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President's Welcome



For the Greater Good

Though she walked the grounds of campus more than a century ago, we continue to feel the effects of her philanthropic efforts. The achievements of Lydia Moss Bradley are legendary and legion to Bradley and Peoria. Equal access to education, land contribution for parks, and evidence that women can be drivers of change are just a few highlights of her life and legacy.

And so, too, in her footsteps, members of the Bradley community change the world through their research, scholarship, teaching, leadership, mentoring, and desire to make a positive impact on others and the planet we inhabit.

Our students pursue academic excellence, engage in experiential learning, excel as leaders, and find time to make the world a better place. They continue to impress me every day with their intellect, their creativity and their generosity. This altruism was on great display by our students and the entire Bradley community when they provided a wellspring of support for the victims of the November tornadoes that devastated central Illinois.

Our faculty as teachers and mentors make a difference in the lives of our students and provide them with the tools to enact change. As researchers and scholars, they contribute to the greater good by addressing and developing solutions to today's most complex problems.

Our alumni excel in their fields and lead change in the workplace and in their communities, serving as excellent role models to our students. You will read about a few of our standout alumni in this issue.

We enjoyed welcoming our alumni back to campus for Founder's Day. They saw firsthand the expanded and enhanced Westlake Hall, which brought back fond memories and stands as a testament to the bright future of this University. Our beautiful edifice is also environmentally friendly, having recently earned LEED Gold certification from the U.S. Green Building Council for its sustainable design.

Several alumni received special recognition by the campus community this fall, including the six newest members of our Centurion Society: **Wayne Baum '60**; **William Benman '74**; **Marta Peláez '83**; **David Frederick '59**; **Chester "Chet" Walker '62**; and the 2013 Distinguished Alumnus, **Earl Feldhorn '62**.

Celebrate our newest graduates and relive the pomp and circumstance of graduation in the article on the Dec. 21 midyear commencement. We were pleased to have Judge **Joe Billy McDade '59 MA '60 HON '13** as our guest speaker at the ceremony.

We also are excited about the ongoing cross-disciplinary collaboration of our engineering and business students in two of our distinguished professional colleges. An innovative educational model and teaching methods create a remarkable synergy between students and faculty that produces graduates who are ready to make an immediate impact in the workplace. In this issue, we feature three outstanding integrated team projects from 2012–13 that set the stage for this year's expansion of the successful initiative.

Our students hold tremendous promise for a better tomorrow. This is in part due to the education, mentoring, and encouragement given generously by the members of the Bradley family. I offer my gratitude to those of you who make a difference through your personal efforts that inspire the next generation of catalysts for change.

Warm regards,

Joanne Glasser

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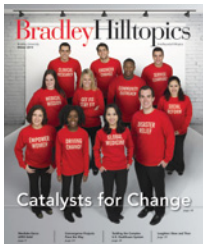
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ON THE COVER: Many of the young adults who attend Bradley are more than students: They are active, engaged members of society who truly strive to change the world. Find out what they are doing to improve the lives of others on page 22. Photo by Duane Zehr.

Bradley Bits

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FULBRIGHT

October 28 // The State Department ranked Bradley sixth among universities of its type for producing Fulbright students for the 2013–14 academic year. Three students received Fulbright Teaching Assistantships. Graduating college seniors, graduate students, and alumni are encouraged to apply to the prestigious program. Visit bradley.edu/go/ht-2013Fulbrighters for more information.

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December 10 // For the second consecutive year, a Bradley English major won the Norton Anthology's worldwide Student Recitation Contest. Emily Daniel '14 (below) earned the honor with her presentation of Elizabeth Barrett Browning's "Sonnet 43" ("How Do I Love Thee?"). Elizabeth Scoville '13 won the 2012 competition with her recitation of Shakespeare's "Sonnet 116." Visit bradley.edu/go/ht-Norton2013 to view their recitations.



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October 30 // During the past two years, Bradley's triathlon club, advised by Dr. Larry Weinzimmer '83 MBA '85, has tripled its membership under the leadership of Chris Douglas '14 (above) and Andrew Cain '13. A competitive member of the Mid-East Collegiate Triathlon Conference, the team participated in four sanctioned and one unofficial race this fall. The group also co-sponsored the University's five-week Lazy Man's Triathlon in November.

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Bradley is a private, independent university in Peoria, Illinois, offering 5,700 students the choice of more than 100 academic programs. Bradley links academic excellence, experiential learning, and leadership development with an entrepreneurial spirit for a world-class education. Our size provides students extensive resources not available at most private colleges and the personal attention not commonly found at large universities.

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October 4 // Students received a nonpartisan message about how the national debt affects their lives when the Can Kicks Back "Generational Equity Tour" visited campus. Co-hosted by the Institute for Principled Leadership in Public Service and the Political Science Department, the event was a stop on the organization's cross-country tour.



Fall 2013 // The first semester of Bradley's yearlong celebration honoring the 50th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 brought five guest speakers to campus: Lilly Ledbetter, Dr. Bernice Sandler, Patricia Benassi, Athena Herman '94, and Dr. Terrence Roberts (left). They led discussions on topics ranging from employment law and discrimination to the desegregation of Arkansas' Little Rock Central High School in 1957.

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November 9 // Los Angeles Dodgers broadcaster Charley Steiner '71, who started his radio career while a student at Bradley, was inducted into the National Radio Hall of Fame in Chicago. He also broadcast for the New York Yankees, ESPN Radio and Television, and ESPN2.

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December 11 // Bradley launched a new leadership recognition program — "I am Brave" — for the 2013–14 academic year. Students, faculty, and staff may nominate students who they believe demonstrate strong leadership skills that contribute to the campus and beyond.



October 2 // After a successful first fundraising initiative, Bradley's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) purchased a 14-passenger walk-on van to transport members on local trips and across campus. Three of the University's Student Admissions Representatives (STARs) — Allen Ghareeb '14, Holly Alguire '15, and Joe Waytula '15 — serve as the shuttle's drivers.

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October 18 // While keeping the "Braves" nickname for its athletic teams, the University announced in October that a gargoyle was selected as its new mascot. Bradley will be the only NCAA Division I school represented by a gargoyle. There are six iconic gargoyle statues on campus: two on Bradley Hall and four on the Hayden-Clark Alumni Center. An official launch and unveiling of the mascot will occur on February 22 at the men's basketball game. Visit bradleybraves.com for more information.

Oct. 2 & 30, Nov. 9, Dec. 10: Duane Zehr; Fall 2013: Daryl Wilson

Bradley Avenue



Automatically controlled interior lighting saves energy throughout the facility.

Natural lighting from the open atrium and windows on Westlake's original exterior permeates throughout the building; 90 percent of spaces enjoy day lighting and views.

The west and northeast entrances provide ADA accessibility into the building as well as the interior ramps that make the original building accessible.

ONLINE Visit bradley.edu/go/ht-WestlakeLEED to read about Westlake's recognition as one of five projects noted for outstanding designs for adaptive reuse in *American School and University*.

Low-gas-emitting indoor paints, adhesives, sealants, carpet, and composite wood comply with volatile organic compound (VOC) limits for optimum indoor air quality.

Bamboo is a rapidly renewable resource, and live plants add to the atrium's ambiance and overall interior environmental quality.



Energy efficiency is achieved with HVAC system controls, a heat recovery wheel, and chilled beam technology that adds cooling when CO_2 sensors detect increased carbon dioxide levels within an occupied classroom.

Approximately 48 percent of building material has been extracted, harvested, recovered, or processed and manufactured within 500 miles of the project site.

Water use is reduced by more than 35 percent with the installation of low-flow restroom and kitchen fixtures.

Cork and bamboo are also used as natural finishes. Cork flooring is located in multiple areas, and the atrium's handrails tout a bamboo finish.

Meeting exemplary performance, more than 30 percent of the building material has been manufactured using recycled components.

Westlake Hall Earns LEED Gold Certification

Offering a healthy learning and working environment for Bradley's students, faculty, and staff, the $24 million Westlake Hall renovation and expansion project earned LEED Gold certification from the U.S. Green Building Council last December. USGBC awarded the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design certification in recognition of the University's commitment to energy-efficient, sustainable construction. Select sustainable features are noted on this photo.

"This distinction is a great honor for our University. It builds on the legacy of our founder, Lydia Moss Bradley, an advocate for the use and preservation of natural resources," said President Joanne Glasser.

— K.M.

Duane Zehr

Centurion Society Inducts Outstanding Alumni

On Founder's Day in October, six accomplished alumni were named to the University's prestigious Centurion Society. The Society began in 1982 to recognize alumni for outstanding achievements in their careers and lives that bring national and international recognition to Bradley.

WAYNE BAUM '60

After earning his Bradley education while also learning the family trade of bricklaying, **Wayne Baum '60** and his brothers started Core Construction Group, which now has six offices nationwide, thousands of employees, and annual revenues of more than half a billion dollars.

As an employer, Baum encourages his workers to give back to their communities. As the company's chairman of the board, he leads by example, having served as a Bradley trustee and as chairman of the University's Civil Engineering and Construction Advisory Board. Along with his Bradley service, Baum also was on the boards of numerous civic organizations in the Peoria area, including the Red Cross, Boy Scouts and WTVP Channel 47.

He was honored in November at the 23rd annual Easter Seals tribute dinner, where nearly $800,000 was raised for the agency's programs in central Illinois.

WILLIAM BENMAN '74

Professional accolades started early for **William Benman '74**. He was commended by the Federal Aviation Administration for his work while an electrical engineering co-op student at Bradley. After earning a law degree at the University of Michigan, he founded a Los Angeles law firm specializing in intellectual property law with a client list that includes such firms as XM Satellite Radio, IBM, Hewlett-Packard and Eastman Kodak.

Benman also founded a nonprofit education and community development program, Project to Improve the Quality of Urban Education (PIQUE). To fund it, he launched a software company, Integrated Virtual Networks, with patented software called Silhouette that allows people to see and interact with each other in virtual 3D environments. A member of the Caterpillar College of Engineering and Technology Advisory Council, he has served on the boards of several community organizations.

DAVID FREDERICK '59

David Frederick '59 entered the Air Force after graduation and flew 425 combat missions in Vietnam, winning the Silver Star, three Distinguished Flying Crosses, two Bronze Stars and 17 Air Medals. He served on the faculty of the Naval War College and held top positions at the National Security Agency.

After retiring from the Air Force as a command pilot, Frederick founded Facilities Development Corporation. The international construction firm specializes in building facilities for counterterrorism operations, hardened data centers, and tactical military operations centers.

MARTA PELÁEZ '83

With what she described as "obstinate determination," **Marta Peláez '83** commuted 120 miles roundtrip from Princeton, Ill., to attend classes at Bradley. Sometimes, her family commitments required her to bring her children to campus, and she recalled the times the University accommodated her unique needs. That same dedication carries her through grueling days as president and CEO of Family Violence Prevention Services Inc. in San Antonio. She oversees more than 20 programs to help victims of domestic violence and has been honored for her work with abused women and children nationally and internationally.

Peláez, originally from Colombia, came to the U.S. at age 16. She earned a master's degree at the University of Texas, El Paso.

CHESTER "CHET" WALKER '62

After a Hall of Fame career in basketball, **Chester "Chet" Walker '62** transitioned to an equally successful run in the entertainment industry. He produced TV movies and won an Emmy Award for one based on the life of Mary Thomas, mother of former NBA star Isiah Thomas.

A member of the University's Athletics Hall of Fame, Walker was selected last year for the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. He was named a unanimous first-team All-American his senior year and still holds many Bradley basketball records. He played in the NBA for 13 years, including with the 1966–67 Philadelphia 76ers, considered by some the greatest NBA team ever. His memoir, *Long Time Coming: A Black Athlete's Coming-of-Age in America*, was published in 1995.

ONLINE View the Centurions' Convocation Day speeches at bradley.edu/go/ht-2013Centurions.



Duane Zehr

Six alumni joined the University's Centurion Society during Founder's Day events. Earl Feldhorn '62, front left, was named 2013 Distinguished Alumnus. He is a senior vice president for Wedbush Securities in Los Angeles. Marta Peláez '83, president/CEO of Family Violence Prevention Services Inc. in San Antonio, was also inducted into the prestigious group along with former NBA star and movie producer Chet Walker '62, back left; Wayne Baum '60, chairman of Core Construction; retired Air Force pilot David Frederick '59, who also founded a construction company; and William Benman '74, an attorney who founded a software company to fund his nonprofit education and community development program.

Los Angeles Investment Exec Honored as Distinguished Alumnus

Achieving success, especially in the world of finance, requires dedication, perseverance and character. A bit of luck never hurts either. Bradley's 2013 Distinguished Alumnus has all of those.

Earl Feldhorn '62 escaped Nazi-occupied Austria and came to the U.S. with his parents when he was less than a year old. Shortly after his graduation from Bradley, Feldhorn went to work at Wedbush Securities, a brokerage and investment firm where his father also was employed.

Throughout his 51 years with the company, Feldhorn has served in several capacities and is now senior vice president, handling accounts of all sizes. He has helped the Los Angeles-based firm expand from five employees to a staff of 1,000 people and 100 offices nationwide. Together with his business partner, he manages about $300 million for 1,500 clients.

He was presented the Distinguished Alumnus honor and inducted into the University's Centurion Society during Founder's Day activities in October. "There is no investment I've made in my life that returned like my degree here at Bradley," Feldhorn said at the ceremony, adding jokingly that he planned to wear the award's medallion at his office and make colleagues call him "distinguished."

One of his most successful financial investments was turning a postal worker's $400 investment into $40,000 over the course of several years.

He credits his parents' resilience with fueling his commitment to help others, and he is thankful he can be of service. In addition to serving as a board member of the Epilepsy Foundation, Feldhorn has been on the board of the Frostig Center, a school for children with learning disabilities. He also has been an associate trustee for Bradley and an adviser to the Foster College of Business.

Feldhorn, who lives in Bel Air, Calif., has created two endowed scholarships for the University. They are the August R. Feldhorn Scholarship for students majoring in communications or fine arts and the Puder/Feldhorn Endowed Scholarship for business administration majors.

— B.G.

ONLINE View Feldhorn's accceptance speech at bradley.edu/go/ht-Feldhorn.

The Robert and Carolyn Turner School of Entrepreneurship and Innovation

With a plentitude of opportunities for aspiring young entrepreneurs, The Turner School of Entrepreneurship and Innovation was the first such school established as a standalone academic unit in the nation. "The Turner School offers students a comprehensive toolbox on the path to success as entrepreneurs — from opportunity recognition, to market feasibility, to business model development, to networking, to launch," said Robert Turner '77 MBA '78, chairman of the Bradley University Board of Trustees.

TOP-RANKED PROGRAM IN THE NATION

Bradley's entrepreneurship program is ranked among the top 20 undergraduate programs in the nation by The Princeton Review and *Entrepreneur* magazine, advancing four spots to the 19th position in 2013.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP MINOR AND E-SCHOLAR PROGRAM

The new minor and E-Scholar curricula were officially launched last fall and already have students enrolled from disciplines across the University with a majority being non-business majors. The minor is composed of five entrepreneurship courses while the E-Scholar program has three.

STARTUP WEEKEND

Bradley students and community members participated in Peoria Startup Weekend in November. More than 70 participants worked in teams to develop and pitch local tech startup ideas. Bradley students were members of all three winning teams. The first-place winner was a crowd- and social media-sourced application that will connect fans and bands with nearby venues.

BRAVE PITCH COMPETITION

Bradley electrical engineering majors **Anton Volkov '13** and **William Tarply '13** won the 2013 fall semester Brave Pitch Competition in October. Their project, an HDMI box split with two video signals on a 3D monitor, advanced them to compete in Chicago against students from other schools.

DISTINGUISHED ENTREPRENEUR SPEAKER SERIES

Redbox co-founder Mike DeLazzer was the fall 2013 Turner School Distinguished Entrepreneur Speaker, providing spirited engagement to an audience filled with young entrepreneurial hopefuls. Sharing his personal journey to the top, he suggested that students embrace hope and deny fear: "Hope creates amazing things in the world. It's a passion that won't give up no matter the obstacle. Fear is the lazy person who's not doing anything with his life, stares at a goal, and does nothing about it. What matters is your ability to keep going no matter the obstacle."

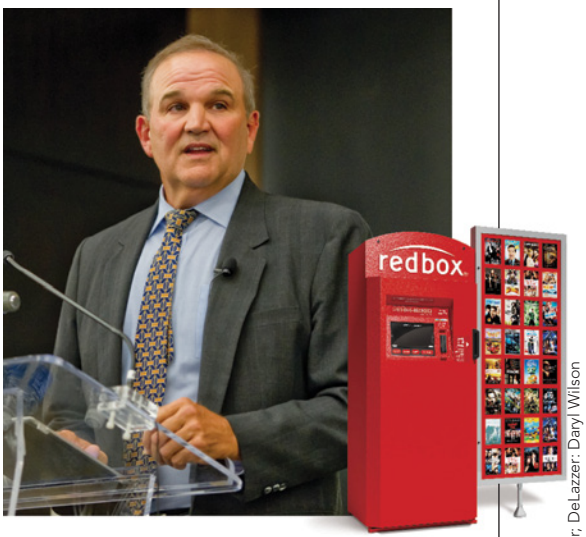
ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Other Turner School opportunities available to all Bradley students include the new Entrepreneur Intern Program, the Entrepreneur in Residence Program, the spring semester Distinguished Entrepreneur Speaker event and Mentors on Call. The Turner School also served as the Executive Office for the National CEO Conference, Nov. 1–2, in Chicago with nearly 1,300 students and 100 faculty.

— *S.A.*







LEFT: Dr. Gerald Hills is founding academic and executive director and Ken Klotz is managing director of the Turner School. TOP: Maggie Hunter '14 was a member of the winning Startup Weekend team, MuzMee. ABOVE: Mike DeLazzer, CEO of Redbox, gave the second Turner School Distinguished Speaker Series presentation in November.

Hills/Klotz, Hunter: Duane Zehr; DeLazzer: Daryl Wilson

Bradley Ranks Among Top Universities

Bradley once again received high marks from national publications. The University was ranked fifth among colleges and universities of its type in the Midwest by *U.S.News & World Report* in the magazine's 2014 guide to *America's Best Colleges*, improving one spot from last year's ranking. The review also ranked Bradley as seventh in "Best Value" among schools in the Midwest.

U.S.News & World Report showed the University tied for the highest graduation rate among the 108 Midwestern schools on the list. Almost 70 percent of incoming freshmen finish in the top 25 percent of their high school classes, and Bradley boasts a freshman-to-sophomore retention rate of 87 percent. Recognized as a top university providing a full range of undergraduate and master's programs, the report also noted the student-to-faculty ratio of 12:1 was among the best.



For the fifth consecutive year, Bradley has been recognized by *Kiplinger's Personal Finance*. Ranked 57th in the list of the nation's Best Values in Private Colleges, Bradley improved on last year's rank by 29 places while distinguishing itself as the only school in Illinois outside the Chicago area to be recognized.

— *M.D.*

ONLINE Visit bradley.edu/go/ht-Rankings2014 to read more about Bradley's most recent accolades.

Campus, portraits: Duane Zehr

Faculty Honored on Founder's Day

Every year during its Founder's Day Convocation, Bradley recognizes faculty and staff for their exceptional contributions to the University. In October, five faculty members were honored for their achievements in teaching, scholarship and public service.



CHARLES M. PUTNAM AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

Dr. Bradley Andersh, associate professor of chemistry and biochemistry, was this year's recipient of the prestigious Putnam Award. Noted in his department for consistently receiving the highest rating of all instructors for teaching, research, *and* service, Andersh is praised as one of the most profound influences on his students' professional lives. During the award presentation, it was said, "No one better exemplifies Bradley's commitment to experiential learning."

