A Part of the Equation
DEAR ALUMNI AND FRIENDS,

The beginning of each academic year is an exciting time in the lives of our students, faculty, staff and community members. The City of Dover seems to become more alive with the arrival of new and returning students. Wesley is happy to welcome over 600 new first-year students, as well as several faculty and staff members, many of whom are featured on pages 2 and 3. In order to best provide for the blue and white Wolverine community, Wesley is moving in a green direction.

- Dover City Council approved a pedestrian plan that will allow for the eventual closing of portions of Cecil, Fulton and Bradford Streets to through traffic. This project will take several years to fulfill, but will make campus a greener, safer, more pedestrian friendly place.
- Wesley signed an agreement with Aramark Services to make campus more energy friendly. The agreement will permit the College to update heating and lighting throughout the entire campus. This will have a huge impact on our campus and the environment, allowing the institution to reduce its carbon footprint.
- A group of more than 800, including new students, returning student-athletes, faculty and staff, spent August 21 beautifying the City of Dover in the 123=ABC service initiative.

I encourage you to reflect on your personal memories of campus and academic life at Wesley. Please visit the College to take in events as often as you can. Susan and I send warm regards to each of you. Thank you for all that you do for Wesley!

Very best wishes,

Dr. William N. (Bill) Johnston
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Going the Distance

BY ABIGAIL HILL ’12

A breath of fresh air has blown through Wesley's halls this year as a multitude of new faculty and staff find their home among the College community. While each will play a unique role, the new personnel all have one thing in common—they have come from miles away to assimilate at Wesley.

Erica Brown
Director of Spiritual Life and Community Engagement

Having worked for Northwestern University in Illinois for seven years as an assistant university chaplain, Erica Brown began to feel that she had outgrown her position. In search of a more demanding role, she moved back to her hometown in Ohio in search of another career. She took on a position as an interim case manager with Family Promise, a homeless shelter whose mission is to keep families together in their time of struggle. However, after working there awhile, Brown decided she "didn't have the stomach" for such a job, and she deeply wanted to rejoin a college community.

Brown soon applied for the open position at Wesley, and although she had to travel across the country to find her next endeavor, in another sense she was going back to her roots. Having been raised a Methodist and well versed in the denomination's polity, joining a United Methodist institution seemed a perfect fit. In fact, thinking back to the feeling she had upon arriving for her interview at Wesley, Brown expressed, "I knew I had found a home."

Brown has impressive credentials, holding both bachelor's and master's degrees in English as well as a Master of Divinity. She is ready to embrace being both a community and spiritual leader on the College campus, and with the vastness those roles imply, she has high hopes of making an impact. First on her priority list is getting to know the people that make up the rich and diverse College constituency and becoming an integral part of the Wesley family.

Sarah Smith
Director of Student Activities

After leaving Wingate University, 25 minutes outside of Charlotte, North Carolina, because of major budget cuts, Sarah Smith was free to explore her options. She soon discovered Wesley, and the size of the institution initially drew her in, as she liked the idea of working with a population of about 2,000 students. “Student Activities deals with so many different areas and it's so great because I will be able to meet students from so many different walks of life,” Smith explained.

Smith pursued both her undergraduate and graduate studies at Northwest Missouri State University, about an hour and a half from her home in Kansas City. In her position as Wesley's director of student activities, she is excited about the opportunity to experience the northeast and is looking forward to her many new responsibilities. Smith will advise the Student Government Association (SGA), the Student Activities Board (SAB), Howl at the Moon Friday night programming group, Greek societies and other student organizations, while also coordinating activities for Orientation, Homecoming and Family Day.

Although she will have a full load, Smith has high expectations. “My goal is for every student on Wesley's campus to get involved in some sort, whether it is an academic organization, Greek organization, programming board, whatever it takes for them to get invested in the College,” she explained. “Being a part of something makes well-rounded, happy students who have an opportunity to gain real world experience, and it is my duty to give them a way to get involved.”

Dr. Zoann Parker
Executive Director of Wesley New Castle

Dr. Zoann Parker found her way to Wesley College after working as the dean of workforce and continuing education at Harrisburg Area Community College in Pennsylvania. Experienced in administrative, academic and entrepreneurial leadership and having had two other posts similar to her new role at Wesley, she was an ideal match to head up Wesley New Castle campus, a satellite of the College's main campus in Dover.

Parker has a doctorate in vocational
Stuart Knapp
Chair and Director of Graduate Studies in Education
Before Stuart Knapp came to Wesley, he already had a handful of careers under his belt and more than 30 years of service in education. Retired for only six months, he decided that not working just wasn’t for him. Knapp had been an influential figure in the field of education throughout the northeast and the state of Kentucky, and after finding the open faculty position at Wesley through an ad in the Chronicle of Higher Education, he and his wife decided to uproot from their home near Manhattan and relocate to Delaware. The lower cost of living and the close proximity to their children in Maryland were two other important factors in their decision.

Now Knapp’s expertise is benefiting the Wesley Education Department by furthering studies for future teachers. Hoping to add additional graduate programs, Knapp’s first line of business is assessing interest for programs that have done well at other institutions of which he has been a part. One example is bilingual studies.

At Wesley Knapp currently oversees K-8 education, K-12 education and physical education. He is very excited about his “ability to interface with the State Department of Education, within walking distance” as well as being part of a “dynamite faculty.” He believes Wesley is the gatekeeper to its own progression and has begun a needs assessment to address what areas within the Education program could benefit from improvement. This will lay the groundwork for future change to strengthen the Department and the College as a whole.

Dr. Colleen Di Raddo
Assistant Vice President of Academic Affairs
A northern Baltimore County native, Colleen Di Raddo has moved around the tri-state area with her husband, a Presbyterian minister. As the College’s new assistant vice president of academic affairs, her responsibilities will be to assess accreditation issues, review programs and strengthen online learning. Working closely with Dr. Patricia Dwyer, the vice president of academic affairs, Di Raddo’s initial plans are to listen and learn as much as she can about Wesley College and its people, history and future goals. She also looks forward to working with the staff at the New Castle campus to help them accomplish their plans for the future in ways that align with the mission of Wesley College.

Di Raddo holds a doctorate in psychoeducational processes from Temple University. She also attended Villanova University, earning a master’s degree in counseling and human relations, and Messiah College in Pennsylvania, where she earned a bachelor’s degree in biology and a secondary education certification.

A strong supporter of change, Di Raddo feels her life mission is “using the skills and talents I have to create environments for change to occur so that people and/or organizations do what they need to do in a better way.” With Wesley in the midst of a strategic planning process, she arrived at an ideal time. “I am very excited. Wesley is moving forward and I am moving with it.”

Roger Getz
Director of Parker Library
After spending three years as library director at Central Pennsylvania College, Roger Getz was in search of something new and a bit more traditional, and he was immediately attracted to the position at Wesley’s Parker Library. As director, he has big plans for making the Library more user-friendly for everyone who enters. He hopes to spruce up the aesthetics as well, from bookshelves to online databases, and provide the quality that Wesley students deserve.
In order to tailor services to best fit the needs of students in the various academic programs, Getz plans to start by having open conversations among faculty. “We are trying to create an open door policy,” he explained. “I moved my office to the front of the Library because I want students and the whole College community to find me. We are a resource for students, one that they are paying for, so we really want to be accessible.” Another one of his goals is to have all incoming students attend several introductory sessions in the Library to help facilitate their research.

Getz has a bachelor’s degree in history from York College in Pennsylvania and a Master of Library Science from another Pennsylvania institution, Clarion University.

James Wilson
Assistant Professor of Music/
Director of Choirs

James Wilson comes to Dover from Lincoln, Nebraska, where he finished his doctorate in choral conducting in the spring of 2010. Already a well established church musician, having worked for the Cathedral of St. Joseph’s in Hartford, Connecticut; Marsh Chapel at Boston University; St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church in Greensboro, North Carolina; and Trinity United Methodist Church in Lincoln, Nebraska, Wilson is ready to put his experience to good use at Wesley. He has served as the director of numerous ensembles, including the Boston University Choral Society, the Kensington Consort of North Carolina, the East Campus Choir at the University of Nebraska and the Lincoln Home School String Orchestra. In April 2010 he conducted a performance with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) Chamber Singers on the subject of his dissertation: Seth Bingham’s “The Canticle of the Sun,” a piece which had not been heard by the public in nearly 50 years.

Wilson also is a baritone soloist and has appeared with various choral groups, such as the Manchester Choral Society of New Hampshire, the Braintree Choral Society, the Masterworks Chorale of Boston, the Marsh Chapel Choir at Boston University, the Choral Society of Greensboro, and the Voices of Omaha. In the spring of 2008 he appeared with the UNL University Singers at Carnegie Hall in a performance of Haydn’s “Harmonie Messe” under the baton of Dr. Tyler White.

As a faculty member at Wesley, Wilson will teach coursework in music and serve as director for both College choirs and the choir for Wesley United Methodist Church in Dover. His fiancée, Britania, is also a classical singer and will teach voice lessons at the College. She completed her master’s degree in vocal performance at the University of Nebraska last fall and is eager to establish her footing as an opera singer in the couple’s new location. Both of them are enthusiastic about making new friends and becoming a valuable part of the Wesley community.

