 (RIGHT CENTER), SONS ALEX '07 (THIRD FROM LEFT) AND ANDREW '06, '15 (FOURTH FROM LEFT), DAUGHTER-IN-LAW ANNA (SALAZAR) '08 (IN FRONT OF ANDREW), AND DAUGHTER LAURA '16 (RIGHT) ARE ALL BETHEL GRADUATES. ◆ CONRAD'S FATHER, DON '50, WAS THE FIRST FOUR-YEAR GRADUATE OF BETHEL. HIS SON ANDREW WAS THE FIRST MBA STUDENT TO COMPLETE ALL OF HIS COURSEWORK ONLINE.

► Around Campus



Bethel Hosts Seventh Annual McDonald's® Michiana High School All-Star Basketball Games

The seventh annual McDonald's® Michiana High School All-Star Basketball Games were held March 27, at Bethel College. McDonald's Restaurants of Northern Indiana and Bethel Athletics joined together to bring this family event, showcasing local high school talent in the northern Indiana and southwest Michigan area. Four Bethel coaches served as boys and girls team coaches for the event. The boys team coaches included Ryan Ehm, Bethel men's junior varsity head basketball coach, and Alex Daniel, Bethel men's assistant basketball coach. The coaches for the girls teams were Eric Gingerich, Bethel women's head basketball coach, and Kelsey Key, Bethel women's assistant basketball coach.

Bethel Holds Admitted Student Day

About 80 students attended Admitted Student Day in March, where they had the opportunity to experience chapel, connect with faculty, staff and students, explore campus, and learn about activities and financial aid and opportunities. Some opted for the overnight experience, staying in one of our residential halls to really get a taste of what campus life is like. Students who had submitted their enrollment deposit were also able to select their FYE (first year experience) block class.

Bethel Hosts Eating Disorder Workshop for Mental Health Professionals

Bethel College Counseling Service hosted a workshop for mental health professionals entitled, "Understanding Eating Disorders: Prevention, Diagnosis and Treatment" in March. Psychologist and Certified Eating Disorder Specialist Michelle Mannia, Psy.D., HSPP, CEDS, addressed the causes, prevention, and treatment of eating disordered concerns and behaviors. Psychologists and behavioral health professionals earned two Category I CEUs for attending.

Bethel Hosts Career and Internship Fair with 100 Employers ¹

Bethel College hosted a career and internship fair, sponsored by the Center for Career Development, on March 21. Representatives from more than 100 employers — including AM General LLC, South Bend Community School Corporation, and Beacon Health and Fitness — were on hand to talk about available jobs and internships. New this year, interview rooms were provided for employers to screen and even hire prospective employees on the spot.

Bethel Participates in Collegiate Day of Prayer

Thursday, Feb. 22, was the annual Collegiate Day of Prayer in the United States. In honor of the day, the Bethel community gathered together in prayer to ask God for revival at Bethel and on campuses

across the nation. Several events helped students, faculty and staff participate, including an individual time of guided prayer in the Taylor Memorial "Log" Chapel and a student-led prayer and worship gathering in the Shiloh Prayer Chapel.

Bethel Hosts Evangelicals for DREAMERS

On Feb. 26, Christians from across Michiana gathered at Bethel to show their support for Dreamers and learn about the needs of immigrant communities among us. The evening featured a time of cross-cultural worship, theological teachings on immigration from several pastors of evangelical churches, including pastors from immigrant churches, testimonies from several Dreamers of Michiana about how the end of DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) is affecting them and their families, and how the church can support them. This event was supported by a number of Evangelical churches and organizations, including: the Office of Diversity-Bethel College, Tree of Life Anglican Church and Immigration Legal-Aid, Help With Love, The Sanctuary Network of South Bend, and Keller Park Missionary Church.

ReFuel Conference Energizes Worship Teams and Leaders

Local churches partnered with Bethel College to offer "ReFuel," a one-day conference for church worship teams and leaders. The event, now in its fourth year, took place Jan. 20, and featured Andi Rozier, worship pastor at Harvest Bible Chapel in Chicago; Jon Egan, songwriter and worship leader at New Life Church in Colorado Springs, Colo.; Todd Fields, director of worship leader development at North Point Community Church in Alpharetta, Ga.; and Kathryn Scott, an internationally recognized songwriter and worship leader, who has penned songs such as "Hungry," and "At the Foot of the Cross."

The conference was a joint effort coordinated by staff from Nappanee Missionary Church, First Baptist Church of Elkhart, Grace Community Church, New Life Fellowship, St. Mark Missionary Church, Harvest Chapel, Trinity Evangelical-Free, Maple City Chapel and Calvary Assembly of Elkhart.

Bethel Hosts Ribbon-Cutting and Open House for Completed \$1.15 Million Nursing Lab 2

Bethel hosted a ribbon-cutting and open house for its newly completed \$1.15 million nursing lab on Oct. 26. Guests toured the School of Nursing's new facility and saw the high-fidelity human patient simulators in action. The lab includes three simulators – and two simulated acute care hospital rooms.

The lab is made possible through a \$500,000 foundation grant, combined with the generosity of organizations, friends of the college and alumni. Beacon Health System and Saint Joseph Health System each sponsored one of the simulated acute care hospital rooms. Other contributors include 1st Source Bank, Dr. Dane & Mary Louise Miller Foundation, Schurz Communications Foundation, Nursing Network of Naples, Garatoni-Smith Family

Foundation, Kelly Cares Foundation, Vera Z. Dwyer Charitable Trust, Teachers Credit Union Foundation and Goshen Health.

Bethel Partners with United Federal Credit Union to Serve the Community 3

Bethel College's annual campus-wide service day took place Oct. 3. Sponsored by United Federal Credit Union (UFCU), Bethel students, faculty, staff and credit union employees served together throughout Michiana. More than 800 participants served at approximately 40 different locations in the community, including Food Bank of Northern Indiana, Hannah and Friends, LOGAN Center, Pet Refuge, Center for the Homeless, Unity Gardens, and more. Service at each location varied from physical labor such as yard work, construction, and painting, to personal interaction with the elderly and children.

Carpenter Conference Room Dedicated 4

On Oct. 26, Bethel dedicated the Carpenter Conference Room, located on the third floor of the Huffman Administration Building, in honor of Eugene Carpenter '70, Ph.D., former Bethel professor. The room was made possible by the Friends of Eugene Carpenter, loving wife Joyce Carpenter and the Bethel Class of 1967.

Bethel Hosts an Afternoon with John Schlitt, Billy Smiley and Jason Fowler

Bethel College and HCM Records hosted a special event Oct. 7 with Christian music legends and friends of Bethel, John Schlitt (Petra), Billy Smiley (Whiteheart) and Jason Fowler. Schlitt, Smiley and Fowler shared songs and stories from their combined 35 years of touring and ministry and answered questions about songwriting. The three toured as part of "The Union Storyteller Tour" last fall. Smiley is a Bethel alumnus and has produced two albums for Bethel College and its record label, HCM Records. For more information and to purchase the albums, visit HCMRecords.org.