Andersh joined the University's faculty in 1993 after receiving his doctoral degree from Iowa State University.



SAMUEL ROTHBERG PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD

Dr. Kevin Finson, professor of teacher education and co-director of the Center for STEM Education, was honored with the Rothberg Award. Having published 13 scholarly articles in top journals, co-authored two well-received books, and presented more than 50 professional papers, he has earned a national reputation as a leader in his field. One co-worker noted, "He listens to others, takes their ideas seriously, supports those in need of mentoring, and is a superb colleague."

Finson earned his doctoral degree from Kansas State University and has taught at Bradley for 13 years.



CATERPILLAR INC. FACULTY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR TEACHING

Dr. Elena Gabor, assistant professor of communication, was presented with the Caterpillar Award for Teaching. Since coming to Bradley in 2008, she has distinguished herself as a model classroom teacher and a developer of new courses and programs. One student commented, "Not only does she go above and beyond for her students every day, but she has also inspired me to work hard and push myself in my coursework for the sake of learning and growing rather than simply earning a desired grade."

Gabor has a doctorate from Purdue University.



CATERPILLAR INC. FACULTY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR SCHOLARSHIP

Dr. Jennifer Robin, assistant professor of management and leadership, received the Caterpillar Award for Scholarship in acknowledgement of her remarkable level of scholarship achievement at the beginning of her career. She has co-authored three books, and her articles have been cited about 250 times in scholarly journals. Described as "brilliantly creative," Robin previously won the Caterpillar Award for Teaching. One nominator commented, "Just as she holds herself accountable to high-quality research, it is also important to her that results of her research have merit in the industry."

Robin holds a doctoral degree from the University of Tennessee and has taught at Bradley for nearly eight years.



FRANCIS C. MERGEN MEMORIAL AWARD FOR PUBLIC SERVICE

Dr. Souhail Elhouar, chairman and associate professor of civil engineering and construction, was the 2013 Mergen Award honoree. Over the past two decades, he has set the standard for helping nurture tomorrow's leaders through his extensive involvement in organizations including the Bridge-Pal Program, Dream Center of Peoria, and Peoria Race Relations Committee. One nominator shared, "Not only does his community service clearly demonstrate his dedication to community, but his ability to inspire students in our department reaches beyond the classroom."

Elhouar holds a doctoral degree from the University of Oklahoma and joined Bradley's faculty in 1994.

— *C.M.*

U.S. Judge Tells Graduates to Keep Building



Noting his "love affair" with Bradley started when he arrived on the Hilltop as a freshman 59 years ago, U.S. District Judge **Joe Billy McDade '59 MA '60 HON '13** encouraged graduates at the December commencement to continue building a better world. "You must have the glorious feeling I once had of a sense of unknown potential," the 1990 Distinguished Alumnus told the crowd. "Unlike past generations, you don't seem to be bound by inherited or cultural traditions or pretensions."

Among the graduates were the first five students to complete the Hospitality Leadership program, which started in fall 2011. In total, 253 undergraduate and graduate degrees were conferred at the ceremony.

McDade, a basketball star at Bradley who played in two NIT championship games, is a member of the Centurion Society and was a member of the University's Board of Trustees. A graduate of the University of Michigan's law school, he founded the first racially mixed law firm in Peoria. He was the first



African American to be named and the first to be elected a judge in Illinois' 10th Judicial Circuit. He also was the first African American judge in the U.S. District Court for the Central District of Illinois. Appointed to that position in 1991 by President Bush, McDade was chief judge of the district from 1998–2004.

"In large measure, what I am, what I have become, and what I have learned are all related to my Bradley experience," he said.

— *B.G.*

Homemade History

LEADING THE COMMENCEMENT PROCESSION, as it does at many ceremonial events on the Hilltop, was the University's mace (at left). Handcrafted over several months by **Edward Garrett Anderson 1914** (at right), the mace is 32 inches long and made of a black, almost grainless wood. It has two sterling silver bands and a single red gem. Almost all universities and colleges in the United States have a ceremonial mace; they are symbols of internal authority and independence from external control. Anderson presented the mace to Bradley in 1963, when he was appointed honorary marshall for that year's commencement. He lettered in football, was active in debate and the English and Literary clubs, and served as editor in chief of the 1913 yearbook. Anderson, who died in 1969, retired as a teacher from George Washington High School in Los Angeles.

— *B.G.*



McDade: Daryl Wilson; Mace: Duane Zehr; Anderson: courtesy Garrett Anderson

Olympics Interns Warming Up for Winter Games



Eighteen Bradley students became Olympic winners when they were selected as interns to help with NBC's coverage of the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia.

Six of the students will work in Sochi, and the remainder will be stationed at the NBC Sports studios in Stamford, Conn. A total of 36 Bradley students interviewed for the coveted positions. Their appointments follow the great success 10 Bradley students had working for NBC during the 2012 Summer Olympics in London.

"The funny thing is that the Bradley interns working the Olympics in London were one of the main reasons I chose Bradley," said **Anna Wilks '15**, who will be traveling to Sochi. "I heard about their opportunity, and it made me excited for what could come my way."

"This experience is stepping out of my comfort zone," added **Jonathan Teich '14**, another Sochi-bound intern. "I've watched the Olympics atmosphere on TV so many times; being live at the Games is going to be absolutely incredible."

The internships will last from three to five weeks, and the students expect to be working seven days a week and 12 or more hours a day at jobs ranging from running supplies and gear to personnel at the Games to behind-the-scenes television and Internet production tasks in Connecticut.

"The fact that NBC returned to us for the Winter Games and selected even more students than for the Summer Games is strong testament to our students, our communications professors, and the superb performance of those who worked the Summer Games," said Dr. Paul Gullifor, Communications Department chairman.

A follow-up story detailing the students' experiences with the Games — being held February 6–23 — will be included in an upcoming issue of *Bradley Hilltopics*.

— *B.G.*

2014 NBC OLYMPIC INTERNS

GOING TO SOCHI

Jake Hermann '14
Brianna Karls '15
Lee Pikelny '14
Jonathan Teich '14
Frank Van Almsick '14
Anna Wilks '15

GOING TO STAMFORD

Ben Arellano '14
Daniel Bradley '14
Tyler Dalsin '15
Tim Lahey '14
Jesse Marczewski '14
Dominique Moore '15
Christopher Morgan '14
Kelly O'Brien '15
Laura O'Radnik '14
Spence Siegel '15
Tim van Straten '15
Lauren Watts '14

Jake Heuser Named VP for Advancement



Last August, Jake Heuser was announced as the new vice president for advancement at Bradley. A member of the University's development office staff since 2007, he previously held the roles of senior director and executive director, which helped prepare him for his new fundraising and alumni engagement responsibilities.

"I am very pleased to welcome Jake to my senior leadership team," said President Joanne Glasser. "Having been actively involved in the successful completion of the Campaign for a Bradley Renaissance, he brings with him to the position a comprehensive knowledge about our advancement efforts while also possessing a deep appreciation for the core values on which our University was founded."

Before coming to the Hilltop, Heuser served as an associate director of planned giving at Saint Louis University and as an account executive consulting on fundraising efforts for the marketing firm Gabriel Group. He also worked for Phi Delta Theta fraternity, focusing on member recruitment and new chapter development.

Heuser holds a bachelor's degree in marketing management from Missouri State University. He and his wife, Lea Ann, have two children.

— *C.M.*

Heuser: Duane Zehr; Olympics: Steve Tannock

Imaging Technology Enhances Diagnostic Process

While earning his doctorate in electrical and computer engineering in 2010, Dr. **José Sánchez '00 MSEE '02** *found his interest researching ultrasound imaging had blossomed. "I pursued this area because of my passion with signal processing and its potential to improve medical technology," said Sánchez, who survived a rare form of testicular cancer. "My mentality going in, and as a cancer survivor, was any contribution that could impact people's lives is critical. Add signal processing, and you have a match made in heaven."*



Ethan Zentz '13

Thanks to his work, physicians in the future may detect tumors at earlier stages and pinpoint treatments toward specific cancers — possibly even make diagnoses without the need for biopsies.

The assistant professor of electrical and computer engineering explained that spatial resolution, or the overall detail, is a factor affecting the quality of an ultrasonic image. Improving that detail has the potential to improve the diagnostic qualities of ultrasound images.

He added that in ultrasound imaging, axial resolution is a measure indicating what the minimum spacing between two structures should be, helping distinguish them.

It's improved as the ultrasound system's bandwidth increases. High-frequency systems tend to have larger bandwidth, but as frequency increases, the sound intensity decreases while there also is a reduction in the depth of penetration.

To deal with this tradeoff between spatial resolution and penetration depth, the amplitude can be increased for the excitation signal. That increase in power also increases pressure that could have side effects, such as heating or damaging body tissue.

ACHIEVING BETTER IMAGING

Sánchez is seeking a way to improve image quality using coded excitation and a pulse compression technique known as resolution enhancement compression (REC). This approach not only increases the transmitted energy while minimizing power but also enhances bandwidth to improve axial resolution.

"There is still a lot of research to be completed before we can push this technology onto clinical scanners," he said about the timeline for his work. "I am just beginning to look into REC and hybrid coded excitation techniques on ultrasonic array-based systems. The results so far are very promising; if all goes well, an educated guess would be five to 10 years."

Sánchez's goal is to develop an ultrasonic imaging system that transmits a pre-enhanced "chirp," the coded excitation waveform used in REC. Through senior projects with Bradley students, he has worked on the platform for coded excitation and real-time processing of data with a general purpose graphic processing unit (GPGPU). "With single-element sources, research could take up to an hour," Sánchez noted. "With a multiple-element source, it can be done quickly and in real time. Because we need to compress the received signal, more processing is required. Using a GPGPU, we are able to process the data in real time as a conventional system would."

Now, he is acquiring data and developing digital signal-processing technology to transmit amplitude- and frequency-modulated coded signals using multiple-element sources to make imaging equipment smaller, less expensive and more accurate.

A waveform generator is used to produce electric impulses. Electric voltage is put through a transducer that converts it to a pressure wave. Then, that "bounces" back and is processed in a computer to create an image. Each transducer has its own individual response. Newer transducers have larger bandwidth, Sanchez noted, but there is room to improve. "We can improve resolution, we can improve contrast, and we can improve penetration depth," he said about using the REC technique.

He works to encode those electric impulses with a special binary code that affects the impulses and, hopefully, results in a better ultrasound image.

DETECTING TUMORS EARLIER

Sánchez also researches quantitative ultrasound techniques (QUS), which are used to study the microstructure of tissue and may allow doctors to detect some cancers, usually those that are not too deep in the body such as breast, thyroid, prostate, cervical and testicular tumors. Differentiating between tumors might be improved by using coded excitation techniques, but Sánchez said he needs to further research REC techniques in array-based systems.

In the future, when the REC research moves into the medical community, it could provide doctors with more information through better resolution of images, improved contrast and automatic tumor delineation. "All my work up to last year was focused on using a single-element source," Sánchez said, adding that these sources are the simplest way to test the physics of the problem but have limitations that prevent them being used in a clinical setting. Using a larger, array-based ultrasound system is complicated by the cost, limited availability or limited function.

His research received an international assist when a colleague at the Universidad Catolica de Peru went to France to conduct research at the University of Lyon. The French facility had specialized array-based imaging equipment that aided Sanchez.

"We have a collaboration going where we can feed them this information," he explained, noting the time difference between France and Peoria. "I wake up, and the data is waiting for me to process. This partnership gives me the opportunity to run experiments at a much quicker pace. The future involves pushing this research forward to put it into clinical machines."

While Sánchez chose Bradley for his undergraduate work because of its reputation for providing a quality education and financial aid, he stayed for his master's for more personal reasons: "I felt I wasn't finished learning, and I didn't feel that I was ready to contribute to society in the way I wanted. I needed to enhance my education to accomplish what I wanted to do."

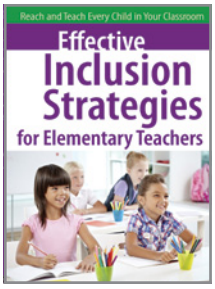
— Bob Grimson '81

LEFT: Research into ultrasound imaging by Dr. José Sánchez '00 MSEE '02 could lead to physicians in the future detecting tumors at earlier stages, pinpointing treatments toward specific cancers, and potentially making diagnoses without the need for biopsies.

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Recent Books Authored by Bradley Faculty





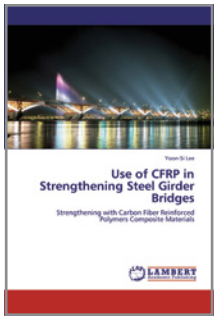
EFFECTIVE INCLUSION STRATEGIES FOR ELEMENTARY TEACHERS: REACH AND TEACH EVERY CHILD IN YOUR CLASSROOM *Prufrock Press* / In this guide for elementary school teachers, Dr. **Jeffrey P. Bakken**, associate provost for research and dean of the Graduate School, and his co-authors, Drs. Cynthia G. Simpson and Jessica Rueter, deal with key issues educators face when instructing students with disabilities. The book covers topics ranging from disability laws and a definition of *inclusion* to discussions about specific disabilities and collaborating with families. It is written in a reader-friendly style and offers many examples and suggestions that make it a vital resource for any elementary teacher.



TORAH PRAXIS AFTER 70 CE: READING MATTHEW AND LUKE-ACTS AS JEWISH TEXTS *Mohr Siebeck* / This historical investigation by Dr. **Isaac W. Oliver**, assistant professor of religious studies, challenges conventional views of the Gospels of Matthew and Luke as well as the Acts of the Apostles. Instead of accepting traditional attitudes classifying Matthew as a "Jewish" text and Luke-Acts as a "Greek" or Gentile-Christian text, he reads both works as early Jewish literature while also claiming that Luke, who is normally seen as a Gentile, was a Jewish author. He bases his assertions on examinations of the books' attitudes toward three central ritualistic Jewish practices — Sabbath, kashrut and circumcision.



GOING BACK FOR OUR FUTURE: CARRYING FORWARD THE SPIRIT OF PIONEERS OF SCIENCE EDUCATION *Information Age Publishing* / As editors of the first volume in the new Pioneers of Science Education series, Dr. **Kevin D. Finson**, professor of teacher education and co-director of the Center for STEM Education, and his colleagues, Drs. Jon E. Pedersen, Barbara S. Spector, and Paul Jablon, strive to recognize those educators who helped shape science education by documenting memories from the pioneers themselves or from those who worked closely with them. Whether their roles were as mentors or teachers, these trailblazers became part of an extensive network, fostering their development then and continuing to support educators now.



USE OF CFRP IN STRENGTHENING STEEL GIRDER BRIDGES: STRENGTHENING WITH CARBON FIBER REINFORCED POLYMERS COMPOSITE MATERIALS *LAP Lambert Academic Publishing* / In this two-part book, Dr. **Yoon-Si Lee**, assistant professor of civil engineering and construction, examines the use of carbon fiber reinforced polymers (CFRP) to strengthen two different structurally deficient bridges. The first case shows how the bridge's live-load carrying capacity was improved through the use of CFRP bars post-tensioned in the positive moment region. The second case summarizes how a bridge was strengthened by installing CFRP plates to the bottom flange of its girders, also in the positive moment region.

— C.M.

Coach, Golfer Earn MVC Honors



Mary Swanson, women's golf head coach, was chosen the Missouri Valley Conference's Coach of the Year. She is the first golf coach in 10 years to win that distinction while not leading the MVC champion. Bradley finished tied for third at the conference meet in April, its best finish since 2007.



Danielle Lemek '16 was on par for success this spring as she was named Newcomer of the Year in the MVC and won All-Conference honors in golf. She also was selected the Alumni B-Club Most Outstanding Female Athlete for the year.

Lemek played in the U.S. Women's Amateur Championship in August at Charleston, S.C. She finished tied for 123rd with a two-day score of 157.

Bradley will host the 2014 MVC Women's Golf Championship in April at Panther Creek Country Club in Springfield.

— *B.G.*

Swanson, Wojcik, DeRose: Duane Zehr; Lemek, soccer: Bob Hunt



BRADLEY ATHLETICS YEAR IN REVIEW

View the notable accomplishments by Bradley's sports teams, coaches, and athletes during the past year in an Athletics Department highlight video at bradley.edu/go/ht-AYearOfMemories2013.

Men's Soccer Wins MVC

For the second time, a Bradley men's soccer player was named Player of the Year in the Missouri Valley Conference. The Braves also beat Missouri State 1-0 to win the MVC Tournament and the automatic bid for the NCAA Tournament. Bradley defeated Northwestern 3-2 in overtime in the NCAA's opening round but saw its run end with a 3-1 second-round loss to the University of California.



Forward **Wojciech Wojcik '14** broke the school's single-season assist record and tied for the most assists in the country, becoming the first Bradley soccer player to lead the nation in a statistical category. Chosen as the MVC's top player by the conference's seven head coaches, he also was the University's only first-team All-Conference selection and later was named first-team All-Midwest Region by the National Soccer Coaches Association of American (NSCAA) and Continental Tire. Winning honors in the classroom as well, Wojcik was selected to the NSCAA University Level Men's Scholar All North/Central Region first team and was one of 11 players nationwide chosen for the NSCAA Scholar All-America squad.

Bradley's **Christian Okeke '17** was voted MVC Freshman of the Year. He scored two of the Braves' three goals in the MVC quarterfinal victory over Evansville and is the fourth Bradley player honored as the MVC's top first-year player. Okeke represented the Braves on the All-MVC second team along with forward **Alon Badat '14**, defender **Grant Bell '16**, and goalkeeper **Brian Billings '14**, who had seven shutouts during the regular season. Billings also was named a second-team All-Regional choice while Bell and Okeke were selected for the third team. Badat, meanwhile, was honored on the Scholar All-North/Central Region second team. Defender **Jason Coon '14** earned honorable mention All-Conference honors.

Head coach Jim DeRose was named



NSCAA Midwest Region Coach of the Year — the third time in his 18-year Bradley career.

The Braves had four players named to the MVC's soccer Scholar-Athlete team, sharing the top spot for most representatives on the squad. Badat and Wojcik were chosen for the first team while Coon and **Scott Davis '14** were honorable mention.

— *B.G.*




Michelle Young '15

RECORD-BREAKING NIGHT

A team effort drew 2,402 fans to Renaissance Coliseum for the women's basketball squad's opening game — a 98-92 victory over Illinois. The crowd was the largest for a women's basketball game at the Coliseum and the fourth largest for a women's basketball game in Bradley history.

Five Bradley players, including all four seniors, scored in double figures as the two teams combined for a Coliseum-record 190 points. The Braves are now 3-2 in their last five games against Illinois and 3-1 in the last four games against Big Ten Conference opponents. The meeting marked the first time since the 1998–99 season that Bradley opened with a victory over an opponent from a BCS conference.

Serving Up Music

ONLINE Visit **bradley.edu/go/ht-EasterSealsConcert** to see the 2013 concert.

Tennis player and pianist **Ashton Kalhorn '14** is using his musical talent to benefit Easter Seals of Central Illinois for a third consecutive year.

The philosophy major, who has completed a pre-med curriculum, finds time to practice on the court and at the keys. "As a student-athlete, professors and coaches are understanding of our tight schedules," the three-year letterwinner said, noting how his talents serve others. "It's always good to raise money for causes like Easter Seals because we sometimes forget how fortunate we are." Details about the spring concert will be announced at **bradleybraves.com**.

Held at Peoria-area churches, the concerts also involve performances by other Bradley students. In 2013, Kalhorn was joined by **Kinza Hagerup '15** and tennis teammate **Arthur Romanet '14**. The day before their show, the tennis duo teamed up in a match against Missouri Valley Conference opponent Wichita State at Bradley's David Markin Tennis Courts.

