

# Childs Receives Entrepreneur of the Year Award

In October 2010, Thiel College awarded the 2010 Haller Enterprise Institute Entrepreneur of the Year Award to Greenville businessman Harvey Childs, founder and chairman of the board of Bail USA, Inc.

The award, now in its 16th year, is given annually to a business owner who has demonstrated entrepreneurial leadership.

Childs, who has been a licensed bail agent for 45 years, entered the surety bail profession in 1956, the third generation in his family to do so. A native of Pittsburgh, he made his home in Mercer County and for nine years posted bail bonds for clients throughout the tri-county area. In 1969, Childs expanded his business to 16 additional western Pennsylvania counties, Maryland, the District of Columbia and Ohio. In 1970, he founded the Pennsylvania Association of Bail Bond Underwriters and successfully challenged Pennsylvania to recognize bail agents as “officers of the court.”

During the next 10 years, he again expanded his growing network of professional bail agents into 25 additional states and was one of the founders of the Professional Bail Agents of the United States (PBUS). In 1982, Childs partnered with his assistant, Cheryl Burns, to form Bail USA, which is now the largest underwriter of surety bail in the country. In 1999, Burns assumed the presidency of Bail USA to allow Childs to spend more time traveling and visiting the company's bail agents. Currently, Bail USA has 2,500 bail agents in 42 states.



*Childs (center) accepts the Entrepreneur of the Year award from President Troy VanAken and Professor David Miller '61.*

Childs holds a bachelor's degree from Villanova University in Havana, Cuba, and an advanced degree in Hispanic Studies from the University of Seville in Spain. He is fluent in five languages and enjoys Spanish and American history.

Childs and his wife, Uta, reside in Greenville, Pa., and Ft. Lauderdale Beach, Fla., and have one grown son, Alan, a doctor of psychology in Chicago, Ill.

The Haller Enterprise Institute is named for Pittsburgh residents Dr. Henry E. and Grace Mary Haller who provided a \$1 million gift to develop entrepreneurial education at Thiel.

## Calling All Junior Tomcats!

Looking for a fun, educational camp experience for your child this summer? At Thiel's College for Kids camp, students can build on their imaginations, creativity and talents while experiencing life on a college campus.

College for Kids is an elementary camp for students in grades four through six (June 27-July 8 with no camp on July 4) and a junior high camp for students in grades seven through nine (July 11-15). A typical day begins at 8:45 a.m. and ends at 2:35 p.m., and includes classes, lunch and fun afternoon activities like tie-dying t-shirts and playing games outside.

Elementary campers can pick from a variety of courses like Spanish, Math in Disguise, The Way Things Work or Painting. This year the junior high camp will focus on careers—campers will choose two different career fields and take two classes within each of those fields.



For more information about costs and courses offered, visit [www.thiel.edu/cfk](http://www.thiel.edu/cfk). All reservations will be taken online this year. Please contact Robyn Lohr, director of College for Kids, 724-456-4050 or [rlohr@thiel.edu](mailto:rlohr@thiel.edu).

## Sophomore Designs New Admissions T-Shirt

Sophomore **Audrey Rattay** will see herself all over Thiel's campus – and possibly the country – when the new Thiel College campus-visit t-shirt hits campus this summer.

Rattay was the winner of a design contest sponsored by the Admissions Office during the spring semester. The contest was aimed at inspiring current students to create an "exclusive" Thiel t-shirt that would be given to prospective students during the next academic year when they visit campus. The shirts will also grace the backs of admissions staff, including tour guides and peer leaders.

The participation from students was more than expected, says Amy Becher, dean of enrollment. Eight students submitted nine different designs. Competing students included Rattay, **Nicole Stills '11, Jacquelyne Kinney '12, Leah Kook '14, Ray Tenney '12, Anthony Corso '13, Jessica Weaver '14 and Dakota Tenney '14.**

The competition was tough, but Rattay was chosen as the winner. She also was chosen as first runner-up with Stills as second runner-up, and both will have their designs printed on t-shirts, which will be sold in the Thiel Bookstore. They will earn a 15-percent commission on each sale.