- Lissa (Grashorn) Diaz '07

A promotional poster for Bethel College Academic Camps. At the top, a green banner with a white border contains the text "Bethel College" in white. Below this, a large orange banner with a white border features the text "ACADEMIC CAMPS" in white, with a green starburst graphic to the left. Underneath the orange banner, a green banner with a white border lists the activities: "SCIENCE • THEATRE • ART • MUSIC" in white. At the bottom, a green banner with a white border contains the text "CAMPS START JULY 9" in white. Below this, in smaller white text, it says "Register online at BethelCollege.edu/Camps. For more information, call 574.807.7196 or email Academic.Camps@BethelCollege.edu. The background of the poster shows a group of students looking through binoculars.

A *Passion* for International Health

BY LISSA (GRASHORN) DIAZ '07



Vicki DeBolt '88 D.O., brings a wealth of medical experience and a heart for international health to Bethel College, where she serves as assistant professor of biology.

She currently oversees the cadaver lab internship on campus, teaches courses in anatomy and physiology and perspectives in international health, and was instrumental in creating the international health major at Bethel, which launched in 2014. DeBolt has also joined nursing faculty in an annual student trip to the Global Missions Health Conference in Kentucky since 2011.

"It was at the Global Missions Health Conference that I became aware of the need and opportunity for a bachelor's degree in international health," DeBolt says. "This past November, about 16 students representing nursing, pre-medicine, kinesiology and international health attended the conference."

She advocated for an international health major, because she saw how it directly fit Bethel's mission and vision. She also recognized its value as both a recruitment and retention tool for students called to serve the nations. Now, the program has been expanded through a collaboration with Indiana Wesleyan University, and students can earn a B.S. in International Health and Master's in Public Health in just five years.

"Helping Bethel accomplish her mission to train and equip effective Christian servant-leaders is a deep joy for me. I long to see each student find the niche they were created to fill and, in turn, be fulfilled," DeBolt says.

She is deeply invested in her students – whether it be taking them to conferences or on international task force trips (like one to Indonesia in 2016), or sharing from her personal



▲ DEBOLT SPEAKS WITH AN INDONESIAN WOMAN DURING A BETHEL TASK FORCE TRIP.

experience in the classroom. She has also expanded the cadaver-based internship so that more students can benefit from this valuable learning tool.

"[We] give a unique and comprehensive experience to the nursing and kinesiology students in addition to preparing the pre-medical students to succeed as they are accepted to medical school," DeBolt says. "The cadaver internship gives us the opportunity to work quietly side by side. In the quiet, meaningful spiritual discussions happen."

She describes her own journey to Bethel as a "lovingly directed long-cut." In the midst of her father's illness with Multiple Sclerosis, God called and equipped her for medical missions. After her father's death and her mother's marriage to Dr. Richard Carpenter, DeBolt was introduced to Bethel. Because there was no nursing program at the time, she chose Elementary Education as her major.

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However, God confirmed her calling into medicine when the U.S. Public Health Service offered her a full scholarship to medical school.

She graduated from Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine and worked as Chief Medical Officer in the Indian Health Service for the Winnebago, Omaha, and Lower Brule Sioux reservations. DeBolt, her husband Keith, and their four children, completed missions training at Children's Ministries Institute and spent three years as regional directors for Child Evangelism Fellowship in Michigan. Together they founded a non-profit ministry of Community Kids College, which is still active in three Michigan communities.

Throughout her career, one constant has remained: a desire to passionately pursue God's will for her life, and to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



▲ DEBOLT AND CADAVER LAB INTERN DARRIAN ARCH '18 (RIGHT) SIT AT THE MICROSCOPE IN THE ANATOMY LAB.

TASK FORCE INDONESIA

In May 2016, Vicki DeBolt, D.O., along with Director of Career Development and Global Engagement Matthew Stackowicz, took seven students on a task force trip to Indonesia through World Partners and Yayasan Pondok Kasih (YPK), which means House of Love. The team visited 42 of the 160+ Muslim communities that YPK serves to show the love of Jesus.

There, they painted water towers, planted urban gardens, distributed food to homeless communities, attended an international peace conference at the university, staffed the mobile library, assisted in the medical and dental clinics, played games at the orphanage, and visited the elderly home.

DeBolt returned to Surabaya, Indonesia, in 2017 to experience living with the people there, and is making preparations to return to live and teach in a Muslim boarding school on the island of Madura this summer. One Bethel student is planning to go with her.

Anyone interested in learning more about the B.S. in International Health or visiting Indonesia with Dr. DeBolt can contact her at Vicki.DeBolt@BethelCollege.edu.



▲ DEBOLT AND BETHEL STUDENTS SHARE THE LOVE OF CHRIST DURING A 2016 TASK FORCE TRIP TO INDONESIA.

► Faculty and Staff News



Root Represents Local Government at White House 1

In October, St. Joseph County Council member and Bethel Director of Library Services **Mark Root** was invited to a meeting at the White House, where he discussed the topic of increasing cooperation between local government and the Trump administration. During the meeting, he met with several undersecretaries of different departments and also had a 30-minute meeting with Vice President Mike Pence. Root is pictured in front of the West Wing.

Koteskey Takes Prime Time Students to Experience Live News 2

On Nov. 9, the Bethel Prime Time class (which produces a 1-hour news magazine) experienced professional broadcasting firsthand during a visit to WSBT-TV, where they had the opportunity to tour the facility, interact with journalists, observe the taping of the noon newscast and even experiment with the green screen. Assistant Professor **Keith Koteskey** led the group, and is pictured (far right) with the class, meteorologist Abby Wepler (second from right) and anchor Bob Montgomery (center, back) on set after the newscast.

Natali Gets NCCAA Hall of Fame Nod 3

Track & Field Head Coach **Tony Natali** earned a nod as a member of the National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA) Hall of Fame class. Natali and fellow inductee Candace Moats will be officially inducted at the NCCAA Hall of Fame banquet on May 31, during the NCCAA Annual Convention in Greenville, SC.

The purpose of the NCCAA Hall of Fame is to recognize individuals who have given outstanding leadership and/or service to the



NCCAA. Individuals should have high moral character and Christian integrity; presently be making a contribution by serving the Lord and society; and maintain a continued interest in Christian higher education and intercollegiate athletics.

Ericson, Gillum Published in Encyclopedia of Clinical Nursing 4 5

Assistant Professor of Nursing **Lisa Ericson** and Dean of Nursing **Deb Gillum, Ph.D.**, co-authored an article entitled, "Peptic Ulcer Disease," which was published in the Encyclopedia of Clinical Nursing (Springer Publishing Company) in January.

Ham Presents Sacred Piano Conference 6

Associate Professor of Music and Artist-in-Residence **Marilynn Ham** presented a Sacred Piano Conference April 7 at Bethel College in the Everest-Rohrer Fine Arts Center. At the conference, Ham discussed her arranging process and showcased fan favorites.

Black Accepted to Art Institute of Chicago MFA Program 7

Kari Black, adjunct professor of ceramics, has been accepted into the Art Institute of Chicago's new Low-Residency Master of Fine Arts program. She will spend six intensive weeks in Chicago for





three summers and work and study from her home studios during the fall and spring for two years. The program integrates studio work with art history, theory and contemporary topics. The MFA program through the Art Institute of Chicago is consistently ranked among the top graduate fine arts programs in the nation and was named the most influential art school in the United States by Columbia University's Art Critics National Arts Journalism Survey.

Staff Promotions

8 After a thorough search, **Erin Kinzel** has been named Director of Marketing and Communications. Kinzel brings an extensive background in marketing and communications to the role. She has worked at the college since 2004, serving most recently as Director of Public Relations.