The initial concert was organized by **Jameil Abou-Hanna '12** and featured **James D. Sapp '13**, along with Kalhorn.


From left, Arthur Romanet '14, Kinza Hagerup '15, and Ashton Kalhorn '14 performed in a piano concert benefiting Easter Seals last April.

"Bradley has many talented students, and I'm proud to be a part of this University," Kalhorn said. "What attracted me to Bradley is still what I appreciate now: the personal attention, family atmosphere and strong sports programs."

— *B.G.*

Lemon Recognized as CLASS Act

Men's basketball guard **Walt Lemon Jr. '14** was named to the list of 30 male candidates for the 2013–14 Senior CLASS Award. Open to NCAA Division I seniors, the award encourages student-athletes to be leaders and make an impact on their communities. An acronym for Celebrating Loyalty and Achievement for Staying in School, the honor notes achievements in community service, classroom, character and competition.

Ten finalists will be selected midway through the regular season, and a winner will be chosen through a nationwide voting system of media, coaches and fans. The recipients of the men's and women's awards will be announced during their respective 2014 Final Four events.

Lemon began his senior season as the Missouri Valley Conference's scoring leader among active players with 1,146 points.

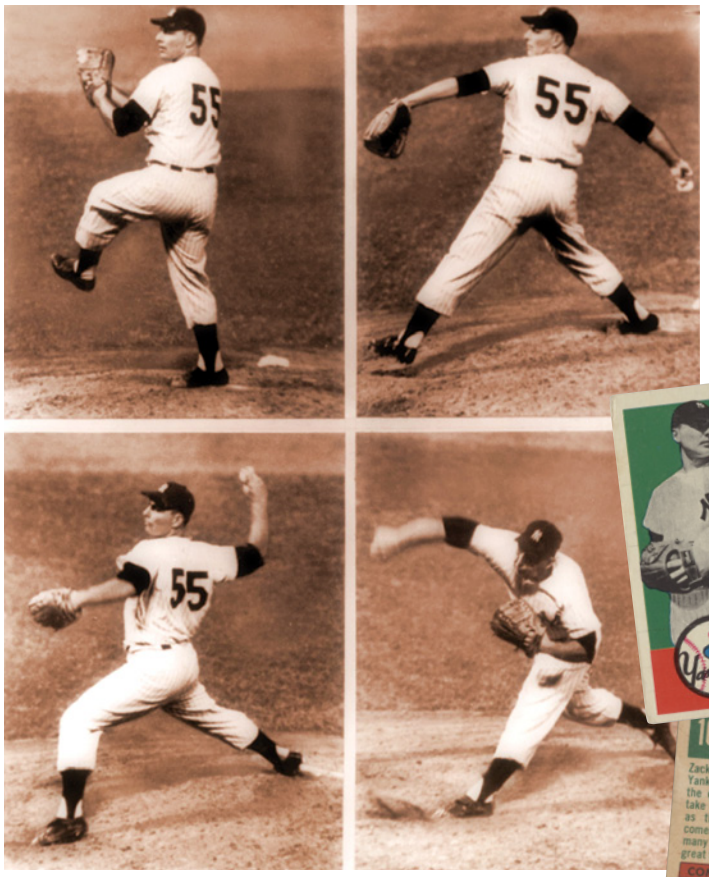
— *B.G.*



Basketball: Jeff Noble; Piano: courtesy Ashton Kalhorn

Pitching to the Stars in the Stripes

Zack Monroe '58 has lived a baseball lover's dream. While sporting New York Yankees pinstripes in 1958, he retired Boston Red Sox icon Ted Williams at Fenway Park.





Donning New York Yankees pinstripes in the late 1950s, pitcher Zack Monroe '58 represented Bradley University on a national stage during the 1958 World Series. He is one of 14 former Bradley athletes to play in the big leagues.

"I faced Ted once and got him out," Monroe said as a smile spread across his face. "In fact, I was sitting next to Bobby Shantz in the bullpen and asked him how to pitch against Ted. Bobby told me Ted was very fidgety at the plate, so I should take my time between pitches. After the game, I told Bobby I really appreciated his advice. He just looked at me and said, 'Don't count on it the next time.'"

With countless recollections of life in the majors, Monroe recalled one memorable 1959 minor league playoff game in Havana, Cuba, involving former college pitcher and avid baseball fan Fidel Castro. When Monroe was sent down to play in Richmond, Va., the team traveled to compete against the Havana Sugar Kings, the Cincinnati Reds' International League Class AAA affiliate based in Cuba.

"Castro was there that night, 10 seats from the aisle, directly behind home plate," Monroe observed. "I pitched a pretty good game, but the Sugar Kings beat us. I took the loss pretty hard because we were eliminated from the playoffs, and I was slow getting dressed. The next thing I knew, Castro was in our locker room congratulating me on the game I pitched. Cuban soldiers formed a V with Castro at the end of it, and he shook my hand. I was stunned."

BRADLEY BASEBALL AND BEYOND

Ironically, the Peoria Woodruff High School athlete came to Bradley to play basketball, his "best game." However, Monroe learned that the 1950s were a competitive time to make the team and see playing time, noting "too many big guns." He left basketball behind to concentrate on baseball with Coach **Leo Schrall, MA '67**, "a real tough guy who was a good coach with many successful teams."

As he reflected on Bradley baseball, Monroe commented that Schrall, who was recognized as an MVC Coach of the Year seven times, had only one assistant coach while he was on the team — **Chuck Orsborn '39 MA '51**. When Monroe was signed into the minor leagues, many times one coach did it all. Once in the majors, he said the team had a pitching coach, a bullpen coach, and often one additional coach.

"Baseball has changed considerably since I played. It was hard," he noted. "I remember when I was called up and sent to Cleveland to pitch. From there, I was bused to consecutive games in Detroit and Chicago. From Chicago, I was sent by train to Kansas City. The only time I remember flying was from Kansas City to Baltimore."

The Korean War veteran recalled earning about $7,500 a year compared to Yankees legend Mickey Mantle's estimated annual salary of $80,000–$85,000. Nevertheless, Monroe continues to be acknowledged each year by the Yankees organization with a special birthday card, and he appreciates the experience and lifelong connection.

One minor regret the former Yankees pitcher has involves his teammates. "It would have been nice to have some of the guys on the team's autographs now — Whitey Ford, Mickey Mantle, and my manager Casey Stengel. Of course, Yogi Berra doesn't sign autographs," Monroe added with a laugh. "Yogi's autograph is worth a lot of money today."

— *K.M.*

Monroe pitching: courtesy BaseballBirthdays.com

Convergence Projects Pave the Way

Technology can affect people for the greater good. When three teams of motivated students — engineering and business majors — joined forces in the inaugural convergence capstone projects to solve problems for high-profile clients, they did not disappoint. Seeds were planted for the success of future integrated projects within the Foster College of Business and the Caterpillar College of Engineering and Technology.

BY KAREN CROWLEY METZINGER, MA '97

Photography by Duane Zehr

"THE CONCEPT OF CONVERGENCE has been talked about on this campus and many other campuses for a number of years," said Dr. Darrell Radson, dean of the Foster College of Business. "The underlying concept is that both business and engineering students will be more highly educated when they learn to collaborate on projects here and then take those skills into the workplace. But talk is only talk; action is where it really lies, and at Bradley, we are able to make it happen. We blur the academic lines, and our students work together for an extended amount of time."

Dr. Lex Akers, dean of the Caterpillar College of Engineering and Technology, noted that much has been learned through the convergence projects, which he compared to "designing an airplane in flight." Coursework is being prepared for a series of classes during junior year that will equip students with the skill sets necessary to launch into the projects much faster as seniors. "Bonding the teams a year earlier also will enhance rapport," he added. "Five new capstone projects are well under way from the fall semester. Students are working together, enhancing their leadership skills, and solving real-life problems for clients."

Both deans agree that their respective students learned the value of their peers' knowledge as they broke down stereotypical barriers, demystified their majors, and learned each other's unique terminology to foster clear communication. Professors, college advisory board members, and clients were impressed with the depth and level of skill the undergraduates honed during the yearlong process on the following convergence projects.

SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEM

ENGINEERING ADVISERS: *Dr. John Engdahl and Dr. Marty Morris '77 MSME '79*
BUSINESS ADVISERS: *Ken Klotz and Carey Novak*

Due to explosive growth in the solar photovoltaic panel (PV) market over the past five years, a client wanting to incorporate PV into its electric power generation portfolio set a goal for this convergence team: design a significantly lower-cost PV-mounting system so customers would benefit from the cost-effect measures and include PV as part of their power-generation solution. The client charged the team with analyzing the PV industry and market segments, estimating market potential, identifying future obstacles, benchmarking top competitors and analyzing their business models, interviewing selected and potential customers to define needs, creating and evaluating alternate business models, and recommending a course of action and implementation plan.

The overall objective of the PV project was to cut the cost of generating electricity. The driving



forces in the industry analysis were rising fuel prices, technological advancements, and government mandates and incentives. The team determined the outlook for PV is positive as petroleum prices are driving customers to the PV market.

Both the engineering and business students interviewed a sampling of dealers in the network who would be selling the product and learned of the wide diversity of requirements they would need to consider when designing and marketing the solar panel. Overall profitability and a three- to seven-year return on investment were priorities.

"We worked toward an understanding of the product and each other's language in terms of business students communicating with engineering students," business major **Kelsy Schmidbauer '13** said. "We also learned to balance client expectations in a timeline."

Initially, they designed and analyzed three prototypes of solar panel mounting systems: the fixed vertical tube, the fixed tilted tube, and the one-axis tracking panel. They evaluated each model in terms of installation and structural component cost and the levelized cost of generating energy over a 25-year period.

After several iterations, the team recommended the fixed vertical tube design for the client. They simplified the structure, kept the costs relatively low, and improved its performance. Understanding that one design will not work for every customer in every location, they also created a system evaluator tool to help facilitate the answer to two critical questions: Can the PV produce customer value? If so, in what locations?

The system evaluator tool is basically a spreadsheet that takes into account many engineering and business inputs to produce an output for a given system. It offers solutions in four metrics: payback period, net present value, internal rate of return, and levelized cost of electricity.

Keeping cost as a key component, they also made marketing recommendations based on research of 100 countries to determine which locations are most feasible and financially attractive for the product.

GREEN GLOBAL ENERGY RADIANT HEATER

ENGINEERING ADVISER: *Dr. Marty Morris '77 MSME '79*
BUSINESS ADVISER: *Ken Klotz*

In 2012, the clients bought the assets of a failed business and set up a new company with the intent to market an improved product. They gave this convergence team patented technology for a low-intensity infrared radiant heating system used to warm large, open spaces such as factories and warehouses. However, the technology was created in Europe, and when installed here, some of the components

ABOVE: From left, Alec Gialamas '13, Professor Marty Morris '77 MSME '79, Kyle Palmer '13, Darrin Johnston '93, James Stout '13, Daniel Kopec '13, and Kelsy Schmidbauer '13 meet to discuss the physical properties of a photovoltaic solar panel. The business and engineering students combined their knowledge and skill sets to deliver market recommendations and a cost-effective mounting system for the solar panels to their clients. Not pictured are team members Wayne Bowdish '13 and Greg Fehlau '13.



ABOVE: From left, Kaitlyn Sliwski '14, Jeff Green, Dave Finn, Ben Knippel '14, Jeffrey Shen '13, Adriana Duron '13, and Tori Scotti '13 review the radiant heater redesign the convergence team developed for Green Global LLC. Originally patented by a European company, the team was tasked with redesigning the heater to meet U.S. building codes. Not pictured are team members Alex Wilson '13 and Jeffrey Smith '13.

and fittings were not compatible with U.S. building codes. They were tasked with redesigning the heater to eliminate defects in the original model.

Radiant heating units work by warming stainless steel tubes that emit infrared heat. The tubes are positioned to radiate heat toward the floor and can present an energy cost savings of 30 to 75 percent, depending on the application.

The team worked together to determine how to maintain product differentiation while reducing costs since the original heater, although highly differentiated, is expensive and complicated to produce.

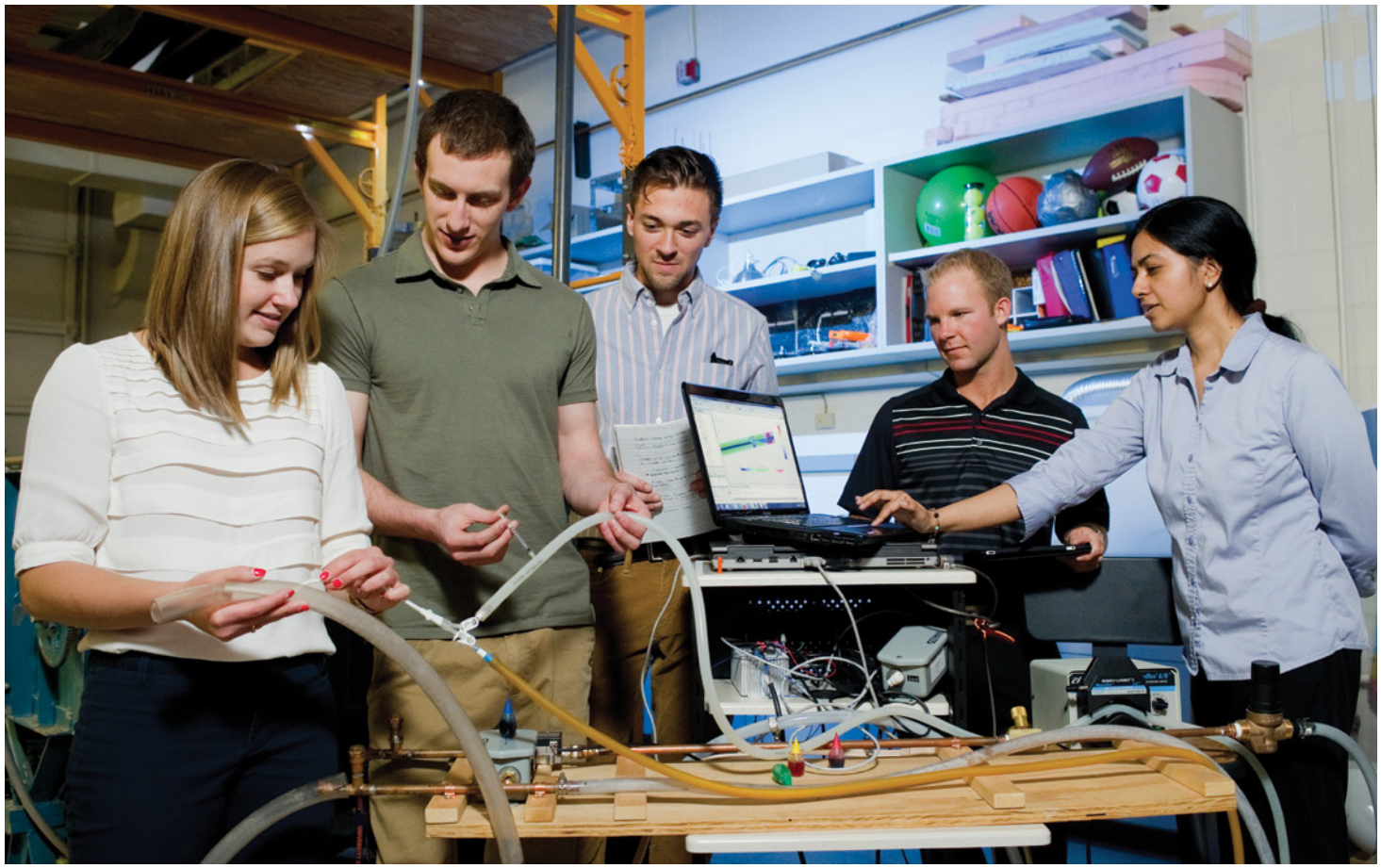
The business students researched the commercial heating industry in terms of building size for potential clients nationwide. They examined branding and product differentiators, conducted an industry and competitor analysis, and produced a financial pro forma. They also reviewed climate and population density maps to determine target markets for the heater and gave the clients an estimate for the radiant heating market.

However, compiled feedback from potential clients "became the most critical component in the project," explained marketing major **Tori Scotti '13**. "Our interviews proved that up-front costs were critical to consumers, and we worked side-by-side with the engineering students to make sure we were speaking the same language."

After the business students provided the engineering students with market research that affected the heater's redesign, the engineering students developed an analytical model like the existing heater, allowing the clients to go into the program and make adjustments. The analytical model predicts temperature, distance along the pipe, and heat output, helping to drive the design of a superior reflector while lowering material costs. The team also furnished the clients with a thermodynamic model of a radiantly heated space, so the clients could compare the efficiency of forced-air heating and radiant heating to prove cost savings to customers.

They redesigned the heater with an M-shaped stainless steel reflector for increased efficiency and corrosion resistance. The team decided to incorporate a device to preheat the incoming air to increase energy-saving efficiency and provide a simple, inexpensive and persuasive product differentiator. While reducing material costs by 20 percent, part count by 30 to 40 percent, and reflector material costs by 45 percent, the redesigned system increased the radiation reflected by 83 percent.

The students' research showed that performance contracts are popular with schools as well as companies, so the team recommended that Green Global Energy partner with corporations such as Honeywell, Johnson Controls and Chevron.



ELGCo HEMODIALYSIS CATHETER

ENGINEERING ADVISER: *Dr. Kalyani Nair*
BUSINESS ADVISER: *Ken Klotz*

An internationally renowned interventional radiologist, inventor, and founder of ELGCo challenged this convergence team to design a cost-effective hemodialysis catheter. With an average annual cost of $80,000, a single dialysis patient's treatment is a significant incentive for the medical community to find ways to reduce expenses. A specialist in medical device innovation and development, the client tasked the team with designing a device that can be positioned off the vein wall to reduce fibrin sheath buildup. He also gave them a size limitation to ease the catheter's insertion. Focused on a project development business model, his intent is to sell the concept to a mature device company.

The team learned that hemodialysis is a procedure for kidney-failure patients, and, according to research, 50 percent of traditional catheters fail within 12 weeks. With a goal of designing a catheter that does not damage the vein nor reduce blood flow, accounting/economics major **Bradley Krafft '13** noted, "We had to get up to speed understanding hemodialysis itself because one of the most important tools is learning the client's business."

During their first semester on the project, students concentrated on understanding the market and identifying customer needs by conducting in-depth interviews with local nephrologists and others in the medical field, including business managers and a dialysis center's director of operations. Their professional input was factored into the product design and business model. These experts affirmed that fibrin buildup and cutting costs are major concerns, and the statistics they provided helped with the market research. The team also reviewed current patents that are not on the market and compared their design process against current standards. They found no design that centers the catheter in the vein and off the vein wall.

Toward the end of the process, the client recommended the engineers develop a catheter with NiTinol, a shape-memory alloy used in stents. Following his suggestion, the team designed and developed two 3-D models and 2-D drawings with dimensions and specs.