"My inspiration for the t-shirt design came from what Thiel has helped me accomplish in my two years here," says Rattay. "Having the opportunity to be involved in extracurricular activities, clubs and sports all while maintaining academic excellence is a common goal among college students. At Thiel, students are able to reach that goal because the staff and students are committed to helping their 'brothers and sisters' in reaching that ultimate goal of success. Integrating all of the majors, sports and activities in a cluster with the words 'Committed to You' alongside key phrases like 'change the world,' 'be yourself,' 'make friends,' 'volunteer' and 'take a stand' truly paint a picture for what each and every student can experience while attending Thiel."

The Admissions Office has plans to hold the t-shirt design contest each spring to create a new "Thiel" shirt for prospective students each year.



Rattay's design for the new Thiel admissions t-shirt.



Some new Mexican fans of Thiel College

The ranch where the orphanage is located is mostly funded by a large olive plantation worked by Uribe and his extended family. They pick and sell olives to fund their operations.

The group made their way back to San Diego to enjoy one last day before returning home. Upon their return to Thiel, Nelson and the students held a chapel service to talk about their experiences. The students shared their favorite photos and moments from the trip, hoping to bring awareness to immigration and poverty issues and shed light on what those they had met in Mexico have to do to survive. Another chapel service was held later for the Board of Trustees.

Trustee Dr. Carl Hoffman '69 was so moved by the stories and experiences described by the students that he has pledged to help finance future mission/service trips for Thiel's students. He and his wife, Theresa, are also investigating how to provide funds toward the purchase of an olive press for the Miracle Ranch—a purchase that will allow the Ranch to drastically improve the profits on its olives and therefore increase the funds available to the children there.

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in service to others," said Nelson. "That's the hallmark of Lutheran higher education, and it's something we all experienced on this trip. We learned a lot about Mexico, border issues, immigration and poverty. But we learned a lot about ourselves, too."

—Sarah DiFrango '11

# Frangakis Family, Faculty, Staff Honored at Founders' Day Convocation

Thiel College held the annual Founders' Day Convocation on Feb. 3 and honored 10 faculty and staff members and the Frangakis family for their service and dedication to the Greenville and Thiel communities.

## The Louis and Barbara Thiel Distinguished Service Award

This prestigious award— named for Louis and Barbara Thiel whose generosity made possible the founding of Thiel in 1866— was presented to the Frangakis family, who are founders and owners of Reynolds Services, Inc., as well as several other business ventures and a charitable trust. The award is presented annually to community members who demonstrate exemplary character, continuity of leadership, and long-term service to Greenville and its environs.

Founded in 1990 by F. John Frangakis, Reynolds Services Inc. is a family-owned and operated company specializing in the processing of tin mill and flat rolled steel products. RSI has experienced enormous growth and changes since its inception 20 years ago, including the addition of processing and distribution facilities in Weirton, W. Va., and Baltimore, Md. The company's success was recognized in 2001, when its efforts in international distribution received the Pennsylvania Governor's Export Excellence Award for Manufacturing. The Shenango Valley Chamber of Commerce recognized the company's innovative business practices by presenting Reynolds Services, Inc. with the 2010 Phoenix Award for Innovation. RSI and the Frangakis family maintain a strong belief in continuous improvement leading to a higher



The 2011 Founders' Day honorees. Pictured are (back row from left to right) Barbara Blue, Dr. James Koshan, Lisa Walton, Kathleen Christiansen, Dr. Robert Wells, Thomas Luciani and President Troy VanAken; (second row from left to right) Dr. David Buck, Barbara Samson and Tressa Snyder; and (front row from left to right) John R. Frangakis, Teresa Frangakis, Joyce Frangakis and F. John Frangakis.

level of service and quality to its existing customers while seizing new business opportunities.

Some of those business opportunities include Cross IT Services & Solutions, LLC, a cross platform information technology computer consulting firm; Vulcan Engineering LLC, an electrical engineering firm specializing in machinery drive and control integration; and Reynolds Transfer LLC, a logistics and transportation company specializing in the hauling and international distribution of products.