9 **Jessica Taylor** moved from her role in Admissions to the position of Project Manager, working in Marketing and Communications.

10 **Amy Lein** has been named Administrative Assistant in Institutional Advancement; she previously served the college in Conference Services.

Melissa Kaehr has assumed the position of Director of Conference Services and Special Projects. In this expanded role, Kaehr will continue to oversee Conference Services and assist with a variety of projects and initiatives for the Business Services group.

Jeremy Brown has been named Head Coach for Lacrosse. As a veteran coach, Brown has 17 years of experience leading the Penn High School girls' lacrosse team. During that time with the Penn Lady Kingsmen, Brown led the squad to a pair of state championships, along with three runner-up finishes. Brown worked as an assistant coach for the Bethel Lacrosse team last season.

New Hires

Jim Cramer '05 has been named Advancement Officer, working in Institutional Advancement. Cramer brings more than 15 years of experience in nonprofit management, including 10 years with Boys & Girls Clubs, focusing on development and executive management.

11 **Olivia Laman '17** joined the Admission Office as an Admission Counselor in December. A week prior to starting her new job, Laman graduated from Bethel with a bachelor's degree in Business

Administration. While at Bethel, she was involved in the Spiritual Life Team, the Honors Program and Student Council.

Asha Stichter '10, returns to Bethel in the role of an Admission Associate/Event Planner. She graduated from Bethel with a bachelor's degree in Theatre. She returns to her alma mater after working in the northwest in the theatre industry.

12 **Josh Stewart '10**, a graduate of Bethel's BSN program, has recently joined the Nursing Department as Nursing Recruitment Coordinator. He previously served as a school nurse at Bremen Public Schools.

Phyllis Adrysiak recently joined the Physical Plant staff as a Custodian.

Retirements

Kathryn Deak semi-retired from her full-time role in the nursing department this spring and has transitioned to a part-time Nursing Recruiter position.

Tom Durfee recently made the decision to retire from his role after serving nine years as Custodian.

- Lissa (Grashorn) Diaz '07

2018 SPORTS CAMPS

- BASKETBALL
- CHEERLEADING
- DRUMLINE
- LACROSSE
- SOFTBALL
- SOCCER
- TENNIS
- TRACK
- VOLLEYBALL

CAMPS START JUNE 4

Visit BethelCollegePilots.com/BethelSportsCamps to learn more and register, or contact the athletic office at 574.807.7425.

The Arts



Rickaby Awarded Prestigious Stagecraft Institute of Las Vegas Scholarship



Junior **Rebecca Rickaby** received a Stagecraft Institute of Las Vegas (SILV) Award for her work displayed at the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival (KCACTF) - Region 3, in Indianapolis in January. Each year, the Bethel College Theatre Department takes students to the week-long festival, which includes acting competitions, design, tech and management expos, production and more. Rickaby took

three design projects to the festival, two regional design projects, a light and scene design and one national sound design project.

She was one of just five students at the festival to receive a regional award, which includes a one-week scholarship to SILV. Not only does SILV expose students to an advanced level of technology and professional workmanship, it also scouts students for future job opportunities. Rickaby is Bethel's fourth student in five years to receive this award.

11th Annual Juried Student Art Winners Announced

Congratulations to the winners of the 11th Annual Juried Student Art Exhibit. First place winners included sophomore **Cole Sanders** in the drawing category (for Still Life **1**); senior **Cameron Kitson** in the design category (for his Beard & Co. package **2**); sophomore **Vanessa Steiner** in both the ceramic/3D and painting categories (for Ancient Times and Alice in Wonderland **3**) and freshman **Lily Wright** won in the photography category (for Submerged Too Deep for Musing). The show ran Feb. 9 - March 14.

Music Department Celebrates 70th Annual Christmas Concert **4**

The Bethel College Music Department presented its 70th annual Christmas Concert, Dec. 1-2, 2017, in the Everest-Rohrer Chapel/ Fine Arts Center - Auditorium. The concert featured the Concert Choir, Voices of Triumph, Brass Choir, Chamber Orchestra, Percussion Ensemble, and Jazz Ensemble, and included classic carols and candlelight.

- Lissa (Grashorn) Diaz '07

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A Critical Advantage for Nursing Students

BY LISSA (GRASHORN) DIAZ '07

Bethel College is better preparing nursing students for critical care situations by giving them hands-on experience in the new \$1.15 million nursing simulation lab.

Made possible by a foundation matching grant and the generosity of Bethel friends, the new space features two critical care hospital rooms and three high-fidelity human patient simulators – an adult, a child and an Infant.

The adult and child simulators have a pulse; they can breathe, talk and present with symptoms that students can respond to in a safe, simulated atmosphere. And it's the practical application that is really making a difference for students.

"Students have the opportunity to practice skills that they don't often see or can't be part of in a clinical learning situation," says Bethel's Dean of Nursing, Deborah Gillum, Ph.D.

One example is simulating a code blue, where a patient stops breathing.

"If nursing students see a code blue in the hospital, they are just observers, not participants. Here in our acute care hospital rooms, we can simulate a code blue and our students have a chance to physically and mentally practice what needs to be done in that situation."

Junior Megan Weier experienced a respiratory simulation with the child patient simulator as part of a pediatric nursing course. Since respiratory distress is the most common critical situation for pediatric patients, it's important for nurses to be able to identify the signs and act quickly to stabilize the patient.

"Talking about it [in class] and actually experiencing it [through simulation] is a whole new world," she says.

The simulators allow students to practice high-level skills in a safe learning environment, while following protocol – like



▲ **TOP LEFT:** ASSISTANT PROFESSOR HANNAH STUTZMAN '06, '12, TEACHES IN THE LARGE NURSING LAB/CLASSROOM. **TOP RIGHT:** JUNIOR MEGAN WEIER WRITES ON THE WHITE BOARD IN ONE OF THE NEW STUDY SPACES. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** CARRISSA WHITTEN (LEFT) AND TIA STANDIFER (RIGHT) RESPOND TO A CODE BLUE WITH THE ADULT PATIENT SIMULATOR.

washing their hands before touching the patient simulators. Each exercise is videotaped and later viewed in a control room, so students can see what they did right — and what they need to correct for next time.

Weier says the practical application of concepts learned in class brought the patient in her respiratory simulation to life and gave her confidence as a student nurse.

“In our acute care hospital rooms, we can simulate a code blue and our students have a chance to physically and mentally practice what needs to be done in that situation.”

“The simulators feel like real patients. They help give us an extra boost of confidence and extra practice so [when we move into clinicals] we can provide the best health care possible for our patients.”

Gillum agrees. “[Simulated practice] will make them more confident and prepared when they encounter

circumstances like this in the field.”

In addition to the critical care hospital rooms and patient simulators, the expanded facility also includes a large nursing lab/classroom — furnished with six hospital beds containing low-to-mid-fidelity mannequins for students to practice basic skills — a new entryway and reception area, and student collaboration areas.

Weier sees Bethel’s expanded facility as a “huge privilege,” and notes that the space helps put her and other students into a professional mindset.

“It feels like I’m walking onto a floor at [a hospital],” says Weier, who is currently doing clinicals at Elkhart General. “It puts us into work mode.”