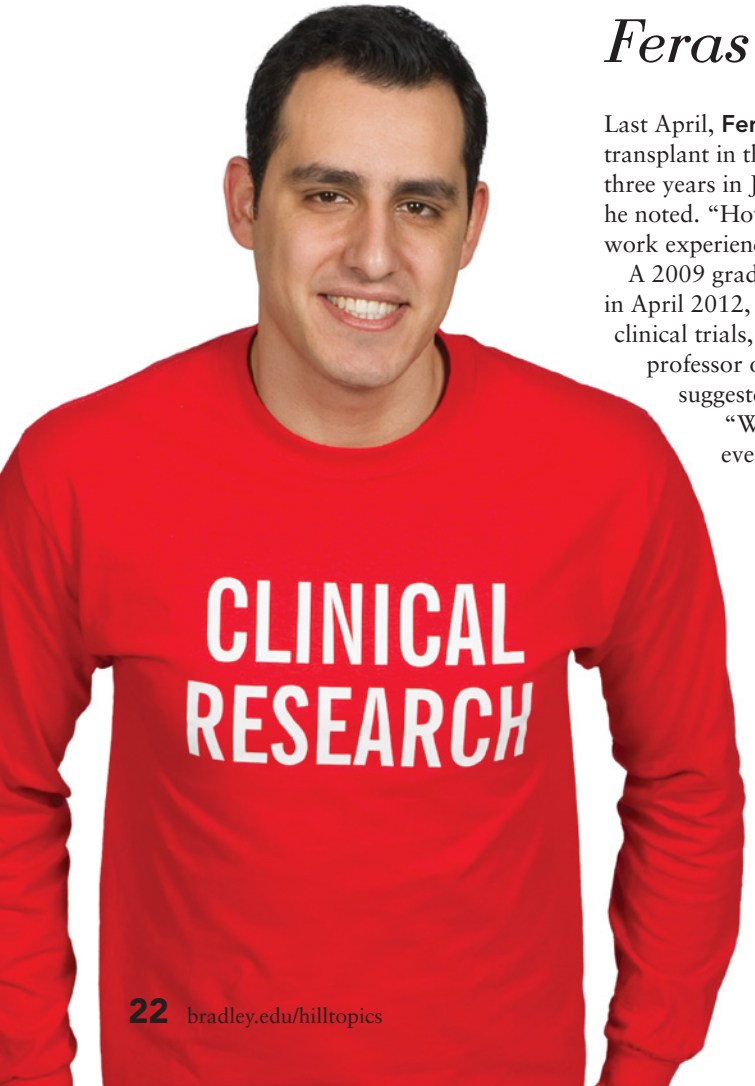
The project is now in the patent process and is positioned as a cost-saving device that combats fibrin sheath buildup for improved blood flow rates. By extending the catheter's lifespan, the number and frequency of invasive procedures dialysis patients experience will be reduced. If patented, the business model expectation is for ELGCo to be acquired by a company such as Johnson & Johnson or a major healthcare company. ■

ABOVE: From left, Emily Schaefer '13, Daniel Romane '13, Bradley Krafft '13, and Bradley LaFary '13 demonstrate with Dr. Kalyani Nair the hemodialysis catheter they designed for ELGCo, an LLC specializing in medical device innovation. They delivered two designs to the client, and the project is in the patent process. Not pictured are team members Josh Ray '13, Eric Winterton '13, Jesse Rieker '13, and Michael Sotiros '13.

CATALYS

While their time on the Hilltop is focused on gaining a quality education, many Bradley students achieve far more than a degree. Whether it is founding a new campus organization, pioneering advances in their fields, or reaching beyond themselves and their comfort zones to help others, these individuals strive to make a difference. In the following pages, we profile these remarkable students and their impact on the world today … and for years to come.

BY *BRADLEY HILLTOPICS* STAFF
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Feras Altwal, MS '14

Last April, **Feras Altwal, MS '14** was part of a team that supported the first trachea transplant in the United States — on 2-year-old Hannah Warren. "I had previously spent three years in Jordan assisting with around 300 stem cell surgeries for numerous diseases," he noted. "However, this surgery completely stands out from all the rest, both in terms of work experience and the emotional aspect."

A 2009 graduate of Philadelphia University in Amman, Jordan, Altwal moved to the U.S. in April 2012, after Dr. Mark Holterman recruited him to assist with stem cell research and clinical trials, specifically Warren's case. Three months later, he met Dr. Craig Cady, associate professor of biology, during discussions about collaborating on the procedure. Cady then suggested he pursue a master's in biology at Bradley.

"Working in Dr. Cady's lab incredibly facilitated the process and prepared me even more for the work I did during the surgery," Altwal explained.

While he had been helping with preparations for nearly a year, he also participated directly in the operation. In addition to transporting and evaluating samples from the bioartificial trachea prior to the surgery, he "collected blood samples from Hannah every other day for three weeks after the procedure for further confirmatory testing."

Altwal plans to enroll in a doctoral program next fall, a goal he attributes to Warren: "Hannah motivated all those involved to have high hopes and remain positive through any encountered obstacles. It is because of the lasting impact this surgery made on me that I became certain of my will to incorporate clinical work in my future career."

TS *for* CHANGE



Stephanie Copeland '13

The Internet helped connect **Stephanie Copeland '13** with the international organization 1000 Shillings, which helps women in Uganda.

"I was the social entrepreneur," explained Copeland, who was among the first eight U.S. college students selected by the group for a fellowship and spent two months working in the African nation. "I looked at some different programs, and this excited me because it was the first time 1000 Shillings offered fellowships."

The nonprofit started in November 2012, and its name comes from the average amount a person lives on daily in Uganda — which equals about 40 U.S. cents. It gives Ugandan women a chance to develop business and leadership skills by creating and selling handmade products such as scarves, bracelets and purses online.

A human resource management major, Copeland wrote business plans for the women and case studies to be used by future participants. She also taught business basics such as pricing products. "I definitely used what I learned in my business classes," she said. "The biggest takeaway is it's hard to get anywhere without support; that's what we provide these women."

She would like to eventually work with an organization helping and empowering women in the Peoria area.

Copeland said the Smith Career Center was instrumental in obtaining the fellowship, even contacting 1000 Shillings to ensure its legitimacy. She also cited the interpersonal and leadership skills she developed at Bradley. "Anyone could have utilized the resources here to make it possible," she said. "If it's something you really want to do, you can make it happen."

Anthony Isherwood '14 MSA '14



Stepping onto campus in 2009, **Anthony Isherwood '14 MSA '14** pledged Sigma Nu fraternity, became the pledge class treasurer, and dove into the finances of Greek life. Active in special events for the Interfraternity Council, three years ago, he discovered an opportunity to be a sales representative for Gainlight Studios, a branding, apparel, and design company owned by **Derek Oddo '09** and **Matt Lakics '09**. After the November 17 tornadoes swept through the Midwest, Isherwood found himself helping with relief efforts when the company decided to create "Central Illinois Strong" T-shirts to build awareness and raise funds.

"A week after the devastation, I was involved in sending T-shirts to people from Maine to Guam. It is just unbelievable to see the support the world has for central Illinois," Isherwood said. "By the end of 2013, we had sold more than 1,700 shirts and donated $11,056.35 to the American Red Cross to show community support."

During his junior year, Isherwood — a major in the University's 3:2 accounting program — was invited to join Bradley's chapter of Beta Alpha Psi, an honorary organization for financial information students and professionals. He soon become a member of the executive board and vice president of professional events, and has had numerous opportunities to connect with successful alumni. In fact, he has accepted an external audit position at Deloitte in Chicago, a company employing many Bradley alumni.

"Bradley has an amazing alumni network; they reach out to us and ask how they can help," he said. "We are able to compete, and I have benefited from Bradley's small classroom feel and worldwide presence."



Rasheed Habler '16

As co-captain of Bradley's mock trial team, **Rasheed Habler '16** is gaining valuable leadership and communication skills he can use in the classroom and beyond. "You learn how to talk to people and adapt to situations you would never imagine," he said.

Habler has participated in mock trial since his freshman year of high school. While the activity is a natural precursor to his planned career as a lawyer, the double major in public relations and English is still weighing his options. "Whatever I decide, God will pave the path for me, and I'll follow it," he explained.

Currently, that path includes reaching out to the community through involvement in his fraternity, Alpha Phi Alpha: "We have a lot of different projects, such as Project Alpha," which is a collaboration between the fraternity and the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation. Its purpose is to educate young men about teen pregnancy prevention, an endeavor that evolved into one of Habler's future goals.

"I've been through many trials and tribulations in my life, and I would never picture myself being at Bradley now," he noted. "I want to reach out to others, particularly young men, and show them what they can do. I want to move them and inspire them to be well-rounded individuals and show them exactly what this world needs and that they don't have any excuses — just push them to strive for greatness."

Jenny Lapke '14

Jenny Lapke '14 has taken six trips as part of a medical mission to the African nation of Zambia. When she returns in July, she'll be able to actually treat patients after earning her nursing degree and license.

"Once you go, you want to keep going," Lapke explained. "A smile goes a long way. Every interaction with a person is so monumental."

She became involved with the Zambia Medical Mission through her pediatrician mother, whose colleague is its U.S. medical director. The organization is one of the largest recurring medical mission projects in the world. The three-week annual trips include six days of field work under grueling conditions. "We'll work as long as we can to make sure everybody is cared for," Lapke commented.

She recalls working by flashlight in the school bus pharmacy to ensure patients received their medications before the medical personnel left for the next location. "I think my experience over there has helped me in my classes here," Lapke said. "And my classes have given me confidence and knowledge."

Lapke's work extends to canines. A confessed dog lover, she has taken her dog, Maddie, to do therapy work at the Children's Hospital of Illinois. Currently, she is working with Tilly, an Aussiedoodle rescued from a puppy mill and being trained as a service dog through Paws Giving Independence.

Of her Zambia trips, she noted, "I said it was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity after the first trip. I guess it's six times in a lifetime now."



Jacob Abou-Hanna '15



Why is a biology major leading the campus chapter of Engineers Without Borders? **Jacob Abou-Hanna '15** has a perfectly logical answer: "I am a bio major who added a mechanical engineering major because I thought engineering was really interesting. I read about EWB, attended a meeting, and became interested in working alongside professionals, such as Caterpillar engineers."

Eventually, Abou-Hanna accepted more of the chapter's leadership responsibilities, becoming captain of the water treatment team and then of the implementation team. He became president in January, just in time to lead 10 of the 30 Bradley engineering majors who have worked for almost two years on the designing and fundraising of a $35,000 potable water system for a community in northern Guatemala this spring.

"EWB is a global organization somewhat like Doctors Without Borders," he explained. "Instead of treating people here, we make them more efficient in their own environments. For example, we're building a self-sufficient water treatment system to help the community successfully take care of itself. Self-sufficiency is vital; we want to give them the tools and know-how to enjoy inexpensive, clean water — something we take for granted every day."

With applying to medical school on his horizon, Abou-Hanna's interests lie in medicine and technology. He believes many medical problems can be solved at the intersection of engineering and medicine.

As a teen, Abou-Hanna traveled on missionary trips but said his attitude to serve has changed as he's matured: "Rather than focus on the feel-good aspect of philanthropy, I ask myself, 'What would be most effective and beneficial for the most people?' It's hard to maintain this mindset, but I fortunately am part of an outstanding team of Bradley engineers that makes it easy."



Grecia Ocampo '14

With her Twitter profile proclaiming, "Dreaming's what I do," **Grecia Ocampo '14** obviously believes in the power of big dreams. Serving as president of Bradley's Anti-Slavery Coalition and the Association of Latin American Students (ALAS), she recently became a founding member of campus' new International Humanitarian Law Campaign organization. Sponsored by the American Red Cross, the team starts work this year to help students understand and respect international humanitarian law and principles.

A political science major with minors in Spanish and French, Ocampo first heard about human-trafficking crimes and the Anti-Slavery Coalition two years ago from her roommate, **Melissa Zacarias '14**, the coalition's then-president. Zacarias' passion intrigued Ocampo, so she began attending related events with her, watching documentaries in disbelief, and coming to the conclusion that "people in the United States aren't really aware of how far-reaching human trafficking is; some of the documentaries are so intense that students are left shocked and speechless."

ALAS also educates students on the relationship between immigration and human trafficking. The group screened a documentary last semester, *Lives for Sale*, that showed how the two issues feed off each other. "We like to open students' eyes to critical issues," Ocampo noted. "Perhaps if we solve one problem, we can impact the other."

The Chicago native acknowledges growing up in a bubble and being unaware of how dangerous the world can be. Since her involvement in the coalition, she has become inspired to reach out to the homeless population: "Ideally, I would like to work with the homeless because human-trafficking crimes occur so much more readily against needy people with no one looking after them."

Nhi Vo '13 MS '14



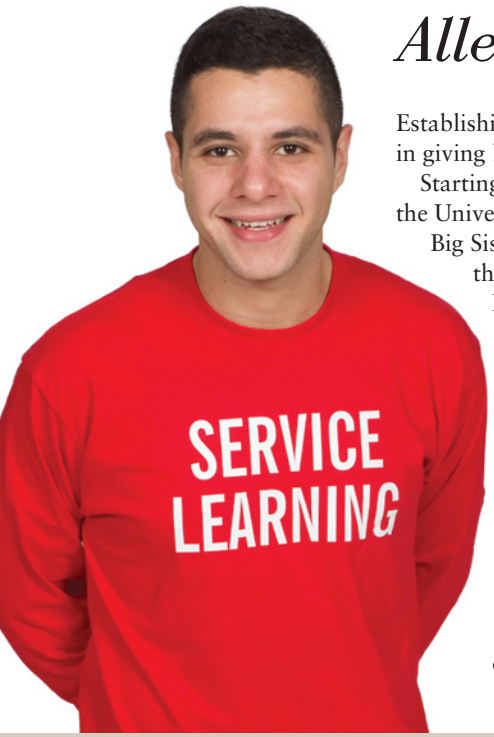
A native of Vietnam, **Nhi Vo '13 MS '14** understands the value of quality healthcare: "Having been born in a developing country and experiencing health limitations because of underserved medical care, I always knew I wanted to do something to change that." She had that chance while on a medical mission trip to Honduras and Nicaragua with Global Medical Training (GMT) during winter break in 2012.

GMT's mission to provide medical and dental care to remote Central American communities appealed to Vo after she first heard about the program from previous participants. Although she and fellow Bradley undergraduate **Allen Ghareeb '14** could not treat patients directly while on the trip, they were guided by and assisted physicians in evaluations and exams. "We were actively engaged in the diagnostic reasoning process," she noted. "I also gained exposure to drug dosing regimens and common drug groups."

Vo, a biology major, said the trip also gave her "a much deeper appreciation for public health, culture, and religion — factors that all shape the health of a region."

Ghareeb and Vo subsequently established a GMT chapter on the Hilltop. "We wanted to provide other Bradley students with the same opportunity to experience global health firsthand," she explained. Vo realized that goal when she returned to Nicaragua in January with 15 more students.

After earning her master's this spring, Vo plans to attend medical school. She hopes one day to continue the pursuit of her passion for health education: "I believe a critical aspect of patient care is providing people with the knowledge and resources to take action to better their own health."



Allen Ghareeb '14

Establishing a service organization at his high school presented **Allen Ghareeb '14** with an early lesson in giving back to his community. He has enhanced his service mentality through his years at Bradley.

Starting as a Burger Center Fellow freshman year, the biochemistry and religious studies major helped develop the University's award-winning Service on Saturday program. He has volunteered for a crisis hotline, Big Brothers Big Sisters, and Easter Seals, all while serving as a Student Admissions Representative (STARs), working at the Cullom-Davis Library and the Center for Learning Assistance, and driving the shuttle for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute on campus. Plus, he was named Bradley's 2013 Homecoming King.

With the goal of medical school and a career in public health, Ghareeb traveled with Global Medical Training (GMT) in December 2012 to provide medical care to outlying villages in Nicaragua and Honduras. He said people lined up outside the clinics before they opened, and crews worked from dawn to dusk or until supplies ran out.

"To me, that was incredible. It really puts things in perspective," Ghareeb explained, adding he spent the spring 2013 semester in Copenhagen studying worldwide healthcare systems. "It verified what I want to do."

With fellow GMT volunteer **Nhi Vo '13 MS '14**, Ghareeb started a chapter of Global Medical Training at Bradley. About 15 students participated in a trip to Nicaragua in January.

"Bradley has given me the ability to combine my leadership studies with what I learn in the hard sciences," Ghareeb noted. "Volunteering has always been my way of stepping away from the pressures of school."

Julia Janes '15

Just days after her 16th birthday in July 2009, **Julia Janes '15** was diagnosed with Ewing's sarcoma bone cancer. For the next nine months, she fought the disease with strong resolve.

Her advice to those fighting cancer: "Keep your head up, and think positively."

When she arrived on campus in 2011, the freshman elementary education major wasted no time establishing the first collegiate chapter of CureSearch, a nonprofit foundation that funds and supports children's cancer research at more than 175 hospitals nationwide. As the





Jessica Revord '11 MA '14

Physical fitness is a major part of life for **Jessica Revord '11 MA '14**. Since helping start Bradley's Get Fit, Stay Fit program as a health science undergraduate in 2009, she has seen participation nearly double. She also organizes an annual Fit Fair health and wellness event.

"I have discovered what's most surprising about the program is how much participation has increased and how quickly the numbers have grown," Revord said, adding 527 participants were involved when Get Fit, Stay Fit started while the fall 2013 program included 1,026 students, faculty and staff. "The part of Get Fit, Stay Fit that brings me the most satisfaction would have to be the Fit Fair that ties into it."

That event, which sprang from Revord's attendance at running expos, brings together on- and off-campus groups and vendors. "To see the growth of the fair, from a small idea I had, is most rewarding. So many people have benefited and gained knowledge from it," she noted about the free fair.

After earning her master's in clinical mental health counseling, Revord plans to work in corporate wellness, where she can continue to counsel and teach about health and fitness. Her goal is to start a program like Get Fit, Stay Fit at that level.

A graduate assistant with the University's wellness program, Revord credits the communication and leadership skills she acquired at Bradley for helping her start and build Get Fit, Stay Fit and the Fit Fair. "Bradley University offered me the opportunity to express my ideas and passions and gave me the tools to become the individual I am," she said.

Jennifer Boakye '13 MBA '15

One word perfectly describes **Jennifer Boakye '13 MBA '15**: *motivated*. A dietetics major with a biology minor in the University's pre-med program, she also is a founding member of Bradley's chapter of Students Today Leaders Forever (STLF).

She credits her time on the speech team and as an assistant resident adviser (ARA) for helping prepare her for STLF. "When you're an ARA, you learn conflict resolution, how to work with different personalities and work ethics, and how to confront people," she noted, adding that speech gave her the persuasive skills necessary to convince college students to give $450 and their entire spring break with only one promise — "I will change your life."

STLF is a nonprofit that engages students in service and leadership through nine-day, six-city Pay It Forward Tours during which participants learn about social issues. "Four other girls and I were responsible for starting the chapter," she explained. "I'm used to having someone to look to for questions and answers; with STLF, I was that person."

Hoping to become a pediatrician, Boakye knew she needed to stand out on her medical school applications. Dr. Jennifer Robin, assistant professor of management and leadership, suggested she pursue a master's in business. "Even if I don't own my own practice, I think having that knowledge will help me talk to my patients," she said.

Ultimately, her dream is to work at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital: "Even if patients are terminally ill, I want to help them enjoy their last few moments on Earth and help their families."



Janes: courtesy Janes family

founding member and president, Janes desired to give back to the cancer research that saved her life because she benefited from a clinical trial funded by CureSearch. Her goal for the Bradley chapter, in addition to fundraising, was to join the CureSearch walk in Chicago as a Bradley team. Janes was also active in Epsilon Sigma Alpha (ESA), a service sorority on campus focused on St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

In December 2012, Janes was diagnosed with leukemia and fought again. Less than a year later, she relapsed once more and lost her battle on November 14.

She left behind a legacy that fellow student leaders of CureSearch and ESA vow to continue. At her campus memorial last November, Bradley President Joanne Glasser spoke of the inspirational impact Janes continues to have on the Bradley family: "With her personal bravery and hope, Julia became *our* comfort and strength." ■

Alumnus Dr. James Weinstein



Changing the World with Compassion and Collaboration

BY SUSAN ANDREWS

Photography courtesy Dartmouth-Hitchcock

As a medical student in the inner city of Chicago, Dr. **James Weinstein '72** loved interacting with and treating his patients. Finding it "incredibly rewarding, challenging, and redeeming," he cared for an underserved population. "I was given the opportunity to stay up all night and save a life," he said. Most often, he explained, there were no relatives or friends present to comfort the patients.

