The Journey

By the time you receive this issue of Voices, the fall semester will be well underway. As I write this piece, we are all in expectation of that moment when returning students continue, and new students begin, their Benedictine journey. I once had the opportunity to work with Sr. Mary Andrew Matesich, former president of Ohio Dominican College (now University). Sr. Mary Andrew always insisted that the college’s major publications contain pictures of the Commencement ceremony. She insisted that the only reason the college existed was to graduate students imbued with knowledge gained in the classroom and the values inherent in a Catholic education.

While a great president, Sr. Mary Andrew was also a great teacher. I took her lesson into my own presidency and have always functioned under the mantra that the only reason Benedictine University exists is to graduate students full of knowledge gleaned in the classroom and associated activities, and imbued with the values inherent in a Catholic/Benedictine education. Benedictine University is not a destination, it is simply a “stopping place” on our student’s longer journey called life.

When students arrive—be they traditional undergraduates, adults, online students or Asian students studying in their home countries—they sometimes have anxiety and fears about this stage of their journey. Am I good enough? Can I succeed here? Is this the right place for me?

Something magical happens between the time a person enrolls and graduation. Self-confidence and ability swell, and Benedictine University becomes home. The feature in this issue of Voices celebrates the welcoming spirit of the University from the day students arrive here to the day we send them off at graduation as confident, educated individuals. It also reminds us of the strength of the Benedictine community, of which our graduates are lifetime members.

We completed six graduation ceremonies this year—two in Illinois and four in China/Vietnam. These graduates were confident they were good enough, that they had succeeded, and that Benedictine University was the right place for them. We see their success as our success. In the words of Mr. Spock, “May they live long and prosper.”

— William J. Carroll, President
Life has many stages. The college years are sometimes the most transformative of these stages because it is truly a time when young people blossom into adults. Their minds are being challenged and they are offered more freedoms and responsibilities. It is a time of LEARNING, EXPLORING, REASONING and sometimes, SOUL SEARCHING. College opens your eyes to NEW PEOPLE, CULTURES, RELIGIONS, IDEAS and FACTS. What each student does with this information is unique to them.

At Benedictine University, new students are welcomed into the traditions, values and history of a University rooted in a Catholic and Benedictine heritage. During their time here, they are asked to seek out their highest potential, their deepest kindness and their willingness to contribute to the greater good.

Our students are welcomed, then nurtured and challenged in mind, body and spirit. Their journey takes them through ACADEMICS, ATHLETICS, CLUBS, ORGANIZATIONS, VOLUNTEERISM and more. Through it all they are reminded and encouraged to seek out the best in themselves and others. Then when it’s time to graduate, they take with them into the world all they have learned and all they have been challenged to do and become. They are ready to continue their journey and to make a difference in each aspect of their lives.

After students graduate, we remind them that they will always be welcomed back to their college home. They will always be asked to live their highest potential, their deepest kindness and their willingness to contribute to the greater good. From the moment you step on campus, to graduation and beyond—you are connected here, you are needed here and you are wanted here. You will always be Benedictine.

Here’s a look at the journey’s beginning and end. 

Watch the “You Are Benedictine” video at www.ben.edu/YouAreBenedictine
Each fall, a new group of freshmen is welcomed into the Benedictine community. These students spend the first couple of days at their new college home participating in Welcome Weekend. They are encouraged to settle into their rooms, tour the campus, attend events and start familiarizing themselves with their higher education environment.

This year, an extra experience was introduced that is a tradition in the making—The Eagle Walk. The Eagle Walk welcomes new students into the Benedictine family. Representatives from our faculty, staff and alumni gather to welcome students into the community and share their excitement for the start of the school year. Forming a receiving line along Memorial Walkway, the new class passes through campus to cheers and congratulations, and then proceeds into the newly renovated Rice Center arena. This walk is symbolic of the walk they will make during commencement.

Once in the Rice Center, the students are greeted by the University president, vice president, the Alumni Association president and the president of Students Today, Alumni Tomorrow. Representatives from Athletics, including coaches and players, also participate in welcoming the newest members of the community. Topics include what it means to be “Ben,” educational financing, and the rich history of the University. Students are then treated to a pep rally to lift spirits and generate excitement.

Students reverse the walk and head back into the quad to enjoy the annual Alumni/Student Picnic. This gives them a chance to eat, play games, listen to music and get to know members of our alumni community.

This year, four lucky freshmen won backstage passes to meet the members of the Plain White T’s, who played at BenFest that evening. All the freshmen were given free tickets to watch this great concert.

This event truly demonstrates the welcoming Benedictine spirit. Welcome Class of 2015!
This year, BenFest played host to the Grammy Award-nominated band, The Plain White T’s. These local boys have made it big on an international scale, and they came home to the western suburbs to play part of their “Wonders of the Younger” tour at the Village of Lisle-Benedictine University Sports Complex. The crowd was big, with 2,328 tickets sold, and rocked to hits like “Hey There Delilah,” “1-2-3” and “The Rhythm of Love.” Before the concert, the crowd was greeted by Melissa McGurren from the Eric and Kathy radio show on 101.9 FM “The Mix.” The opening act, MiLow and the 2nd Generation Pilots, featured alumni Michael Segura, C11, and Rich Zemola, C11.

See video of the day at www.ben.edu/benfestvideo

See more pictures of BenFest activities, including the Eagle Walk, Alumni Picnic and concert at www.ben.edu/benfestpics
The crowd wasn’t the only one having a good time. The band talked to the crowd throughout the concert and said they were having the best time because it was like “an old-school concert” from when they were first starting out. They enjoyed the intimacy of the crowd (fans were invited to stand in front of the stage on the field for a more personal encounter), and the stands were close enough for all the fans to feel like they were being given a private concert. Lead singer Tom Higgenson even changed the words to “Hey There Delilah” to “Hey There Benedictine.” People left the concert feeling like they had really experienced something special.

Alumni Perspective on Staying Connected

“I had the time of my life when I was here. It’s just a great education. My dad went here in 1938 and I went here in 1973. My son, Sam, is going to school here now—and he’s carrying on a tradition—third generation. The first two years I went here it was St. Procopius College, and then it was IBC. I have two letters sweaters. It’s kind of neat to see how everything’s grown. I remember when I played football for the team. We had to come out and fix the bleachers and line the field before the game. Now I look at this facility and say, “Wow.” It’s beautiful. This place has really grown.

Why is it important for alumni to welcome the new freshman class? It shows the students what they can become later in life. I know what my education impressed on me and the Benedictine way has helped me all through my life.”

A.J. Rodino, C73

Watch the Welcome Weekend “Parent Goodbye” video at www.ben.edu/parentgoodbyes

See more pictures of commencement at www.ben.edu/gradpics
In Lisle, there were 1,445 graduates of the University this year, and more than 900 of them walked at the 118th Commencement Convocation on May 15 despite the stormy weather.

National political advisor and CNN regular Donna Brazile addressed the crowd with words of encouragement, helpful lessons and observations that could benefit them in their job search and in their lives. She rose from political activist and campaign worker to become the first African-American woman to run a presidential campaign. Brazile was chosen as the University’s commencement speaker because of her wide range of experience, her leadership of a presidential campaign and her broad national experience.

**Commencement | Lisle**

Procopian Award
Stefan Turcic II (Lisle)
Thomas J. Dyba Leadership Award
Earl Gerald Carlos (Ewa Beach, Hawaii)
Benedictine Service Award
Lori Puchalski (Orland Park)
Community Service Award
Ewelina Stachulak (Chicago)
Bishop Daniel Kucera, O.S.B., Award
Beth De Kruyff (Lisle)

Awards in Academic Honors
College of Business
Anne Gromer (South Elgin)
College of Education and Health Services
Caroline Ebeling (Naperville)
College of Liberal Arts
Sandy Kim (Bartlett)
College of Science
Jonathan Wesley Pollock (Hanover Park)
COMMENCEMENT SPEECH | 2011
Stefan Turcic, Biology, C11, PROCOPIAN AWARD WINNER

What makes Benedictine University a special and unique place? I think the answer can be summed up by one thing. We have what many other larger colleges lack: a strong sense of community. This is a campus where everyone is welcome, no matter who they are or where they come from. The small size of our campus is what allows us to be so united in all we do. Our college experience has not only taught us the knowledge of the universe, but it has also taught us the importance of incorporating the Benedictine values in our lives; values such as hospitality, living a life in balance and a search for God. Our Catholic and Benedictine tradition teaches us how to lead our daily lives. We, as graduates, must spread these Benedictine values wherever we go in the future.

The monks of St. Procopius Abbey have always been an integral part of the education of this Benedictine community. Whether it was called St. Procopius College, Illinois Benedictine College or Benedictine University, for almost 125 years the tradition of a liberal arts education has been a vital part of this institution. Today, Benedictine offers a hospitable environment for people of all faiths, backgrounds and beliefs to work together and create great things while maintaining our Catholic identity.

This is something that we should take pride in because we are leading the way on how a Catholic university of the future will look. Wouldn't it be wonderful if the world could learn a thing or two from this small liberal arts college in the suburbs of Chicago? As a Benedictine community, we are a model for what the world should be like: people from around the world and from different backgrounds encouraging each other, and learning and working together. This is how our world should work: one where no one is superior to any other, where differences are no longer labeled, and where peaceful cooperation is integral. That is what makes us different from so many other universities. That is what makes us Benedictine.

We have the power to be whoever we want to be with God’s guidance. Our Benedictine community has shown us that we really do have the power to make a difference and create a legacy in our world. Today, our world is very different, and our generation knows well how quickly economic, political and social circumstances can change. With this, we must be prepared for the many challenges that lie before us in our lives.

We have made many lifelong friends and colleagues over the years, and have made so many great memories. We are the leaders of tomorrow, but have also created a lasting legacy at the University that will go on long after our time here. I am very proud of my personal accomplishments and activities while at Benedictine, and everyone else should be as well. Do not think that since we are graduating this means we can now somehow decrease our involvement in the activities we love. If anything, stay active with the University because this helps us grow as individuals. It is our turn to carry the light of our Benedictine tradition, and let it shine far and wide.

We have grown comfortable in our years at Benedictine. Our past is what is familiar to us; it is what we know and what we are used to. The future is always uncertain, and this can be scary, but it is also exciting. How do we leave our college home? Do I want to leave? No, but we must move on to new things. We can take our Benedictine education and confidently say that we have been prepared for this brave new world we are about to enter, whether it is straight into the workforce or continuing on with school. We also need to remember that God is always there for us and has a plan for each and every one of us. It is our job to make the most of our lives, make it so we want to live our lives over again.