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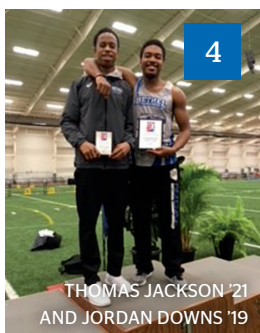
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#12 KAMALA GLENN '19



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COACH ROBERT ROSE
AND ERIK ESCOBEDO '18



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THOMAS JACKSON '21
AND JORDAN DOWNS '19



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DANIELLE WOJCIECHOWSKI '19



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#11 ERIC KELTER '18

Men's Basketball 1

The inaugural season of Ryne Lightfoot '10, '13, was a successful one, finishing with 22 wins, the second-most in a coach's first year in program history, and the program's 15th trip to the NAIA Division II Men's National Basketball Championship. Lightfoot became the second-quickest coach in Crossroads League history to achieve 20 career wins (in just 27 games) and senior Gage Ott finished his career All-Conference, with NAIA and NCCAA All-American honors, becoming the only player in program history with at least 1,500 points, 500 rebounds, 100 blocks, and a .600 field goal percentage for his career.

Women's Basketball 2

The team finished their season at 7-23 overall, highlighted by junior Kamala Glenn being recognized with a Crossroads League Honorable Mention. Glenn was one of 10 players in the NAIA to average 16.0 points, 4.0 rebounds, 3.0 assists, and 2.0 steals per game. Freshman Kelsey Brickner was named to the All-Freshman team with 10.9 points and 3.5 rebounds per game. Senior Kaitlyn Elsasser finished her career at fifth in program history for blocks (with 82) and 14th in program history for rebounds (with 558).

Men's Indoor Track & Field 3 4

Senior Erik Escobedo and junior Jordan Downs rewrote the record books in the weight throw and long jump, respectively. The two won national championships in both the NCCAA and NAIA championship meets, while Escobedo broke two national records with a 21.12m throw in the NCCAA meet, followed by a

21.73m throw at the NAIA meet - also a program record. Escobedo was named the Outstanding Performer of the meet, the highest individual honor one can receive. Downs set the program record in the long jump with a 7.96m mark. Overall, the men finished the indoor season with five NAIA All-Americans and two individual national champions; 12 NCCAA All-Americans and five individual national champions - Escobedo for weight throw and shot put, Downs for long jump, Jamique Mitchell for the 60m dash and Ezra Griffith for the heptathlon.

Women's Indoor Track and Field 5

The women continued their outstanding performance during indoor season as freshman Kelsey Heitzman won the individual NCCAA National Championship in the pole vault to headline 14 All-American performances at the NCCAA indoor meet. Junior Danielle Wojciechowski was named an NAIA All-American in the pole vault with a fourth-place finish. Wojciechowski set and broke her own school record in the pole vault, which now stands at 4.12m, the top mark in the NAIA. The women began their outdoor track season on March 24.

Baseball 6

Coming off a 22-win season and their second 20-win season in as many years, the Pilots are looking to prove their "Cinderella" run in the Crossroads League tournament was no fluke. Sophomore Brandon Diss returns off a Gold Glove-winning season a year ago in the outfield, but the Pilots will have to find players to step up in the absence of All-Conference performers Heath Brooksher, Jared Laurent and Austin Branock. Seniors Eric Kelter, Jesse Zepeda,

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BC-ND EXHIBITION GAME ENERGIZES LOCAL COMMUNITY

BY CLAY SIDENBENDER '21

Despite the stone's throw distance between Bethel College and the University of Notre Dame, the Helm and the Golden Dome are icons of different worlds. On Nov. 3, Bethel's NAIA men's basketball team met Notre Dame's powerhouse D-1 basketball program at Purcell Pavilion for an exhibition game.

Bethel Head Coach Ryne Lightfoot '10, '13, reflected on how the event brought the Bethel and Michiana communities together, including local fans, students, staff, faculty and alumni.

"I think it provided a lot of energy and excitement around our program and it was just a neat community event for people, too," Lightfoot said.



A pregame tailgate, sponsored by Bethel's Institutional Advancement Office, took place at Gate B of the Notre Dame football stadium. One thousand fans enjoyed burgers, hot dogs, and an assortment of other delicious food, and picked up Bethel blue basketball T-shirts to wear at the game.

Following the tailgate, the game got under way. While seeing Bethel's Gage Ott boxing out Notre Dame's Bonzie Colson was an unusual sight, fans found it exciting. And despite the 88-59 loss, Bethel's coaching staff and players felt good about their performance.

"I thought our guys competed pretty well," Lightfoot noted, "I think we earned a lot of respect from the Notre Dame guys in terms of [our] style of play."

"I actually think that we played great," junior guard Trey'von Covington said. "We showed a lot of grit ... we went into the game [with] everybody thinking that we could beat them. Eight minutes left in the second half, when they separated from us, we were in the game, so that was kind of a big deal for us. We just made some key mistakes early that a young team does."

Many alumni were excited about the game as well. Phil Wertz '10, '11, won tickets in a raffle at Bethel's alumni dinner a month prior. He and his son, Bronson, sat right behind the bench.

"I thought the sellout crowd at the game was cool," Wertz said.

- ▲ PILOTS' NO. 24 TANNER SHEPHERD PLAYS AGAINST ND'S NO. 35 BONZIE COLSON
- ▼ FANS GATHER FOR A PREGAME TAILGATE BEFORE THE BIG EVENT.



"There were just as many Bethel fans as Notre Dame fans there. In fact, I heard some of the Notre Dame fans sitting behind me say that an exhibition game like this one never sells out."

In the end, the event brought national attention to Bethel College and showcased friendly fire between two respected basketball programs.

Clay Sidenbender is a freshman English and Communication major who also writes for the Bethel Beacon.

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and Collin Affolder will look to carry the load offensively, combining for 20 doubles and 68 RBIs last season. Junior Josh King and sophomores Kory Goodrich and Justin Rasmussen will lock their opponents down on the mound. The Pilots used a 4-0 fall record to propel them into spring, when they returned to action on Feb. 23, before opening up at Patterson Field on March 16.

Softball

Coach Scott Reese is looking for marked improvement over last season. Seniors Rachel Najdek, Victoria Ebersol, Mackenzie Orphanidis and Allena McElfresh will lead an eager squad featuring junior Hunter Brummett, the team's leading hitter with a .290 average and six home runs a season ago. The Pilots opened their season on March 3, in The Spring Games in Clermont, Fla., before debuting at Gardner Field on March 14 against Grace.

- Andrew Bowen '09

FOR THE RECORD

TEAM	COMMENTS
Women's Soccer	The women finished their season in the Crossroads League tournament quarterfinals for the first time since 2013. Sophomore Kama Hardy and junior Rebecca Kanpol were named Crossroads League All-Conference Honorable Mention.
Men's Tennis	The men finished the fall in the Crossroads League tournament for the first time since 2012. Senior Jacob Macri was named to the Crossroads League All-Conference, finishing 8-5 in the No. 1 singles position.
Women's Tennis	The women wrapped up the fall, qualifying for the Crossroads League tournament quarterfinals. Junior Caroline Boger won multiple NCCAA National Student-Athlete of the Week awards on her way to an 11-3 record, mainly in No. 2 singles.
Women's Golf	The women took home four first place finishes in the fall and finished fifth out of nine teams at the NCCAA National Championship. Junior Jaycee Bunner earned All-American recognition with an eighth-place finish, shooting a +16 232 in the three-round event.
Men's Golf	The men will look to make strides this spring after finishing with a win over one team in the Egypt Valley Intercollegiate during the fall season. Sophomore Roman Ojala leads a young men's squad into four invitationals this spring.
Men's Cross Country	The men finished tenth out of 13 teams at the NCCAA National Championship, led by junior Chad Williams' personal best time of 27:46 and a 36th-place finish.
Women's Cross Country	The women finished seventh out of 13 teams at the NCCAA National Championship with their best team overall time of the season, anchored by sophomore Jessica Duvall's 33rd overall finish of 19:52.