Internationally renowned spine surgeon Weinstein, CEO and president of Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health System, returned to the Bradley campus in 2009 to receive the Distinguished Alumnus Award. At Bradley, he majored in chemistry and enjoyed campus life. "Bradley can produce national leaders in their fields," he said. "You don't have to go to Harvard. With intelligence and the ability to work with other people, you can make an impact."

Depending on whom you ask, the qualities of great leaders are many and varied. In Weinstein's multiple roles — physician, CEO, thought leader, researcher, editor in chief of the international journal *Spine* — he said that his understanding of those pathways, jobs, and opportunities have allowed him to be a better leader. "I see the world through other people's eyes," he said. "I take the knowledge in different areas and apply it to try to find solutions to the U.S. healthcare system, focusing on the bigger solutions on a bigger scale."

Weinstein worked with colleagues nationally to create a consortium of health systems called the High Value Healthcare Collaborative (HVHC) in 2010. The nonprofit is composed of more than 20 organizations including Mayo Clinic, Intermountain, Denver Health, and The Dartmouth Institute among others in 38 states with 100 million patients, Weinstein said. "People do not have a clear direction nor do they see a path forward in the healthcare plan as to what needs to happen, beyond an understanding that a larger number of people will be insured, so they are lost," he continued. "The real issue and the larger question is, 'What are we doing to build a national health system that is sustainable and meets the needs of the people it is meant to serve?'"

True to his collaborative nature, he knows that the solution to the country's healthcare problem does not lie within one person but rather needs to encompass a scope of knowledge that transcends an individual. "You must align yourself with other disciplines, as the sum is always greater than its parts," he said.

The goals of HVHC are to improve care, improve health, and reduce costs by identifying and accelerating widespread adoption of best practice care models and innovative value-based payment models. The consortium is developing a very specific, spelled-out plan.

HVHC's elaborate and well-thought-out plan has some public exposure now but will unfold on a grander scale this year. Weinstein said that although the current healthcare plan may have important pieces that contribute to a solution, by itself, it is not the solution.

Weinstein also founded the Center for Shared Decision Making at Dartmouth-Hitchcock in 1999. The center is a rich source of data on patient decision-making and interactions with the healthcare system. Most importantly, it seeks to make patients and families partners in their own care decisions by providing them with evidence-based information about treatments and therapies. "Patients, when well-informed, often make very different choices about their care paths," Weinstein said. "We know from our research that informed choice results in better clinical outcomes and better patient satisfaction."

Noting the poor results of recent math and science test scores among U.S. students, Weinstein draws similarities between higher education and healthcare including challenges such as technology, the cost and diversity of experience for students, diversity of knowledge, and diversity in populations served. "I think people need to talk enough together to solve problems," he said. "People tend to get locked in their own space without seeing potential solutions in another's space."

In addition to his outward approach to problem solving, a colleague of Weinstein points out his strong sense of curiosity and desire to learn and apply what he knows for the greater good. His curiosity, combined with an unparalleled compassion for others, makes Weinstein an excellent role model to the next generation of leaders, innovators and medical professionals.

In Weinstein's world, the 4 Ps are *passion, persistence, pursuit of knowledge, and the desire to solve the world's problems*. Unequivocally, Weinstein demonstrates these qualities to the highest degree in his many roles as a change agent. ■



Children's Hospital at Dartmouth-Hitchcock (CHaD) released a video in 2013 featuring its patients and staff lip-syncing to Katy Perry's hit song "Roar." The video has gone viral and includes a cameo by Dr. Weinstein. Perry said of the tribute, "I'm just glad that [the song] helps empower people and helps them find their strength." View the video at **bradley.edu/go/ht-Roar**.

Laughter: Now and Then

Many agree that laughter is the best medicine. Whether you appreciate the humor of present-day comedians or 1960s and 1970s icon Mary Tyler Moore who could turn the world on with her smile, comedians have a purpose that includes elevating the mood of our everyday lives.

BY SUSAN ANDREWS



The Petersen family

HAVING BROUGHT LAUGHTER to the Bradley campus as a student, **Eric Petersen '03** is now on the main stage. He acts alongside veteran TV stars of sitcom classics Kirstie Alley, Rhea Perlman, and Michael Richards in TV Land's newest sitcom, *Kirstie*. Petersen plays a major role as Arlo Barth, the son of a Broadway star (Kirstie Alley) who tries to connect with his birth mother following the death of his adoptive mother.

As thrilled as he is to embark on a new adventure taking him from Broadway to television, Petersen remembers and credits the preparation he received while a theatre performance major in Bradley's Slane College of Communications and Fine Arts.

A Bradley enthusiast, Petersen finds there is much to miss about the University. "When I first visited campus to see a friend act in *The Kentucky Cycle*, I looked out on the quad and saw people playing Frisbee and just having a great time and thought, 'I want to come here.'" He readily notes his fondness for the people, the quad, Sigma Nu fraternity, the beautiful Hartmann Center, and Peoria, which he considers an idyllic Midwestern college city.

"At Bradley, I did not have to wait until my junior year to act on stage," Petersen said. "My friends who enrolled in conservatory programs at big schools spent their first two years auditioning, rehearsing, and learning characters but not performing on the main stage. When I played Frank in *Our Town* as a freshman, I thought I was hot stuff, but my professors pushed me to be better and more responsible."

The first of Petersen's "big breaks" was playing William Barfee in the first national tour of the *21st Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*. He said that his year on tour marked two milestones as he felt he was taken more seriously, and he began to earn a livable wage.

Pivotal to Petersen's future success was mastering what he considers the biggest skill he learned at Bradley — leading a cast. More than just setting a good example by being on time, leading a cast is infusing your passion for a project to others, selling the show, inspiring the cast to be their best in the artistic experience, and pushing through when rehearsals are not going well.

"I applied what I learned at Bradley while cast as the understudy for Shrek in *Shrek the Musical* on Broadway when I got the call to go on the main stage for the first time," Petersen said. "I had one rehearsal on stage, sat for makeup once, and had a total of six rehearsals, and here I was playing this lead role with big stars including Chris Sieber, Daniel Breaker and Sutton Foster."

Petersen felt as if he stepped up to the moment. "I literally said to myself, 'I have done this a million times at Bradley, and I can do this,'" he recalled. His performance caught the eye of *Shrek* writer Jeanine

Petersen family: courtesy Eric Petersen



Cast: TV Land

ONLINE Visit bradley.edu/go/ht-KirstieTV to watch full episodes.

ABOVE: Broadway actor **Eric Petersen '03** made his debut as Arlo on December 4, co-starring in the new TV Land sitcom *Kirstie* with *Seinfeld* favorite Michael Richards and *Cheers* alumnae Rhea Perlman and Kirstie Alley. Petersen plays Arlo, the long-lost son of Alley's character.

Tesori, which led to his casting in the national tour. A day before being offered the lead, Petersen and his wife, Lisa, found out that they were expecting their first child — their pride and joy, Sophie.

Petersen views *Kirstie* among his big breaks made possible by a small role selling Christmas trees in the holiday episode of the highly acclaimed sitcom *Modern Family*. "My character was not hilarious, but associating with a huge show like *Modern Family* gave me a stamp of approval," he said.

Acting legend Tom Hanks is a personal hero of Petersen: "What I admire the most about Tom Hanks is the trust that audiences have in his performance and feeling that they will be taken care of through his authentic and truthful acting." Hanks is both adept at comedy and drama, having revealed a deeper sense of humanity through his dramatic roles in *Forrest Gump*, *Saving Private Ryan* and *Philadelphia*.

"I hope that my work affects the audience in a way that gives them a sense of fun, of laughter, of honesty," Petersen said. "I want to be an actor who people identify with and trust."

Both a comedic and dramatic talent, Petersen has a very bright future ahead of him. And we, the audience, are looking forward to being on the receiving end of both laughter and tears. ■

Class of 1963 50th Reunion

The Year That Was

The devastating Bradley Hall fire in January canceled midyear graduation and forced classes to relocate. Bradley's $140 a year tuition increase was on everyone's mind. The Scout *reported that the University installed an IBM mainframe computer and a pair of Bradley debaters squared off against a duo from England's famed Oxford University. The newly constructed Heitz "Hilton" offered four washers and dryers and 10 telephones for its 250 female residents. While "A Web of Dreams" was that year's* Anaga *theme, few at the time could dream of the changes that would take place on the Hilltop and in the world. Prior to their 50-year class reunion last October, these 1963 graduates looked back at their time on campus and shared updates about their personal lives.*

Barry Allen came to Bradley on a football scholarship and was later inducted into the University's Athletics Hall of Fame. He taught and coached at the high school and college levels, earning his master's degree from Northern Illinois University. He has worked in insurance sales for the past 33 years. He and his wife, Suzy, have four children, 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. The Allens live in Taylorville, Ill.

Janice Shively Bassett is a third-generation Bradley alumnus. She did graduate work at California State, Fullerton and graduated from both the Defense Intelligence School and the U.S. State Department's Foreign Service Institute. Jan taught in California and worked at Disneyland. Later, she was a bank manager and analyst. She and her husband, **Loyal "Sonny" Bassett '64**, lived around the country and overseas during his Air Force career. Jan is active in patriotic descendants' organizations, such as the DAR and the Society of Mayflower Descendants, and participates in many community groups and activities. She and Sonny have two children and three grandchildren. They live in Sun City Center, Fla.

Judy Kempel Brudi taught school for several years and worked for Brudi Backhoe, her husband's business. She enjoys traveling. Judy has three children and seven grandchildren and lives with her husband, Don, in Stockton, Ill.

Janet M. Blanco Denler and **Jan Denler** celebrated their 53rd anniversary in June. They are retired and have two children and two grandchildren. The Denlers live in Aurora, Ill.

Edward Emken worked as a researcher at the National Center for Agriculture Utilization Research in Peoria before and after earning his doctorate at the University of Iowa. He has authored more than 150 refereed papers, presented lectures internationally, and won several awards for his research. Active in the American Oil Chemists Society, he currently is owner and president of Midwest Research Consultants. Edward enjoys outdoor activities and traveling. He lives in Princeville, Ill., with his wife, Barbara. They have two sons and four grandsons.

Earl Gallas worked for CILCO in engineering, management and information systems. He is a teacher and student in Bradley's OLLI adult education program. Earl is active in his church and serves on the board of the Eastland Disaster Society. He lives in Peoria with his wife, Bonnie, and enjoys geneology, photography, travel and family activities. They have three children and three grandchildren.

Kent Hauschulz worked for GE and then McDonnell-Douglas, where he performed testing on the electrical system for the Gemini spacecraft. After earning a master's degree from Saint Louis University, he was employed by several other defense contractors and retired after working for the federal government to design and build structures for the Navy SEALS. Kent lives in San Diego, with his two rescue dogs.

Sue Brockmeier Hepler and her husband, Larry, live in Edwardsville, Ill. They have two children and four grandchildren.

John "Jack" Karbens worked in accounting for KPMG and started teaching the subject at the University of Hawaii, Manoa, in 1968. He now teaches at Hawaii Pacific University. Jack holds master's and doctoral degrees from Hawaii, Manoa. He is a longtime competitor in Masters track meets, road races and marathons. A member of Sigma Chi, Jack has lived in Honolulu for 48 of the last 50 years. He has three sons and two grandchildren.

"My career as a professor was only possible based on experiences at Bradley."

— John "Jack" Karbens

William R. Kelly earned his law degree at Northwestern Law School and has practiced law for 47 years in the Peoria area. He also raises thoroughbred horses that are raced mainly at Arlington Park. He and his wife, **Jayne Kuebrich Kelly, MA '67**, live in Edwards, Ill. They have six children and 22 grandchildren.

Patricia Hyry Koch taught for 31 years in central Illinois. She was a teacher and Red Cross volunteer in Japan and also taught for the Department of Defense. Patricia earned her master's degree from Northern Illinois University. She and her husband, Paul, enjoy traveling. They live in Flossmoor, Ill.

Carl Kozlevcar, MBA '63 and his wife, **Patricia Heeler Kozlevcar '65**, have two children and two grandchildren.

Janet Roszell Lord, MA '63 earned her doctoral degree and worked as a counselor for Peoria District 150 and in private practice. She enjoys golfing, fishing and traveling. Janet also published a children's book. She has one daughter and lives in Crossville, Tenn.

Roseann Castricone Marchetti taught school in Illinois and Wisconsin before taking on a variety of other jobs, including running a summer camp and afterschool programs and working with a housing developer. She is serving her second term as a county commissioner in Cass County, Mich. A member of Chi Omega, Roseann and her husband, **Jerry Marchetti '64**, live in Edwardsburg.

They have three children and eight grandchildren.

Julie Zimmerman McIntire volunteered for many organizations, taught classes at a fabric store, and operated her own decorating business. She enjoys fitness classes, gardening and travel. A Chi Omega member, she and her husband, **Dave McIntire '64 MS '75**, have two sons and six grandchildren. They live in Quincy, Ill.

Paul Mellican, MS '72 worked for International Harvester, Ohio Medical, GE, and Group Technologies in computer applications. He and his wife, Nancy, enjoy travel and volunteer work. They have two daughters and five grandchildren and live in Safety Harbor, Fla.

Brenda Hofmeister Miller taught at Mount Prospect High School and in an early childhood center. She worked as a photographer while living for many years in Arlington Heights, Ill. A member of Chi Omega, she was active in several civic organizations. Brenda and her husband, **Robert H. Miller**, moved to Florida in 2000 and enjoy traveling. They have two children and five grandchildren and live in Fort Myers Beach.

Robert Miller earned a master's degree from Northwestern and worked for 40 years managing engineers and public works agencies. He also has been a consultant and seminar speaker. Robert was president of the American Public Works Association. He enjoys boating with his wife, **Brenda Hofmeister Miller**, and renovating and maintaining the family's summer cottage in Wisconsin for his two children and five grandchildren. The Millers live in Fort Myers Beach, Fla.

Sabra Greenacre Minkus taught and did volunteer and philanthropic work before taking over the family business after the death of her husband, **Morton Minkus '63**. She is president of the Jewish Federation of New Mexico. Sabra enjoys fishing, photography and jewelry design. She has three children and four grandchildren and lives in Albuquerque.

George Mirous worked in the electronics and aerospace industries before serving as a research chemist for 30 years with Georgia-Pacific. He holds eight U.S. patents. He enjoys outdoor activities and photography. George has two children and lives in Longbranch, Wash.

Anamarie Morris, MA '69 taught English for 34 years at Peoria's Manual High School and continues to substitute teach. She has a master's degree from Illinois State University and enjoys volunteering, traveling, reading, crocheting and knitting. Anamarie lives in Washington, Ill.

Dennis Nash worked in audit and finance for International Harvester in California. He attended law school before returning to Peoria to start a small distribution company for machine tools. He has three children and four grandchildren and lives in Peoria.

William E. O'Brien attended John Marshall Law School in Chicago, then owned and operated the Elephant's Trunk gift and luggage store in Peoria for 20 years. He served a six-year term on the Peoria County Board and currently is vice chairman of the county's Zoning Board of Appeals. He and his wife, Norah, have three children and three grandchildren and live in Peoria.

Dorann Anderson Perry taught in New York and suburban Chicago before moving to Fort Myers, Fla., where she also taught and opened a fabric and sewing store. She enjoys travel and golf. Dorann and her husband, Dan, have one daughter and a granddaughter and live in Fort Myers.

James Prell served in the Navy and then spent 27 years with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, where he inspected and tested nuclear power plants. He and his wife, Jacqueline, retired to St. James Plantation in North Carolina and enjoy golf, the beach and their church. They have two children and two grandchildren.

Karen Robinson Ramos taught in Illinois and California before moving overseas to teach in Japan and Okinawa. She later taught at The Forbush School in Maryland, which is part of Sheppard Pratt Hospital, retiring in 2005. Karen enjoys volunteering. A member of Sigma Kappa, she has two daughters and two grandchildren and lives in Ellicott City, Md.

John Rowe worked in banking for many years, retiring as president and CEO of Bethesda Health Group Inc. in St. Louis. He has been active in civic and professional organizations and holds a master's degree from the University of Wisconsin. He has four children, including **Becky Rowe Eggmann '85**, and 10 grandchildren. John and his wife, Virginia, live in St. Louis.

Dave Seborg served in the Air Force before working 30 years for NASA as a contracting officer on projects including the space shuttle. He received the Manned Flight Awareness Award. Dave enjoys sailboat racing, motorcycling and woodworking. He and his wife, Sarah, have two daughters and three grandchildren and live in Huntsville, Ala.

Gary Lee Smith served in the Air Force then worked on research and development of military weapons systems and material. He also operated a consulting business supporting weapons contractors. Gary earned a master's degree from Webster University. He enjoys travel, outdoor activities, and volunteering with the Coast Guard. Gary has three children and four grandchildren. He and his wife, Sigrid Miller, live in Washington, Mo.

Sunny Nielsen Stone married **John C. Stone '64** and worked as a teacher. She has two daughters, including **Heather Stone Grieves '92**, and six grandchildren. Sunny, a Chi Omega member, enjoys outdoor activities, travel and music. She lives in Springfield, Ill.

Randall Swearingen and his wife, Arlene, live in Naperville, Ill. They have four children and 16 grandchildren.

Helen Wade taught in the Peoria area for 31 years and sang in music revues and dinner theatres for 25 years. She continues to enjoy music, travel and her church.

Arno Wehr worked for Mobil Oil before moving to Branson, Mo., to open a resort, which he has run for more than 40 years. A Theta Chi, Arno is active in his church and Rotary Club, is a published author and enjoys fishing. Arno and his wife, **Gayle Siemund Wehr**, have two children and two grandchildren and live in Branson.

Gayle Siemund Wehr worked at the Merchandise Mart in Chicago before moving with her family to Branson, Mo., to develop a resort with her husband, **Arno Wehr**. A board member for the local community theatre, she also is active in Rotary and her church. She and Arno have two children and two grandchildren and live in Branson.

Sharon Utt White spent more than 31 years teaching, most of that at the junior high level. She enjoys traveling. She and her husband, Charles, have two daughters, including **Leigh White '92**, and three grandchildren. The Whites live in Paxton, Ill.

William J. Wilkinson, MBA '64 and his wife, **Karen Van Dyke Wilkinson '64**, have two children and four grandchildren. They live in Mahomet, Ill.



Duane Zehr

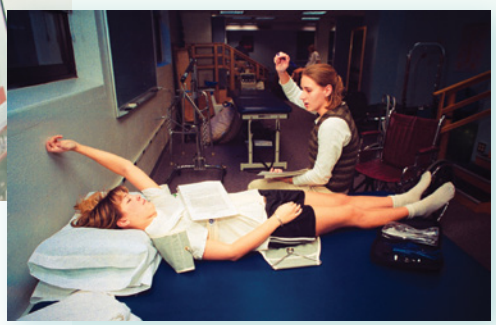
FROM LEFT: Sunny Nielsen Stone, Tanya Lopez Duchild, Earl Gallas, Patricia Hyry Koch and Julie Zimmerman McIntire.

Class Notes









Alumni Center Showcase: 2000s

The first decade of the 21st century ushered in a new era of excellence, learning, and distinction on the Hilltop. In 2007, Bradley welcomed its 10th and first female president, Joanne K. Glasser. She replaced Dr. David C. Broski, who served for seven years before retiring. Under their leadership, major renovation and expansion projects were completed on the Olin Hall of Science, Constance Hall, and Bradley Hall. The Markin Family Student Recreation Center also was built.