What’s in a Look?
Wesley Receives Grant to Re-Brand

BY AMANDA KINKADE

IN AUGUST, the Jessie Ball duPont Fund of Jacksonville, Florida announced it awarded a grant of $113,150 to Wesley College for an institutional branding and marketing study that will enhance Wesley’s niche within the marketplace. The grant also will provide for a complete redesign of the College’s website to reflect the new brand of the institution.

“This grant enables Wesley to hone its message and amplify the positive impact the College is having on the lives of its students and the community at large,” stated Chris Wood, vice president for institutional advancement. The branding and marketing study will assist Wesley in addressing the first priority of its recently adopted strategic plan, namely “Marketing the Institution.”

The study is set to begin immediately with research implemented by Performa Higher Education, a national consulting group from Burlington, North Carolina specializing in private institutions of higher education. “Throughout this process we will be engaging students, faculty, staff, alumni and community leaders for both their input and insight. The result of this collaborative effort will produce a clear, consistent and compelling Wesley story reflected through all communication from the College on our website, in publications and throughout the campus,” Wood said.

From left: Sally Howard Douglass, director of programs of the Jessie Ball duPont Fund, President Bill Johnston, Dr. Sherry Magill, president of the Jessie Ball duPont Fund and Chris Wood, vice president for institutional advancement
This year a brand new pair of paws will be present on campus—the Wesley Wolverine mascot has taken on a new image. Students on campus today would be surprised to know that dating back to the 1950s, the institution’s mascot was the whippet. After becoming the Wesley Wolverine, the College’s mascot continued to take on a myriad of personas and looks over the years.

The present Wesley mascot has been modeled to more closely resemble a feisty wolverine. The Student Government Association (SGA) has gone to great lengths to improve the overall attraction and utility of the mascot costume. Its goal was to make Wally, the name given to the Wolverine less than a decade ago, more appealing to all alumni, students and friends of Wesley College as a means of promoting the institution and boosting Wesley pride.

After nearly seven years of service from the original costume, Wally was due for an upgrade. In a process of modern evolution, he shed his coat for a darker brown one, had his ears and snout rounded and gained some eyebrows, sideburns and a new devilish smile.

In considering the purchase of the new costume, the SGA saw an opportunity for the Wolverine to be more of a public relations tool for the College as a whole. The mascot’s role will encompass much more than just showing up at football games. “Wally is to take on the face of Wesley College,” said Tanner Polce, SGA president. “He will be attending every athletic event, open houses, orientations and alumni events. We even expect Wally to visit neighboring high schools to help brand the College.”

This fall, one or two lucky students will have the chance to be the new Wally through one of the College’s many work-study or work-ship positions on campus. However, becoming the Wolverine is no easy task. There will be specific criteria and an interview process for the mascot-to-be. “The persona of Wally will need to be multi-dimensional,” explained Polce. “He or she will need to be energetic, enthusiastic and have tons of school pride, representing the school both in and out of the costume.”

With costume ownership and responsibilities for the mascot now being shared by SGA and the Office of Student Life, Polce believes Wally will have much more interaction with the student body, as well as youth and others throughout the community. When people think of Wesley, he wants them to think of Wally the Wolverine.
A New Energy
Campus Upgrades Help Decrease Costs and Increase Efficiency

BY ELISE KNABLE ’09

WESLEY COLLEGE AND Aramark have initiated a final step in the process to fulfill the College's agreement with the American College and University Presidents’ Climate Commitment (ACUPCC), which was signed in May 2007. As the facilities and food services provider on the Wesley campus and therefore an important partner in the ACUPCC, Aramark was first contracted in spring 2008 to perform a greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions inventory which would be the basis for environmental improvements at the College. The GHG review revealed Wesley’s energy costs and the biggest contributors to its carbon footprint—the $1.2 million per year used for electricity and natural gas. These sources account for more than 80 percent of the GHG emissions on campus.

Following a 2009 Aramark survey which produced a list of valuable projects that would decrease Wesley’s carbon footprint, a climate action plan (CAP) was developed. According to Mike McGarvey, senior energy manager at Aramark, steps within the CAP “specifically connect to the College fulfilling the ACUPCC... it is key to this.” In January 2010, the CAP was posted to the ACUPCC website, and now Wesley will begin the initial phases of the plan with the help of an energy performance contract (EPC) created with Aramark.

McGarvey emphasized that Aramark seeks to “provide service to our clients, whatever their needs may be.” In this case, Wesley’s need was more than just fixing outdated equipment on campus. It was the replacement of systems within residence halls and buildings at the College to diminish energy use. “We listen to our clients and find solutions,” McGarvey said. “This was certainly a piece that needed to be addressed. There was a tremendous amount of capital needed to upgrade or replace the equipment.”

Bob Jones, district manager for Aramark, further explained, “The infrastructure of the campus is getting old, so it makes sense that as you replace items with the best available technology, you get savings because of the efficiency of the new equipment.” He noted that as a campus provider in both the dining and facilities areas, the company looked at the College’s goals and initiatives in an effort to align themselves with Wesley. “Retention is a big goal at the school,” Jones commented. “The College will be easier to operate and this initiative makes a better environment for teaching and learning.”

Phase one of the EPC will begin around Christmas, according to Wesley’s Director of Plant Operations Chuck Arthur. He noted that the EPC will include three major aspects of improvements around the campus: lighting, air handling equipment and controls, and heating generation. To refrain from disrupting the students’ learning environment during the school year, work on HVAC and boiler systems will not begin until May 2011 and will be completed by the time students arrive in August for the new academic year.

A design engineering phase of the EPC started in October of this year and physical improvements in sustainability initiatives, such as lighting, coil and control systems, will soon follow. Arthur describes these improvements as small measures that can be done quickly without interfering with other aspects of campus while giving immediate fiscal benefits to the College. Aramark will be converting three residence halls from steam boilers to hot water systems. “The cost of power is going up and we are reducing that usage for Wesley any way we can,” said Arthur. “We eliminated the power factor rating levied by the city and reduced the demand charges for the stadium lights by October 1, 2010.”

As a 12-year investment, the EPC guarantees savings to the institution, as there is no direct cost and 95 percent of the savings will be the payment. Once all construction work in the EPC is finished, Wesley will be saving approximately $300,000 per year and will have cut CO2 emissions by 16 percent. “All the little things that we are doing add up to one gigantic factor which dramatically increases the efficiency of building systems, enhances the student living and learning environment, and meets the goal of reducing the energy costs here at the campus,” Jones said.

Now that this $2.5 million project has been put into motion, the initial effects will be seen in energy consumption decreases as early as November. While continuing to make strides in its pledge for a greener campus, the College hopes it also is setting the mark among peer institutions and that prospective students, among others, will take notice.
A UNANIMOUS VOTE from the Dover City Council completed one of the first steps in implementing Wesley College’s Campus Master Plan. On August 9, the Council granted the College permission to close and convert several streets that bisect College grounds to allow for a more pedestrian friendly campus. This project will be carried out gradually over the next several years, and College officials will continue to collaborate with the Dover Planning Commission throughout the process.

“We are grateful for the widespread support that the institution received from the local community and Dover City Council. It is a positive indication of the growing importance that Wesley College has in Dover and the state of Delaware,” said President Bill Johnston.

The creation of Wesley’s Master Plan began in summer 2008 under the guidance of consultants from Performa Higher Education, a national firm from Burlington, North Carolina specializing in work with private, higher education institutions. Many constituent groups among the Wesley community participated in the initial Master Plan development stages and the Board of Trustees approved the final plan on September 26, 2009.

As seen in the illustration above, the College’s ultimate goal is for one block of North Bradford Street on each side of the Henry Belin DuPont College Center and both Fulton and Cecil streets to be converted into pedestrian areas with cul-de-sacs. This will eliminate vehicle through traffic in areas where students frequently travel on foot. It is estimated that approximately 1,000 students cross these streets several times a day on their way to and from residence halls and the various academic, administrative and recreational areas in and around the College Center.

This streetscape project will create an expanded and well-defined “central campus” for Wesley. The street closings will more clearly delineate the footprint of the College, provide new space for activities and programs, increase student safety, and allow for more greenery and flower beds, enhancing the overall aesthetics of the institution.

“The next steps in the pedestrian plan are to secure the needed funding and create a final design for the project. We will continue working with various Dover authorities and look forward to fulfilling the goals and objectives set forth in the Campus Master Plan,” said President Johnston. “The future of Wesley is bright—and green!”
Jamie Brown, professor of English, continues to edit and publish The Broadkill Review and has begun a publishing company, Broadkill Publishing Associates LLC, which publishes chapbooks under the imprint The Broadkill Press and full-length books under the imprint The Broadkill River Press.

Brown has been invited to present his paper on Daisy Buchanan’s possible mixed-race ancestry at the 2011 National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) Conference in Chicago, and has just had a short story, “How Do You Get to the Sixties?” accepted for publication in an upcoming issue of the literary journal Gargoyle.