For daily sports updates, visit the official home of the Bethel Pilots at ***BethelCollegePilots.com***.



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DEVELOPING THE HEARTS OF CHAMPIONS

BY LISSA (GRASHORN) DIAZ '07

For nearly two decades, Head Coach Tony Natali has devoted his career to developing the Men's and Women's Track and Field programs at Bethel College. In his tenure, the indoor and outdoor teams have won a combined nine NCCAA (National Christian College Athletic Association) championships — most recently in February, when the men's team claimed the 2018 Indoor Championship. In May, Natali will be one of two coaches in the nation inducted into the NCCAA Hall of Fame, as a member of the 2018 class.

The NCCAA Hall of Fame recognizes individuals who are outstanding leaders, have high moral character and are passionate about Christian higher education and intercollegiate athletics.

"I am very humbled by this honor," Natali says. This is a reflection of the coaching staff I work with every day and the tremendous student athletes who have been a part of the program over the years."

But for Natali, coaching is about a lot more than awards, wins and losses. He sees himself first and foremost as a character-building coach for the 104 student-athletes currently on his teams.

He works at this through "family meetings" on Monday nights and quarterly team dinners that he and his wife, Andrea, host at

their home. He instills in students that their identity comes from God, not their performance.

"We are not performance-based. We are a family," he says. "We have athletes who are All-Americans and some who have never qualified ... we have a very diverse group of kids in every way [every major, every background]. It's really neat to see [their] character development."

Still, the formula must be working, because the program has achieved incredible success on the track — especially considering their lack of adequate training facilities.

"The fact that we've been successful without facilities is a testament to our coaches and athletes. Having a facility would be program-changing. We can impact more kids," he says. "We are at a point in the program where it's a definite necessity."

But the heart of the track program is all about honoring God. And it's the character of the athletes, combined with their successes, that gives credibility to their witness when they share with other teams and prospective students.

"The culture of our program is what makes us special. Being close, tight-knit and Christ-centered."

NCCAA TRACK SUCCESS IN NATALI'S TENURE

9 NATIONAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

**9 COACHING STAFF OF
THE YEAR AWARDS**

7 WHEELER AWARDS

**162 INDIVIDUAL NATIONAL
CHAMPIONS**

541 ALL-AMERICANS

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**As of March 29, 2018*



▲ THE BETHEL MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD TEAMS PRAY AT THE NCCAA INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS.

FROM THE ALUMNI OFFICE



Dear alumni,

As we were publishing the fall issue of the Bethel Magazine, we were simultaneously preparing for the 2017 Alumni Dinner. Maybe you heard that we had 375 Bethel alumni together that night! It was a wonderful evening of laughter, encouragement, stories of lives changed and good food. We honored three outstanding alumni with awards. Head over to our Alumni Facebook page to see an album of photos. And then mark your calendars for this year's dinner on Oct. 6, 2018! Each year is getting bigger and better!

In November, we gathered together with 1,000 Bethel friends and alumni to cheer on the Pilots as they took on Notre Dame in Purcell Pavilion. The energy in the pavilion was undeniable and Bethel blue was visible throughout. Thank you to our alumni who joined us at these events!

This May, we are hosting Bethel's first-ever Give Back Gala. Join us to hear special guest Lee Strobel, *New York Times* best-selling author of "The Case for Christ." If you cannot attend in person, we invite you to participate by supporting student scholarships that day through our Bethel College Day of Giving. Find more information about both opportunities at BethelCollege.edu/GiveBackGala.

We hope to see you on campus soon!

Emily Sherwood

Emily (Rodgers) Sherwood '99, Director of Alumni Relations

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'70s

► **Kurt Church '79** celebrated his 10-year anniversary with Lifeline Youth and Family Services in January 2018. In March of 2016, he was promoted to Chaplain for home-based services. His role is to develop and integrate faith into the lives of over 500 staff, family consultants and therapists throughout the state, as they minister to families involved with the Indiana Department of Child Services or in the local probation department. He is also involved with integrating faith with therapy in their sister organization, Crosswinds,

the private pay division for individuals and families.

► **Jim Hughes '70** is retired from active pastoral ministry, but not ministry itself. He recently completed a series of devotional books, covering every book of the Bible. He has published several books on marriage, and is currently doing a study on Psalm 23.

► **Hugh '76 and Laura (Pease) Johnson '77** just celebrated their 43rd anniversary and have 16 grandchildren. Hugh is owner/partner of J2 Marketing and Laura is the Executive Assistant and Office Manager at First Baptist Church in Elkhart.

'80s

1 **Deborah (Ross) Nayrock** '80 has authored her third book, "Grow in Faith toward Maturity: 31 Days to a Closer Walk with God." The book equips readers with eight ways to be intentional in one's spiritual formation and consists of 31 chapters or brief readings, designed for daily devotional use.

'90s

2 Following several years working in various aspects of helping people with disabilities, **Joy (Mahler) Greeney '93** started a company called

UPCOMING CONNECTION POINTS

MAY

- 4 Party at the Ponds (Class of 2018)
- 5 50th Class Reunion (Class of 1968)
- 12 Give Back Gala

JULY

- 16 Bethel Night at Prairie Camp
- 18 Bethel Night at Mancelona Camp
- 22 Bethel Night at Ludlow Falls Camp

AUGUST

- 8 Bethel Night at Brown City Camp
- 14 Bethel Night with the South Bend Cubs

SEPTEMBER

- 14 Remembering Ray Weaver

OCTOBER

- 6 Alumni Dinner

Advocacy Links. It provides case management services for people receiving Medicaid Waiver services in the State of Indiana. The company works in 40 counties across Northern Indiana and supports more than 2,300 individuals. Advocacy Links celebrated its fifth anniversary in 2017.

► **Rev. Mark Lilly '94** has been appointed to serve as Senior Pastor of First United Methodist Church of Pace, Fla.

3 **David Stout (attended '95-'97)** was recently hired as Director of Resource Development for Life Matters Worldwide. The organization helps the Body of Christ articulate the biblical pro-life

message in word and deed. David and **Colleen '97** live in Plainwell, Mich., where David is also worship leader at New Life Baptist Fellowship.

'00s

4 Bethany Heynen '05 and her husband Fasil Kidane welcomed their son, Rehum Fasil, into the world on Oct. 26, 2017.

5 Holly (Stock) Lambdin '05 joined Pain Management with Goshen Physicians in Goshen, Ind., as an Acute Care Nurse Practitioner.