Benedictine has certainly prepared us to become the future leaders of our world, and we must take this seriously. We have the chance to become whoever we want to be and to make a difference in this world by bringing about positive changes. So let us make this world a better place for everyone. We still face a world of poverty, inequality, corruption and war. There is much work that needs to be done to make a fair world, a productive world, an honest world and a peaceful world. Today is the beginning of the rest of our lives. No matter what we are called to do, let us make the most of it as we have at Benedictine.

Let’s show the world who we are and that we were opened up to the wonders of the world, where we found new friends, where we laughed, where we cried, and most importantly, where we found ourselves. Whether we know it or not, we found this all right here at Benedictine. So, I will leave you with a quote, as perhaps many speeches end: “I hope your dreams take you to the corners of the world, to the windows of your opportunities, and to the most special places you heart has ever known.”

To hear Turcic’s full speech go to www.ben.edu/commencement
In Springfield, Benedictine University, along with partner Springfield College in Illinois, held its 81st Commencement service on May 21 honoring 269 graduates. The graduation ceremony was significant in that it showcased the last graduating class of students earning their Associate in Arts degrees from Springfield College in Illinois. Commencement also marked the first time that a Doctor of Philosophy degree was awarded by Benedictine University to nine students from the Springfield branch campus.

Timothy W. Goodly, Ph.D., senior vice president of human resources for CNN, Turner Broadcasting System, Inc., was the keynote speaker for commencement. Goodly earned his Ph.D. in Organization Development from Benedictine in 2007. Goodly gave his speech with the first class of graduating Ph.D. students in attendance. He had originally appeared as their guest speaker in August 2008 for the first Organization Development lecture series held in Springfield.

In Asia, nearly 300 graduates celebrated their achievement. It was the first graduation that Benedictine University and Vietnam National University, Hanoi (VNU), hosted in Hanoi, Vietnam, on May 29. Approximately 500 people attended this memorable ceremony, including VNU’s President Nguyen Hong Son, Ph.D., administrators, families, friends and the Benedictine delegation consisting of Benedictine President William Carroll, Director of The Asia Institute Elsie Yuan and Vietnam Program Manager of The Asia Institute Hinh Nguyen.

On June 4, the delegation of Benedictine Board of Trustees Chairman Willis Gillette, President Carroll, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Donald Taylor, Yuan, Director of The Asia Faculty Center John Carroll and Kevin Wang were in Shenyang, China, to attend the graduations at Shenyang University of Technology (SUT) and Shenyang Jianzhu University (SJJU).

COMMENCEMENT SPEECHES

Christina Camille, Psychology, spoke of developing strength on your journey through college and the sacrifices you make to yourself and your family to reach graduation day.

Maranda Dempsey, Psychology, the adult accelerated speaker said, “You must remember when stepping out into the world, to take care of yourself, while being kind and respectful to others. Do not take anything for granted and thank those who have helped you along the way.”
Alumni Briefs www.ben.edu/alumni

College of Business Tradition of Success Dinner

The annual College of Business Tradition of Success Dinner was held on April 27 with a mix of students and alumni in attendance. Approximately 80 people had a great time networking and sharing a wonderful dinner. Dean Sandra Gill, Ph.D., presented the college’s successes from the past year. The alumni speaker, Mayra Ambriz, C09, shared her story of how she had to support herself while reaching the goal of graduating from college with a business degree. She thanked her family, friends and most of all, everyone who helped her at the University. The student speaker, Dylan Roff, C11, shared fun stories of his time at Benedictine, which included his family, friends and favorite professors.

It was a great evening, and we thank the Student Senate, Alumni Relations, College of Business Advisory Board and the College of Business for their work in organizing this annual event.

Annual Department of History, Philosophy and Religious Studies Awards Banquet

Students and alumni enjoyed a great evening on April 14 in the Krasa Center at the 5th Annual Department of History, Philosophy and Religious Studies Awards Banquet hosted by department chair Vince Gaddis, Ph.D. After a wonderful dinner, the event honored graduating seniors with a GPA of 3.25 or higher with their induction into Phi Alpha Theta, Phi Sigma Tau, and Theta Alpha Kappa honor societies.

Long-time professor, Fr. Philip Timko, O.S.B., C64, was also honored with the kickoff of a scholarship in his name.

Gaddis shared department highlights, including the now fully-funded Toussaint Scholarship; books authored by Rita George-Tvrtkovic, Ph.D. and Christine Verharren, Ph.D.; receipt of a grant by Christine Fletcher, Ph.D.; the success of the Scholars Program through the hard work of Sue Mikula, Ph.D., and much more. Gaddis stressed the high level of faculty commitment to excellence in the liberal arts at Benedictine and thanked everyone for a great year.

Scholarship Alert: Fr. Philip Timko, O.S.B., Scholarship

Surprise Party for a Well-known Monk

“It was the best kept secret in town for several months, but also the hardest to keep,” said Nick Scipione, C04. That was the feeling of many friends, students, Knights of Columbus members, co-workers and family that gathered on April 13 to surprise Fr. David Turner, O.S.B., C59, for a birthday party and a scholarship kickoff in his honor.

Last fall, Patrice Kucia, C91, M.B.A.’96, contacted the alumni office to begin the process of honoring an alumnus and long-time friend with a scholarship. With much support, the decision was easily made to honor Fr. David in this way.

With more than 130 in attendance, the surprise was pulled off with a wonderful dinner and program “roasting” Fr. David. There was laughter, tears, family stories and a lot of love for a man who has served God, Benedictine University and the community for a long time. The highlight of the evening was not just the kickoff of his scholarship, but the fact that it was endowed in one night with more than $14,000. The events of this evening left Fr. David speechless!

Thank you to all who attended, shared stories, assisted in organizing the event, donated financially and kept us in your prayers for a successful event. Special recognition goes to Kucia, Fr. Becket Franks, O.S.B., Abbot Austin Murphy, O.S.B., Abbot Hugh Anderson, O.S.B., C61, and the entire Turner family!

If you would like to make a donation to this scholarship, contact Julie Nelligan at (630) 829-6077 or email jnelligan@ben.edu.

Scholarship Alert: Fr. David Turner, O.S.B., Scholarship

Class Notes winners . . . . . . Mary (Costello) Carde, C99 • Richard Burke, C10 • Joseph DeBoo, C81

Please contact Julie Nelligan at (630) 829-6077 or jnelligan@ben.edu by October 20 to collect your Benedictine prize.
Scholarship Alert: Celebrating Success

On April 29, 30 alumni gathered for the annual baseball game and reunion. This year, with so many alumni desiring to play, we were able to match alumni against alumni for a spectacular game. The final score was 6-4 after seven innings. Afterward, players, families, staff and coaches gathered in the Coal Ben for refreshments, and of course, fun stories of past matches. Everyone vowed to return next year—some said it would take them that long to recover. Find out about next year’s game date through CU@BenU, email and Facebook.

Alumni Relations Hosts Graduating Seniors at Cubs Game

On May 13, the Office of Alumni Relations offered approximately 200 graduating seniors a day off from studying for finals with a trip to Wrigley Field. While it was a chilly afternoon, the group enjoyed an 11-4 Cubs win over the San Francisco Giants. Of course, it was back to hitting the books when all arrived back on campus. Congratulations new graduates!

First Online Student Commencement Reception

A reception was held in the Coal Ben on May 14 for those graduating from both online and learning team programs. The event was hosted by Moser College, Alumni Relations and Student Activities. About 30 people attended the reception and many had never been on campus before this event. It was great to hear comments about how nice the campus is, how important it was to be at the physical facility, and to finally put names and faces together.

It was a great night of celebration for all and plans are already being made for this event to continue next year on Commencement weekend.

CSS Scholarship Celebration and Kickoff

May 13 was the kickoff of the Celebrating Success Scholarship (CSS) Endowment Fund, founded by Amania Drane, M.S.’11. Once endowed, this scholarship will help students in financial need achieve their dream of one day becoming a physician, educator, business leader and more. At the time of this writing, the scholarship was more than half way to the goal of $10,000, and the hope was to have it fully funded by September. We thank Drane, Rose Madison, C08, Rev. Linda Owens and Denise West for their vision and support. Drane stated, “There are students in our midst who have the potential to make great contributions to our society and the world. Some of these students have a tremendous amount of help and support—others may need a helping hand. The scholarship will provide that helping hand.” If you would like to help, contact Jason Leppin at (630) 829-1814 or jleppin@ben.edu.

See more pictures of these events at www.ben.edu/alumnipics.

Benedictine University celebrates 125 years in 2012!

Make sure you plan on being a part of our 125th anniversary celebration in 2012. Details will be announced soon about events that will mark this auspicious occasion.
Traditional Threads
The Alumni Association is selling Traditional Threads shirts for both SPC and IBC. Cost for the SPC denim shirt is $25 and $10 for IBC T-shirts. Contact Julie Nelligan at (630) 829-6077 or jnelligan@ben.edu to purchase your throwback shirt today. Hurry, supplies are limited.

UPCOMING EVENTS...STAY CONNECTED!

October 2011

| October 6 | College of Business Alumni/Student Workshop |
| October 7-9 | Homecoming Weekend |
| October 9 | Golden Eagles Reunion |
| October 20 | Developing Your Employment Toolbox Workshop |

View a full list at www.ben.edu/alumni.

A Moment with Ministry

In the space of one afternoon, I met a person who said that the Church would be really Catholic only when we bring back the Latin Mass and another person who said that they were really sad that the Bishops were leaving the Catholic Mass behind by making changes this coming winter. Wow. What a predicament this puts me in as the University Minister of Benedictine University. It seems that there is a lot of discussion of what it means to be Catholic and what “Catholic Identity” is.

My road into Catholicism is different than most because, although the doctrine was important, it was the spirituality of the desert fathers and the monks of Abbey Gethsemani that drew me into Catholicism. I came into the Catholic Church loving her social teachings that had a preferential option for the poor, favored labor unions, etc.

Ultimately, the most important value for me is the Eucharist. Jesus is Eucharist and Eucharist is Jesus. I love Eucharistic adoration and to receive the Eucharist in both the body and precious blood. If I could go to Mass twice a day, I would love it.

Catholic Identity is devotion to the Eucharist, praying without ceasing and an active faith. Community, family and faith are at the center of Catholic Identity.