Dr. Malcolm J. D’Souza, professor of chemistry, and Fady J. Gerges, M.D., director of surgical pathology at the Doctors Pathology Services in Dover, published an invited expert opinion in the July issue of Pharma-IQ, a UK based journal. This article emphasizes the need for comprehensive and standardized reporting of all clinical drug data in the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved drug inserts. The authors call on the FDA to be more stringent with pharmaceutical data reporting structures and suggest that an alternative approach is the possibility of using computational tools to estimate the missing parameters needed for proper patient care. This research is supported through Delaware’s IDEA Networks of Biomedical Research Excellence (INBRE) grant through the National Institute for Health (NIH) National Center for Research Resources (NCRR). Two other peer-reviewed articles, with Stefan Hailey ’09 and Brian Mahon ’11 as co-authors, appeared in the July/August issue of the International Journal of Molecular Sciences. Both articles discuss solubility studies of precursors of sulfa drugs.

In June D’Souza was recognized as being one of three finalists, among the 23 participating INBRE states and Puerto Rico, selected for the NIH-NCRR 2010 Sidney A. McNairy Jr. Award. This award is given for excellence in mentoring.

Victor Greto, professor of media arts, presented a two-day workshop on feature writing at the Writers at the Beach: Pure Sea Glass Conference in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware in March 2010. In addition, he presented another two-part feature writing seminar, “The Story Behind the Story,” at the Mid-Atlantic Writers Conference October 2 at the Sheraton Hotel in Dover.

Greto won first place in the 2010 Delaware Press Association’s annual communication contest for his profile, “A Poet and How She Works,” about Delaware poet laureate JoAnn Balingit.

He published a series of four profiles in the May 2010 issue of Delaware Beach Life Magazine, 10 profiles of “Women to Watch” for the February 2010 issue of Signature Brandywine Magazine, and a feature story about three women who run marathons for charity in the June 2010 issue of the same magazine. Greto is a regular columnist for the new monthly Delaware humor and arts magazine Laugh! and he also contributes feature stories for the publication.
David Laganella, associate professor of music, received the world premier of his new composition “Leafless Trees” at the Thalia Theater in New York City on May 2 by the Prism Quartet. The Prism Quartet, one of America’s foremost chamber ensembles, also performed the work earlier that day, live on the air at WNYC, New York Public Radio.

Last spring the Delaware Symphony Orchestra asked Laganella to participate as an adjudicator for the organization’s Alfred I. duPont Award. One of the most prestigious awards in classical music, it is given annually to an American composer or conductor who has made significant contributions in the field of orchestral classical music.

This fall a full-length album of Laganella’s chamber music will be released by New Focus Records (www.newfocusrecordings.com). The album, titled “The Calls of Gravity,” will be distributed internationally and also will be available for online download from iTunes. The album features performances by leading interpreters of modern classical music, including the Prism Quartet, Ensemble CMN and pianist Marilyn Nonken.

Jill Maser, director of health services, completed a post-master’s family nurse practitioner certification program at Wilmington College in May. This was a two-year program that required 500 hours of clinical experience in acute care settings along with advanced classes. She will take a certification exam this fall. Once certified and licensed, she will be able to write prescriptions for the students that are treated in Wesley’s Health Center.

Maser also is now a member of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners.

Jill Maser

Tommye Staley, professor of science, had the distinct privilege of attending an American Probation and Parole Association (APPA) training conference in Washington D.C. this summer. Through a session entitled “What Are We Really Saying,” she was trained on the latest information available on body language and how to interpret it, not only when interviewing suspects but in everyday life. Another session, “Culture Shock,” explained the reasons that people turn to gangs and crime and one called “Insults, Defiance and De-Escalation” focused primarily on how to interview suspects, but also how to use these techniques in any situation. “The Cutting Edge” was a session about protecting oneself barehanded against an attacker with a weapon.

Staley plans to share all she learned at this conference with students enrolled in her CSI (Crime Scene Investigation) course this fall. For those enrolled in her spring semester course, she also hopes to have a speaker present the latest field test for drug detection, allowing Wesley students to be among the first individuals to try out the cutting edge technology.

Tommye Staley
Q&A with Mayor Carleton Carey

BY LEIGH ANN COLEMAN ’09

Serving his second term as the local mayor, Carleton Carey understands exactly what needs to be done in order to improve upon the great City of Dover. Serving the city’s constituents during such stressful economic times has not been easy, but it has challenged him to find more creative ways of prioritizing and finding the funding for Dover’s most pressing needs.

Even before becoming mayor, it was Carey’s belief that the small private college that sits in the heart of the historic downtown area has played an integral part in the community since its founding back in 1873. Dover’s rich heritage is mirrored by the historical accomplishments that have made Wesley College what it is today.

Since becoming the city’s mayor back in 2007, Carey has gone the extra mile to support all local groups and community organizations and has been especially supportive of the initiatives at the College. He recognizes that a strengthened bond between Wesley and the City of Dover is imperative in ensuring the success of both. Not one to hide behind a desk, Carey makes it a point to attend as many College events as possible. He enjoys occasions to exchange conversation with some of Wesley’s students to provide advice and encouragement, although his association with the College extends much further than that alone.

Wesley magazine had a recent opportunity to sit down with Mayor Carey to get his thoughts on Wesley College’s role in the local community of Dover.

Q. What do you feel are the benefits of having a small private college like Wesley in the heart of Dover?

It’s a big advantage having the College right downtown because students can use the downtown area to buy things that they need, enjoy different types of shopping and choose from several different restaurants to eat. All of this and more supports our local businesses and is not only a benefit to us but to the College as well. There are great resources to further students’ cultural education in places like the Dover Public Library, the Schwartz Center for the Arts, the Biggs Museum and the Public Archives, just to name a few. I’m so glad we have a college right downtown. It adds atmosphere to the community. And when you look at the big picture, whether it’s a manufacturer or just your average person, having a fine institution like Wesley is very attractive to those who want to come to the Dover area. They want to make sure they have the resources needed to provide for their business, their employees and their families.

Q. In what ways has Wesley College had a positive impact on the surrounding Dover community?

We have a great working relationship with the College and we of course want to continue and expand that relationship. The campus is growing, the number of students is growing and President Johnston has a lot of great ideas to keep expanding and making
the campus safer for students. He’s instituted the new strategic plan that will have a positive impact on both the College and the community. There also has been an increase in Wesley’s presence through community service projects. These projects have been a great way for students to get to know the community and the local people.

**Q. As mayor of Dover, how have you personally interacted with Wesley College and demonstrated your support?**

I try to attend as many College functions as I can. I also work alongside President Johnston on several committees. Last year, we traveled with our wives to Japan to initiate a student exchange program for Wesley College and local high schools. To build those relationships was tremendous because they are very interested in learning our culture and we are very interested in learning their culture too. Wesley College has my support with its plans to expand the nursing program by acquiring the Allen J. Frear Federal Building, which will ultimately provide better healthcare services in the area.

I am in agreement with the plans and vision for the future of the College and how it will enhance the community; therefore I am there to lend my support in whatever way I can.

**Q. Describe any opportunities that you envision for engagement and strengthened connections between the College and Dover residents.**

The activities held by the College and its work within community groups have brought the community closer to Wesley College as a whole. I encourage residents to continue to support these efforts. There are many graduates of Wesley College who still live in the Dover area. If you didn’t attend Wesley you certainly know someone who did. The College is making an effort to enhance those existing relationships. Projects like the 123=ABC community event show that Wesley is doing its part to better the City of Dover. I support any future opportunities for students to give back and feel a part of the community. I hope residents will do the same. The more the City of Dover can do to help Wesley prosper the more it will in turn serve the community’s needs and allow our local area to prosper.

**Q. What are some of the objectives to improve Dover and how does Wesley College tie in?**

Attracting business in Dover is important and I would encourage students at Wesley College to support the local businesses. Then as the community and the College grow, the more people we’ll bring to the area and the more interested businesses will be in coming to Dover. In the end it will provide a greater variety of stores and restaurants that are needed to serve a growing community.

There are so many groups and organizations that help the community and would love to get the students involved in their projects. There also are many cultural opportunities that the College can bring to the community. There’s an endless list of opportunities. It all comes down to both entities making a commitment to support one another and to educate one another in any way possible.
Retreat!

BY AMANDA KINKADE

OVER 100 INCOMING STUDENTS and student leaders took part in Wesley College’s second annual New Student Leadership Retreat September 10-12 at Camp Saginaw in Oxford, Pennsylvania. “Wesley’s New Student Leadership Retreat provides an opportunity for students to become engaged in their new community beginning their freshman year,” said Dean of Students Mary-Alice Ozechoski. “It allows students to create a co-curricular plan which leads to self-confidence, to develop a strong commitment to the College, and to learn about exceptional career opportunities.”

The two-day program included team building activities, leadership workshops, a presentation from nationally-recognized motivational speaker Michael Miller, and a lot of time for heartfelt reflection. Students were challenged to do everything from climb a high ropes course to engage in small group discussion about their personal goals. The culmination of the Retreat was a reflective activity where students were asked to write about who they currently are and hope to become during their time at Wesley College.