6 Robbie '08 and Brittney (Hire) Lightfoot '09 welcomed their son, Cooper Michael Lightfoot, weighing 8 lb. 5 oz., on Aug. 11, 2017. Brittney is the head softball coach at Indiana University South Bend.

► **Brea Persing (attended '03-'04)** has been a global worker with Avant Ministries since 2009. She served in Italy from 2011-2013, Spain from 2014-2017, and moved to west and central Asia in January 2018.

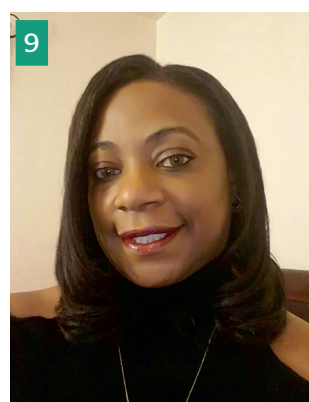
7 Brent Sloan '04 and his wife Kara have settled in Ohio, where Brent works at Bryan First Brethren Church. They have five children: Riley, Brogan, Braxton, Grady and Oakley.

8 Oleg '01 and Sylvia (Swan) Zakusilov '05 welcomed Lucy Hope to their family on July 28, 2017. Oleg works at Patrick Industries and Sylvia is a nurse practitioner at Goshen Hospital ER.

'10s

9 Rochele Jones '14 is teaching "Exploring College and Careers" and working in the South Bend Community School Corporation.

► **Faith Hardacre '11** recently became the Substance Abuse Prevention Specialist for the City of Rock Island. She teaches prevention



classes to middle school students throughout the school district. Faith also partners with community organizations and coalitions to promote a healthier drug-free community.

10 Jacob and Jessica (Lovin) Shaffer '10 welcomed their first son, Caleb, to their family in October 2017. Caleb joins sisters Emma and Lucy. Jacob started his own business in April 2014 and Jessica has worked as an RN for Goshen Hospital since April 2011, in addition to working as a substitute nurse for Goshen community schools.

BC 40 UNDER 40

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CONNECTION POINTS

► Alumni Dinner - Great Pilot Pig Out

The theme for the 2017 Alumni Dinner was The Great Pilot Pig Out. Guests were treated to a menu of pulled pork, corn muffins, corn on the cob and Ritter's Frozen Custard. We heard from past and current members of Voices of Triumph as they celebrated 20 years. We also honored three award recipients: Caleb Bislow '00, Alumnus of the Year; Emanuel Olariu '08, Young Alumnus of the Year; and Mike McConville '00 (pictured), Timothy Award for Service. Nominate a friend for the this year's awards at BethelCollege.edu/AlumniAwards.



► Bethel vs. Notre Dame

More than 1,000 Bethel fans joined us for a pre-game tailgate and exhibition game against Notre Dame on Friday, Nov. 3, at Purcell Pavilion — the first Notre Dame exhibition to sell out since 1985! We enjoyed food, fellowship and some pretty amazing men's basketball. Thanks to all the fans who came out to support our Bethel Pilots!



► Hoops and Hot Dogs 2018

Thank you to our Fort Wayne and Indianapolis alumni who joined us for Hoops and Hot Dogs! We saw 50 alumni and friends between the two sites and enjoyed dinner, fellowship and some BC basketball. Bad weather forced us to cancel the Mishawaka event, but we look forward to seeing you next season!



FIESTA AT THE HELM

Save the Date! This year's Alumni Dinner theme is Fiesta at the Helm and you won't want to miss it! Plan to join us **Saturday, Oct. 6**, in Wiekamp Athletic Center for a Fiesta-themed party.

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Miller gave up a full-ride scholarship to Yale, where she was planning to study pre-med, to follow God's call to ministry – and to Bethel College.

"I chose Bethel over the Ivy League, because I felt God calling me to ministry. I was all set to go to Yale to study pre-med and to become a doctor, but I felt like God was telling me a different path – a path that wasn't necessarily going to be what the world wanted me to do ... it more or less came down to the decision of whether I wanted to follow the world or whether I wanted to follow Christ. I ultimately chose Christ," she says.

At Bethel, Miller has flourished both academically and spiritually, with majors in Intercultural Studies and Sociology. Learning from a Christian worldview, with professors and mentors who really care about her as a person, has had a great impact on her life. It's built



***"I think when you bring
Christ into that equation,
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her confidence and opened her mind and heart to the things God cares about.

"Christian higher education is important to me, because I think a lot of times we focus so much on the worldly things – of making money and of pursuing [excellence] for ourselves – but I think when you bring Christ into that equation, you find what you're designed for."

During her Bethel experience, Miller spent a semester abroad in South Africa, which she says "opened her eyes to the world and also to bigger issues like race and social justice." She has also served as student council president. Both are opportunities Miller may not have had outside of Bethel.

"I'm a different person today because of Bethel College," Miller says. "I feel like I see the world differently, I see the world uniquely, and Bethel has really allowed me to step beyond just my brain, my intelligence ... and stepped into my heart, and what it bleeds for."

In May, Miller will graduate from Bethel, equipped to make a difference in the world. And that is due, in part, to the gifts of alumni and friends of Bethel.

- Lissa (Grashorn) Diaz '07

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May 12 is the Bethel College Day of Giving – an important day where you can give back in two great ways. 1. Make a gift to Bethel's General Scholarship Fund at BethelCollege.edu/DayofGiving. 2. Attend the first-ever Give Back Gala, featuring *New York Times* best-selling author Lee Strobel! Proceeds from the gala support the General Scholarship Fund.

A man in a dark suit is seen from behind, standing in a church with his arms outstretched. He is positioned in front of a large, colorful stained glass window depicting a religious scene. The church interior is dark, with light streaming through the stained glass. Below the main window are several smaller, similar stained glass windows. The overall atmosphere is one of reverence and inspiration.

MUSICIAN, WORLD TRAVELER, BROADWAY COACH

BY YONIKA WILLIS

It's not every day that one gets to meet American Composer Lin Manuel Miranda (who wrote the music for Broadway's "Hamilton" and Disney's "Moana"), and get complementary tickets to Broadway shows, but for Bethel alumnus Jared Schwartz '04, this is normal.



▲ SCHWARTZ DURING AN ALBUM RECORDING SESSION. INSET: THE COVER OF SCHWARTZ'S MOST RECENT ALBUM FOR TOCCATA CLASSICS (LONDON) ▼ SCHWARTZ (RIGHT) AND AWARD-WINNING COMPOSER LIN-MANUEL MIRANDA AFTER A PRODUCTION OF HAMILTON.

Schwartz is a bass soloist for opera, oratorio and concerts, as well as a pianist, composer and music director in both classical and popular music. He has built up his résumé by recording chart-topping albums and teaching vocal lessons to students who have gone on to perform on Broadway.

"A typical day in my life is filled with rehearsing my own singing for a couple of hours and then teaching for six or seven hours," says Schwartz, who is working on album number five, with plans of recording albums six through 10.

This disciplined work ethic has been with Schwartz from an early age.

"As a 7-year-old child I announced that I needed to learn the violin, because Mozart played violin at that age, too, and I needed to keep up," he says.

"So my parents found me a violin teacher, and off I went. I had a different private music lesson nearly every day of the week between piano, violin, French horn and other lessons."

Schwartz enrolled at Bethel during the spring of 2001, and the college continues to play a key role in his career.