I believe that we ought to live our faith with an eye toward mercy, redemption of the other and service to all, regardless of their individual beliefs. Catholic Identity is vibrant, free to love God and neighbor, actively thoughtful, creatively exciting and powerful beyond words. Catholic Identity moves mountains, prays without ceasing, embraces the stranger, gives life to the blind and gives speech to the lost, lonely, rejected and poor.

It is my dedication to you, the Benedictine University community, which makes me work to live out our Catholic life as articulated in the documents of Vatican II and the hallmarks of Benedictine spirituality. This will not be an easy task, and University Ministry will need you to assist us with time, talent and treasure to make Catholic Identity even more of a reality. We are open to your participation. In fact, we are eager for it.

It is with excitement that I say, “Thank you,” to the entire Benedictine community, especially the alumni, for welcoming me into the SPC, IBC and BenU family. Please feel free to contact me at mkurowski@ben.edu.
A Message from the Alumni Board President

It is a pleasure to serve as the new president of the Alumni Association of Benedictine University. My years as a board member have been filled with wonderful alumni events and enjoyable associations. I have felt reconnected to the University in a way that is unparalleled.

Since graduating more than 10 years ago, I routinely reflect on how Benedictine paved the way for me. After leaving as a University Scholar and double major in Political Science and Spanish, I attended law school at Chicago-Kent. While there, I obtained my first internship at the Attorney General’s Office due to a lending hand from the Dean of Students at Benedictine. Since then, I have gained perspective on how BenU has positively impacted virtually every aspect of my life. It has provided me with a rewarding profession as an attorney, an honorable opportunity to come back and teach as an adjunct professor and the thrill of launching my own company. As I reflect on this, I feel a loyalty and desire to give back to the institution that has given me so many amazing opportunities in my life. I hope you feel the same way.

As president, my primary goal for this year is to help broaden and deepen the commitment and participation of our alumni to the University. I want to increase the amount of alumni participating in events and broaden the scope of their participation.

There are so many opportunities for involvement. You can attend one of the networking social events (Business Card Exchanges), BenFest, Homecoming or any of our exciting athletic events. You can volunteer your time by speaking to our current students about your career path, working with Admissions to increase enrollment, developing an internship for a current student through Career Development, or helping with and participating in our annual golf outing. If you want to get involved or have an innovative idea, email me at kchopra@ben.edu.

I hope to expand the number of alumni who contribute to the University, whether it is volunteering your time, services and/or giving financially. Look at the last issue of our Annual Report. If your name isn’t there, it should be! If you haven’t yet contributed, please do so, because any amount is needed and greatly appreciated. If you have donated, consider increasing your donation by 20 percent or more. I extend a very warm and sincere thank you to all who have contributed in some way.

All of our board members, as well as our past president John Parker, provide a great deal to the process that makes the Alumni Association function smoothly and contribute significantly to the University. I encourage all alumni to explore how they may become re-engaged with the University. While our current team is exceptional, we know the more our alumni become involved, the more we can ensure a successful future of excellence together.

Kavita Chopra Athanikar, C98
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Your Involvement Makes a Difference

“It’s important for alumni to make an effort to support the University to the best of their ability and to interact with current students and faculty when visiting the University. It benefits all parties involved.”

When R. Terence Kalina attended Benedictine University, then St. Procopius College, he was a member of student government. He eventually served as parliamentarian, advising the officers, committees and members on matters of parliamentary procedure. Additionally, Kalina earned membership in the Blue Key National Honor Society and played on the baseball team.

After graduation, he earned his juris doctorate from the University of Notre Dame Law School and began his legal career as an attorney with the State of Illinois. After a two-year stint with the state, Kalina embarked on a 37-year legal journey with Wheaton law firm Rathje & Woodward. Now the firm’s senior partner, Kalina reflects on the personal reward in giving back to the next generation.

“I have the benefit of knowing I passed along to the next generation the qualities and spirit of the University as I experienced it. By financially assisting the University, the alumni are implicitly telling the administration to continue teaching at the same high level of academic standards and traditions of the past,” Kalina said.

Being of service to others has been at the forefront of Kalina’s career and personal philosophy, due in part to his time at Benedictine.

“The ability of the monks and lay professors to instill a passion for learning left an indelible impression on me,” he says. “As students, we didn’t know it all the time, but we were acquiring a way of life that would serve as our foundation to be successful personally and professionally. The school gave us more than an education. It gave us character. We were taught sacrifice, humility, love and loyalty. My long-lasting relationship with the University reflects my appreciation for the gift of the Benedictine way of life,” he added.

Kalina continues to be an exemplary representative of the Benedictine way of life. Since graduation, he has served on the Alumni Board and sponsored internships for students. He regularly participates in the President’s Invitational Golf Outing to raise scholarship money and financially support the University (pictured with golf legend Lee Trevino).

Kalina contends that being involved with the University as an alumnus allows him to have a say in the direction of the University, while supporting an academic format and system of values that have become dear not only to him, but also to friends and family who have achieved success in their lives after benefiting from the education system and lifelong values taught at Benedictine.

“The alumni are always an integral part of any university. By staying close to Benedictine, I am able to express my views to the administration and sometimes to the students. The opinion of the alumni should always be one of the factors considered by the administration when making long-term decisions for the future of the University,” Kalina said.

Kalina is a well-respected legal expert who concentrates on estate planning, probate and business succession. He holds the highest rating awarded by the Martindale-Hubbell national legal directory and has been active in the Bohemian Lawyers’ Association of Chicago, serving as the association’s president and currently is on the board of managers.

Kalina often reflects upon the special moments and friendships he built at Benedictine.

“Of all the wonderful memories I have, the most memorable is of Fr. Werner Peters, a philosophy professor. He was Belgian with a doctorate from Louvain University. He spoke several languages and was imprisoned in a concentration camp during World War II,” Kalina said. “He taught several classes without a textbook, lecturing from his personal notes. He served as our guide on trips to Europe that he would sponsor for students. After graduation, my friend, Larry Krupicka, C68, and I assisted him in retirement and spent many nights enjoying lobster the Belgian way and listening to his endlessly fascinating stories,” he said.

Kalina has participated in the John Marshall Law School’s American Law Lectures to the Czech Chamber of Attorneys in Prague, Czech Republic. He is also a 25-year member of the Notre Dame Tax and Estate Planning Institute and a member of the Order of St. Thomas More with the University of Notre Dame Law School.

Would you like to volunteer your time at the University to help students and make a difference? Contact Julie Nelligan at (630) 829-6077 or jnelligan@ben.edu. Discover all the benefits you can receive by donating your time, talent and treasure to help others.
Still an Eagle

Greg Porod | Psychology, C80

Why do you think it is important to donate financially to the University?

Foremost, my time at Benedictine had a strong influence on shaping who I am as a person today and provided me with a wonderful opportunity to grow as an individual.

Financing college is a challenge for most people. My dad was on medical disability and my mom had to find employment to help cover the expenses of family life and college. Fortunately, in addition to state and federal assistance, the University was able to help with financing my education. I am still grateful to the University for leading the way in making attending college a reality. Whenever possible, BenU has always maintained scholarship program opportunities and offered financial assistance during the admissions process, as well as while in attendance. Therefore, contributing to the University in some way, large or small, is a way of giving back to the school that has offered so much to so many. I know that my contributions will in some way offer financial assistance to a student pursuing their dream. It’s a way to “pay it forward.”

Why is it important to donate your time and/or stay connected to your alma mater?

As an alumnus, and the proud parent of four daughters who are part of the Benedictine community (Celia, C10, M.S.’11; Sarah, C10; Therese, freshman; and Rose), I have always tried to find time to stay connected by supporting the athletic program, serving as a class guest speaker, attending Mass at the Abbey, visiting Sr. Benita at Sacred Heart Convent, talking to prospective students about attending Benedictine and giving campus tours. When you stay connected, you never lose sight of the valuable opportunity you received as a student. Thank you Dr. Chmelir, Dr. Glos, Dr. Taylor, Dr. Weinlader, past-President Becker, past-Vice President Dyba, Sr. Benita, Fr. Becket, Barb Bernard, Fr. Ted, Fr. David and Fr. Mike. I am so grateful to all of the administrators, professors and staff members who influenced my life. It is truly the place where people make the difference.

How did your degree from Benedictine prepare you for life after college?

My degree from Benedictine provided me with experiences both curricular and extracurricular that enabled me to pursue my career. My degree in psychology increased my knowledge base in understanding human behavior in both the school counseling and organizational setting. The opportunities I had in campus ministry and student leadership roles allowed me to utilize my classroom knowledge in real-life situations both on and off campus. My overall experiences at Benedictine developed the framework I use in facing life’s challenges and made me a lifelong learner. The experiences also provided me with a philosophical foundation for making future decisions. There is not a day that goes by in which I do not think about how fortunate I was to attend a great university with outstanding professionals at all levels. Benedictine not only prepares you for a career— It prepares you for life.

Greg Porod currently serves as the principal of George W. Lieb School of Ridgeland School District 122 in Bridgeview, Ill. He has worked in the field of education for 31 years as a principal, district ESL coordinator, junior high school teacher, college transfer admissions counselor, college baseball coach and intramural coordinator. He earned a Master of Education and holds five educational certificates, including Counseling, Administration and Superintendency.

Commencement Note

The growing number of graduates has lead to the University’s decision to host two separate times for commencement in upcoming years, despite people’s desire to keep the ceremony at one time. There is no current indoor space on campus, or in the surrounding area, that can hold all of the graduates and their families at the same time. Therefore, in order to allow unlimited family members to attend and to avoid a 1-ticket per student system, hosting separate ceremonies for undergraduates and graduates remains the only option at this time.

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The 17th Annual President’s Invitational Golf Outing welcomed a true legend to Cantigny Golf in Wheaton. Lee Trevino was everything promised and more. He did talk 150 miles per hour on the course and our golfers loved it. The sun shined on him, dispelling all of the weather warnings that started the day.

Trevino entertained the golfers at every hole with quips about their game, his game and the game in general. He hit quite a few balls for foursomes, signed everything from golf balls to books and snapped a photo with everyone at Cantigny. Once the golf was done, he again captivated the crowd of 350 at dinner. He spoke about his life in general, his time on the pro tour and of his good friend Arnold “Arnie” Palmer.

“Trevino says

“I’m actually a very quiet person off the golf course. I talk 150 miles per hour when I’m at the course, but when in private I very seldom ever open my mouth.”

“There is no such thing as a natural touch. Touch is something you create by hitting millions of golf balls.”