Their business success has enabled the Frangakis family to give back to the communities that have helped them achieve so much. The Frangakis Family Charitable Trust was formed to promote and improve the communities within which the Frangakis businesses exist and operate. Benefactors of the trust's charitable giving include the American Red Cross, the American Heart Association,

the Presbyterian Church Disaster Relief Fund, Thiel College (part of which helped fund the new Theology & Youth Ministry major and marching band at the College) and Toys for Tots.

## Faculty and Staff Awards

Receiving Professor of the Year honors this year was **Dr. David Buck**, associate professor of history.

Since arriving on campus in 2005, Buck has been generous with his time and efforts in support of Thiel's mission. He is involved in a number of committees on campus including the Community Building Initiative, Curriculum Study, Imagining Thiel and many others. He regularly takes students to regional history association meetings and teaches in Thiel's Honors Program. Buck continues to research microloans in Central America (small loans to budding entrepreneurs in the developing world) for potential application in the Global Heritage course, for

which he has served as coordinator. His interest in Central America led to his study at a Spanish language school in Nicaragua in July 2010 through a Rowley Endowment for Teaching Excellence and work on a summer study abroad pilot program for summer 2011. Buck was also recently awarded a New Directions Teaching Fellowship from The Learning Commons to assist in redesigning his first-year seminar. Despite the many demands on his time, including serving as faculty adviser to history majors and minors and his teaching load, he remains active in his field of scholarship, presenting at conferences and publishing.

A Grove City native, Buck holds a bachelor's in American studies from the University of Dayton, a master's in history from Slippery

Rock University and a doctorate from West Virginia University. He and his wife, Laura, have two sons and one daughter and live in Sharon, Pa.

Other faculty members to earn recognition were:

**Lisa Walton, Esq.**, assistant professor of sociology and political science, of Hermitage, Pa., Distinguished Service Award.

**Dr. James Koshan**, professor of history, of Hermitage, Pa., Distinguished Teacher Award.

**Dr. Robert A. Wells**, professor of political science, of Pittsburgh, Distinguished Scholar Award.

**Kathleen Christiansen**, adjunct professor of English, of Greenville, Pa., Distinguished Adjunct Award.

Five staff awards were presented during the ceremony. Receiving honors were:

**Suellen Beckdol**, Mercer, Pa., maintenance, Distinguished Innovator Award.

**Thomas J. Luciani**, Greenville, Pa., maintenance, Distinguished Newcomer Award.

**Tressa Snyder**, Hadley, Pa., reference librarian, Distinguished Extra Effort Award.

**Barbara Blue**, Greenville, Pa., director of student activities and orientation, Distinguished Outreach Award.

**Barbara Samson**, Greenville, Pa., administrative assistant, The Learning Commons, Distinguished Service Staff Award.

## Congratulations to Thiel's "Biggest Losers"



On Jan. 29, the Community Building Initiative and the Student Activities Office joined forces to launch Thiel College's "Biggest Loser" Competition.

The kick-off event featured inspirational words from Amanda Arlauskas, a contestant on season 9 of NBC's "The Biggest Loser." Audience members

had the chance to sign up that night or in the following weeks to try to become Thiel's "Biggest Loser."

Contestants participated in four weigh-ins, with the final weigh-in taking place on April 18. Of the original sign-ups, 54 contestants from the Thiel and Greenville communities finished the competition, all of whom received an official "Biggest Loser" t-shirt. Two winners, one each from Thiel's campus and Greenville, earned a \$500 prize for their efforts.

The Thiel winner was **Andrew Walizer**, a counselor in Thiel's Admissions Office. Walizer lost a total of 49 pounds. The Greenville winner was **Susan Scriven**, who lost a total of 25.8 pounds. The collective weight loss of all the contestants was 630 pounds!

Congratulations to all those who participated.



# Greening Efforts Continue

What's Thiel College's favorite color after blue and gold? Green! And this year, Thiel was greener than ever before.

For the third year, the College participated in Recyclemania in the "bottles and cans" category. Recyclemania is a national 10-week friendly recycling competition between colleges and universities to promote waste reduction. Led by Carol Detar Jones '75, supplemental instruction coordinator in The Learning Commons, and student greening manager sophomore Josh Emanuelson, the competition wrapped up in early April with Thiel collecting 3,027 pounds of recyclables.