Thanks to the generosity of members of the Wesley family, all students interested in attending the Retreat, regardless of their ability to pay the additional program fee, were able to participate. Numerous alumni, faculty and staff made donations over the summer to sponsor one or more student attendees. The first-year students that participated reaped the many benefits the program was designed to provide, including personal growth and leadership skills, an appreciation for campus involvement and class unity. “Camp Saginaw was a great leadership opportunity that made me come out of my shell,” said student James Peditto. “The interactive activities made me realize that it is okay to try new things and to get to know people who are different from me. It was so much fun, and I suggest that all first-year students take the opportunity to go!”

In addition to encouraging individual goal setting, the Retreat gave incoming students the chance to quickly bond with fellow classmates. Engaging in new experiences together at Camp Saginaw, the members of the Class of 2014 formed friendships and developed a sense of camaraderie. “I learned that when I am open to trying new things and attempting to overcome challenges, it has a trickle-down effect on other students and friends,” said student leader Matthew Robertson. “I believe that we can make campus a more positive place if everyone is open and passes the spirit on to one another.”

First-year students and student leaders show their Wesley College Wolverine pride by displaying the “W” hand symbol. First-year student Ksahay Williams gives a thumbs up as she descends from the top of a tree after climbing 30 feet on the high ropes course at Camp Saginaw.
In mid-October, the campus was abuzz with activity as many who once called Wesley home returned to their old stomping grounds. Alumni who attended the annual Homecoming festivities represented numerous generations of former students whose hearts still have a place for Wesley. Among them were members of the Class of 1960 celebrating the 50th anniversary of their graduation from Wesley Junior College. Having traveled from all directions to attend the reunion, class members brought with them unique remembrances of their Wesley experience as well as stories of their individual journeys since they departed the campus 50 years ago. Reunited for this special event, they reminisced about the cherished memories they made together at Wesley. Prior to celebrating this important milestone, a handful of them shared personal reflections on their alma mater and how the College was instrumental in their lives.

**Darryl McCabe**

“Wesley was important to me because it was the stepping stone to a new life of friendships and exposure to the world outside a small town,” explained Darryl McCabe ‘60. “Many friendships and good times were enjoyed there.” After attending Wesley and playing football and intramural sports there, he continued his schooling at Delaware Valley College in Doylestown, Pennsylvania, where he received a degree in agronomy. In 1963 he married Deanna and began to pursue a career in golf course management while working at various courses on the east coast. After gaining experience through several positions, McCabe returned to Delaware to work for New Castle County. He was the superintendent of Delcastle Golf Club until 1986, when he became a partner in Delaware Golf Club Management and took over the lease for Delcastle for the next 22 years.

When the contract with the club ended in 2008, McCabe and his wife retired to Lewes, Delaware, where they currently enjoy the accessibility of the beach and the surf fishing that has become a favorite pastime for them. He and Deanna have three children—Clarke, Cindy and Todd. “Between them, we have seven beautiful grandchildren.” Although retired from the golf business, McCabe still has a passion for the game. He is very active in his community of Baycrossing and Sussex Pines Country Club and he and Deanna spend a lot of time on the course. They also look forward to traveling the country in the years ahead to take in the numerous sights they have yet to see.

**Jim Landis**

“I never had any intention of going to college after high school,” expressed Jim Landis ‘60, “but my time at Wesley proved to me that I could do the work that was put out for me to do.” With this lesson learned, Landis graduated from Wesley Junior College and continued with another year of school at American University. After securing a job in the financial sector in Wilmington, Delaware, he married his long-time high school sweetheart in September 1962.

Landis joined the Delaware Air National Guard during the draft a year later and spent 26 years as a part-time aeromedical evacuation technician until retiring from the Guard in 1989. In addition to his part-time role, he worked in the financial industry in various positions, such as credit and collection manager, mortgage banker and real estate appraiser, until October 1973 when he joined K&D, Inc., a local insurance firm in Wilmington.

“My time and experience [at Wesley] helped me in my insurance business as far as taking courses and passing required tests which led to several professional designations..."
I received,” Landis noted. He began his work in the firm as a producer and finished his career as a partner up until his retirement in 2009. “It turned out to be the best job I could ever find.”

He and his wife, who celebrated their 48th wedding anniversary in September, have two children, Barbara and James, and each has two daughters. In addition to enjoying time with their grandchildren, the couple enjoys boating, golfing or skiing when not attending to their retirement investment, a Christmas tree farm off Route 5 in Sussex County, Delaware. “In our early years of marriage when our kids were small, we would make an annual visit to a local Christmas tree farm. We always had so much fun that we thought having a Christmas tree farm would be a neat retirement project,” he said.

Living in Delaware, Landis enjoys the benefit of seeing the College as he drives by on occasion, and reading about Wesley graduates and their achievements in Wesley magazine, the newspaper or on the news. The 50th reunion of his class has spurred him to appreciate even more his own Wesley education. “We seem to always look for instant gratification and just don’t stop to reflect on past life experiences that have gotten us to the point of that all important decision.”

Joan (Lefever) Bennett

While growing up on a dairy farm in Nottingham, Pennsylvania, Joan (Lefever) Bennett ’60 hoped to go to school to learn about horticulture and designing flower gardens but found that there were no opportunities at nearby schools to follow her dreams. “When I learned about Wesley and the special programs it had to offer, there was no looking back,” she recalled. After graduating from the College, she stayed in Dover for a year while working for the Bank of Delaware in its stocks and bonds department. There she got a “first taste of being on my own and becoming a part of the business world.”

Armed with an Associate of Arts degree and some valuable work experience, Bennett moved to Washington D.C. in 1961 and entered night school at George Washington University, eventually earning a bachelor’s degree in psychology. While attending school, she worked at Executive Interiors, an office furniture showroom, where she worked with many decorators who designed the city’s offices and hotels. While working there she met Richard Vigueire, who helped her to become familiar with Young Americans for Freedom, “a small political organization with a strong college chapter program.”

She worked within the organization, learning how to produce direct mail fundraising for political campaigns, museums and monuments. “It all centered around advertising, marketing and creating donor mailing lists which is where I am today at Atlantic Mailing Lists in Arlington, Virginia,” Bennett explained. She noted that Wesley influenced her in many aspects of her life, including when she “joined and became a board member of the Direct Marketing Association of Washington (DMAW) Educational Foundation with its goal to educate and inspire college students to enter the field of direct and interactive marketing.”

While working in D.C., Bennett met her husband John, a member of the Metropolitan Police Department, and the couple made their home in Annapolis, Maryland and have been “on the water ever since.” In addition to enjoying coastal life at their home, Bennett spends her free time gardening and going to auctions for decorating pieces. “I enjoy organizing events promoting DMAW to college students in the mid-Atlantic region,” she added.

One of Bennett’s fondest memories at Wesley was being one of six students who, dressed in their white dresses, would drive to a church in New Jersey to represent Wesley at its Sunday supper. It was “a memorable event that summed up what the Wesley experience was all about,” said Bennett. She also enjoyed the chance to be one of the first disc jockeys for WSLY, the Wesley radio station on campus, and having her own show, called “Soothing Sounds of WSLY,” broadcasted evenings during the week.

“My two years at Wesley opened the door to opportunities I would never have realized, both academically and personally,” Bennett expressed. “There’s a special nature of a Wesley education and those who make it happen, for which I’m very grateful.” She continued, “I’m sure that my classmates share that feeling.”

Clarence Martin

An Air Force veteran who served eight years as a sergeant in administration, Clarence Martin ’60 found Wesley College to be a place to “continue becoming a more knowledgeable person.” Upon his graduation in 1960, he enrolled in West Chester University where he received his bachelor’s of education in biology, English and health in 1963.

Martin’s educational journey didn’t stop there, as he continued his studies to receive a master’s of education in social ...
Jane (Kearney) MacDonald

“It was always my hope to return to Wesley one day and give back some of the rich experiences I received as a student,” explained Jane (Kearney) MacDonald ’60 as she described her continuing connection with the College. After graduating from Wesley, MacDonald enrolled at Towson University, earning a bachelor’s degree in elementary education. She went on to complete graduate work at Loyola University. “Most of my career was spent teaching first grade and raising a family,” she explained.

She married Bob MacDonald in 1979 and together they shared three sons, Bobby, Kenneth and Ronald, and a daughter Jaquelyn. After teaching for 37 years, MacDonald retired from the Tome School in Cecil County, Maryland and has stayed active in volunteer activities. When she is not volunteering with her church or other committees or having family time, she and Bob enjoy traveling.

For the past 10 years, MacDonald has served on Wesley’s Alumni Association Board of Directors. She and Bob return to campus several times a year to participate in board activities and other College events. “We love attending social functions at Wesley such as Homecoming, Founder’s Day, graduations or just helping with fundraisers on campus,” she said. MacDonald described her current affiliation with the College as a way to keep that connection with the Wesley family that she discovered when she first attended the school. She noted that the “administration, staff and students worked closely together” while she was there and that it is gratifying to visit campus regularly to see “that same relationship on a much larger scale.”