“I remember when I first came out on the [PGA] Tour. I was hitting practice balls and Sam Snead and Bob Goalby were next to me. Snead said, ‘Who is this guy? He has a loud mouth and an unorthodox swing.’ Goalby said, ‘Don’t worry Sam, he’ll linger but he won’t last.’ ”

The attendees at the President’s Invitational Golf Outing are so glad that Goalby was wrong. Trevino will be a tough act to follow. Keep checking the website www.ben.edu/golf for all of the latest details on next year’s outing.
This event raised close to $278,000 (gross) for student scholarships. This is the largest fundraising event the University hosts and it is essential to help students afford a college education. Thanks to all the sponsors, volunteers and participants who make this outing more successful every year.

"If you are caught on a golf course during a storm and are afraid of lightning, hold up a 1-iron. Not even God can hit a 1-iron."

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**Men’s Closest to the Pin Winners**
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**Women’s Closest to the Pin Winners**
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Giving back

Leo Kirwan  Business Economics, C82

Busy Living

A fter graduating from Benedictine University, Leo Kirwan became a virtual Renaissance man—holding positions as a jewelry salesman, real estate agent and broker, and banquet and restaurant manager, among others.

After an accident left him wheelchair-bound, Kirwan again experienced another Renaissance—one that has helped to improve the lives of others. For more than 13 years, Kirwan has led efforts to improve the lives of people living with physical disabilities. Through the Over the Rainbow Association, he spearheads efforts to increase independent living for the disabled.

The Evanston-based Over the Rainbow Association provides independent living housing and employment opportunities for people with physical disabilities. It operates seven apartment communities in Chicago, Evanston, Waukegan, Matteson, Harvard, Rockford and Freeport.

“We estimate that there are more than 3,000 people currently institutionalized (in nursing homes) in this state that could be living independently, and if they were, we could be saving the American taxpayers millions of dollars per year in Illinois alone,” Kirwan said.

Besides the monetary savings, Kirwan says the true value is in helping people. “It benefits the residents themselves, many of whom are in and use a wheelchair for mobility, who are given the opportunity to live independently and rent their own apartment. This provides them with the freedom to come and go as they please without having to ask anyone’s permission. It benefits Illinois, which is overburdened with decisions on what programs and budgets to cut next,” he said. “It also benefits the taxpayers by lightening the load that they already pay for community services. By providing our residents with a better alternative and better life than institutionalization, we currently save the taxpayers of Illinois, and this country, more than $11 million a year.”

Since 1997, Kirwan has worked on a volunteer basis for the Over the Rainbow Association for its special events, then as a board member, property manager, director of operations and now chairman. He feels a sense of obligation to give back through volunteerism.

“I decided after my accident that if society, and the taxes that I had paid in while working, were going to provide me with the means to receive adequate housing and health care, then the least I could do was to give back in the form of volunteerism,” Kirwan said.

Kirwan, a former commissioner for the City of Evanston, is a board member for the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago and also volunteers for his church, St. Athanasius.

When asked why he gives so much of himself, Kirwan, a fan of actor Morgan Freeman, likes to refer to a line from one of his movies, “The Shawshank Redemption:” I guess it comes down to a simple choice: Get busy living or get busy dying.

“For me it was a simple decision. I wasn’t going to just sit around and do nothing,” Kirwan said.

Benedictine values continue to lead and inspire Kirwan’s life. “One of the classes that I took that stuck with me throughout my life was the Rule of St. Benedict. The first several weeks I wrestled with that point or meaning. But when I started to apply the rule to my own life, everything started to make sense,” Kirwan said. “I consider myself more spiritual than religious, although I believe very strongly in my Catholic faith. The Rule of St. Benedict is a way of everyday life, when applied to an individual or group. To me, Chapter 7 should be one of the earliest chapters because if we approach people and situations with open minds and hearts, we would understand each other clearly and immediately. Everyone interprets things differently, but if you read the Rule of St. Benedict and apply it generally to yourself and your family, you are going to find pearls of wisdom written in that text.”

He credits the support of his family for helping him persevere through difficult moments in his life to the point where he can focus on helping others. “I don’t think I would be here if it were not for the love of my aunt who helps and supports me mentally and physically, and for my family, who found the Over the Rainbow Association, giving me not only a place to live, but a way of living,” he said.

With a full daily agenda, Kirwan looks forward to continuing his volunteerism, not only because it helps others but because it provides a spiritually rewarding calmness in return. “I wish everyone could see how an individual who has been institutionalized all their life gradually blossoms into a happy, confident, independent individual in charge of their own life again.

“I believe that others should give back in their lifetime because what I found is the old saying is true, that the more you give, the more you receive back in return—not to mention the fact that it really makes you feel good about yourself,” Kirwan concluded.

If you know someone who is living in the Benedictine spirit of giving back, please let us know about them. Email lhale@ben.edu.

Whatever your degree and career may be, whatever your hopes and dreams are for the future, you can make a difference in the world and contribute to the greater good of humanity. Thousands of Benedictine alumni and community members are equipped to change the world by sharing freely of their gifts and talents. The world needs you in any way you are able to give back.
When friends and family members reflect upon the life of Raymond “Red” Keenan, the common threads in their conversation are about the value Keenan placed on family, faith, education, service and hard work. Because his beliefs and efforts were in line with core Benedictine University traditions and values, he began a long relationship with the University, culminating in the donation of a portfolio of gifts primarily focused on student scholarships.

Keenan, a Board of Trustees member from 1985 until his passing in 1991, established generous gifts, and Connie, his beloved wife, established additional gifts for the University. Upon Connie’s passing in February 2010, these gifts took effect—resulting in some of the largest gifts in the history of the University, totaling approximately $2 million.

A former U.S. Marine, Keenan studied mechanical engineering at the Illinois Institute of Technology. He understood the value of coupling education with dogged perseverance.

This personal formula led him from a career as an apprentice plumber to president, owner and chairman of the board at A. J. Lowe & Sons, a mechanical engineering contracting firm in Downers Grove. He acquired the firm and expanded operations from a local company with five employees to a national corporation with more than 60 employees at the time of his passing. The gifts will be used predominantly for University scholarships. Keenan’s family said his generosity to the University was not surprising because he graciously left funds for many family members to attend college, emphasizing his dedication to education, particularly to Catholic education. Because of Keenan’s selfless commitment to education, he has been able to assist the next generation of Benedictine students, cementing a philanthropic legacy based on his beliefs that led to a respected life and a successful career. The University has established the Raymond P. Keenan Memorial Scholarship and is planning to honor and memorialize the legacy and impact of Connie and Red Keenan with an appropriate commemorative recognition on campus.

The University is profoundly grateful for all gifts and bequests. They greatly impact the lives of Benedictine students. ●

Remembering the University in your estate plan often requires only simple steps, such as a codicil (amendment) to a will, a statement of beneficiary status in a trust agreement or an account designation. If you have already mentioned us in your estate plan, we thank you for helping assist the mission of the University. For more information, contact John Morris at jmorris@ben.edu or (630) 829-6016.

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Visit the report online and discover why donations help keep Benedictine strong, keep our traditions alive and give students the chance to get an education rich in Benedictine values. ●

Giving is in your hands.
Art Auction to Raise Funds for Gallery—October 15

Donations Requested and Participation Encouraged

The passion of Fr. Michael Komechak, O.S.B., placed Benedictine University in the unique position of possessing a diverse and comprehensive art collection that rivals and surpasses that of larger institutions whose collections are housed in a museum. The entire Benedictine campus has become a repository for art. The time has come to bring the collection under one roof. The Department of Fine Arts is hosting a fundraising auction to benefit the Fr. Michael Komechak, O.S.B., Art Gallery Campaign.

Works will be featured by a variety of artists, including Georges Rouault, Salvador Dali and Kezyz, as well as by faculty member William Scarlato and Art Curator Teresa J. Parker.

The event will be held on October 15, at Susanin’s Auction House, 900 S. Clinton in Chicago. Doors open at 11:00 a.m. and the auction will begin at noon. If you are interested in donating art or collectible artifacts for the auction, please contact Parker at (630) 829-6270 or tparker@ben.edu.

Donations of art can be made on campus at Scholl Hall, Room 209, or arrangements can be made for pick-up of larger items. Artwork for donation is being accepted through October 5.

Alumni, donors, friends of the University and art lovers of all kinds are encouraged to attend, bid and help make Fr. Michael’s dream of an art gallery come true.

New Online Process Makes Finding Scholarships Easier

Each year, Benedictine University receives approximately 300-400 scholarship applications from undergraduate students seeking assistance from one of the University’s endowed scholarships. Until recently, the University had a manual system for processing these applications and awarding scholarships. As a means to improve our scholarship process, we have acquired a new automated scholarship system that allows students to apply for scholarships directly through online software.

Students enter their information online and a list will be generated of all of the scholarships for which they qualify. Once a student applies for a scholarship, they can track the status of their application online as well as attach letters of recommendation. This will ensure that a student knows about every scholarship for which they qualify and won’t miss any opportunities.

This software will also help the University immensely by streamlining the process and promoting efficiency. Faculty and staff awarding committees will be able to review and award the scholarships through this software, making the turnaround much quicker.

The software may have another added bonus: identifying those scholarships and awards that have more narrow guidelines and are not being awarded as frequently. If we find that students are not qualifying for a specific scholarship, we will then work with the donor to potentially adjust the guidelines so that they can help as many students as possible and their scholarships can be awarded.

For more information contact Jessica Stillo, associate director of stewardship, at jstillo@ben.edu or (630) 829-1811.
You Can Now TEXT to Give

Benedictine launched a MOBILE GIVING CAMPAIGN at this year’s golf outing on June 27. The University decided to utilize this type of mobile texting campaign to appeal to its donors and make giving back as easy as possible. You can now easily make a gift to the University via text message. Simply TEXT “EAGLES” to 20222 to make a $5 donation to the University. Your donation will help support student scholarships and go to the Benedictine Fund. Messaging and Data Rates May Apply.

Rice Center Opening
An exciting new world of athletics and fitness is opening this fall at Benedictine University. Go to WWW.BEN.EDU/RICE to see what the new Rice Center looks like. The Winter issue of Voices will feature the unveiling event.

ADVANCEMENT POINTS TO NEW DIRECTIONS, OPTIONS FOR DONORS

Benedictine University’s Office of Advancement has named dedicated advancement officers to each of its five colleges and Athletics. These officers will work with donors to match their philanthropic support with each college’s vision and priority by actively engaging alumni, parents, friends and corporate partners to build lasting and effective relationships in support of the University, according to Associate Vice President for Advancement John Morris. [2]

Despite an uncertain economic climate, Benedictine has seen tremendous growth and its charitable gifts continue to increase, allowing University Advancement to expand its operations to better serve its donors.