Students benefited from a focus on student-faculty collaboration and the subsequent creation of an annual Scholarship Expo. Additionally, Bradley began offering its first professional program, the Doctor of Physical Therapy, while the proliferation of portable technology — laptops and iPods — changed the way students studied, interacted and lived.

Dr. Kevin Stein was named the fourth Illinois Poet Laureate in 2003, and on December 18, 2008, President Barack Obama — who visited campus in 2005 as a U.S. senator — nominated **Ray LaHood '71 HON '11** as the 16th U.S. Secretary of Transportation.

The Braves also delivered two unforgettable experiences: an NCAA Sweet 16 appearance for the men's basketball team in 2006 and the soccer team's inspirational run to the NCAA Elite 8 in 2007.

— *C.M.*







Soccer: Ron Johnson/PJStar; Others: Duane Zehr

1940s

Dr. **Jack Gibbs '48** and his wife, Francenia, established a scholarship for rural medicine at the University of Illinois College of Medicine, Peoria. Jack, who has practiced medicine and surgery for more than 50 years, is a clinical professor of surgery and was one of the physicians who helped lobby to create the Peoria school. They live in Canton, Ill.

1950s

Tom Dirksen '53 serves on the Georgia Archives Historical Records Advisory Board and is active with the Augusta Geneological Society. A nephew of famed U.S. Sen. **Everett Dirksen, HON '49**, he is a graduate of the University of Illinois College of Dentistry and holds master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Rochester. Tom is associate dean *emeritus* at the Medical College of Georgia. He and his wife, Jean, have six children and live in Augusta.

Donald McCambridge '55 worked for several companies, including Proctor & Gamble and CPC International. An Army veteran, he also participated in civic groups, such as Scouting. A member of Sigma Phi Epsilon, Donald and his wife, Janice, live in Monroe Township, N.J.

1960s

Robert Heineman '61 was part of a Constitution Day panel discussion at Alfred University examining the conflict in Syria. He has been a professor of political science at Alfred since 1971. Robert has written several books and holds master's and doctoral degrees from The American University. He also taught at Eastern Washington State College and Bradley.



Ed Flexman '62 teaches a science course for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Delaware's Wilmington campus. He was a researcher at DuPont for more than 40 years and holds more than 30 U.S. patents. For his research, Ed was named a DuPont fellow and won the prestigious Lavoisier and Pedersen awards. He holds a doctoral degree from Indiana University and lives in Wilmington.

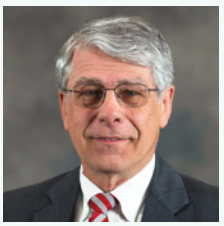
Edward Johnson '62 celebrated his 50th year of full-time teaching, most of that in Wilson County, Tenn. Previously, he taught in Illinois and Mississippi. Ed also is a part-time minister in the United Methodist Church and active in a dog rescue group. He holds a master's degree from Mississippi College and a doctorate from the George Peabody College for Teachers at Vanderbilt. Ed and his wife, Sue, have three daughters and live in Old Hickory.

Jim Panfil '65 was named vice president of business development at STI Certified Electronics. Jim has worked for several other technology companies and holds a master's degree from the University of Utah.

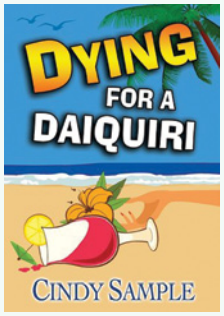


Roger Allen '66 was investment administrator in the corporate treasury group at Caterpillar. Previously, he was an account executive at Morgan Stanley Dean Witter and a senior vice president at First of America Bank. Roger was a Peoria Park District board member for 34 years, serving on many committees and projects. He had a key role in developing the district's partnership with OSF that led to the creation of the RiverPlex. Roger and his wife, **Charlynn Stonebock Allen '67**, have two children and five grandchildren. They live in Peoria, Ill.

1970s



Gary Roberts '70 was appointed to the Ad Hoc Division of the Court of Arbitration for Sport located in Lausanne, Switzerland. He will be among the small group of judge arbitrators who will resolve legal disputes related to the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia. Gary, who earned a juris doctorate at Stanford University, is dean *emeritus* and Bepko Professor at Indiana University's McKinney School of Law. He and his wife, Donna Shaffer Carr, live in Indianapolis.



Cindy Bergstrand Sample '71 released her third book, *Dying for a Daiquiri*, and re-released *Dying for a Date* and *Dying for a Dance*. Previously, she was CEO of a nationwide mortgage company and a columnist for the *Gold River Community Newspaper*. She has two children and lives in El Dorado Hills, Calif.

Edward Schavitz '73 and **Mary Jo Sobieraj Schavitz '75** have three children and live in Elgin, Ill.

Bruce Suprenant '74 won an American Concrete Institute Certification Award for supporting and promoting the institute's certification programs. He is president of Concrete Engineering Specialists of Charlotte, N.C. Previously, he taught at Montana State University, the University of Wyoming, the University of South

BUAA Names Lydia Moss Bradley Award Recipient



With more than 50 years on the Hilltop, **Ken Goldin '64 MA '72** was honored with the Lydia Moss Bradley Award for outstanding service at the 2013 Founder's Day luncheon. From 1965 until his retirement in 2012, Ken held the positions of director of housing and director of auxiliary services and business manager supervising auxiliary services including Bradley police and the University bookstore, and managing University real estate including off-campus student rentals.

An ardent Braves fan, Ken has served on the Bradley Athletic Committee and Braves Club board. He organized game-day luncheons and was a travel guide for trips to the NCAA and NIT tournaments. **Brian Miller '79**, president of the Bradley University Alumni Association, acknowledged that Ken "left huge footprints on our campus and in our hearts."

In addition to the University, the community benefited from Ken's tireless presence. He served as a trustee for the Peoria Park District and on the boards of the Civic Center Authority, Crittenton Care and Counseling Center, South Side Office of Concern, and the Peoria Area Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Ken was honored with Bradley's Francis C. Mergen Memorial Award for Public Service in 1996, and although he has been the recipient of numerous awards throughout his lifetime, he noted, "The Lydia Moss Bradley Award, in particular, means a lot more to me than all the other awards combined."

— *K.M.*

Goldin: Duane Zehr

Back in the Swing



The past was prologue for the University of New Orleans when it named **Ron Maestri '63 MA '67** its new head baseball coach in July. Ron coached the Privateers from 1972–85 and served as the school's director of athletics from 1979–2000. In his first stint as coach, the team never had a losing season, set the school record for victories and winning percentage, and qualified nine times to play in the NCAA Tournament.

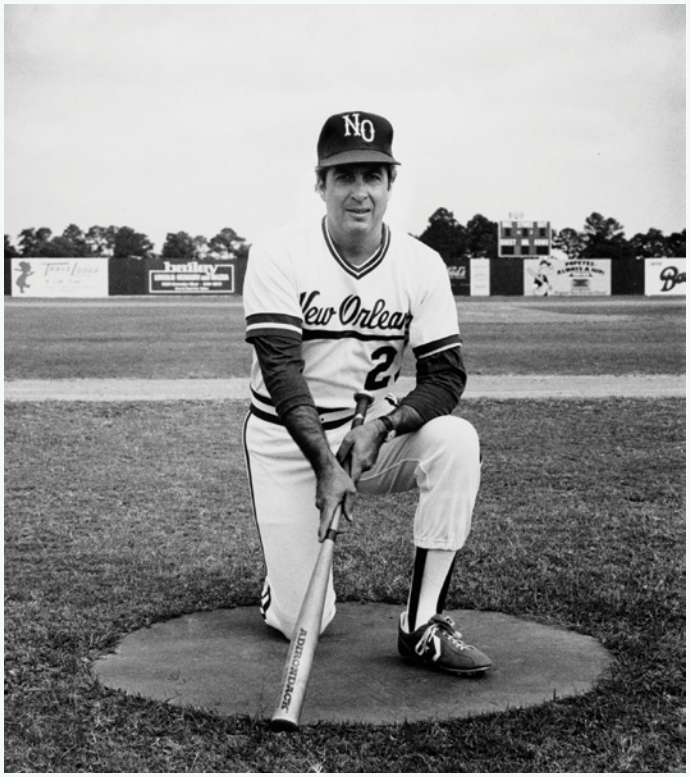
"I feel a great sense of responsibility, and I am ready to face the challenge," he commented.

After stepping down as AD, Ron worked for the Greater New Orleans Sports Foundation, where he was executive director of the 2000 New Orleans Bowl, the 2002 NCAA women's volleyball Final Four, the 2003 NCAA men's basketball Final Four, and the 2004 NCAA women's basketball Final Four. Most recently, he served as an executive with the minor league New Orleans Zephyrs baseball team for more than eight years.

His successful career as an athlete, coach, and administrator earned him a spot in eight halls of fame: New Orleans Sports, American Baseball Coaches Association, University of New Orleans Sports, Louisiana American-Italian Sports, Louisiana Sports, Bradley Athletics, Greater Peoria Sports, and Highwood High School Sports.

After playing baseball and football on the Hilltop, Ron was an assistant coach in baseball, football, and basketball at Bradley and coached at the high school level before going to Louisiana. He was named Distinguished Alumnus in 2006 and inducted into the Centurion Society the same year. Ron and his wife, Sue, have two children and live in Metairie, La.

— B.G.



Former Bradley infielder and baseball coach **Ron Maestri '63 MA '67** shown during his first stint as head baseball coach at the University of New Orleans. The school again named him head baseball coach last summer. He was UNO athletic director from 1979–2000 and coached baseball there from 1972–85. At Bradley, Ron also played football and coached three sports.

ONLINE Visit bradley.edu/go/ht-HallOfFameList to view or search Bradley's Athletics Hall of Fame.

Florida, and the University of Colorado, Boulder. Bruce earned a master's degree from the University of Illinois and a doctorate from Montana State.

Jana Lee Pressler '75 was named assistant dean of the University of Nebraska Medical Center's College of Nursing Lincoln Division. She had been associate dean of the graduate nursing program and a professor at East Carolina University. Jana, who holds a master's degree and pediatric nurse practitioner certificate from the University of Iowa and a doctoral degree from Case Western Reserve University, has worked at several other universities, including Penn State, Vanderbilt, and the University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City.

George Schmid '75 was named vice president of program development at International Excess Program Managers, a national insurance wholesaler and program manager. He has more than 30 years of experience in the insurance industry and is a chartered property casualty underwriter.

Lee Wenger '76 arranged a fundraising variety show to benefit public radio station WCBU-FM, where he is director of the Radio Information Service. Lee also served as master of ceremonies and a vocalist for the event. Other alumni involved in the project were his wife, **Denise Adams '77**; their son, **Chris Adams-Wenger '10**; and **Andy Hatfield '01**. Music faculty members Dr. John Orfe and Dr. Todd Kelly also participated.

David Burritt '77 was named executive vice president and CFO of U.S. Steel Corp. He worked more than 32 years for Caterpillar Inc., serving as CFO and vice president of global finance and strategic services. David holds a master's degree from the University of Illinois. He and his wife, Lynn, live in Pittsburgh.

Leslie Herman '79 is a costume designer and wardrobe supervisor for movies and television shows. Among her credits are the shows *Necessary Roughness*, *Political Animals*, *Castle*, *Criminal Minds*, *Brothers & Sisters* and *Alias*. She was nominated for two Emmy Awards for her work on *Alias*. Leslie lives in suburban Los Angeles.

1980s

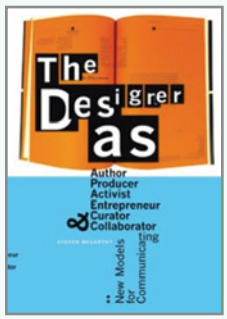
Brother **Richard Carey '80** was named president of Central Catholic High School in Lawrence, Mass. Previously, he taught at the school and was its principal from 1991–99. He has also worked at Marist College and Chicago's Marist High School. Rick holds master's degrees from Boston College and Loyola University, Chicago.



Timothy Collins '80 was named director of railroad sales for Ansaldo STS US, a global supplier of rail

Maestri portrait: Duane Zehr; Maestri baseball: University of New Orleans

and transit systems and products. Tim holds a master's degree from Loyola University, Chicago. He and his wife, Mary, have three children and live in Glenview, Ill.



Steven McCarthy '80 published a book, *The Designer As … Author, Producer, Activist, Entrepreneur, Curator, and Collaborator: New Models for Communicating.* He holds a master's degree from Stanford and is a professor of graphic design at the University of Minnesota.

Matt Greek '82 was named senior vice president of generation for Basin Electric of Williston, N.D. He also will manage the company's engineering and construction department. Previously, he was generation engineering manager for Sunflower Electric in Kansas and vice president of operations for GenOn in Houston.

James Van Hoet '82 was named CFO for the Harrison County Community Hospital District in Missouri. Previously, he was CFO for a hospital in Leadville, Colo. Jim, a CPA, has a master's degree from the University of Kansas, where he also attended law school.

Ron Claypool '83 was named vice president of client services at Metamarkets, headquartered in San Francisco, which specializes in real-time analytics for online advertisers. Previously, he was vice president of demand management at the Rubicon Project. He holds a master's degree from Illinois State University.

Peggy Fraser, MA '83 was invited to tea with the chief of staff for British Prime Minister David Cameron at No. 10 Downing Street in London. Peggy is a professor of education at Metropolitan State University in Denver and had designed and taught a study abroad course in London. She holds a doctorate from Illinois State University and lives in Littleton, Colo.

Brian Schiber '84 is city engineer and assistant director of public works for Geneva, Ill. Previously, he was a consultant with HR Green Co. and served as village engineer for Oswego and Glendale Heights, Ill. He and his wife, **Erin O'Reilly Schiber '83**, live in Sugar Grove.

Phil Lockwood '85, a member of the Bradley Athletics Hall of Fame, was race director for the first Susan G. Komen Memorial Promise Run and Relay. About 500 runners participated in the inaugural half-marathon event, which was won by Sam Bradley, an assistant cross-country coach at the University.



William "Billy" Kaplan '85 recently recorded *Shabbat Sweet*, an original Sabbath service of Jewish prayers set to original melodies. He worked with members of the Maxwell Street Klezmer Band and his daughter, Hanna, on the project. Billy holds a master's degree from Yeshiva University and is president and clinical director of House Calls Behavioral Health. He and his wife, Jennifer McCray, live in Evanston, Ill.

Michael Scimo '85 was named to the Who's Who in Chicago Business 2013 list in the business services category by *Crain's Chicago Business*. He is office managing director, North American human capital and diversity lead for Accenture Ltd. Michael holds a master's degree from Northwestern University.

Jennifer Omer Brackney '86 MA '93 was named chief operating officer at Midstate College in Peoria, Ill. Previously, she was executive director of Peoria Workforce Development. She has been active in federal, state and local organizations.

Robert Hund '86 was named president of Manitowoc Co.'s foodservice unit in July. Previously, he was executive vice president of the company's Crane Care Division and vice president of Worldwide Marketing and Product Management. Robert holds master's degrees from Purdue and Millikin universities.

Tana Utley '86 was named vice president of Large Power Systems and Growth Markets Division for Caterpillar. She was chief technology officer and vice president of the Technology and Solutions Division. Tana joined Caterpillar in 1986. She has a master's degree from MIT.

Andrea Herson Littlefield '87 is communications and program coordinator for Maine EPSCoR at the University of Maine. She and her husband, Greg, live in Hermon with their two children.

Michael Field '88 is a business analyst for TouchTunes. He holds a master's degree from Keller Graduate School of Management. Michael has three children and lives in Woodridge, Ill.

Cinda Hockgraver Garst '88 is a vocational coordinator with Peoria School District 150. She helped form the not-for-profit group People With Unlimited Potential to help parents of special needs children. She and her husband, Patrick, have three children and live in Peoria, Ill.

1990s

Susie Murphy Bruegge '90 is a math and religion teacher at Xavier Catholic Elementary School in Leavenworth, Kan. She had taught special education for 18 years in public high schools.

LAS 2013 Distinguished Alumna

Jan Cohen Kepple '71



Jan Cohen Kepple '71 was named the 2013 Distinguished Alumna by Bradley's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences in October. A mathematics major, Jan has worked in banking for more than 40 years. She has been honored by the Heart of Illinois United Way for her years volunteering with the organization. Jan and her husband, Gene, have two sons and live in Tremont, Ill.

— *B.G.*

Kepple: Duane Zehr

Bradley Parents Meet at Preschool



ABOVE: Bradley alumni reunited when their sons attended the same Seattle preschool. From left are Nicole Sutterfield Ross '97 and Joe Ross '96, with son Finley; Jim Bak '94 and Sarah Kiewit Bak '95, with son Elliott; and Scott Johnson '93, with his son, Drew.

A future generation of potential Bradley students brought together a group of parent-alumni at a Seattle preschool, with an assist from Bradley Alumni Association license plate frames.

Nicole Sutterfield Ross '97 and **Joe Ross '96**, **Jim Bak '94** and **Sarah Kiewit Bak '95**, and Erin and **Scott Johnson '93** all have sons at Ms. Tara's Preschool, a school of 25 families in the Wedgwood neighborhood.

"We realized the connection through our Bradley alumni license plate covers," Sarah explained.

"My wife was dropping off our son at school one day when Sarah saw my alumni license plate," added Scott, a newspaper reporter.

"We didn't know the other Bradley families before enrolling our son at preschool," said Nicole, an early childhood music specialist and the only one of the parents originally from the Seattle area. "It was complete coincidence."

The group didn't know each other while at Bradley but had mutual connections. "Jim, Sarah, and I had an incredible number of common friends once we sat down and talked about it," Scott noted.

Although they did not know Scott while on the Hilltop, Sarah and Jim were aware of him. "We knew of him by his nickname. He was elusive, though," Jim said. "We would hear 'we were just with him,' or 'so-and-so is with him,' but never met him."

Jim, a marketing specialist, and Sarah remember the "Residence Hall of the Future" with its desktop computers and printers in most rooms. But to them, Bradley was more than the electronics. "It was the friendships that I'll always remember," Jim said. "Some of my best friends today go back to my Bradley days."

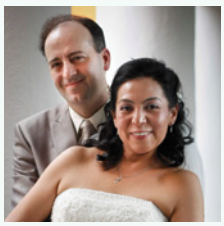
Nicole agreed: "I have many great friendships that started at Bradley and continue today."

While the group shares the Bradley Experience, the children who brought them together — including Finley Ross, Elliott Bak, and Drew Johnson — are too young to appreciate the bond their parents share. "We may have mentioned it before, but I'm not sure it really resonates with our kids yet," Nicole said.

— B.G.

Douglas Shoemaker '90 joined the Houston law firm of Blank Rome, where he practices maritime, international, commercial, and energy law as well as defense litigation. He has worked as a master mariner licensed by the U.S. Coast Guard and serves as a proctor in admiralty for the Maritime Law Association of the United States. He has been active with the Southeastern Admiralty Law Institute. He holds a juris doctorate degree from Tulane University.

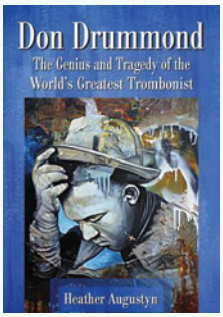
Marty Hudtloff '93 is sports director at WVIR-TV in Virginia. Previously, he worked for Comcast SportsNet in Washington, D.C., and at television stations in Maryland and Louisiana. He lives with his wife, Cate, in Charlottesville.



Greg Newcomb '93 and Aurea Toxqui-Newcomb were married May 25. Greg is a subrogation analyst for State Farm. Aurea is an assistant professor at Bradley. They live in Pekin, Ill.



Stephen Altman '94 joined Hanson Professional Services Inc. in Springfield, Ill., as a water resources engineer. He is a certified floodplain manager in Texas and a member of the Texas Floodplain Management Association.