MacDonald, along with Martin and Bill Hufnal ’60, served as class volunteers and began in the spring promoting the reunion and encouraging fellow alumni to return. “When I volunteered as a reunion contact to call my classmates, I did not realize how rewarding it would be. Sharing stories from the past and catching up to the present day was such a pleasure. What a revelation to know the telephone is still there giving a personal touch to communicating! I found this was a great way to reach out and encourage fellow classmates to return,” said MacDonald.

Through their contacts, the three of them were able to renew old friendships and their efforts resulted in a good showing of alumni at their 50th reunion. All of the attendees had a wonderful time revisiting their alma mater and reuniting with Wesley friends over Homecoming Weekend. With special seating and recognition at the All Class Reunion Dinner, members of the group were individually named and given a 50th reunion gift from the College. In addition, the alumni from Class of 1960 were the honored guests at Sunday’s Golden Grads Brunch, during which they were officially inducted into the Golden Grads Circle by President Johnston and given a commemorative lapel pin. The attendees especially enjoyed the opportunity to share memories of their Wesley days and to catch up with one another throughout the weekend.

Since class volunteers and personal contact are critical ingredients to any reunion, the College welcomes involvement from other Wesley alumni to get an early start for their own upcoming class reunions. For information on getting involved in a future reunion for your class or group, please contact Director of Alumni Affairs Amanda Downes at downesam@wesley.edu or 302-736-2318.
More than 800 participants, including the Class of 2014, came together as part of the largest clean-up project that the City of Dover has ever seen.
Through the 123=ABC community service event, participants weeded, painted, planted, rebuilt and cleaned to beautify the local community.

A Part of the Equation

BY ABIGAIL HILL ’12

On August 21, faculty, staff, community leaders and students gathered with gloves, brushes and hammers in hand. More than 800 participants in total came together at the Wesley campus preceding the largest clean-up project that the City of Dover has ever seen. Partnering with the Dover Housing Authority (DHA), Central Delaware Habitat for Humanity (CDHFH), City of Dover and the Office of the Honorable Senator Tom Carper, Wesley incorporated the community service project into its New Student Orientation programming. The Class of 2014 took to the streets, starting their college experience by giving back to their new community.

The 123-ABC event was a one-day project focusing on improving curb appeal and streetscape within the downtown Dover area. From 8:30 a.m. until 3 p.m., participants weeded, painted, planted, rebuilt and cleaned to beautify the local community and give City of Dover residents pride in their homes and neighborhood. The efforts focused on a 20 block radius including the City of Dover/Carper Homeownership Program Target Area, from Loockerman Street north to Mary Street to Governors Avenue west to West Street. During the summer, local residents had a chance to apply for the project and nearly 25 homeowners put their homes on the list for maintenance.

“It takes a community to maintain a community,” explained Jocelyn McBride, executive director of the CDHFH.

Members of the Wesley College family made up the bulk of the clean-up crew with a whopping 720 participants consisting of 600 incoming freshmen as well as student-athletes back on
campus for preseason training, faculty and staff. It was the initial hope of Mary-Alice Ozchoski, dean of students, that in integrating the event into the College’s Orientation, it would allow students “to understand a little bit more about the City of Dover and inspire them during their four years at Wesley College to give back.”

With registration starting at 7 a.m. in the Dashiell Amphitheatre, event organizers spent the early morning hours preparing last minute details before the hundreds of volunteers showed up. Everyone was given a “goodie bucket” courtesy of DHA. These were full of local information, coupons for area businesses and prizes donated by sponsors. T-shirts designed by Wesley students were also handed out at registration to all the volunteers. The shirts featured the 123=ABC event name and a custom logo illustrating a group of people holding hands in a circle with the words “Be Part of the Equation.” “It was all about making sure our volunteers were taken care of and appreciated,” explained Ami Sebastian-Hauer, executive director of the DHA.

President Bill Johnston provided welcoming remarks, along with Senator Carper and various community and event leaders. After gathering their maps and assignments, the throng of volunteers dispersed like a swarm of worker bees throughout the surrounding neighborhood. Split into morning and afternoon shifts, crews of 10 to 15 individuals tended to specific sites and projects with a singular mission.

The groups were project specific, varying in size based on the task at hand. Some project sites called for general contractors provided by the CDHFH. The Dover Police Department was also involved in the 123=ABC event, heading up teams and adding extra security in the streets to secure safety and provide directions if needed. Within the 20 block radius, water stops, port-a-potties and dumpsters were set up, courtesy of the City of Dover and other event partners. Back at the Wesley campus, a first aid station was available and an EMT was on call. With every detail well coordinated, the event proceeded smoothly.

Each group had a lead volunteer, either a faculty or staff member, upperclassman orientation leader, resident assistant or a community leader, who was in charge of project supplies, assigning individual tasks and supervising the site. “An important part was for our students to see staff and faculty helping in a different environment, not in a classroom or an office, but for students to see them as real people lending a hand just like them,” expressed Ozchoski.

Included in the 123=ABC event were general revitalization tasks, such as painting curbs, cutting back overgrown vegetation, cleaning up litter around the streets, and sprucing up two neighborhood playgrounds and a daycare center. In addition, volunteer groups completed projects at 25 home sites, such as building a wheelchair ramp, re-screening front porches, painting, repairing trim around windows and doors, power washing siding, repairing gutters, replacing stairs, planting shrubs and picking up trash. The event catered to property owners who had applied for assistance, many of whom were elderly or unable to complete the tasks on their own. However, there were no specific criteria keeping
any community member from getting a little help from the 123=ABC event.

“Dover is our home,” Ozechoski said. “There are some beautiful homes and some beautiful spaces that we are all aware of, but there are some places really very close to our campus that need our help. Unlike other local institutions, it is right in our back yard.”

As the event wrapped up in the late afternoon, all the volunteers trickled back to Wesley’s campus to enjoy a barbeque dinner celebration hosted by Aramark Dining Services. In addition to plentiful food, this included live music and information on other community volunteer programs. Wesley administrators hope to use the event as a springboard to give students a feel for community service and then offer plentiful opportunities for them to continue to stay involved.

“I think that the expectation is that, of the four colleges in Dover, Wesley becomes an institution whose hallmark is service, because we are church related, because we are residential and frankly, because of where we sit in Dover we have a commitment to our community and to people less fortunate than our students,” explained Ozechoski.

It was only through months of hard work and successful collaboration that a project of this magnitude was even possible. From the College, Ozechoski and the Student Life staff as well as the new Director of Spiritual Life and Community Engagement Erica Brown made up the driving force behind the 123=ABC event planning. CDHFH also played a tremendous role in the plans, covering logistics, the coordinating of projects and the gathering of supervisors. DHA contributed significantly to the efforts by gathering requests for community projects from local residents and assessing the work, and recruiting event sponsors. All organizations involved provided volunteers and were indispensable partners in the formation of the event.

In addition to the planning and labor needed to pull off such a large-scale project, monetary and in-kind donations were necessary to the success of 123=ABC. One of the biggest contributors was Lowe’s, which donated a majority of the project supplies and volunteer equipment such as construction gloves, hats and tools. Walmart Distribution Center provided a donation of mulch and top soil. WSFS and Citizens Bank, among other area banks, contributed both monetary gifts as well as volunteers for the event, as did downtown merchants, Senator Carper, Representative Darryl Scott and Mrs. Carla Markell, wife of Delaware Governor Jack Markell. Other local non-profit groups, including Downtown Dover Partnership and House of Pride, joined in to help get the project underway.

“What we are doing is the start of a revitalization project, and I am hoping that it will spur some kind of community improvement and property improvement within the owners and the landlords so that they start to realize in order to draw people downtown and to move into that area, it needs curb appeal and streetscape to change the atmosphere,” said Sebastian-Hauer.

A true group effort, the 123=ABC event has proven to the City of Dover that a strong community effort can change the streetscape for the better. At the same time, there also is a need for ongoing work to keep the neighborhoods clean and attractive. With this first-time event considered to be a success by all accounts, it may become an annual event for the Dover community.

The event also reinforced the idea, both to the College’s students and local residents, that Wesley is a key community player. “The experience helped me to realize that no matter how small the change, whether it be painting a fence or weeding a garden, that small changes are the best way to start making a big difference,” expressed freshman Brittany Blackston of Dover.

Immersing themselves in community service and getting their hands dirty in the process, the newest members of the College community quickly became “part of the equation” as the event’s tagline suggested. Ozechoski added, “I hope it starts a notion that when you come to Wesley College, part of being here is doing community service. It’s a piece of who we are.”
SHORTLY AFTER ARRIVING for football camp in the summer of 1990, freshman defensive end Chris Furrule ’94 found himself sitting in his dorm room with an injury wondering what he was doing there. “Why not just go home and enjoy the rest of the summer?” he thought. At that moment, Coach O’Neil burst through his door and told him to get back to practice. What was probably the scariest pep talk Furrule had ever encountered he later described as “the best thing that ever happened to me.” He returned to practices with the football team and quickly began to realize that Wesley College was the right place for him. Before long he got to know his fellow students and sparked numerous friendships that remain strong today.