The second annual Thiel College Wear it Out competition was held on March 24 in the Lutheran Heritage Room. Seven groups participated by designing an outfit made completely of recycled materials and modeled them for a panel of judges composed of Barbara Blue of Thiel's Student Activities Office, John Rindy of The Learning Commons and Dr. Martin Bright of the Psychology Department, who reviewed the outfits in an "American Idol"-style judging. Event organizer Jacquelyne Kinney and emcee Zac Markley hosted the event and got the crowd excited while the models prepared to walk the runway in their newly designed "trashion" outfits.

The models for the evening included Jessica Smith (modeling for Alpha Xi Delta's "The Spicy Seven"), Carly Florida, Christine Moreau (modeling for Track and Field & the Safe Zone Alliance), Ashley Tigner (modeling for Zeta Tau Alpha), Joe Janicki (modeling for Phi Theta Phi), Clare Rech (modeling for Circle K) and Jordan Smith

(also modeling for a group from Alpha Xi Delta). Modeling outfits from last year were Kaitlyn Bonzo and Ryan Carson.

Freshman Ashley Tigner won first place and a \$100 cash prize, sophomore Jordan Smith took second place and received a \$50 Wal-Mart gift card and junior Joseph Janicki took third place and won a \$25 Sheetz gift card.

Also, paper recycling was successful at Thiel with nearly 11,500 pounds of paper recycled during 2010. Jones and Emanuelson presented recycling information to the incoming class during new student orientation in August and plan to continue to do so next year.

Thiel's greening initiative formed a connection with St. Paul's, a continuing care community in Greenville, which has started sustainability and recycling initiatives.

"It's been a good connection," says Jones.

Other initiatives in the early planning stages for Thiel's greening efforts include working with AVI Foodsystems Inc., Thiel's food service provider, to begin recycling the institutional-size aluminum cans that are used in preparing meals at Thiel; getting cardboard recycling started; securing a vendor for battery recycling and arranging for a "Dump'n Run," where students moving out for the year can easily donate unwanted goods to the Good Shepherd Center in Greenville.



Thiel students clean the campus recycling bins during Spring into Action Day on April 16; freshman Ashley Tigner models the winning outfit for Wear It Out; junior Joe Janicki shows off a Phi Theta Phi-designed recycled outfit.



# Employees Honored for Years of Service



Thiel held the annual Employee Recognition Dinner on April 19 in the Lutheran Heritage Room of the Howard Miller Student Center. This event honors those employees, faculty and staff, who reached milestone years of service. This year's honorees collectively have given more than 430 years of service to Thiel College. Pictured (in no particular order) are David Miller '61 (45 years); Dr. Mervin Newton (40 years); Dr. Nicholas Despo and Dr. Arthur White (35 years); Guru Khalsa (30 years); Cinthia McClelland, Dr. Christopher Moinet

and Peggy Hause (25 years); Vicki Poe, Deborah Smith, Dr. Cynthia Sutton, Michael Edney and Rose Rager (15 years); Jesse Amar, Dr. Michael Balas, Betty LeBarron and Anita Lillie (10 years); and Maryann Cardillo, Deborah Marosy, Mary Reames, Phyllis Russell and Amy Schafer (5 years). Not pictured are Dr. Beth Parkinson and Elizabeth Young (25 years); Dr. Nancy Antonino and Max Shellenbarger (20 years); and Dr. David Buck, James Flowers, Ludmilla Miller, Lisa Walton and Donna Yake (5 years).

**THIEL COLLEGE ATHLETICS**

THIEL ATHLETICS IS RAFFLING A CHANCE TO WIN A SEVEN-NIGHT STAY AT A FIVE-DIAMOND RESORT ON WAIKIKI BEACH AND ROUND-TRIP AIRFARE FOR TWO. ARRANGEMENTS BASED ON ADVANCED RESERVATIONS AND AVAILABILITY THROUGH THE TRAVEL EXPERIENCE, INC.

TICKETS ARE \$10 EACH AND CAN BE PURCHASED ONLINE AT [www.thielathletics.com](http://www.thielathletics.com).