Heather Ransford Augustyn '94 had her book *Don Drummond: The Genius and Tragedy of the World's Greatest Trombonist* published in August. She has written two other books on Jamaican ska music, and her articles have appeared in several national publications. Heather, who lives with her family in Indiana, holds a master's degree from DePaul University.

David W. Hammond '94 is chief operating officer of LaSalle Network Inc., a Chicago temporary staffing and recruiting service. Previously, he was vice president of business solutions and later president of Wonderlic Inc. David holds a master's degree from DePaul University.

Preschool: courtesy Scott Johnson

Women in Tech

In June 2012, several global technology companies, including Twitter, GE, and Google, joined a new nonprofit called Girls Who Code. Established with the goal of increasing the number of women pursuing careers in computer technology and engineering, the initiative is thriving, much like the interactive media (formerly multimedia) program at Bradley has for more than a decade.

Officially introduced as a major in 2000, components of the multimedia curriculum were in place for years. In 2009, it was revamped and renamed to better reflect the latest industry trends — interactive media. Today, women account for nearly 30 percent of the program's majors.

Susan Monce '98, convergence lead for digital platforms and production at Cisco, was in on the early stages of the program, technically graduating with a degree in communication.



"I was initially focused on a radio/TV major as a way to use my creativity and work with technology and tools," she noted. "The multimedia program at Bradley was just forming, and I was immediately drawn to the new media which changed the audience experience from that of a viewer to a more interactive experience."

In her position at Cisco, Susan is working with the user experience, change management, and IT teams to develop a convergence strategy for all the company's digital platforms.

"I can't say the gender issue has been a challenge in my career growth," she reported, adding that she "has been surrounded by a good balance of men and women."

Susan attributes her skills and success to her time on the Hilltop. "To this day, everything I learned at Bradley helps me," she said. "While the technology and production classes gave me the tactical skill to launch my career, the communication theory classes set a foundation of knowledge that I leverage today with the convergence of Web, TV, social and mobile technologies."

Susan has filled several roles at Cisco, including business development manager, video producer, content operations manager and media strategy. She lives in Mountain View, Calif., with her partner, **Christian Grossmann '98**, a senior manager in U.S. service provider operations at Cisco.

Diana Hughes '06 is a senior designer/producer at Psychic Bunny, a production studio for projects ranging from card games and infographics to video games and feature films. Originally a business computer systems major, Diana "missed doing creative work." When she learned about the multimedia option, she thought it "seemed like a nice mix of tech and art."



In addition to overseeing her team, Diana also meets with clients, works on game design, and plays the company's games. "I play a lot to check for bugs, performance issues and fun," she said.

At the beginning of her career, Diana found her gender to be a liability. "I was actually told once that my bosses wanted to keep me on a producer track and not let me move into creative work because 'women make good producers,'" she recalled. However, that stigma does not exist at Psychic Bunny, where her team is 60 percent female (the larger studio is about 30 percent). "I was lucky to find Psychic Bunny," she noted. "There are seriously talented women here, and I doubt our male co-workers have an ounce of sexism among them."

Reflecting on her time as a student, Diana remarked, "I had a really diverse course load at Bradley. There wasn't any part of digital content creation that I hadn't at least tried by the time I graduated."

She holds a master's degree in interactive media from the University of Southern California (USC) and lives in Los Angeles.

Renae Radford '06, an After Effects compositor at DisneyToon Studios and DreamWorks Animation, entered Bradley intent on learning about digital art creation.



"The multimedia major seemed like a great fit for me," she said. "Because I didn't know what area I wanted to go into, the program helped by letting me sample several different digital media courses." Through those experiences, she found her calling — animation.

Since being hired while she was a second-year graduate student, Renae has been involved in the creation of several DreamWorks features and TV specials, including *Scared Shrekless* and *Rise of the Guardians*. Most recently, she worked on the end title sequence for DisneyToon's *Planes*, a *Cars* spinoff released last August.

Although Renae noted the animation field is "still very much a boys' club," she acknowledged that gender isn't everything: "I believe that experience, skill, and who you know speak louder in this industry."

Renae said it was her Bradley education that equipped her with the experience and skill she needed to thrive in her chosen field. "Our digital media projects allowed me to create a solid portfolio for graduate school submissions, and I was able to get into the school of my choice to further specialize in the field of animation — my ultimate career goal," she explained. Renae also credits an independent study project for teaching her how to collaborate with a team to produce a quality final product.

Renae earned a master's degree in animation and digital arts from USC and lives in Los Angeles.

— *C.M.*

Class Notes

2013 Outstanding Young Grad



With two Academy Award nominations and a 2006 Oscar for "best makeup," **Tami Lane '96** can now add the designation of "Outstanding" to her resume.

The distinguished prosthetics and special effects makeup artist was named Bradley's 2013 Outstanding Young Graduate on Founder's Day in October. Presented by the Bradley University Alumni Association, the award recognizes alums who have gained early and exceptional achievement in professional or civic life and who continue to be involved with the University.

Tami accepted the award via a pre-recorded video, thanking the University for the honor and noting she was on location in the French Alps, where she was working on a new Lance Armstrong biopic. Her other movie credits — more than two dozen — include some of the most iconic films of our time; among them are Peter Jackson's *Lord of the Rings* trilogy as well as all three installments of *The Hobbit*. More recently, she made up villains for *The Amazing Spider-Man 2* and assisted with the ABC-TV comedy *Super Fun Night*.

When not on location, the Peoria native resides in Los Angeles. Visit **bradley.edu/go/ht-TamiLane**, to read more about Tami's career.

— *C.M.*

LaShanya Aikerson Sullivan '95 is founder of Aikerson Consulting Group Inc. and creator of Geeks Can Speak training programs. She holds a master's degree from Northwestern University. LaShanya and her husband, Dwan, live in Hampton, Ga.



Shannon Render Bates '96 is a systems integration specialist at Bradley. She previously worked for CSE Software Inc. She has four children and lives in Germantown Hills, Ill.

Amy Giragosian Trottier '96 and her husband, Michael, announce the birth of Kai Michael on May 23. Amy is a tax manager with Villani, Becker & Larsen SC. The Trottiers live in Kenosha, Wis.

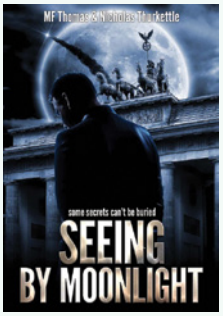
Tara Molloy-Aksar '97 and her husband, Oz, announce the birth of Ronan on March 11. Tara is associate art director for *ELLE* in New York. They live in North Bergen, N.J.

Tracy Clinton Bodenstab '98 and her husband, Carl, announce the birth of their second child, Claire Marie, on June 19. Tracy holds a doctoral degree from Aurora University and is an assistant principal in Berkeley School District 87. The family lives in Chicago.

Gregory Sesny '99 and **Amanda Zeck Sesny '00** welcomed their third child, Lauren Mary, on September 24. Greg works in communications and sales marketing for Draeger Safety. The family lives in Robinson Township, Pa.



Mark Spenny, MBA '99 is president and CEO of Citizens Equity First Credit Union (CEFCU), headquartered in Peoria, Ill. He and his wife, Renee, have two children and live in Edwards.



Nicholas Thurkettle '99 co-wrote and published a novel, *Seeing by Moonlight*. He lives in Huntington Beach, Calif.

2000s



Matthew Dawson '00 MSCE '10 was named Young Civil Engineer of the Year by the Central Illinois Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers. Matthew was on the 40 Leaders Under Forty list from *Interbusiness Issues* in 2011 and was named a Rising Star in Civil Engineering by ZweigWhite in 2012. He is a transportation engineer for Hanson Professional Services Inc.

Melissa Lane Foegal '00 and her husband, Michael, welcomed their third child, Asher Dean, on June 8. Melissa owns a home daycare, My Little Happy Place LLC. The Foegals live in Scottsdale, Ariz.



Jennifer Roben '00 opened her own firm, Roben Law PLLC, specializing in family law, estate planning and probate litigation. She holds a juris doctorate from William Mitchell College of Law and lives in Eagan, Minn.



Nicole Rebarchik Perry '01 was promoted to team manager at Journey-Care and honored with the agency's Award for Quality, Care and Innovation. Nicole holds a master's degree from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. She and her husband, George, live in Crystal Lake, Ill.

Aimee Peek Pierson '01 and **Ryan Pierson '01** announce the birth of Emma Rose on November 12, 2012. Ryan is a manager at KPMG, and Aimee is a vice president at BMO Harris Bank. They live in Chicago.



Nicole Weinacht '01 was named marketing director for the Hand Arendall law firm in Alabama. Previously, she worked in marketing for law firms in St. Louis and central Illinois.



Jason Brandt '02 is a system administrator with Computing Services at Bradley. Previously, he worked at Herget Bank. He lives in East Peoria, Ill.

Traci Van Prooyen, MA '02 earned a doctorate in education from Illinois State University. She is an assistant professor at the University of Illinois, Springfield. Previously, she taught at Heartland Community College and Pekin Community High

Lane: Ethan Zentz '13

School. Traci lives in Green Valley.

Ashley Hanson Van Sandt '02 and **Trevor Van Sandt '02** announce the birth of their second daughter, Savannah Bower, on September 27. Ashley is a CPA. Trevor, who holds a master's degree from the University of Chicago, is a senior manager for market intelligence at Nissan. They live in Nashville, Tenn.

Jason Brim '03 and his wife, Tiffany, welcomed twin sons, Camden Howard and Jayden Randall, on December 17, 2012. Jason, who holds a doctor of chiropractic degree from Palmer College of Chiropractic, also won 2012 Office of the Year honors from Chiro One, for which he is a clinic director. The family lives in Bartlett, Ill.



Jerome Robinson '03 is director of player development and video coordinator for Eastern Michigan University men's basketball. After being named Bradley's Most Valuable Athlete, a first-team All-MVC choice, and Defensive Player of the Year in 2001, he played professionally in Europe. Jerome earned a master's degree from the U.S. Sports Academy. He and his wife, Beth, have three children.



Michelle M. Carlson '04 was recognized for her work in arts education with the Northwest Ohio Region Distinguished Citizen Award from the Ohio Arts Educators Association. She has been a program coordinator for The Arts Commission of Greater Toledo since 2006. Michelle, who holds a master's degree from Bowling Green, lives with her husband, Matthew Junod, in Toledo.

Jeff Klein '04 and **Lea Robisch Klein '05** welcomed their second child, Jacob James, on November 1, 2012. Jeff is a civil engineer with Thomas Engineering Group. The Kleins live in Plainfield, Ill.

Andrew Tawfik '04 won the 2013 Outstanding Journal Article Award from the Association of Educational Communications and Technology's Design and Development Division. He also contributed two chapters of a textbook, *Cases on Educational Technology Planning, Design and Implementation*. Andrew has a doctoral degree from the University of Missouri and is an assistant professor at Concordia University in Chicago. He and his family live in Lombard, Ill.

Jedediah Norris Cantrell, MBA '05 was named vice president of operations at Swedish American Health System in Rockford, Ill. She had been vice president of ancillary services and corporate compliance at Graham Hospital System in Canton, Ill. Jedediah and her husband, Donté, live in Dunlap with their three children.

Jennifer Luedtke Goettler, MSA '05 was promoted to shareholder at Heinold-Banwart Ltd. in East Peoria, Ill. She had been manager of the firm's audit and accounting department. Jennifer and her husband, **Jon Goettler, MA '09**, have two sons and live in Washington.

Doug Laity '05 is a mortgage and consumer loan officer at First Community Bank of Galena, Ill., and Apple River State Bank. Previously, he was a mortgage recruiter.

Lacey Jenkins MacLeod '05 was named vice president of support services for Four Seasons Health Club in Bloomington, Ill. Previously, Lacey was the club's human resources manager. She holds a master's degree from Illinois State University.

Kristen Jensen Meyers '05 is a design engineer. She spoke in July about careers in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) with students in the Lake County YMCA's TechGYRLS summer camp.

Dan Raskin '05 was named to the 36 Under 36 list of influential young Jewish professionals in Chicago by the Youth Leadership Division of the Jewish United Fund /Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago and Oy!Chicago website. He is vice president of Manny's Cafeteria and Delicatessen, a fourth-generation family-owned business in downtown Chicago.

Erick Blomberg '06 earned his doctoral degree in physics at Iowa State University. He works at the U.S. Department of Energy facility in Ames, Iowa. Erick has published 10 scientific papers and won awards for peer teaching and teaching excellence from Iowa State. He lives in Ames.

Christy Moss Elwell '06 has been a clinical social worker for seven years. She holds a master's degree from Denver University. Christy and her husband, David, live in Denver.

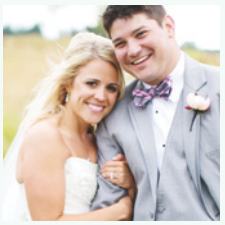
Shelly Christensen Rapp '06 and **Jason Rapp, MS '06** welcomed Bennett Thomas on August 25. Shelly is an audit manager with KPMG, and Jason is a software engineer with Caterpillar. They live in Washington, Ill.



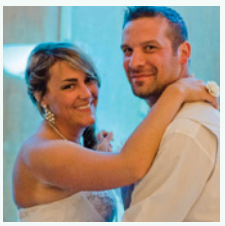
Tessa Bonello '07 is a mortgage banker for Heartland Bank and Trust Company's office in Peoria. She is active with the Young Professionals Organization of Greater Peoria and the Peoria Area Chamber of Commerce. Tessa also has been involved with the Braves of the Last Decade (BOLD) alumni group.

Angie Taylor Cooksy '07 and **Miles Cooksy '07** welcomed Evan Owen on June 11. Angie is an associate director of admissions for Bradley in the Chicago area. Miles is a photojournalist with Fox 6 in Milwaukee. The family lives in Kenosha, Wis.

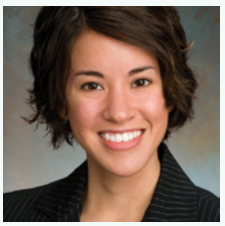
Teresa "Tess" Garland Fleming '07 was named Customer Service Representative of the Year for Illinois by the National Alliance for Insurance Education and Research. Tess started working at Leffelman and Associates in 2007 and became a certified insurance service representative in 2011.



Teresa Marquis Jarrick '07 and Andrew Jarrick were married June 29. Teresa is a fourth-grade teacher at Dunlap Grade School. They live in Peoria, Ill.



Sarah Kinkin '07 and Casey Crotz were married May 25. Sarah is a police officer in Spring Valley, Ill. They live in Ladd.



Julie Rutledge Shipp '07 earned her Illinois professional engineer license. She is a civil engineer with Hanson Professional Services Inc. at the company's headquarters in Springfield. She also is president-elect of the Capital Chapter of the Illinois Society of Professional Engineers.

Class Notes

Mastering Martial Arts



Uniting his appreciation for martial arts with his entrepreneurial attitude, **Adam Bockler '11** became the official owner of Metamora Martial Arts in January 2013. "I've always had an entrepreneurial desire, and once I achieved my black belt in karate my senior year of high school, I knew I'd want my own program one day," Bockler noted. "I just didn't think it would be this soon."

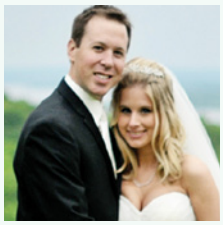
Adam trains in karate, tai chi chuan and Hsing-i chuan. He started training at Metamora Martial Arts in his early teens after **Joe Chianakas, MLS '08** developed it as an after-school program. "He enhanced my life so much doing what he did. I'm doing what I can to give back," Adam said.

Featured in a photo for the September 2013 issue of *Taekwondo Times*, Adam works as a communications manager with Float Mobile Learning and lives in Metamora, Ill.

"Martial arts are something you can always take with you," he explained. "You always have your hands, your elbows, your knees, your feet, and most importantly, your mind."

— *B.G.*

Edward Simon '07 is executive director of Glencoe Youth Services in suburban Chicago. Previously, he was youth adviser at Temple Jeremiah in Northfield and worked as a teacher. Edward holds a master's degree from National Louis University.



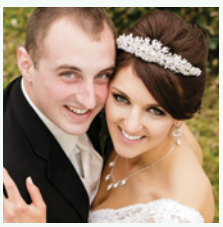
Josh Yuen '07 DPT '14 and **Michelle Kosner Yuen '09 DPT '12** were married May 25. Michelle is a physical therapist with Easter Seals and co-founder of Paws Giving Independence. Josh is a pursuing his doctorate in physical therapy. They live in Peoria, Ill.



Molly Drenckpohl, MA '08 is associate director of the Springer Center for Excellence in Internships at Bradley's Smith Career Center. Previously, she worked at the American School of Milan in Italy and the Cayman International School in the Cayman Islands. Molly and her husband, Derrek, live in Morton, Ill.



Doug Valentine '08 completed his first Memphis-to-Peoria run in August to raise funds for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. He is online program coordinator at Central Methodist University, where he also teaches in the religion department. Doug has a master's degree from the University of Missouri. His wife, **Chandra Avina Valentine '10**, is marketing and event coordinator for bleu Restaurant and Wine Bar in Columbia, Mo. The couple lives in Columbia.



Erin Crowley Pressley '09 and Ran Pressley were married March 30. Erin, who holds a master's degree from South College, is a physician assistant with Summit Medical Group. The couple lives in Knoxville, Tenn.

Jennifer Carroll Reed '09 received a doctor of medicine degree from Southern Illinois University School of Medicine in Springfield. She entered an internal medicine residency at Indiana University School of Medicine in Indianapolis.

Holly Roper '09 was named director of Head Start and Early Head Start by the Community Action Partnership of Central Illinois based in Lincoln. She has worked for the agency's Head Start program since 2011.

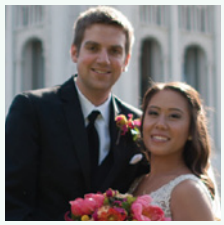
Lauren E. Thompson '09 received her doctor of medicine degree from Southern Illinois University School of Medicine in Springfield. She is in a diagnostic radiology residency at the medical school and its affiliated hospitals.

Jennifer Carrera Watson '09 and **Larry W. Watson Jr. '09** were married April 4. They live in northern Virginia.

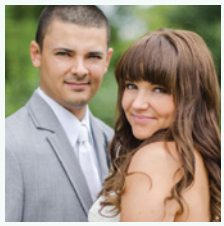
2010s



Jared Bartman '10 appeared in concert in Peoria, Ill., for the release of his new full-length album, *Misery Makes Strange Bedfellows*. The October show, which marked the beginning of Jared's fall tour of the Midwest and East Coast, also featured veteran indie performer John Vanderslice. Jared lives in Peoria.



Julie Rysemus Brand '10 and **Nick Brand '10** were married June 29. Julie is a special education teacher for Chicago Public Schools. Nick is a risk analyst for Options Clearing Corp. They live in Chicago.



Alyssa Johnson Thornburg '10 and **Caleb Thornburg '10** were married July 27. She is a graphic designer, and he works as an engineer. They live in Grayslake, Ill.

Jonathan Mays '10 is a retirement plan administrator at Alpine Bank in Rockford, Ill.

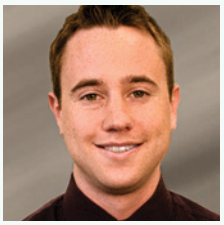
Nate Anderson '11 MSA '11 was promoted to assurance senior associate at McGladrey LLP's Peoria office. He joined the firm in 2011.