In order to better service each college’s goals, alumni and donors are encouraged to contact the following officers:

[1] Jason Leppin, College of Business, will be responsible for assisting in the overall fundraising program of the University, current funding priorities, and developing a strategic fundraising plan for the College of Business. jleppin@ben.edu or (630) 829-1814.

[2] Eric Guthrie, C10, Moser College of Adult and Professional Studies, will be responsible for the fundraising activities and promoting initiatives for Moser College. eguthrie@ben.edu or (630) 829-6081.

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[5] Ray Jackson, C10, College of Education and Health Services, will be responsible for the fundraising activities of the college and promoting special events and achievements. rjackson@ben.edu or (630) 829-6452.

[6] Dayna Crabb, College of Science, will be responsible for the cultivation and stewardship of charitable gifts to advance the college. dcrabb@ben.edu or (630) 829-1840.
The Borsellino and Sarno families have done more than commit hundreds of thousands of dollars by sending their children to Benedictine University. By donating their time and energies to the University and by engaging with the University on so many levels, they exemplify what it means to be a part of the Benedictine community. They have become an integral part of the Benedictine community. Their families have become Benedictine’s “families,” and family is what the Borsellinos and Sarnos are all about.

The Borsellino and Sarno story began some years ago with best young pals Joe Borsellino and Al Sarno, Jr.

“Al and I have been friends since we were 12, 13 years old,” said Borsellino, father of two sons who have graduated from Benedictine and a third who is a current BenU student. “I met my wife (Sarno’s sister Theresa) through our friendship, and I introduced him to his wife. She went to school with me.

“But the kids, even back to the time they could walk, played together. They didn’t need friends, because they had seven, eight cousins,” Borsellino added. “We had this big family and it was great. Then when they were growing up, he (Al) was going around looking at colleges.

“And Joe’s like, ‘Why are you looking at colleges? Your son (Alphonse) is going to school with my son,’” Sarno said. “It was kind of a foregone conclusion.”

The Borsellino and Sarno connection to Benedictine University actually started with a cousin who played softball at Benedictine during the early 2000s.

“my cousin Angela (Bellavia) played softball here, so I told her I was thinking about going to Benedictine,” Anthony Borsellino said. “I visited and she showed me around campus. We contacted someone from the University, and that’s kind of how it all got started.

“Then as the years went on, my brother Joey wanted to come play football with me and (cousin) Mikey (Borsellino), so he jumped on board. Then (cousin) Alphonse (Sarno) graduated, and he jumped on board. Our friend, Mike Trombetta, was with us too, he played Montini football.

“Then Neal Rivane, John Green, there’s a couple other guys that played Montini football who said, ‘We loved playing with you guys at Montini, so we’ll follow you to Benedictine.’ So they came over.”

The Borsellino brothers—Anthony, Joey and Johnny, the latter the most recent Borsellino to attend Benedictine—who live in Oak Brook, and cousin Alphonse Sarno of Lombard all made their way to the University via Montini Catholic High School in Lombard, where they enjoyed phenomenal success under football coach Chris Andriano.

Johnny, Joey and Alphonse all played on Montini’s first state championship team that defeated Coal City 44-7 in the 2004 Class 4A finals.

The boys’ mothers feared the close-knit family atmosphere fostered at Montini would be lost once their sons reached college.

“Our boys have been playing football together and going to school together since they were four years old,” Pam Sarno said. “They played youth football together and went through grade school and high school together.

“When our boys went to the state championship in high school, we were the ones that planned and rented the
bus for the team parents to go,” she added. “We took charge. We would have spaghetti dinners at Theresa’s house for the team.

“So now we come to college, and we think college isn’t going to be like high school and we’re going to miss it.”

How wrong they were.

“The school did everything they could to make us feel welcome. It was that family unity. It was an extension of what high school was,” said Pam.

That sense of family included Saturday morning tailgating, gathering parents and athletic supporters in the Village of Lisle-Benedictine University Sports Complex skyboxes during and after games, shedding a few tears on Senior Day and inviting other team members over for dinners on weekends when they could not get home.

Football success has been important to the Borsellino and Sarno families, but more important has been earning the degree that will ensure their professional and personal success in the many months and years ahead.

Cousins Angela Bellavia and Michael Borsellino were the first to graduate from Benedictine in 2006. Anthony and another cousin, Ron Perfetti, graduated in 2008. Joey followed in 2009, and Alphonse walked during commencement exercises in May 2011. Johnny is on target to graduate in two years.

“I think it is great for them to get that degree, because they are growing up and they are out on their own,” Al said. “My son applied for a job and they told him he’s the most qualified for the job now, just with having that degree.

“He’s happy he got that degree now. And how proud is dad? Oh, I’m proud! He is the first one of the Sarnos to get a college degree,” Johnny said.

“I’ll always be around Benedictine football for the rest of my life,” Johnny said.

“I will always be around this university. Hopefully, I will bring my kids out to watch games. I never miss a Friday night game at Montini, and these two schools are so much alike that this was a great fit for me.”

“I spent four years of my life here,” Alphonse said. “They were some of the best years of my life. So this is something I’ll never forget and I don’t want to forget. I’d love to be able to bring my family back here and show them my experience.”

Although the pool of college-aged Borsellinos and Sarnos is dwindling—Joe and Theresa’s daughter Maria is a student at Montini and Al and Pam’s daughter Deena is a sophomore at College of DuPage—Anthony is not the only family member who plans to stay connected to the University.

“There will come a time when there won’t be any Sarnos or Borsellinos in the stands,” Joe said. “I am trying to get my daughter to come here next year but, just by the fact that our kids are alumni, they are part of this group.

“And the boys will come back and see (football coach Jon) Cooper and watch the games,” Theresa said.

“Some of them may even help coach,” Pam said. “A couple of the boys help coach Montini now. I think the kids will always be a part of Benedictine long after they graduate. We’ll all be a part of it as well.

“You miss it,” she added. “You don’t know what to do with yourself on a Saturday when you’re done. It’s true. It is!”

Of course, Marla and Deena may find the pressure to follow in their cousins’ footsteps too overwhelming to refuse.

“Our niece, Angela, who graduated from here and now has a baby, Giuliana, got wind that Alphonse might not walk at commencement,” Pam said. “And one Sunday at Grandma’s for dinner, my son looked at his phone and he goes, ‘Uh-oh, mom, how do I answer Angela?’

“Angela said to Alphonse, ‘How could you not want to walk? We want to be there. Giuliana told me she wants to be there.’ She’s only what, five months old?

“So we called the school the next morning and he walked at graduation because of his five-month-old cousin,” Pam added. “How do you like that for pressure? The baby got him.”
Kristen Gillespie joins Athletics as the new women’s basketball head coach. Gillespie replaces Paul Nelson, who is the fitness center coordinator for the Dan and Ada Rice Center. Gillespie joins the Eagles after serving since 2009 as the top assistant women’s coach and recruiting coordinator at NCAA Division I University of Illinois at Chicago. From 2002-04, Gillespie served as a graduate assistant at North Carolina State, where she earned her master’s degree in Liberal Studies with a concentration in Marketing and Sports Administration. She played from 1996-99 for the Wolfpack under head coach Kay Yow. She earned an Honorable Mention Academic All America, helped lead her team to a four-year record of 81-40, and was the captain and starting point guard on the 1998 Final Four team.

Jason Farrell has been named the University’s first-ever men’s lacrosse head coach. Farrell joins the Eagles after coaching for two years at Adrian College in Adrian, Mich., where he served as the assistant coach and recruiting coordinator. During his tenure, he helped lead the Bulldogs to a 25-6 overall record, two Midwest Lacrosse Conference championships and the school’s first-ever appearance in a NCAA tournament.

Benedictine named Kaniela Aiona as assistant men’s basketball coach. Aiona has worked at Attack Athletics as the basketball skills trainer and was also the head coach at East Bank Club. Aiona served as assistant coach at Lake Forest College for two years and also served as a graduate assistant at Central Methodist University. Aiona, a four-year letterwinner at Webster University, led his team to two conference championships and a NCAA national tournament appearance.

The University’s football program hired two assistant coaches. Phil Kieckler, who will be the linebacker and strength and conditioning assistant coach, hails from Los Angeles, where he was the recruiting coordinator and defensive line and linebacker coach at Occidental College. Kieckler is no stranger to the Midwest. He was a four-year letterwinner at Monmouth College, where he was a two-time All-Conference player and helped lead his team to a conference championship and a trip to the NCAA tournament.

Brandon McCray will be the Benedictine football offensive line and head strength and conditioning coach. McCray comes to BenU from Dodge City Community College in Concordia, Kan., where he served as offensive line coordinator. Prior to Dodge City, McCray was the offensive line and strength and conditioning coach at Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Mo. From 2003-06, he was the head football coach at MacMurray College in Jacksonville, Ill. He is a 1997 graduate of Lakeland College in Sheboygan, Wis., where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration.

After winning the Northern Athletics Conference (NAC) regular season title and sweeping the NAC Tournament, the Benedictine softball team earned the league’s automatic bid to the 2011 NCAA Division III Softball Championships.

Benedictine traveled to Pella, Iowa, where they took on host Central College and University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. The Eagles dropped both games, but five players still earned All-Region honors, including Adcox, Cappetto, Sam Corban, Rybarczyk and Wolski.

To watch video of the softball team in action at the NCAA Tournament, visit the BenU Athletics YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/BenUEagles.

The Eagles finished the season with a 37-8 overall record and a 22-2 conference mark. Benedictine’s standout performance earned them several post-season honors. Adcox earned “Pitcher of the Year” and Mieszala was named “Freshman of the Year.” Head coach Kate Keller received “Coach of the Year.” Five players earned first team all-conference honors, including Adcox, Cappetto, Sam Corban, Rybarczyk and Wolski.
Putting “Illinois Back to Work” with Tuition-covered Program

EIGHT million jobs were lost during the recent recession. Although the nation added about 86,000 jobs per month last year, the unemployment rate increased to 9.2 percent in June. More job growth will be needed to help the recovery along.

Though the job outlook is improving, the job market itself is changing. Traditional manufacturing jobs may never recover from their losses. Carpenters, assembly workers and software engineers were also hit hard by the recession.

On the other hand, areas such as international business, finance, health care and technology will enjoy some of the largest growth between now and 2018, according to the U.S. Department of Labor.