THIRD ANNUAL HAWAII TRIP RAFFLE

Drawing to be held on Friday, May 25, 2012 at the Blue-Gold Golf Outing

# Planning for the Next 150 Years

In 2016, Thiel will reach its sesquicentennial, and what milestone could be better to celebrate the College's achievements and plan for future successes!

The first step in that process is to develop a new strategic plan that will help Thiel focus its efforts, hone its vision and answer three questions: who are we; what do we aspire to become; and how do we get there?

During the strategic planning process, which will culminate with a draft plan presented to the Board of Trustees in February 2012, it is imperative that input is received from all parts of the Thiel community—students, staff and faculty, administrators, parents, alumni and Greenville community members. Below is a brief timeline of the planning process:

- March 23: First Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) Meeting
- Early April: Second SPC Meeting; SWOD (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Dreams) analysis
- Late April: Third SPC Meeting
- June: Fourth SPC Meeting; electronic survey sent to alumni
- Mid-August: Fifth SPC Meeting; first draft of strategic vision developed
- Aug. 23: Fall Campus Employee Retreat
- October: Sixth SPC meeting; final draft of strategic vision produced
- Nov. 1-2: Draft of strategic vision and preliminary ideas about strategic plan presented to Trustees



*Dr. Peter Mitchell of Proactive Transition Management met with President Troy VanAken and members of the Board of Associates in April to discuss the strategic planning process.*

- Jan. 2012: Seventh SPC Meeting to finalize the strategic vision and strategic plan to present to Trustees
- Feb. 2012: Final strategic vision and strategic plan presented to Trustees
- March 2012: Begin implementation of the approved vision and plan

Helping the College with this very important process is Dr. Peter Mitchell, retired president of Albion College and founder of Proactive Transition Management (PTM), which provides specialized consulting for independent colleges and universities and privately-owned companies.

A strategic plan and vision for the College's future will provide a roadmap to the ultimate goal of being a premiere, nationally-known institution of higher education that truly transforms students and prepares graduates for lives of meaning, purpose and significance.

## Vira Heinz Scholarships Awarded

Three Thiel women are studying abroad this summer thanks to the Vira I. Heinz Scholarships for Women in Global Leadership, which were awarded in December 2010. The three scholarship winners—sophomores Kayla Ohlin of New Middletown, Ohio, Audrey Lynn Rattay of Apollo, Pa., and Emily Whipple of Rochester, Pa.—each received \$5,000 to fund their study abroad experiences.

Ohlin, an accounting and business administration major with a minor in English, is participating in International Studies Abroad's program at the University of Deusto in San Sebastian, Spain. This program allows Ohlin to study the language and culture of Spain as well as participate in international business courses.

Rattay, a business administration major, is attending International Studies Abroad's program at Moulay Ismail University in Meknes, Morocco. While in Morocco, Rattay is studying Arabic and gender issues in Moroccan culture.

Whipple, an English major with secondary education certification, is using her scholarship to study at Menendez Pelayo International University in Barcelona, Spain, through International Studies Abroad. She is studying Spanish culture and language.

Funded by the Heinz Endowments, the Vira I. Heinz Program for Women in Global Leadership prepares women for tomorrow's global challenges by offering a unique opportunity for international experiences, leadership development and community service.



**SHOW YOUR THIEL  
SCHOOL SPIRIT  
DURING  
HOMECOMING  
WEEKEND:  
SEPT. 23-25**

Homecoming at Thiel College on Sept. 23-25, 2011, promises to be another great weekend!

We've got a full slate of events planned so look for a schedule in your mailbox this summer or visit [www.thiel.edu](http://www.thiel.edu) for updates as they become available.

You won't want to miss the fireworks and Alumni Awards Ceremony, Homecoming parade and game, Homecoming motorcycle ride and the new Tomcat Prowl—or any of the many other Homecoming events!

For more information or reservations for Homecoming Weekend 2011, contact the Alumni Services Office at [alumni@thiel.edu](mailto:alumni@thiel.edu) or 724-589-2042.

## Faculty & Staff News

► Congratulations to the Thiel College faculty, who were invited to participate in the prestigious Association of American Colleges & Universities' 2011 Institute on General Education and Assessment (IGEA). The IGEA provides campus teams with opportunities to refine and advance general education programs. During the Institute, teams explore general education models, processes of redesign and implementation, and strategies for assessment. Admission to the Institute is competitive and limited. The team of faculty from Thiel will attend as a part of the year-long core review and revision process in which all faculty members have been engaged.