"Bethel has always been part of my world," says Schwartz, whose mother and two of his three brothers are Bethel alumni.

Initially, Schwartz wanted to pursue pre-med and music, but he decided to stick with music after feeling that it was God's calling for him. Schwartz credits Vicky Garrett, D.M.N., Robert

Rhein, Ph.D., John Dendiu, Ph.D., and Shawn Holtgren, Ph.D., '95, '97 – mentors and teachers of his at Bethel – for helping him get to where he is today.

Upon graduating from Bethel, Schwartz attended the prestigious Eastman School of Music and then moved to Dallas, Texas, where he began teaching voice lessons.

"As I've continued on since finishing my degrees, I think my plan has always been to keep growing, keep improving, keep learning."

This past summer, Schwartz made his Italian debut as the bass soloist in Verdi's "Requiem" in Como, Italy. Last summer, he was selected as a guest lecturer for the University of Texas Southwestern Hospital's symposium on the voice. Two of

his students were cast in Broadway's "Spiderman: Turn off the Dark"; and one of his students, who is currently in the cast of "Hamilton," gave him fourth row tickets to see the show, followed by a meeting with Lin Manuel Miranda.

"I enjoy doing hard work and getting things done, and then I just try to release the work to God to do with as He wills. My prayer every day is: Here's my heart, Lord, take it where You will."

Schwartz returned to Bethel's campus in January to hold a master class.

"The students are so talented and lovely, and the Bethel faculty continues to be some of the best people out there."

"The students are so talented and lovely, and the Bethel faculty continues to be some of the best people out there."

IN MEMORY

1 Stephen R. Aldridge, (attended '67-'70) age 68, of Elkhart, Ind., passed away Jan. 19, 2018. He was born May 29, 1949, in Fairborn, Ohio. He graduated from Fairborn High School in 1967 and enrolled at Bethel College, where he majored in business and marketing, was a member of the concert choir, a musical gospel team and Circle K (Kiwanis Club). On Nov. 6, 1971,



Steve married Rebecca L. Hesse and together they raised three sons: James, Scott and Gary. Steve had a dedicated heritage in the Missionary Church and served his local church and denomination in a variety of capacities. Steve is survived by his wife, Rebecca (who works at Bethel in the Academic and Student Success Office), and sons.

2 Joseph A. Arch, Sr. '80, DDS, age 64, of Porter, Ind.,

passed away on Oct. 23, 2017, in Carmel, Ind. He was born June 13, 1953, in South Bend, to the late Joseph R. and Gladys T. (Laskowski) Arch. Dr. Arch was the owner of Arch Complete Family Dentistry and was a dentist for more than 30 years. He was a United States Navy veteran and enjoyed practicing



dentistry there for over 20 years. He received his biology degree from Bethel College and went on to the Indiana University School of Dentistry. He loved racing cars, sharing memories of the Navy and encouraging every person around him. Joseph loved life and gave everything he had without question to anyone. He will be remembered as an amazing father, doctor, volunteer and man. He is survived by a daughter, Bethel senior Darrian '18 of Porter; three sons, Joseph, Jr. (Cheryll) of Porter, Justyn of Portage, Ind., and Trystan of Porter; seven grandchildren, Kai,

Syndney, Alexander, Ethan, Ashur, Brooklynn and Peyton Arch; and two brothers, Gene of South Bend and Dr. Terry (O.D.) of Orlando, Fla.

► **Ruby Baldwin '66,** age 91, of Indianapolis, passed away on Oct. 6, 2017. Ruby was an elementary teacher for many years before she retired at age 62. She is survived by her husband of 71 years, Charles, and son Robert.

3 Betty Y. Bennett, '57, age 81, passed away Feb. 16, 2018. Betty was born on Feb. 24, 1936, in Hunter, N.D., to the late George and Alice (Elliott) Nordgren. She and her husband, Jim '61, the fourth



president of Bethel College, were married 58 years until his passing on Oct. 8, 2015. Betty studied Piano Performance and Elementary Education at Bethel. She received her master's degree in Education from Michigan State. She was an educator for over 30 years with Niles Community Schools. She and Jim were past members of NCHA (National Campers and Hikers Association) and served as National Chaplain, providing ministry and music. Betty was actively involved in playing piano and organ at her local church and at Prairie Camp (Goshen, Ind.). Betty is survived by her daughter, Carrie (Dale) Fish of Granger, Ind.; son, Jim (Alisa) Bennett of Elkhart, Ind.; brother, Elliott (Shirley) Nordgren of Edwardsburg,

Mich.; sister, Eileen (Dale) Guckenberger of Maineville, Ohio; four grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

4 Rev. Terry D. Butters, '69, age 69, of South Connellsville, Pa., passed away on Sept. 10, 2017, in Highlands Hospital. He



was born Oct. 16, 1947, in Albion, Mich. Terry's career began in 1969, when he pastored in the Missionary Church, the Church of the Brethren, and the United Methodist Church. His last church was the United Methodist Church in Kingston, Mich., from which he retired in 2005. Since his retirement, Terry continued conducting Bible studies in his home. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Pamela (Tittle) Butters, and three daughters.

► **Anne Viola Engbrecht,** age 96, passed away on Nov. 4, 2017. Born on Nov. 3, 1921, to Jacob and Susanna Tschetter near Bridgewater, S.D., Anne was the youngest of seven children. On Dec. 25, 1942, she was married to Marvin Edward Engbrecht. Early in her life Anne taught in a one room schoolhouse in South Dakota. Throughout her life she and her husband were active in church ministries around the country.

Preceding her in death are her parents, Jacob S. and Susanna Tschetter and all six siblings and spouses: Edward (Leoda) Tschetter, Kathryn (Mark) Dunn, Dave (Hulda) Tschetter, Elsie Tschetter, E.J. (Irene) Tschetter,

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and Martha (Solomon) Walter. Anne Engbrecht was survived by her husband, Marvin (who has since passed away); and four children, JoLynn (Norm) Reimer, Peggy (Harold) House, Dennis (Karla) Engbrecht, and David (Christy) Engbrecht. Also surviving are 11 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren (at the time of her passing).

► **Marvin Edward Engbrecht '55**, age 95, passed away March 4, 2018. Born on Nov. 20, 1922, near Dolton, S.D., to David H. and Tena Duerksen Engbrecht, Marvin was the oldest son of seven children. Sensing a call to ministry, Marvin attended Colorado Springs Bible College and Chicago Evangelistic Institute. On Dec. 25, 1942, he married Anne Viola Tschetter. Marvin moved into full-time ministry pastoring the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church in Dolton, S.D., from 1945-1951.

In 1951, he enrolled at Bethel College and moved his wife and four children to Mishawaka. He was a full-time student at Bethel, worked the afternoon shift at Ball Band in Mishawaka, pastored the Wayside Chapel United Missionary Church, and was president of Student Council in his senior year. Upon graduation, he planted a church in Huron, S.D., where he pastored from 1955-1960. In 1960, he moved to the United Missionary Church in Trenton,

Iowa. During that time, he was elected District Superintendent of the Midwest District of the United Missionary Church, a role he held for 17 years. In 1979, Marvin was called to pastor the Brenneman Memorial Missionary Church in Goshen, Ind., where he served until 1990. He then joined the staff at Nappanee Missionary Church, where he served 23 years until the age of 90. He is a board member emeritus of the Bethel College Board of Trustees.