However, regardless of the field a job applicant hopes to enter, a college degree is a necessity. Not only is the unemployment rate for those without a degree higher than for those with one, the demand among employers for workers with postsecondary degrees will continue to surge while high school graduates will find themselves largely left behind. Degreed workers can also expect to make $1 million more in their lifetime than non-degreed workers, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

That is why Benedictine University established the “Illinois Back to Work” program for qualified individuals who have been unemployed for at least 18 months. Hundreds of potential applicants have called Benedictine expressing interest in the program. The “Illinois Back to Work” program will cover any remaining tuition and fees—tuition ranges from $300-$515 per credit hour depending on the program—after all eligible state and federal student aid is applied.

“Illinois Back to Work” and I commend them for their effort to make college affordable for Illinoisans trying to retrain and return to the workforce,” U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin (D-Ill.) said. “I hope this program is a great success and can serve as a model for other states and universities.”

Qualified applicants must be Illinois residents 25 years of age and older who have been unemployed for at least 18 months. The program will be offered on the main campus in Lisle, at Benedictine’s Moser Center for Adult and Professional Studies in Naperville and at the branch campus in Springfield.

Eligible Lisle adult undergraduate programs include a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting and a Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance. Eligible Naperville programs include an Associate of Arts in Business Administration, a Bachelor of Arts in Management and a Bachelor of Arts in Organizational Leadership.

“We believe this program will give many people who are currently unemployed and who have little prospect for returning to work in their current situation greater job opportunities in the future,” said Benedictine President William Carroll. “We want to help people get back to school and back to work.”

“I'm looking forward to going back to school, and hopefully getting a job afterward to help the family. I've always had to budget my money, and I just enjoy finance. There are fascinating dynamics, and I want to learn more.”

Jon Raymond
Illinois Back to Work Student
Lemont, Ill.

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CHRONICLE OF HIGHER EDUCATION
Benedictine University is listed as the seventh fastest-growing campus in the country between 2004-2009 in the private non-profit master’s division (growth rate 81 percent) by the Chronicle of Higher Education.

Eligible Springfield programs include an Associate of Arts in Business Administration, a Bachelor of Arts in Management, a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and a Bachelor of Business Administration in Management and Organizational Behavior.

Fall enrollment is currently closed. Check the website for any future enrollment opportunities that may arise.
Bob Johansen, a leadership futurist who has consulted with some of the world’s largest companies, says it’s easy to identify the smartest person in any room: It’s the under 14-year-old with his head in a video game.

Technology changes the world of business at a rapid rate, and Johansen says the developments within the next 10 years will leave old technologies in the dust. To adapt and find opportunities, leaders will need to turn to “digital natives” (children under 14 who have grown up immersed in a connected, digital world) for reverse mentoring.

At a June 16 event in Chicago, Johansen shared some of his insights into the future with 70 business leaders, guests of Benedictine University’s Center for Values-Driven Leadership (CVDL). A world-renowned specialist in 10-year forecasting, Johansen identified three key trends for business leaders to understand:

1. Digital natives will think differently and make very different futures.
   Johansen envisions a future where the interface between our physical and digital world happens seamlessly. Digital natives will expect technology at work to reflect this seamlessness because their video games have exposed them to tremendous graphics and computing power. Savvy leaders will look for opportunities to develop new technologies and to equip digital natives globally with the resources to shape their own futures.

2. The next economic driver will be biology and global well-being.
   As science gives us a richer understanding of the way our brain drives our bodies, we will learn to monitor our own health using technology. This provides tremendous opportunity for entrepreneurs. It also provides a charge for all leaders: “Ten years ahead. To be a top leader, you won’t be able to do it if you aren’t healthy,” Johansen said.

3. Reciprocity-based innovation in the cloud will be the biggest innovation opportunity in history.
   Research shows the act of giving results in pleasure and meaning for the giver—a scientific defense of the Golden Rule. As technology leads us to a more open world, economies of exchange and reciprocity will develop. Learning how to give away content, with the expectation of getting even more in turn, is an opportunity facing global business leaders.

To lead ethically in this changing landscape, Johansen counsels his clients to develop the skill of “quiet transparency,” which means do the right thing, be transparent and be quiet about it. “People will notice,” he said.

Johansen, who is a distinguished fellow with the Institute for the Future (IFTF), was joined by David Small, McDonald’s vice president of Global Talent Management and Leadership Institute. Small, a frequent collaborator of Johansen’s, shared examples of how the fast food giant has applied IFTF’s forecasts to draw actionable insights.

Johansen and Small spoke as part of the CVDL’s ongoing Senior Executive Roundtable Series, which is designed to inform and inspire senior executives who are committed to leading at the intersection of ethics, sustainability and business results.

Learn More about the Center for Values-Driven Leadership

- Join the CVDL at the next Senior Executive Roundtable on October 14, titled “Making Sustainability Profitable.” Learn more at www.cvdl.org/roundtable.
- Learn about the CVDL’s Ph.D. or D.B.A. program in Values-Driven Leadership at www.cvdl.org/doctorate.
- Connect your company to the CVDL through research initiatives, custom solutions or other partnerships. For more information, contact info@cvdl.org or (630) 829-6225.
**ALTERNATIVE CERTIFICATION**

**Former Engineers Take Alternate Path to Teaching Success, Career Fulfillment**

As an environmental engineer for 10 years, Daria Pennington remediated the soil and groundwater spills left behind by gas, airlines and transportation companies. Today, the recently-certified high school teacher is sculpting the minds of eager young learners.

Math and science teachers are in great demand in America, which is ranked a dismal 30th in mathematics and 23rd in science, according to a Bloomberg report. Whether it be due to layoffs or a voluntary job switch, more engineers are seeking careers as educators and alternative certification programs are glad to have them.

Pennington is part of a growing group of career-changers leaving engineering careers behind and finding personal satisfaction as a math or science teacher. Juggling the desire to be gainfully employed during a recession and having a job that brings personal happiness, these career changers have abandoned higher-paying jobs for what they say is a fulfilling career as an educator.

“I know I need the fulfillment of watching our youth grow,” said Pennington, who completed the Benedictine University Alternative Certification Program in 2008. “I don’t believe it’s a profession meant for everyone, but I am fortunate enough to have found the right career for my personality.”

Former mechanical engineer Tom Juliano prefers molding students’ minds over manipulating engineering materials.

“Being excited about learning and being in an environment with others excited about learning is a state of being that cannot be beat,” said Juliano, a physics teacher and a 2011 graduate of Benedictine University’s Alternative Certification Program.

Both Pennington and Juliano agree that the abbreviated teaching program, allowing for completion and certification during an eight-week intensive summer session and yearlong paid internship, drew them to the Alternative Certification Program at Benedictine.

The path to certification was alternative but the quality was not. Both graduates rave about the program’s quality instruction, mentoring and classroom teaching components, which provided sufficient preparation to lead their own classrooms.

Along with meeting the academic and other prerequisites for the program, applicants must also bring with them a desire to teach and a desire to engage and stimulate youth learning.

A school bell was ringing inside Pennington and Juliano, even during their engineering careers.

“I imagined myself as a teacher many times since my first job out of college,” Pennington said. “I was a recycling coordinator for a county in Georgia and was able to visit schools to teach students about recycling. That experience sparked my interest and desire to teach.

“Also, throughout my engineering career, one of the most rewarding pieces of my job was to mentor incoming employees,” she added.

Juliano’s epiphany was quite similar.

“In the engineering field, there are a fairly limited number of ‘teaching-only’ positions across the United States with the bulk of college or university professor positions being focused on research,” he said.

“Most engineering professors I talked with were in the position because they enjoyed research more than students or the art of teaching. I was the other way around, and so I decided I needed to teach in a high school environment where I could be surrounded by those who could help teach me the art.”

To learn more about this program, please visit www.ben.edu/altcert or call (630) 829-1364.
First Doctorate Degrees Awarded

The graduation ceremony for the Springfield campus on May 21 was especially bright for nine graduates. They were awarded a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree in Organization Development in the first Ph.D. cohort to graduate from Benedictine University at Springfield. President William J. Carroll hooded and congratulated Amy Alfermann; Deborah Colwill; Janet Kirby, M.S.’06; Doris Martin; Dawn Newman; Alimee Stash; Dalitso Sulamoyo, SCI’94; Xing Wang; and Tiffany Yates.

Chamber Discount Reminder

Benedictine University at Springfield offers a 25 percent Tuition Discount Program to the full-time employees, their spouses and dependent children of Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce (GSCC) businesses. Download the form at http://springfield.ben.edu/chamber.

Springfield Chapter Announces Officers

The following alumni have graciously volunteered their time to serve on the Alumni Association Board in Springfield: Kenny Golden, M.B.A.’10, president; Sandy Kiefer, B.B.A., C10, vice president; and Amy Ihnen, SCI’03, secretary/treasurer.

Make Sure to Catch the New Benedictine Video—“Imma B” and the Springfield Remix Version

During our most recent video shoot for “Imma B,” the production crew drove from Lisle to Springfield for a day of filming to make a special remix version highlighting the people and places on our Springfield branch campus. The original lyrics written for the University video were tweaked and rerecorded to feature Springfield specific topics.

We are one big University family, from Lisle to Springfield to Asia, and this special remix is a shout-out to the Springfield campus in this latest video effort. (Keep your eye out for President Lincoln!)

Visit Springfield’s YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/benuspringfield. Learn more about the making of our newest video on page 32.

Tree dedicated to Sr. Beata Knoedler

The Alumni Association’s Springfield Chapter dedicated a tree in memory of Sr. Beata Knoedler, O.S.U., on April 9 as part of Family Weekend activities. The dedication of a scarlet maple tree donated by Schaddel Tree Farms in Pleasant Plains, Ill., was the first official project of the Alumni Association’s Springfield Chapter. President Kenny Golden, M.B.A.’10, recalled Sr. Beata’s love and devotion for teaching and how appropriate it was that there will be a living reminder of her legacy from alumni, parents and staff.

Find more Springfield news . . . at http://springfield.ben.edu

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B.B.A. in Accounting Program Puts A Winning Team Together

If two heads are better than one, then an entire team is supreme. The Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting (B.B.A. in Accounting) program is putting this theory to practice. The program provides busy adult undergraduate students majoring in accounting and finance a team-oriented approach to learning. Two nights per week, students in a learning team take classes together in a specified sequence. This allows for group cohesion along with the development of team-building and leadership skills. The fixed schedule allows adult students to plan in advance for personal and professional activities.