If it had not been for the encouragement and support of his coaches, Furrule might have given up on college before he even started his first semester. Head Coach Mike Drass took the time to get him enrolled in the work-study program. “Coach Drass definitely looked after me, took care of me, and we had a great relationship. He was that father figure on campus,” said Furrule.

But the extra support did not stop with the head coach alone. Coach Chip Knapp helped Furrule find work over the summer with Children’s Choice. “That was great because I got to be a big brother to a lot of younger kids and having that job was a big help financially,” he said. The relationships he had with his coaches were invaluable whenever he was going through a challenging experience or having doubts. He added, “And this continued long after I graduated.”

In his football career at Wesley, Furrule was named All-American, All-Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) and the Wolverines’ Most Improved Player and Defensive Player of the Year in 1993. He was the all-time leader in career quarterback sacks when he graduated and still ranks in Wesley’s top five. Furrule was the only defensive lineman at the time to have had a sack, interception, tackle for a
loss and fumble recovery in the same game and was even mentioned in *Sports Illustrated* for having done so.

In recognition of his many gridiron achievements, Furrule was inducted last fall into the Wesley College Athletic Hall of Fame, which he considers “a huge honor.” He remarks how far the football program has come since his days on the field. “They were ranked number three this year—unbelievable. My first year we had the longest losing streak in the history of football. I think 0-33 or something,” said Furrule. “To see where [Wesley] football is today is exciting. I always like to say we started the new trend, because we were the first team to have a .500 winning record.”

Off the field, Furrule credits professors Tom Sturgis and Lorena Stone for coaching him in the classroom, where he made the Dean’s List. “They were two people that spent a lot of time with me and got me through the tough times academically,” he said. While studying elementary education at Wesley, Furrule had hoped to become a teacher and coach.

At the top of his list of college highlights, Furrule cites the sense of family that Wesley provided and the opportunity to make lifelong friends. The most significant of these was Dawn (Flanagan) Furrule ’92, whom he married shortly after graduation. “The best part is that I met my wife there. I dated her the entire time I was at Wesley. She was a year older but she ended up staying with me the year after she graduated.”

Today the couple lives in New Jersey with their three children—Jake (14), Alexis (10) and McKenzie (7). They are very active parents, attending almost all of their children’s activities including basketball, soccer, softball and dance recitals. Furrule even lends his time to coaching his daughters’ teams. Their eldest son Jake has autism, and although it creates an added challenge to parenthood, Furrule treasures his role to his family. “Being a father is fun. I enjoy every minute.” He and his son share a love for sports and they can normally be found watching a game together. In support of Jake and other children with autism, Furrule is creating an event called “Jogging for Jake,” a run/walk for autism in partnership with the South Jersey chapter of the Variety Club. All proceeds from the event, planned for April 2011, will go to the charity’s autism department.

A few years after leaving Wesley, Furrule decided to make a career switch. He was still interested in educating others, but through a different platform other than a classroom.

Now as the president of Creative Financial Group of New Jersey, he enlightens adults on their best investments and financial options for protecting their families and gains much fulfillment from his work. “It’s the satisfaction you get when you’ve helped someone retire and be financially stable, when you’ve helped them invest their money properly and they thank you for it, when we give our clients the peace of mind that when they pass, surviving family will be able to take care of themselves.”

Regarded as one of the top firms in Monmouth County, his company was featured in *Forbes* magazine in August. “It’s about the largest thing that has ever happened to us,” he said.

In addition to truly enjoying the financial planning industry, Furrule also gains a strong sense of satisfaction as a business owner and leader. “There are so many people that come to work for me, and whether they are young kids right out of school or they are career changers, I love to watch their careers grow and I take pride in the success of us all,” he said.

He still lives by the idea of building an extended family, and his giving spirit reaches beyond the office walls as well. Around the holidays, his team supports five families by providing their Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners as well as toys for the children. He and his colleagues also volunteer at a local nursing home on Tuesdays. The Mental Health Association of Monmouth County, one of the largest charities that Creative Financial Group supports, recently presented Furrule with its Philanthropy Award. “To win that award this year was really big for us. We put a lot of time into giving back to the community.”

Furrule considers himself lucky, not only to have a very supportive wife and three wonderful children, but also to have held onto the many friendships that began back in his Wesley College days. The same coaches who would not let him give up as a student call him and his friends back together every year, keeping the Wesley football family together. He and his fellow Wolverines still talk on a regular basis and have shared experiences as their kids have grown up together. Furrule says many have been there to help him start up what is now a successful business. “We all kept the friendships going, but a lot of it is because of the coaches and how they keep everybody together and constantly keep us in contact with one another.”

Reflecting back on the turning point he faced on that day in his dorm room 20 years ago, Furrule now realizes how a coach and mentor can make all the difference in how your life will turn out. “I’m happy and proud that I went to Wesley. I probably wouldn’t be here or as happily married if I went someplace else. I never would have gotten this life. I never would have met these great friends, and I probably wouldn’t be in this career. Wesley helped all that happen.”
Keep the Class Notes Coming!

Dear alumni,

Based on feedback over the years and the results thus far of the readership survey, we know you love Class Notes and seeing photos and news from your Wesley friends. The important moments and successes in your life are equally important to all of us here at the College. We are finding that fewer Class Notes are being submitted yet we know our alumni are staying busy with activities, raising families, getting together with one another, and making their mark in the world personally and professionally...and we want to share the news!

To continue the tradition of including Class Notes in Wesley magazine, WE NEED YOUR PARTICIPATION! Please remember to share with Wesley and your fellow alumni your wedding and baby announcements, career changes, moves or any general updates or notes to classmates, and remind your Wesley friends to do the same. It’s easy to submit online at weare.wesley.edu/classnotes or via mail by completing the form on the enclosed envelope in this and every issue. Or write to us at any time through the mail or email address listed below. Also, if you know of others who attended Wesley and are missing out on either the print or online Wesley magazine, chances are we no longer have a valid address or email for them on record, so please encourage them to update their profile online or contact us.

Thank you for your continued interest and involvement in Wesley College. We look forward to hearing from and staying in touch with all of you!

Warm regards,

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Class Notes c/o Alumni Affairs
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Among the nearly 40 Wesley alumni who attended the sold-out Phillies game event on August 7 were many recent graduates. Front row, from left: Melissa Pepe ’06, Lance White ’09, Dave Primavera, Colleen McElwee ’09 and Allison Moran ’09. Back row, from left: Alyssa Aiello ’09, Francesca Levantis ’09, Kelle Search ’09 and Jennifer Search.

Frances (Stubbs) Conley writes, “Enjoyed our luncheon meeting with other ‘Golden Graduates’ at the home of President Bill Johnston on May 2. This is the 65th reunion for the Class of 1945 and the second class to graduate from Wesley Junior College. It was exciting to see my grandson Jamie Conley graduate from Wesley in 2001. I’m so proud that all nine of my grandchildren have attended college. Now I am the proud great-grandmother of seven, from the ages of eight years to nine months.”

Barbara Harris reports, “I lost one of my four sons, age 44, to lung cancer. We surely miss him. He and his wife blessed me with three grandchildren – Zachary (11), Abbigail (9) and Wyatt (5). My three sons and their wives are doing well and altogether I have seven more grandchildren and four great-grandchildren – kind of keeps me busy around Christmas and holidays. I’m doing a lot of volunteerism at Meals on Wheels, taking neighbors to doctors’ appointments and working at Carroll County Hospital at the front desk – I love this; meeting new grandparents and such.”

Robert “Bob” Warren writes, “Hello to 1971 graduates. I would love to hear from anyone, especially the guys from the 1969-1970 and 1970-1971 wrestling teams. I recently retired as SVP of RiverStone Resources, a specialty insurance company based in Manchester, New Hampshire. I am currently splitting my time between homes in Fountain Hills, Arizona and Oceanside, California while doing some traveling with my wife Penny, entertaining the grandkids, doing some recreational flying and playing the odd round of golf!”

Sharon M. Mills-Wisneski PhD, RN ’77/’85 is moving back to the east coast after living in the midwest for the last six years. She was a post doctoral research fellow at the University of Michigan-School of Nursing Women’s Health Disparities program for three years, spent three years at Oakland University as an assistant professor and is now relocating to the University of Massachusetts-Amherst School of Nursing, located in Amherst, Massachusetts. She writes, “Looking forward to being back on the east coast. A big hello to the Department of Nursing at Wesley.”

The Ohio Academic Advising Association recently bestowed their annual Advising Excellence Award on Kevin Smith at its annual conference in Columbus, Ohio.

Bruce McFarland recently released his latest compact disc, “One Way Ticket,” on the Green Grape label. It is now available at iTunes.com and Bruce’s website at www.brucemcfarland05.com. “One Way Ticket” contains seven songs written by Bruce and features performances by Eric Bazilian (from the Hooters), Tom Adams (pianist for Bette Midler), Jimmy Young (recording drummer for many, including Frank Sinatra), and was arranged, conducted and produced by Louis deLise (arranger and conductor for Patti LaBelle).