► The top finishers in the annual Thiel College Chili Cook-off held in November 2010 were Dr. David Buck's "Blazin' Chicken" chili (first place), Director of Athletics Jack Leipheimer's "4M-2B-GPO" chili (second place) and Admissions Counselor Lauren Byers' "Pineapple Vegetarian" chili (third place). The event raised \$233, which was donated to Compas de Nicaragua-Women in Action, a charity chosen by Buck that aims to improve the lives of women and children in Nicaragua through education, health and income generating programs. Pictured is last year's winner, Registrar Denise Urey, passing the "Golden Ladle" to Buck.



► **Heather Balas**, director of career services, presented at the PennACE (the Pennsylvania Association of Colleges and Employers) Conference in May about her senior-year career course. Balas has also been elected to serve on the executive board of WestPacs as treasurer. WestPacs is an independent, nonprofit consortium of college and university career services professionals.

► **Amy Becher**, dean of enrollment, was named to the prestigious Thrivent Fellows Program, a rigorous 12-month leadership fellowship for the purpose of growing the leadership capacity of the agencies and institutions of the Lutheran Church. Through intensive retreats and seminars, Fellows gain increased knowledge and understanding of Lutheran traditions and values, thorough knowledge of key management issues, discernment of personal and professional goals, a plan for professional growth and a network of relationships with other Lutheran higher education leaders.



### Thiel Accounting Students Invade YSU

In December 2010, 20 Thiel accounting majors, accompanied by Professor Gary Witosky, traveled to Youngstown State University to attend the 14th Annual Accounting Student Practitioner Day. The day was filled with informative lectures and a chance to network with accounting firms of all sizes. Session topics included "Opportunities in Regional and National Public Accounting," "Looking the Part," "Communication Skills" and "Professional Exams." Forensic Accounting, a hot new field that is a major at Thiel, also was discussed.



### Exemplary Library Research Awards Presented on Founders' Day

The second annual Exemplary Library Research Awards were presented on Founders' Day, Feb. 3. This award recognizes exemplary research in completing a classroom assignment. Any professor who brought students to the library during the fall 2010 semester for an instructional session were eligible to nominate one student per class for the award. The five winning students presented their research at the ceremony in the Langenheim Memorial Library and received a Barnes & Noble gift card from the Library. Winning students were Danielle Dwyer and Richard Peterson. Honorable mentions were earned by Jacqueline Hietsch, Casey Arblaster, Stephanie Duke, Valerie Willard and John Amorose. *Pictured from left to right are the students who were nominated for the award, (back row) Jacqueline Hietsch, Richard Peterson, Danielle Dwyer and Stephanie Duke and (front row) Alex Bent, Samantha Hoffman, Alyssa Bartlett, John Amorose, Laura Davin, Melissa Rankin, Stephanie Hudson, Julie Novotny and Rebecca Smith.*

### Cracking the Case

In December 2010, education students presented their annual mock trial at Jamestown Elementary School to present the U.S. judicial system and how it works to social studies classes in an interactive way. This year, the students presented the slip and fall case of Humpty Dumpty. Sixth graders from Jamestown Elementary served as the jury.

### Management Class Presents Strategic Marketing Plan

In December 2010, students in Professor Angelo Giannini's Strategic Management course presented a strategic marketing plan to Doug Anderson and Sue Nicklin, president and vice president, respectively, of Anderson Coach and Travel. The plan, which is aimed at commemorating the company's upcoming 75th anniversary, was developed with Danielle Powell, director of Transportation at Anderson Coach and Travel, and covers the school bus group, motor coach group and tours. The overall student project manager was Thomas Besser. Student project manager of the school bus group was Jacqlyn Belsito with Andrew Bolton, Stephanie Dolinar, Sarah Hicks, Caitlyn Scarton, Jonathan Vinski and Hyejin Cheon. Danielle Macklin was the student manager of the motor coach group, which included Matthew Christian, William Haase, Mihee Kim, Robert Shew and Emily Batiz. The student project manager of the tour group was Theresa Phillips with Michael Deems, Jill Harry, Jae Hong Kwon, Nicholas Travaglianti and Somin Oh. The students worked extensively with Powell throughout the fall semester gathering data and developing Web sites and brochures and other promotional material to be included in the overall marketing plan.