Dodie Dunson '11 is assistant men's basketball coach at Wabash Valley College

Bockler: Pam Siefkin; Drenckpohl: Duane Zehr

in Mount Carmel, Ill. He was a three-year team captain at Bradley; in the 2010–11 season, he was a first-team MVC scholar-athlete and a top 10 finalist for the Lowe's Senior CLASS Award. Dodie played professionally in China for a year and helped the boys' basketball coach at Bloomington (Ill.) High School. He also has been active with AAU basketball in the state.



Alan Fuehring '12 was named the play-by-play announcer and media relations director for the Peoria Rivermen of the Southern Professional Hockey League. Previously, he interned for the team and worked for the Peoria Chiefs minor league baseball team. Alan also has worked for KABC-TV in Los Angeles, the Charlotte Checkers minor league hockey team, and the Fox Speed Channel.

Carolyn McCullough Sutton '12 and B. Tyler Sutton were married March 9. Carolyn is a math teacher at Farmington High School. They live in Washington, Ill.

Kristin Miller '12 is a shared data services analyst for Barclays Capital in London. She is working on a post-graduate certificate in international business from St. Mary's University College. A Global Scholar at Bradley, Kristin lives in London.

Kristin Brosmer '13 is an eighth-grade special education teacher at Central Junior High School in East Peoria, Ill.

Jen Cepko '13 participated in the Guinness World Records' longest line of a *Riverdance* Irish stepdancing show in July. She was one of 1,693 people from 44 countries taking part in the event on the banks of the Liffey River in Dublin. Jen has been involved in Irish dancing for more than 10 years. She lives in Naperville, Ill.



Heather Longfellow, MBA '13 is a visiting instructor in accounting at Bradley, teaching auditing and managerial accounting. She was a partner at Wolf, Tesar & Co. P.C. Heather lives in Washington, Ill.

Christopher Ott '13 is a project engineer for Engineering Enterprises Inc. He lives in Sugar Grove, Ill.

Longfellow: Duane Zehr

In Memory

1930s

Emma Walters Herstrum '35, June 30, Rocky River, Ohio
Charles Behrens '36, Aug. 22, Waukesha, Wis.
Katherine Weise Broadstone '38, June 10, Peoria, Ill.
Edward Heilbron '38, Sept. 17, Temple, Texas
Richard Killin '39, Aug. 20, Naples, Fla.

1940s

Ruth Brueckner Grossweiler '41, March 12, Pekin, Ill.
Bill Chinuge '42, Nov. 27, Peoria, Ill.
Jean Holmes Keithley '42, June 16, Peoria, Ill.
Mavis Remsburg Miller '43, June 7, Lisle, Ill.
Janann "Nan" Daykin Compton '44, Aug. 1, Sterling, Ill.
John Gaul Wilson Jr. '46, June 12, Peoria, Ill.
Wayne Noder '48, Feb. 3, 2013, New Port Richey, Fla.
Robert F. Cummings '49 MA '50, Sept. 22, Franklin, Mass.
William Gleason '49, May 20, Peoria, Ill.
George Lyle '49, June 20, Peoria, Ill.
Wilfred Madsen '49, Sept. 30, Winter Park, Fla.
William Olsen '49, Jan. 6, 2013, Grand Junction, Colo.
Robert Strunk '49, June 12, Morton, Ill.

1950s

Raymond Bennett '50, April 29, Pekin, Ill.
William Cave '50, June 12, Costa Mesa, Calif.
Robert Clarke '50, Oct. 16, 2012, Silvis, Ill.
Harold Fogelmark '50 MA '59, July 17, East Peoria, Ill.
Jules Gits '50, Sept. 13, Wheaton, Ill.
Al Humphrey '50, May 24, Fort Madison, Iowa
Edward Janssen '50 MS '53, May 21, Shoreview, Minn.
Charles Simms Jr. '50, June 20, Morton, Ill.
Paul Clopper '51 MA '52, Aug. 18, Pasadena, Calif.
Jack Gruebmeyer '51, Oct. 2, East Peoria, Ill.
Donald Robison '51, June 10, Tucson, Ariz.
Milford "Steve" Stephenson '51, Aug. 11, Peoria, Ill.
W. Gene Stevens '51, June 23, Peoria, Ill.
Abid Al-Marayati '52 MA '54, July 29, Toledo, Ohio
Margaret "Peg" Bahnfleth '52 MA '53, July 2, East Peoria, Ill.
William Berning '52, July 19, Springfield, Ill.
John Carson '52, Oct. 14, Morton, Ill.
Henry Day Jr. '52, Sept. 21, Hanna, Wyo.
Phyllis Walton Smith '52, Dec. 29, 2012, Hoover, Ala.
Otto Torre '52, Oct. 12, East Peoria, Ill.
Oscar Tuttle '52, June 29, Tucson, Ariz.
Raymond "Chuck" Eyster Jr. '53, Oct. 8, Peoria, Ill.
Robert Manning '53, July 22, Peoria, Ill.
David Watson '53, July 25, Lafayette, Ind.
Richard Fritze '54, Sept. 26, Hoover, Ala.
Stanley Haack '54, May 24, Freeport, Ill.
Reginald Sipfle '54, Sept. 27, North Port, Fla.
Arlyn Toppert '54, Sept. 26, Prophetstown, Ill.
Richard Awl '55, Aug. 22, Hickory, N.C.
Beverly Kash Kline '55, May 17, Fremont, Calif.
Bette Beghtol O'Connell '56, July 9, Peoria, Ill.
Marilyn Roberts Campbell '57, Aug. 19, Bettendorf, Iowa

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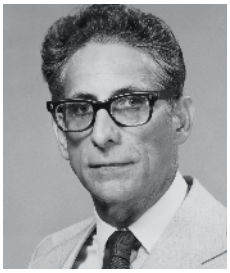
In Memory

Vera Talbott Krughoff '57, May 26, San Jose, Ill.
Sunny Christiansen Lawrence '57, June 28, Naperville, Ill.
Richard Moorhouse '57, May 27, Charleston, S.C.
Nelson Barrick '58, Aug. 19, Washington, Ill.
Dale Ems '58 MA '70, April 20, Fountain Hills, Ariz.
Emil Monge '58, May 31, Pekin, Ill.
Duane Quiram '58, Sept. 19, Princeton, Ill.
Theodore Loomos Sr. '59, May 28, Chicago, Ill.
Richard Mundo '59, Aug. 31, Palos Heights, Ill.

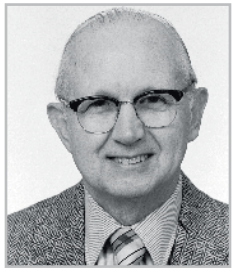
1960s

James Ballew '61, June 2, Seven Lakes, N.C.
G. Richard Brooksbank '61, Aug. 10, Pekin, Ill.
Maralee Bloyd Workman Hagaman '61, July 9, Lewistown, Ill.
Michael McNamara '61, June 26, Peoria, Ill.
Donna Sumner Pearsall '61, Aug. 27, Sun City, Ariz.
Dean Cotton '62, July 20, Lafayette, Ind.
John D. Kauffman '62 MA '65, Oct. 3, Carol Stream, Ill.
John Orrick '62, Aug. 21, South Chicago Heights, Ill.
Duane Runyon '62, July 29, Elmwood, Ill.
Delia "Dee Dee" Shea Ryan '62, July 14, Chicago, Ill.
John Schoch '62, Sept. 11, Fairview, Texas
Patricia Buege Duff '63, June 23, Albuquerque, N.M.
Charles Sutton '63, Sept. 19, Montrose, Colo.
Craig Ackley '64, Dec. 7, 2012, Boynton Beach, Fla.
Michael Day '64, July 30, Oxford, Mich.
Roger Fleisher '64 MA '73, Oct. 4, Peoria, Ill.
James Funk, MA '65, July 5, Washington, Ill.
Emil "Ed" Rink '65, May 30, Beardstown, Ill.

Faculty



Donald Albanito, professor *emeritus* of business administration and dean of the College of Continuing Education and Summer School from 1971–86, died Sept. 22 in Peoria. Previously, he taught at Bradley from 1956–71. He held a master's degree from the University of Pittsburgh and a doctorate from Indiana University. A World War II Army veteran, he was active in several professional and civic organizations, contributed articles to professional journals, and co-authored a book about FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover. Winner of the University's Mergen Community Service Award in 1972, he is survived by his companion, Dr. Debra Cribbs, as well as by four children, seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.



John Ruble, professor *emeritus* of accounting, died July 4 in Peoria. He taught at Bradley from 1956–92. A World War II Navy veteran, he held a master's degree from Indiana University. John was a member and adviser of Beta Alpha Psi at Bradley and was active with the Muscular Dystrophy Association, as a volunteer reader for Bradley's Radio Information Service and with VISTA. Survivors include his wife, Ann; five children, including **Jean Ruble Becktel '81**, **Kathy Ruble '83**, and **Philip Ruble '89**; and two grandchildren.



Dr. **James Irwin '80 MSEE '81**, associate professor of electrical engineering at Bradley for 26 years, died Nov. 17 in Peoria. He was the faculty adviser for Intervarsity Christian Fellowship at the University for 25 years and was active in his church. James earned his doctoral degree at the University of Illinois. He is survived by his wife, Linda; his mother; four children, including **Timothy Irwin '07 MSA '07**, **Christina Irwin Medina '08**, and **Jonathan Irwin '15**; and four grandchildren.



Clyde Smith, associate professor of education *emeritus*, died Nov. 4 in Lakeland, Fla. He taught at Bradley from 1969–97. He held a master's degree from the University of Missouri and a doctorate from the University of Tennessee. Winner of Bradley's Mergen Award for Public Service in 1975, he was an elder in his church and was honored by several organizations, including the Peoria Area Chamber of Commerce and the Salvation Army. He is survived by his wife, **Jannis Lowery Smith '83**, as well as his daughter, **Renee Smith '84**, and two granddaughters.

Robert Stambach '65, July 28, Mesa, Ariz.
Margaret Woodfill, MA '65, June 19, Henry, Ill.
William Debelak '66, June 18, Tucson, Ariz.
John Moore '66, Sept. 22, Melbourne, Fla.
Betty DeWolfe '67, Aug. 9, Galva, Ill.
Johanna Dielfield, MS '67, July 29, Anna, Ill.
Jackson Medley, MEA '67, Aug. 15, Oshkosh, Wis.
Tom White '67, Aug. 28, Jacksonville, Fla.
Donald Ahten, MA '68, June 11, Creve Coeur, Ill.
Shirley Crum Froebe, MA '68, Oct. 7, Silver Lake, Ohio
Gene Chamberlain, MA '69, Aug. 24, Streator, Ill.
Warren Watkins '69, Sept. 7, Peoria, Ill.

1970s

Fenton Bain '70, July 6, Boulder, Colo.
Edna Woelfle Baker '70, Sept. 20, Peoria, Ill.
Gary Byrkit '70, Aug. 13, Edmond, Okla.
Brian Koski '70, May 27, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Michael Nelson '70, May 29, Roscoe, Ill.
Raymond Cole '71, May 22, Marietta, Ga.
Elsie Fulton, MA '71, Sept. 30, Clinton, Ill.
Gilbert "Gil" Gordon '71, July 19, Highland Park, Ill.
Patrick Pomes '71, Sept. 21, South Bend, Ind.
Susan Dieffenderfer Hartfelder, MS '72, Aug. 16, Milton, Fla.
Rhea Tate Jones '72, Aug. 18, Mapleton, Ill.
James Sharav '73, Aug. 20, Peoria, Ill.
John Garms '74, June 15, Arlington Heights, Ill.
Douglas Kramer '74, Sept. 5, Morton, Ill.
Steven Corich '76, June 29, San Ramon, Calif.
JoAnne Bowen Helenek, MA '76 BS '82, Sept. 8, Peoria, Ill.
Paul Blackburn '77 MBA '84, June 11, Edwards, Ill.
John Bohls '78, Aug. 31, Evansville, Ind.
Vyvian Barfield '79, Oct. 1, 2012, Chicago, Ill.
Julia Smith Colorado '79, Oct. 6, Peoria, Ill.

1980s

Linda Abel Broccolo '83, March 20, Elmwood Park, Ill.
Ricky Maclin, MA '83, July 19, St. Louis, Mo.
Darlene Schoon '83, Sept. 23, Chesterfield, Mo.
Jennifer Meiner Emerson '85, Aug. 8, Morton, Ill.

1990s

GeorgeAnn Siwicke, MLS '96, May 22, Peoria, Ill.

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Alumni Connections

Alumni Events

February 12 // Naples, Fla.
An Evening with President Glasser, 5:30–7:30 p.m., West Bay Club, 20300 Riverbrooke Run, Estero; hors d'oeuvres and cash bar.

February 21 // Peoria
Rising Star Dinner, 5:30 p.m., Hayden-Clark Alumni Center.

March 1 // Des Moines
Bradley vs. Drake pre-game party.*

March 1 // Washington, D.C.
D.C. Area Alumni Reception, 6 p.m., 1331 Bar and Lounge, 1331 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; Performance by the Capitol Steps, 7 p.m., Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, 1300 Pennsylvania Ave. NW.

March 8 // Jupiter, Fla.
Cardinals Spring Training Avanti's Tailgate, 11 a.m., Roger Dean Stadium, 4751 Main St.; Game vs. Washington Nationals, 1 p.m.

March 14 // Seattle
Seattle Area Alumni Reception, Washington Athletic Club, 1325 6th Ave.*

March 14–17 // Illinois & Iowa
Bradley Chorale Spring Tour; visit **bradley.edu/go/ht-2014ChoraleTour** for more information.

March 22 // Mesa, Ariz.
Cubs Spring Training Avanti's Tailgate, 11 a.m., Cubs Park, 2330 W. Rio Salado Pkwy.; Game vs. Cincinnati Reds, 1 p.m.

April 5 // Peoria
Phi Gamma Delta "Fiji" Alumni Awards Dinner, 5 p.m., Hayden-Clark Alumni Center.

April 12 // Peoria
Spring Concert Alumni Reception, 6 p.m., Hayden-Clark Alumni Center.

April 25–27 // Peoria
BU Black Alumni Alliance Reunion.*

May 2 // Peoria
CIBAC Wine Tasting, 5–7 p.m., Hayden-Clark Alumni Center.

**Additional details to be announced.*

ONLINE For program information, visit bualum.org or contact the Office of Alumni Relations at (309) 677-2240 or (800) 952-8258.



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1 Las Vegas More than 30 of Bradley's 1960s-era Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity members reunited during the weekend of October 18–20. Many men at the gathering — orchestrated by **Ted Schmidt '69** — had not seen each other in nearly 50 years.
2 Peoria The Bradley Association of International and Latino Alumni (BAILA) — the University's newest affinity group — held its first major reunion on September 20–21 in celebration of Latino Heritage Month. From left, back row are **Myriam Tinajero '05**, **Yolanda Grajeda '12**, **Maryjane Alcala Gamez '09**, **Sal Tinajero '94**, **Cirilo Hurtado '86**, **Kyle Malinowski '11 MBA '13**, and **Adrian Alvarez '89**; in the front row are **Garnet Gaguancela '12**, **Jasmin Garcia '13**, **Anita Pacheco '91**, President Joanne Glasser, **Melanie Pagan '09**, **Natja Guzman '94 MSIE '98**, and **Grecia Ocampo '14**.













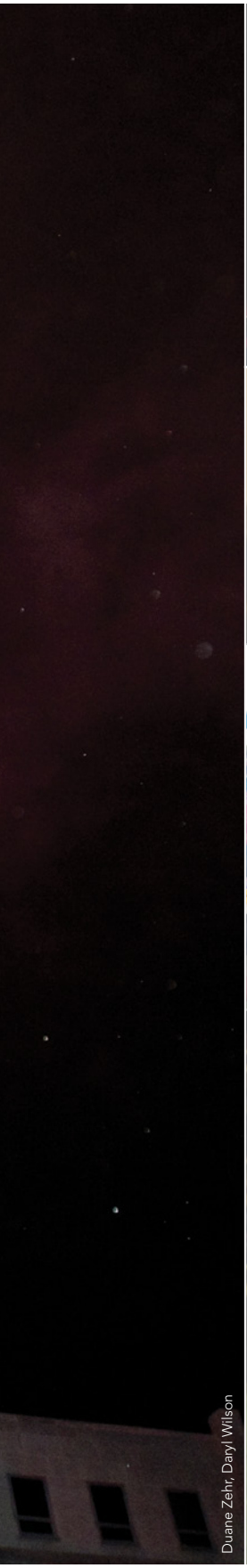
2, 8: Duane Zehr

3 Detroit 34 alumni and friends joined President Joanne Glasser on September 19 for an evening at A Taste of History Restaurant at The Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village, including (from left) **Tony Zeringue '84**, **Jeff Hohlfeldt '08**, President Glasser, and **Molly Rosenblum Hohlfeldt '08**. **4 Chicago** On December 5, 31 alumni and friends attended the Chicago Cares 4 Central Illinois fundraiser — hosted by the Chicago Alumni Network — to help support the communities and residents affected by the area's devastating November 17 tornadoes. From left are **Erin Reeves Attere '03**, **Jerry-Dominique Attere '02**, and **Sara McElmurry '02**. **5 Seattle** Nearly 20 alumni and friends attended a pizza and wine party at The Station Pizzeria on September 28, including (from left) **Lindsey Barcklay '09**; P.J. Thompson, associate director of alumni relations; **Meryl Horalek Charles '87**; **Scott Hargrave '88**; **Carol Coram '72**; **Michelle Mills '03**; and **Eric Bochtler '04**. **6 St. Louis** On October 29, around 120 alumni, friends, and prospective students gathered at Westwood Country Club for an evening with President Glasser, including **Robert Duchild '61 MSCE '63** and **Tanya Lopez Duchild '63**. **7 Milwaukee** A group of 70 alumni and guests converged on Harry's Bar & Grill for a pre-game party ahead of the December 7 men's basketball game against the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee Panthers, including (from left) **Scott Brody '96**, **Rob Drobnak '97**, **Chris Muniz '96**, and **Jason Preston '95**. **8 Peoria** In honor of the weekend's Bradley Soccer Alumni Reunion, President Glasser hosted this year's freshman class for a President's Night Out at the men's soccer game against Cal State, Northridge on September 28.



From Bradley's traditional lighting of the "B" and bonfire celebration to a pep rally, class reunions, and the student/faculty/staff flag football competition on the Alumni Quad, Homecoming 2013 offered myriad activities for all on the Hilltop. The Red & White Scrimmage showcased the women's and men's basketball teams at the Renaissance Coliseum, followed by hundreds of students who poured into the basketball practice facility for Late Night BU festivities.

The October weekend concluded on a high note at the soccer game with the halftime crowning of Homecoming King Allen Ghareeb '14 and Queen Kylie Nadeau '15, the Braves spirited 2-0 victory over Loyola, Chicago, and a fireworks display at Shea Stadium for enthusiastic fans.



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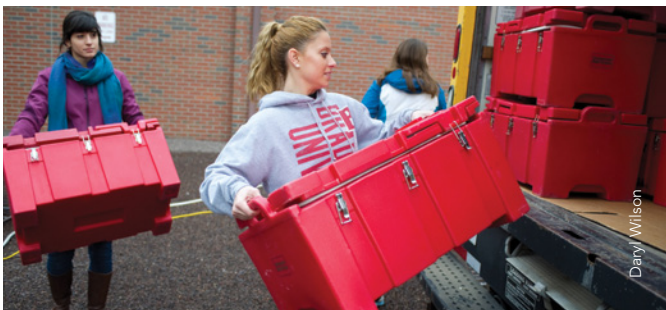
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On November 17, several communities near Bradley were devastated by a historic late fall tornado outbreak. While the University was spared, many of its students, faculty, staff, and alumni suffered losses ranging from slightly damaged to completely destroyed homes. Members of the Bradley family immediately offered their support, with more than 400 volunteers assisting where needed in the following weeks.



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