In an effort to be more cost-efficient and green, the College has begun reducing numbers of print event invitations via U.S. mail, only sending to segments of alumni within a small radius of the event location. However, we welcome all Wesley alumni at events, which are posted online at weare.wesley.edu/events and announced through our alumni newsletter via email. Please make sure we have your current email address so you can be on the lookout for details on upcoming Wesley alumni activities in which to participate!
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Thank you in advance for your participation to help make Wesley even better.

Best regards,

Leigh Ann Coleman
Managing Editor

IN MEMORIAM
Harry Pearce ’55
Nancy Kudlik Stock ’55
Helena C. Macintire ’61
Robert Oehler ’62

Matt Lindell ’03/’05 and Jennifer Wutka were married on July 10 at Asbury Methodist Church in Smyrna, Delaware and the reception was held at The Outlook at Duncan Center in Dover. Jenn is a special education math and biology teacher at Smyrna High School and Matt is a social studies teacher employed at Dover High School. The couple spent a week in San Francisco and two weeks in Lake Tahoe for their honeymoon.

Destiny (Kerstetter) Paquette and Michael Paquette are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Eleanor Kerstetter Paquette, on Saturday, April 3 at 6:52 a.m. with husband Michael and daughter Eleanor

Ashley Stubbs and Alex Thompson are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Drue Kinley Thompson. Born on June 1, Drue was 7 lbs., 4 oz. and was 19½ inches long.

Christyn Denise Haye was born to Lauren Duncan and Don Haye on November 19, 2009. She weighed 7 lbs., 3 oz.

Robert Gordy surprised Amanda Jackson ‘09 with a public proposal on February 23 at the Garlic Restaurant, where the couple was vacationing in Daytona Beach, Florida. The two met at Wesley College four years ago and have been together ever since. They currently reside in Dover, where Amanda is attending Delaware State University for her master’s in social work and Robert is a skilled painter at Hirsh Industries. They are planning a spring 2012 wedding.

Robert Gordy and Amanda Jackson
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NCAA ELITE  After the regular lacrosse season, Brooke Bennett capped a stellar career with her fourth career All-Conference nod after earning a place on the All-Capital Athletic Conference (CAC) Second Team.

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It took 10 innings, but Bryan Reshetar (Newark, Del./Hodgson Vo-Tech) looped an 0-2 pitch over the infield to give the Wesley College baseball team the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Division III South Baseball Championship.

The base knock ended an 11-year title drought for the Wolverines, who finished the year 29-13, one win short of the school record. After starting the year just 3-4, the Wesley team won its last 11 games and 26 of its final 35 games to finish second in the highly competitive Capital Athletic Conference (CAC).

Reshetar’s game-winning hit earned him the Most Valuable Player trophy in the ECAC Tournament, but that was far from the only accolade won by a Wolverine. Kevin Murphy (Middletown, Md./Middletown) and Grant Morlock (Bel Air, Md./Fallston) became the team’s first American Baseball Coaches Association All-South Region honorees. The duo was joined by Rob Benedict (Drexel Hill, Pa./Monsignor Bonner) and Kyle McGuire (Hartly, Del./Polytech) on the All-CAC squads.

The baseball team proved to be perhaps the best offensive squad in school history. Six single season records fell and six career marks were broken or tied during the year. Murphy and Benedict both broke the single season hit mark with Murphy’s 71 setting the new standard. He also held off a teammate in runs batted in, as both he and Tyler Burns (Dover, Del./Dover) passed the old record and Murphy ended up with 63-55 on the year. Reshetar had six triples on the season, and his 34 walks would be a school record, if not for Burns’ 41 on the year. Finally, Murphy and Morlock each passed the total bases season mark, with Murphy holding the record at 108.

Careerwise, Morlock set four career marks and tied two others. The third baseman finished his career as Wesley’s all-time leader in games played (160), runs scored (187), hits (198) and walks (112), while tying the records for triples (11) and runs batted in (130).

With one season left to play, Murphy sits tied with Morlock atop the RBI leader board. Murphy closed the year with an impressive 31-game hitting streak and a .408 batting average, making him the first Wolverine to hit .400 since Chris Chaffinch’s record-setting .474 in 2002.

On the mound, freshman Michael Bazoge (Medford, N.Y./Patchogue-Medford) tied the school’s single season start record, taking the hill as a starter 12 times. He gave Wesley a solid second starter after 2009 CAC Rookie of the Year DJ Keckler (Fallston, Md./Fallston), while Ryan Doran (Bensalem, Pa./Bensalem) and McGuire combined to go 14-2 to further bolster the staff.
The baseball team was not the only team to turn in a strong spring, as the golf team kept up its tradition of excellence, finishing the year ranked No. 25 in the Golf World/Nike Division III Coaches Top 25. The golfers also returned to the winners’ circle at the Capital Athletic Conference (CAC) Golf Championships after finishing second a year ago. It was the Wolverines’ 11th conference title in the past 12 years.

Wesley also produced multiple award winners and All-Conference selections on the way to the CAC crown. Senior Chris Osberg (Amherst, Va./Amherst) was chosen as a PING All-American and All-Mid-Atlantic Region after tying for the CAC Tournament Championship and sharing the Conference Player of the Year award. Freshman Robert Ehrhardt (Mechanicsville, Md./Chopticon) was named to the PING All-Freshman Team and was chosen All-Region while classmate Clayton Bunting (Georgetown, Del./Sussex Tech) was named the CAC Rookie of the Year. Despite missing the CAC Championship, fellow freshman Alec Kessler (Waynesboro, Pa./Waynesboro Area) earned the third All-Region honors for the Wolverines. Head Coach Rick McCall was chosen as both the CAC and Mid-Atlantic Coach of the Year.

After the Wolverine golf team started the year off slowly, it finished strong, ending up in the top three in each of its final five tournaments, including wins at Gettysburg, McDaniel, the District II Mid-Atlantic Regional and the CAC Championship.

Wesley also dominated among CAC scoring leaders, producing six of the circuit’s top 10 golfers. Osberg, Ehrhardt, Jeff Owsik (Bryn Mawr, Pa./Archbishop Carroll) and Kessler finished second through fifth, respectively, with Robert Zimmerer (Franklin, N.J./Wallkill Valley) ranking seventh and Bunting ranking 10th.

The women’s lacrosse team improved to eight wins in 2010, the second most in school history. After a season opening loss, the team won three games straight, outscoring the opposition 45-12 over that span under new Head Coach Debbie Windett.

After the season, Brooke Bennett (Milton, Del./Cape Henlopen) capped a stellar career with her fourth career All-Conference nod after earning a place on the All-Capital Athletic Conference (CAC) Second Team. She shattered the Wolverines’ career record for ground balls, finishing with 227, over 40 more than any other player in school history. She finished second all-time at Wesley in caused turnovers. Bennett also scored a career-high 13 goals as a senior.

While Bennett led the defense, the offense was a complete team effort, with 10 players finishing with double-digit points and no player having more than 33 points. Sophomore Alyssa Prudente (Hereford, Md./Hereford) emerged to lead the team with 33 points on 27 goals and six assists, while newcomer Jen Jacobs (Aberdeen, Md./Aberdeen) paced the squad with 28 goals and sophomore Mia Brocco (West Deptford, N.J./West Deptford) dished out a team-high nine assists. The balanced scoring led the team to a school record 187 goals on the year.
The women’s track & field team turned in its best season in the program’s brief history at the Division III level. Sharis Allen (Dover, Del./Caesar Rodney) became the first Wolverine to earn All-Capital Athletic Conference (CAC) honors after finishing second at the CAC Championships in the 100-meter hurdles. Allen also was named the CAC Athlete of the Week twice, while fellow freshman Jessica Curry-Keith (Claymont, Del./Harriton {Pa.}) won the honor once as well. By winning the award three times, Wesley claimed more weekly conference honors than any other CAC squad.

The Wolverines also earned a total of 10 honors from the Mason Dixon Conference. Allen earned another nod in the 100 hurdles, while Tristin Burris (Camden, Del./Polytech) earned All-Mason Dixon in the 400-meter hurdles. The 4x100-meter relay team of Allen, Twila McCrea (Laurel, Del./Laurel), Curry-Keith and Jennifer Parave (Bridgeton, N.J./Woodstown) earned All-Conference honors, as well as the 4x400-meter team of Allen, Burris, McCrea and Parave. In addition, the women’s team set nine new school records during both the indoor and outdoor seasons.

The men’s track & field team earned five All-CAC honors and six All-Mason Dixon accolades. Chris Donisi (Woodbury, N.J./West Deptford) was named All-Conference in both leagues in the long jump, as was the Wolverines’ 4x100-meter relay. At the CAC Championships, Ellis Gibbs (Boothwyn, Pa./Chichester), Wendell Hill (Newark, Del./St. Marks), Peter Williams (Smyrna, Del./Smyrna) and Matthew Robertson (Tabernacle, N.J./Seneca) formed the 4x100-meter team, while Joseph Perez (Bronx, N.Y./Academy of Environmental Sciences) and Frank Buffa (Phoenixville, Pa./Owen J. Roberts) replaced Hill and Williams at the Mason Dixons. Buffa earned a second All-Mason Dixon honor in the 400-meter hurdles, while Travis Douglas (Vineland, N.J./Vineland) earned accolades in the discus.