Accounting students develop skills to identify, record, sort and summarize data related to business transactions and other events. They learn the fundamentals of accounting practices, managerial finance, cost accounting, taxation and auditing.

Finance students are exposed to finance-related principles and their application to the national economy and business world. They learn corporate finance, banking, investments, accounting, management and marketing through an integrated curriculum.

“Students enter an adult learning team as individuals, but within a short time they form into cohesive teams. This not only helps students in each of their courses, but it also helps students stay with the program to completion,” said Undergraduate Business Chairman Donald Henschel.

Students may choose to double major in accounting and finance. Additional courses are available to prepare candidates for certification examinations for professional licenses such as Certified Public Accountant (C.P.A.), Certified Management Accountant (C.M.A.), Certified Internal Auditor (C.I.A.), Certified Financial Planner (C.F.P.) and Certified Financial Manager (C.F.M.). The programs have been designed to provide theoretical and practical background for careers in many fields.

The following are among the top career choices for graduates: accounting supervisor, capital budgeting, Certified Public Accountant, commercial banking, export financing, Internal Revenue Service agent, treasury management and systems analyst.

“I would recommend this program to any working adult. It is a very supportive atmosphere, which can really make the difference in helping make it through the program,” said B.B.A. in Accounting student Stephanie Hill. “I have not met a teacher that I did not like. The learning team format provides the opportunity to get different viewpoints from your classmates. Everyone’s experiences are different, but there is also a common thread.”

For more details, call the Enrollment Center at (630) 829-6300.

Pulitzer Prize Winner Brings Insights

Bob Woodward admitted there has been a decline in investigative reporting during the past few years.

“I told Eric Schmidt, the CEO of Google, that he should have ‘I Killed Newspapers’ written on his tombstone,” Woodward said.

Woodward, a Wheaton native and former police beat reporter who helped crack the Watergate scandal during the Nixon administration and is now regarded as one of America’s preeminent investigative reporters and non-fiction authors, spoke to nearly 400 people in April in the Krasa Student Center at the University.

His visit was sponsored by the Center for Civic Leadership (CCL) at Benedictine. CCL brings speakers to campus on a regular basis for the benefit of the Benedictine community and the outlying community it serves.

The rush to get news to the public, primarily online, has contributed to the decline in investigative journalism, Woodward said.

Woodward shared a number of anecdotes with his audience, including the time he sat down with President Gerald Ford and talked about his pardon of Richard Nixon.

“He told me he did not pardon Nixon for Nixon, and he did not pardon Nixon for himself,” Woodward said. “He told me he pardoned Nixon for the country. The country needed to turn the page. I realized he was right. It was a gutsy thing to do.”

WebExtras: read more about Woodward’s visit . . . at www.ben.edu/webextras
The Hallmarks of Student Life

As part of the University’s larger branding efforts, the offices that comprise Student Life have joined forces to create a shared purpose:

- **Student Engagement:** Involving students in co-curricular programs that support students’ personal goals and provide opportunities for positive social interaction and healthy competition

- **Academic Success:** Supporting students’ educational goals through instruction, academic support and accommodation services for students with disabilities

- **Healthy Lifestyle:** Promoting personal health and well-being through intercollegiate athletic competition, intramural athletics, recreational programs, and health and wellness education

- **Spiritual Growth:** Providing opportunities for students to practice their religious faith, expand their understanding of other beliefs and learn to live the Benedictine values

- **Leadership Skills:** Inspiring students to be responsible leaders and informed citizens through leadership education and opportunities to apply leadership principles

- **Career Development:** Preparing students and alumni for their professional careers by equipping them with the tools and strategies necessary to effectively manage their careers through their lifetime

- **Appreciation for Community:** Promoting the value of person in community through residential facilities and programs, services for commuter students, co-curricular programs and the involvement of parents in campus life

- **Valuing Diversity:** Embracing the uniqueness of each person’s contribution by promoting student involvement in campus life, providing programs that expand students’ cultural awareness and experience, and emphasizing the values of understanding, dignity and respect

- **Balanced Living:** Emphasizing the role that study, work, leisure and prayer play in the development of every Benedictine University student.

In the coming year, the mission and values will be presented to the student body through a variety of visual and programmatic ways. The impact of these efforts will be seen on campus, online and throughout the programs and services Student Life conducts.
St. Procopius Academy/College

57 Robert Nikolai, Ph.D., Pre-Engineering, professor emeritus of Biomechanics in Orthodontics and former associate dean for Academic Affairs of The Graduate School, St. Louis University, and his wife, Susan, recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. The Nikolai’s have three daughters, two sons and 15 grandchildren.

59 Tim White, English, has retired from Benet Academy after 52 years as an English teacher. White has taught more than 8,000 students and said he loved every minute in the classroom.

61 Al Mysliwiec, Economics, and his wife, Carolyn, wrote and performed two country/western songs, “Do I Love You” and “Country Cowgirl,” for the Forrest Carter Rische Medical Benefit in Cedarville, IL, in May. Musicians from Nashville and across the Midwest took part in the musical montage. Mysliwiec is enjoying retirement on his farm and doing well.

63 Rob Pyke, M.D., Ph.D., Chemistry, retired on June 30 from Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals after 15 years. Prior to that, Pyke worked at Upjohn, Viratek, Bristol-Meyers Squibb and Parke-Davis and three contract research organizations, as well as co-founding a company. Pyke’s achievements include overseeing drug safety, conducting the first trials of drugs that treat panic disorders, holding worldwide medical responsibilities for developing a fast-acting antidepressant, aiding the FDA approval for fast-acting analgesic transanal butorphanol, developing a sigma receptor antipsychotic, leading a pioneering trial to treat cocaine dependence, and developing the first kappa opioid analgesic and first cholecystokinin B antagonist treating anxiety and benzodiazepine dependence. He also authored and co-authored 85 works. He found drug development intellectually challenging for more than 35 years, and is now looking to work as a consultant to the industry by organizing a non-drug company to facilitate, diagnosis and improve outcomes in several fields.

65 Gilberto Barrantes, Economics, and his wife, Oky Maria, welcomed a great-granddaughter on April 6, 2011. Weighing in at 8 lbs., 3 oz., baby Isabella is the fourth generation addition to the Barrantes family.

66 Haskell Anderson III, Liberal Arts, starred in the play “Julia” at New York’s Off Broadway 59th Street Theatre in April 2011. Anderson is currently serving a two-year term as president of Catholics in Media (CIMA). Annually, CIMA hosts an event where they present awards in film, television and to individuals.

68 Thomas Begg Jr., (below) Economics, has been named to the board of the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation. Begg, a leading expert in the field of corporate security, is employed by Jones Lang LaSalle as the director of security life safety for the Aon Center, Chicago. Begg notes high-rise security is a tremendous challenge in the post 9/11 era. Previously, he worked as a supervising agent with the Illinois Bureau of Investigation specializing in white collar and organized crime enforcement, and was the security director for Sears Bank & Trust Company.


69 Jim Gyoval, Biology, retired after 40 years as a physical therapist/certified hand therapist. Gyoval has two daughters, three granddaughters and one grandson. He spends his winters in Arizona and stays fit with biking, hiking, volleyball and racquetball.

70 Phillip Bozek, Ph.D., English, began his 22nd year as head of Communication Designs, Inc., a provider of consulting and training services to Fortune 500 organizations. Bozek’s book, “50 One-Minute Tips to Better Communication,” has been translated into five languages and is now in its third edition. He lives in Tampa, FL, with his wife of 26 years, Kathleen. They have enjoyed traveling the world with their two oldest grandchildren and hope to take their four other grandkids soon.

71 Steve Glennan, Political Science, is principle domain operations analyst for MITRE Corporation supporting the U.S. Intelligence Community in the counter-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction. Glennan’s primary focus is on human intelligence and weapons of mass destruction discrepancies and with the intelligence community’s ability to address critical challenges to strengthen national security operations, both within the intelligence community and the U.S. Government.

73 Mary (Gerti) Baker, Elementary Education, has taught third grade in the Round Lake Area Schools at Beech School for 38 years. Baker teaches in a low income area and this year started an effort with her students to encourage children to attend college. She chose Benedictine University for her team (below). Baker said the children had a lot of fun cheering on their Eagle teammates.

Bill Murphy, History, helped organize the first WorldVIEWS International Conference on media and higher education in Toronto, Canada in June 2011. It focused on how media and higher education each shape the other. He represented the University of Rochester where he is the vice president of communications. Murphy still has fond memories of Hell Week and guarding the bonfire.

74 Rev. Larry Snyder, Music, president and CEO of Catholic Charities USA, received an honorary doctorate of humane letters degree and served as undergraduate commencement speaker at St. Francis University, Loretto, PA, in May. He is also president of Caritas North America and a former member of the White House Office of Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships.

Illinois Benedictine College

79 Larry White, Physical Education, has been appointed principal of St. Mary Nativity School in Joliet, IL. White has been in Catholic Education for 32 years, beginning with a 17-year career at St. Francis High School in Wheaton, as a classroom instructor, guidance counselor, dean of students and assistant athletic director. For 11 years, White served at St. John of the Cross in Western Springs, followed by assignments as principal of St. Bernardine School in Forest Park and St. Leonard in Berwyn. He is married with two children.

80 James Quaid, Ph.D., Philosophy, has been named headmaster of Mannion Academy in Aurora. Previously, he taught history and was dean of students at Lake Forest Academy and served in a variety of positions at Fenwick High School in Oak Park, including chief executive officer-principal. Most recently, Quaid was the assistant superintendent of Catholic education for the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Roy Tanaka, M.B.A., has been named to the board of directors for Advanced Cardiac Therapeutics, Inc., (ACT), a developer of innovative temperature-sensing cardiac ablation systems. Previously, Tanaka served as the worldwide president of Biosense Webster, Inc. for Johnson & Johnson as well as their U.S. president. He had previously held a variety of senior management positions at Sorin Biomedical, Inc., CooperVision Surgical, and Shiley, a division of Pfizer, Inc. He is also a member of the boards of directors of TomoTherapy, Inc., Volcano Corporation and Vyon US.

83 Martha Abel, Literature and Communications, earned a master’s degree in special education and works as a special education teacher in Indian Prairie School District 204 in Naperville.

84 Steve Becker, Computer Science, swam around the island of Key West, FL, in 4 hours, 58 minutes, as a fundraising effort for the homeless
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Shelter, St. Matthew’s House, in Naples, FL. He was only one of four solo swimmers to break five hours and won the “solo swimmer with fins” category. Becker holds swim records for Benedictine and is a member of the Athletic Hall of Fame. Becker and his wife, Sue, live in Naples.