Preceding him in death are his wife of 74 years, Anne; his parents; one brother David Engbrecht; brothers-in-law, Andrew Ratzlaff, Rev. Johnny Hofer, Raymond Scarff, and Robert Schuler; and sister-in-law, Violet Hofer Engbrecht. Marvin is survived by sisters, Esther Ratzlaff, Martha Hofer, Anna Scarff, Viola Schuler, and brother, Ben Engbrecht; four children, JoLynn (Norm) Reimer, Peggy (Sonny) House, Dennis (Karla) Engbrecht, and David (Christy) Engbrecht. Also surviving are 11 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

► **Rex Hicks '51**, age 91, died Feb. 9, 2017, and is survived by his wife of 70 years, Lola (Jackson) Hicks. After graduating from Bethel, Rex served as a Christian college music professor and church musician for 35 years in Iowa, California, Illinois and Ohio. His last teaching position was at Wheaton College from 1963-1981, where he was Professor

of Choral Music and Director of the Concert Choir and Women's Glee Club. During this time, his accomplishments were recognized by the college and he was selected as Bethel's Alumnus of the Year in 1968. Rex was the Minister of Music at Fairhaven Church in Kettering, Ohio, from 1981-1986. He influenced many professional and church musicians throughout his lifetime, inspiring them in their craft to glorify God and practice musical excellence in a selfless manner. After his retirement in 1986, he pursued vegetable and flower gardening, and fine furniture and antique restoration. He also served as a Vocal Coach for the Kettering Children's Choirs. Rex and Lola have five married children, 14 grandchildren, and 25 great-grandchildren.

5 **Opal Pearl Speicher '55**, age 84, of Plymouth, Ind., and formerly of Elkhart, Ind., passed away Feb. 16, 2018, at Miller's Merry Manor in Plymouth. She was born Oct. 14, 1933,



in Didsbury, Alberta, Canada, to the late Noah and Olive (Snyder) Swalm. On Aug. 18, 1955, she married the Rev. E.

Wayne Speicher. He preceded her in death on Sept. 6, 2014. Opal was a member of the Indiana Teachers Association, a former national president of the Women's Ministries of the Missionary Church and a member of Nappanee Missionary Church. She taught in the Mishawaka School System (1955-1960) and in the Penn-Harrison-Madison School System (1968-1985), from which she retired. Surviving are 2 children, Dr. Bruce W. (Jennita) Speicher, D.O. of Bourdon, Ind., and Anita K. (Fred) Luster of Wakarusa, Ind., six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, Timothy L. Speicher, three sisters and two brothers.

6 **Kathyryn Sybert, '06**, age 65, of Portage, Mich., formerly of South Bend, Ind., passed



away Feb. 24, 2017, at Rose Arbor Hospice Residence. She was preceded in death by her father, Bruce Wetzel; stepfather, Art Moyer; niece, Jennifer Taylor and great-nephew, Aaron Taylor. She is survived by her daughter, Beth (James) Huston '08 as well as her mother and sister.



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UPDATES

Here are some examples of the GREAT momentum building on campus as we strive to become GREATER, for the greater glory of God.



G: GROW

- In March, Bethel hosted 100 local employers for the annual career and internship fair. Nearly 200 students attended.
- The seventh annual McDonald's® Michiana High School All-Star Basketball Games were held March 27 at Bethel.
- Traditional undergraduate admission has seen a 60 percent increase in campus visitors over three years. The last two events, Pilot Preview Day and Admitted Student Day, brought in 57 students and 83 students respectively.



R: REVIVAL

- In January, local churches partnered with Bethel College to offer the fourth annual "ReFuel," a one-day conference for church worship teams and leaders; 900 people attended.
- May 20-June 1, 45 friends of Bethel will travel to Israel for a Holy Land tour, including a stop for a baptism in the Jordan River.
- In February, an Evangelicals for Dreamers gathering was held, where Christians from across Michiana met to show support and learn about the needs of immigrant communities.
- Bethel will host a regional National Day of Prayer event May 3, drawing hundreds in intercession for our nation.
- One hundred percent of academic departments report beginning class with prayer, a devotional or a scripture.



E: ENCORE

- Twelve worship arts students and one professor traveled to Nashville, Tenn., March 14-18 for a hands-on songwriting and recording session with alumnus and Grammy-nominated artist, producer, and songwriter Billy Smiley. They recorded eight songs for HCM Records' third album, "Heartcry."

- Bethel's Voices of Triumph a capella group will travel to Greece this summer for performances and cultural tours. Most of their time will be spent on the island of Syros, participating in the Festival of the Aegean.
- Four youth ministry students are just returning from a semester in South Africa, where they studied the international youth ministry movement.
- The spring musical, "Fiddler on the Roof," was highly praised and had outstanding attendance; 3,194 came to see the show!



A: AESTHETICS

- Notre Dame Head Football Coach Brian Kelly and his wife Paqui have funded the renovation of our largest lecture hall on campus through the Kelly Cares Foundation. The Octorium will be named for the Kellys in June.
- We are finalizing floor plans and funding for a new admissions and alumni center.
- A 9-hole Frisbee golf course will be installed this summer for students to enjoy in the fall.



T: TESTIFY

- The men's track and field team secured their third NCCAA Indoor National Championship (2018) and garnered five individual national champions and 12 All-Americans.
- One professor completed his doctorate degree (Bryan Waltz, Education) and another was accepted in to a doctoral program (Rachel Lindvall, Kinesiology).
- Junior Rebecca Rickaby received a Stagecraft Institute of Las Vegas (SILV) Award for her work displayed at the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival (KCACTF) — Region 3, in Indianapolis in January. Rickaby is Bethel's fourth student in five years to achieve this prestigious honor.
- The Education Department's master's programs ranked No. 19 on SR Education Group's list of 2018 Best Online Colleges Offering Master's in Teaching Programs. Bethel was the only Indiana college to make the top 25 list, which compared institutions of all sizes from across the country.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



APRIL

- 12 Chamber Orchestra & Wind Ensemble Concert
- 13 Jazz & Percussion Concert
- 13-25 Senior Art Exhibition 2.0
- 14 Registration Day for New Undergrad Students
- 14 "The Case for Christ" Movie Night
- 20 Choral Concert

MAY

- 3 National Day of Prayer
- 4 Party at the Ponds
- 5 50th Class Reunion (Class of 1968)
- 5 71st Commencement
- 6 AGS Summer First Session Begins
- 12 Day of Giving & Give Back Gala

JUNE

- 1-2 "You Can't Take It With You" (Theatre summer show)
- 4 Sports Camps Begin
- 25 Registration Day for New Undergrad Students

JULY

- 1 AGS Summer Second Session Begins
- 9 Academic Camps Begin
- 16 Bethel Night at Prairie Camp
- 18 Bethel Night at Mancelona Camp
- 22 Bethel Night at Ludlow Falls Camp

AUGUST

- 8 Bethel Night at Brown City Camp
- 14 South Bend Cubs - Bethel Night
- 17 Registration Day for New Undergrad Students
- 18-22 Freshmen Orientation
- 26 AGS Fall First Session Begins

SEPTEMBER

- 14 Remembering Ray Weaver

OCTOBER

- 6 Alumni Dinner
- 21 AGS Fall Second Session Begins

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