The 2010 team was the deepest since the program was reestablished, breaking 13 school records during the indoor and outdoor seasons under Head Coach Steve Pickering.

After tying the school record with 11 wins in 2009 under Head Coach Bill Gorrow, the men’s lacrosse program took a step back, losing that many in 2010. Wesley played every opponent tough however, with seven of the losses by four goals or less.

After the season, Jack Skeels (Roseland, N.J./West Essex) was named the Capital Athletic Conference (CAC) Rookie of the Year and Nick Pisacano (Kings Park, N.Y./Kings Park) was chosen to the All-CAC Second Team. Pisacano was joined by several of his fellow seniors among the Wolverines’ all-time leading scorers. Dan Skeels (Roseland, N.J./West Essex) became just the fourth player in school history to top 100 goals and finished with 119. Pisacano ranks sixth in the record book with 83 scores and Brad Smith (Glen Burnie, Md./Old Mill) is ninth with 75. On defense, Jimmy Colliflower (Westminster, Md./Westminster) emerged as the squad’s top defender, pacing the team with 28 caused turnovers and picking up 50 ground balls.
TENNIS
New Coach, New Vision

Both the men’s and women’s tennis teams enjoyed a resurgence this year under new Head Coach Kelley Cole. The men’s team needed four tie break victories against St. Mary’s (Md.) in the team’s third match of the year to break a 15-match losing streak and pick up the program’s first Capital Athletic Conference (CAC) victory since joining the conference in 2008. That victory triggered a three-match win streak and a stretch in which the team won four of five matches. Ending the year with a 4-5 record, the most wins for Wesley men’s tennis in six years, the team earned its first-ever bid to the CAC Tournament.

Senior Rebecca Pennington (Earlville, Md./Bohemia Manor) was named to the All-CAC Second Team in singles play, giving the team its first singles All-Conference player since 2002. The men’s team also improved, winning twice on the year, despite an injury-riddled roster. A 9-0 win over Rosemont in the second match of the year broke the men’s team’s 13-match skid. Seniors Ryan Fish (Eastampton, N.J./Rancocas Valley) and Mickey DeSouza (Beverly, N.J./Palmyra) anchored the top two singles spots and provided leadership to an otherwise youthful squad.

Rebecca Pennington

SOFTBALL
Highs and Lows

The softball team rebounded from an extremely competitive schedule over spring break to win four straight games in the middle of the season, but finished the year with just six wins. During the four-game win streak, catcher Kelly Karle (Baltimore, Md./Mercy) reached base in 14 straight at bats, one of the longest streaks in Division III during 2010.

Karle finished with a team-high .317 batting average, while Burris also topped the .300 mark at .308 and drove in a team-high 22 runs. Inside the pitching circle, Taylor Hendricks (Havre de Grace, Md./Havre de Grace) was credited with four of the team’s six wins for first year Head Coach Gerry Szabo.

Kelly Karle

CONGRATULATIONS

During the summer, the Capital Athletic Conference (CAC) announced that a school-record 81 Wolverine student-athletes were named to the conference’s All-Academic Team. In addition, 25 Wesley football student-athletes made the Atlantic Central Football Conference (ACFC) All-Academic Team.
IN EARLY AUGUST the Wesley men’s and women’s soccer teams were fortunate enough to travel to the United Kingdom. In addition to touring England and Scotland and gaining the benefits of travel abroad, the student-athletes got to experience the playing styles of various UK teams while engaging in some friendly matches.

The two teams arrived at Heathrow Airport on August 3. The first part of their journey sent them to Sterling University in Scotland, where over 80 teams gathered for a soccer festival. The Wolverines toured the cities of Glasgow and Edinburgh, hitting sites such as the Kevingrove Art Gallery and Museum and Edinburgh Castle.

The women’s team’s first game came against Sterling. Head Coach Ed Muntz expressed, “It might be the only time we will ever play with the Wallace Monument behind us and bagpipes playing during the entire soccer match.”

In addition to the sightseeing and soccer matches, the squads also took in a match between the Scottish League Glasgow Rangers and Newcastle United of the English Premier League before heading south to Chester, England. They took a day to explore historic Chester, including the Phoenix Tower and the Roman Gardens, before heading to Manchester. There they toured Manchester United Stadium and the team museum before finishing up their trip in Liverpool, where they took a tour of the Beatles Museum. Before heading home, the teams presented their tour guide for the trip with some Wesley soccer memorabilia including soccer balls signed by all the team members.

Both coaches consider the trip a worthwhile tradition they would like to continue with future teams. “It’s the fourth or fifth trip for me with the men’s team,” said Head Coach Steve Clark. “And I hope this group will, like many alumni who have had the chance to tour, look back at the experience with fond memories of the castles, events and good times with the teammates. It is wonderful to be able to expose our students to other cultures. Now we look forward to our fall season.”
WESLEY COLLEGE student-athlete Julia DeFelice was tragically killed on Friday, July 16 when she was struck by a minivan at the intersection of William Street and North Governors Avenue in Dover.

“Julia was an important part of the fabric of Wesley as a student, as an athlete and a member of our College community,” said President Bill Johnston. “It is a shock to lose her and we will miss her greatly. I am pleased to have had the opportunity to have known her and to have her attend Wesley.”

DeFelice, 20 years old, was one of the Wolverine soccer team’s all-time leading scorers entering her senior season. She was tied for 16th all-time at Wesley in goals, 17th in assists and 18th in total points. She was a starter in each of the past two seasons, including a sophomore year in 2008 in which she finished third on the club with 12 points (four goals and four assists). As a freshman, the Tinton Falls, New Jersey native helped lead Wesley to a school record-tying 12 victories. The Wolverines qualified for the Capital Athletic Conference postseason in two of her three seasons.

“Julia was an extraordinary student-athlete with so much passion for life and soccer,” said Women’s Soccer Head Coach Ed Muntz. “Julia’s commitment and dedication to Wesley College, the women’s soccer program, her past and current teammates will never be forgotten. We will always remember #10.”

To honor her memory, the College held a campus-wide service prior to the women’s soccer game vs. Neumann on September 4. Members of the campus community, family and friends gathered to remember the talented young woman. The Julia DeFelice Memorial Fund was established to perpetuate her spirit on campus. Individuals interested in making a contribution to her memorial fund should contact Chris Wood, vice president for institutional advancement, at chriswood@wesley.edu or (302) 736-2316.
Honor Roll of Donors

A VISION IS A POWERFUL THING! The writer of Proverbs reminds us that “Where there is no vision the people perish.” Wesley College is built upon a vision of transforming lives through the unique experience of higher education offered within the hallowed walls of this institution. For more than 137 years, students have graduated from this sacred place having been enriched and prepared for successful and meaningful lives. Is it any wonder that so many alumni, as well as friends in the region, choose to financially support an institution dedicated to such a worthy mission?

Between July 1, 2009 and June 30, 2010 (fiscal year 2010) the number of donors supporting Wesley increased more than 25 percent compared to the previous year. Each and every gift, regardless of the amount, is an important affirmation of the impact of this College. Each and every giver is a partner in our mission to transform lives of students. On behalf of the students of Wesley College, please accept our sincere gratitude for your generosity.

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- Total cash gifts (unrestricted Annual Wesley Fund and restricted gifts) totaled $692,535, an increase of 21 percent over the previous year. Additional non-cash gifts to the College (categorized as “in-kind” gifts) totaled $45,723 compared to $47,636 in the previous year.
- $212,470 in cash gifts were contributed to the Annual Wesley Fund, the majority of which provides unrestricted gifts to the College for scholarship aid to students. This is an increase of 31 percent compared to Annual Wesley Fund cash contributions in the previous year.
- The average cash gift per donor was $449.90.
- Of the 1,539 gifts received this year from donors, 527 gifts were from first-time donors.
- Wesley alumni increased their total cash gifts by 31 percent over the previous year. Congratulations Wesley alums!

The newly-formed Wesley Society continues to grow. Comprised of individuals or organizations that contribute $1,000 or more on an annual basis, the Wesley Society began the year with 62 members. At the conclusion of the fiscal year, 125 individuals or organizations had stepped up to support Wesley through the Society, an increase of 101 percent. Wesley Society members, though representing only 8 percent of our donors, gave more than 40 percent of the financial gifts received in the fiscal year. Society members are essential partners to propel Wesley College to new heights!

Even in uncertain economic times, Wesley College is blessed with loyal donors committed to providing support to a new generation of students. Please accept a heartfelt “THANK YOU” for all your past and future support.

Best Wishes,

Chris A. Wood
Vice President for Institutional Advancement

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As a member of the Wesley faculty for 27 years, it is obvious that I support the mission and values of the institution and the Department of Nursing. Given that premise, being a member of the Wesley Society was not a difficult decision to make.

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