Don St. Germaine Jr., International Business and Economics, was named supervisor of the Real Estate Assessment and Economic Development Department of Mercer County, IL. He feels his degree and preparation in college helped him achieve great things in his banking and real estate career. St. Germaine and his wife, Barbara, live in Kankakee County on a horse ranch.

Rear Adm. Robin Graf, PAR, Exercise Physiology, was named commander, Naval Recruiting Command, at a Change-of-Command ceremony in April. Previously, she served as Naval Recruiting Command deputy commander. Graf was commissioned in 1981 upon graduation from Officer Candidate School, earned a diploma from the College of Command and Staff from the Naval War College and completed her Advanced Joint Professional Military Education curriculum at the Joint Forces Staff College. Personal awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal (2), Meritorious Service Medal (2), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (2), Joint Service Achievement Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (4), and several other unit and personal decorations.

Scott Reid, M.D., Biology, is in private surgical practice in Peoria, IL. Reid is vice president of the medical staff and board member at Methodist Medical Center in Peoria. He also ran his first marathon this year.

Herschel (Sonny) Smith, M.B.A., was appointed as professor, College of DuPage (COD) Business, Marketing and Management recently. He taught at COD as an adjunct faculty member until 2004 when he became full-time. Before teaching, Smith worked at Lucent Technologies for 31 years.

Frances Gaik, Philosophy, M.S. ’98, presented a webinar on “Managing Depression with Qigong” for The Friends’ Health Connection in June. The seminar is related to Gaik’s published work on Qigong and Depression. In 2010, Gaik’s dissertation was published as a book for distribution to the scientific community.

Mary Jo Hazard, M.S., is grateful her executive coaching practice is thriving in spite of the economy. In Hazard’s spare time, she is chairing a community initiative of summer immersion for leaders from Haiti. Thanks to more than 65 volunteers, these leaders live with host families and take English Language Learner classes. She is also delighted that her grandkids have now become her “teachers” in many ways.

Michelle (Minch) Martinez, Spanish, is a bilingual kindergarten teacher in Cicero, IL.

Nicole (Pavlic) Thomasson, International Business and Economics, lives in Manchester, England, doing business internationally in both software and real estate. She met her husband at an International Real Estate conference in Cannes, France, in 1998.

Stefanie (Ahrens) Kudolph, Health Science, and Andrew Kudolph, Finance, welcomed their first daughter, Samantha Marie, on May 3, 2011. Samantha weighed 6 lbs., 8 oz. and was 19.5 inches long. The family lives in Roselle, IL.

David McEttrick, Psychology, and wife, Kelly, welcomed their second daughter, Delaney Grace (below), born on March 4 and weighing 6 lbs., 8 oz. and measuring 19 inches long. McEttrick works as the aero-medical safety officer for the Helicopter Sea Combat Wing, Atlantic, and was recently nominated for the United States Navy Aerospace Physiologist of the Year, as well as being promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Commander in September. The family resides in Chesapeake, VA.

Michael Range, Business and Economics, has been named account manager for American Trailer & Storage, Inc. (AT&S), St. Louis, MO. Range has more than 20 years of sales and management experience in the equipment, automotive, and transportation and finance industries both to consumers and businesses. AT&S provides storage, cartage and over-the-road semi-trailers and storage containers/conex boxes and other portable storage-related services.

Jim Bowen, Communication Arts, and Ryann Jensen, CO5, Communication Arts, were engaged to be married in March and the wedding is planned for June 9, 2012.

Kathryn Yanick-Schievers, Psychology, M.S. ’06, was married on April 14 to Bjorn Schievers. They plan to move to Belgium in 2012. She is pursuing a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology and plans to work as a therapist once settled in Belgium.

Lindsey (Kelgley) McMahan, Elementary Education, and Brian McMahan, Business and Economics, welcomed baby Mackenna Lynn on June 24, weighing in at 9 lbs. 3 oz. and measuring 21 inches long.

Phil Moy, M.D., Molecular Biology, has been selected as the chief resident of emergency medicine at Washington University, Barnes Hospital, St. Louis, MO, for 2012-13. Washington University, Barnes Hospital was recently ranked as the No. 1 medical school/teaching hospital in the United States.

Andrea (Fuhrman) Snow, Biology, earned a nursing degree and now works full-time as a NICU nurse. She is married to Robert Snow,
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CO2, Business and Economics. The couple have two children, Natalie, 6, and Tyler, 2, and were expecting their third child in August.

'05
Lorenzo Cervantes, M.Ed., has been named dean of students at Highland Middle School in Libertyville, IL. This is a new position for Highland Middle School and was created to help handle the growing student population. Cervantes, was a third grade teacher in Oak Park for seven years, nominated for the Golden Apple Teacher of the Year in 2006, taught third and sixth grades in California, and served as a coach for boys and girls basketball and flag football before moving back to Libertyville where he now resides.

Jessica (Davis) Triebe, International Studies, is an associate attorney at Midwest Disability, P.A., in Oakbrook Terrace, as well as sharing responsibilities for running that office. The firm represents claimants seeking disability benefits from Social Security.

'06
Nazia Ayub, M.D., Molecular Biology, received a doctor of medicine degree from the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee. Ayub began an internal medicine residency in May at Loyola University Medical Center in Maywood, IL.

Ann Marie (Maddock) Smith, Elementary Education, and Timothy Smith, Accounting, welcomed their first baby, Evelyn Alana, born April 9, weighing 5 lbs., and measuring 19 inches long. Ann Marie is a stay-at-home mom, and Timothy works at Sara Lee Corporation in Downers Grove as a financial analyst.

'07
Michael Alebich, Health Science, graduated from medical school at Midwestern University in Downers Grove. Alebich began his residency in internal medicine in July at Rush University Medical Center and John H. Stroger Hospital of Cook County in Chicago.

'08
Christina Argianas, Elementary Education, facilitated Dino Preschool Camp at the Field Museum in Chicago and continued as a Summer World’s Tour Camp assistant at the museum. She also completed her ESL endorsement.


Steve Jandreski, Social Science, is teaching on the southside of Chicago at CICS Longwood Collegiate Academy as an AP instructor teaching 12th grade AP Macroeconomics, Economics, Entrepreneurship, US History and African-American History. He was responsible for sending two students to the Business Plan Championships in Chicago both through the Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship. He is married to Elena (Kostova) Jandreski, C07, Accounting, and they have a son, Alexander, 2. The family resides in Homer Glen, IL.

'09
Jeni Lynn Else, M.B.A., was named corporate director, Recruitment and Workforce Planning, at Alexian Brothers Health System, Elk Grove Village.

Stephen Hubbard, M.B.A., was promoted to director of client services with Secure Talent, Inc. Hubbard and wife, Anna, had their first child in July.

Christ Makris, M.B.A., has joined Baumer Electric, Ltd., Southington, CT, as a product marketing manager. Makris develops internal and external marketing and training strategies to support and promote Baumer’s inductive, capacitive and magnetic photoelectric, laser and mycom sensor lines. He has 20 years of marketing and engineering experience with a strong focus in the industrial automation and controls market.

'11
Maura Purse, M.Ed., received the Heart of the School Award as one of two distinguished educational leaders in the Archdiocese of Chicago. Purse teaches English at Seton Academy, South Holland, IL, and is co-moderator of the yearbook and National Honor Society.

Springfield Junior College

'41
Jacqueline McCormick, celebrated her 90th birthday on June 20.

'65
J. Michael Houston, became the 23rd Mayor of Springfield, IL, in April.

Springfield College in Illinois

'88
Lisa (Schleyhahn) Eberding, joined Marine Bank in Springfield as senior vice-president and chief credit officer.

'94
Dalitso Sulamoyo, earned a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Organization Development from Benedictine University at Springfield in May 2011.

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'06
Janet Kirby, M.S., earned a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Organization Development from Benedictine University at Springfield May 21, 2011.

In Memory

St. Procopius Academy/College

Magr. Albert Krejci, C37, Philosophy, passed away February 17, 2011.

Michael Shandor, C42, Physics, passed away September 18, 2010.

William Hickey, C65, Biology, passed away May 2011.

Daniel Morin, C70, Physics, passed away June 16, 2011, in Lincoln, NE.

George Schurrer, C70, Biology, passed away June 26, 2011.

Springfield Junior College

George W. Patrick, SJC’41, passed away March 17, 2011.

Mary E. (Hobson) Thiem, SJC’41, passed away June 2, 2011.

James R. Coleman, SJC’50, passed away February 25, 2011.

Dolores Wilde, SJC’53, passed away March 22, 2011.

Paul Mangiaracina, SJC’56, passed away May 21, 2011.

Rita R. (Robertson) Glasman, SJC’57, passed away April 7, 2011.

John E. Jones, SJC’63, passed away March 24, 2011.

Springfield College in Illinois


Michael J. Evans, SCI’70, passed away May 11, 2011.
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St. Benedict’s Rule for Monks begins with a powerful imperative: Listen. And at Benedictine University, we believe in the importance of listening to one another. We therefore have named our magazine Benedictine Voices. We pledge that within these pages, members of the Benedictine Community will speak with candor about issues facing our University and our world. We cordially invite you to enter into dialog with us.

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A BEHIND THE SCENES LOOK

The latest video that BenU has produced focuses on the idea of being Benedictine in a fun way—set to the beat of the Black Eyed Peas song “Imma Be” with new original lyrics by Benedictine Admissions Counselor Elve Mitchell. After the University’s new branding this past year and the use of our new spirit mark of the “B,” it was a perfect fit.

This short two-and-one-half minute video took three full days to shoot and a few weeks at the production studio. There was fantastic participation by the Benedictine community—students, staff, faculty and the monks of St. Procopius Abbey. Many people took time out of their day to spend some time in front of the camera.

The student volunteers were great. They spent a lot of down time waiting for a scene to be complete or running through the scene multiple times—never complaining, but rather always willing to help out and have some fun. The indoor scenes were easier than the outdoor scenes on some very hot and humid July days!

These videos are truly a community effort and are a great way for us to show the world that Benedictine University is not only a strong academic institution, but also a place where life lived in balance means everyone gets to have some fun.

Check it out at: www.youtube.com/benu1887
Can you spot all the B’s in each scene?
Share this link with family and friends and let’s see if we can top the hits from the “Who’s That Chick” video that premiered in April. Spread the word!

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