### Alpha Chi Inductions

Fourteen students were inducted into the Pennsylvania theta chapter of Alpha Chi honorary society in April. Alpha Chi is a national honorary that recognizes juniors and seniors who have achieved high academic standing. The inducted students were Yashuhiro Akiyama, Sarah Conte, Laura Davin, Kristin Fedorczyk, Duranna Fretts, Scott Hunkus, Jacquelyne Kinney, Kasey Landis, Shawna McIntyre, Kristen Moreland, Kaitlyn O'Connell, David Owens, Robert Shew and Kayla Turek.

### Kappa Delta Pi Conference

In February, Kappa Delta Pi, the education honorary society, hosted an educational leadership conference in the Glen Johnson Community Center. Education majors from Grove City College joined Thiel students at the event, which featured Kimberly Zippie, regional site coordinator for the Pennsylvania Inspired Leadership Program, as the speaker. Topics included leadership and success in the classroom and the skills that employers are looking for in future employees.

### Student Research Published

Dr. Michael E. Bacon, physics, and Steven Torok '09 were published in the March issue of "The Physics Teacher," a physics journal. The paper, "An Experimental Investigation of the End Effects for Blue Man Group Pipes," is based on Torok's seminar and senior thesis, which was completed in 2009. Torok and Bacon noticed that the resonant frequency of pipes deviated significantly from the expected frequencies as predicted by well established theory for pipes open at both ends. They suggested that the discrepancy was due to the fact that only one end was truly open and the other end was affected by the motion of the paddle used to excite the resonant frequency.



### Chi Eta Sigma Induction

Thiel inducted 26 students into Chi Eta Sigma, the college's commerce honorary society, in late March. The group includes Jebediah Aley, Brittany Bates, Eleanor Belleau, Jacqlyn Belsito, Mike Deems, Brendan Dulaney, Danielle Dwyer, Rosanna Egelsky, So Young Jung, Jacquelyne Kinney, Amy Kramer, Dan Dan Li, Yuening Liu, Xiaozu Liu, Elizabeth Martin, Kristen Moreland, John Newman, Kaitlyn O'Connell, Andrew Peretic, Mathew Saur, Robert Shew, Stephanie Shipley, Angi Sun, Nick Travaglianti, Marica Turan and Victoria Woodward. (Pictured are all new and former members of the organization.) Chi Eta Sigma recognizes scholastic excellence among majors in accounting, business administration or economics at Thiel.

### Education Students Enjoy Professional Development Opportunities

This semester, students in Dr. Doug Hazlett's Integrated Instructional Systems course experienced two special seminars. The first featured Marilyn Goodrich, consultant from Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV in Grove City, Pa., presenting "OMG! Did U C the Nu Movie? Using Pop Culture to Motivate Students." This workshop provided the students with resources for many fun and exciting ways to use pop culture in various academic content areas. The second featured a professional staff development presentation by Dodie Smith from Study Island, which is a Web-based instructional tool used by most of the school districts in Pennsylvania. Testimonials about Study Island can be found on its Web site, <http://ow.ly/4oZnP> (scroll down and click on Thiel College).

*Pictured from left to right are Marilyn Goodrich (MIU4 Consultant), Heidi Smith, Erica Riola, Hannah Kichman, Nicole Guthrie, EJ Kruse, Deryk Herold, Jack Chaney and Dr. Doug Hazlett.*



### FYS Students Volunteer in the Great Outdoors

Members of the "Family, Fishing and Friendship" First-Year Seminar course volunteered for a service project with the Shenango Conservancy last fall. The Conservancy maintains the Shenango Trail, and 11 members of the course with five members of the Conservancy spent a Sunday afternoon putting in a new culvert to control drainage on a section of the trail.



### International Cooking Expo

This semester two International Cooking Expos were held that offered Thiel's international student a chance to showcase the cooking and tastes of their native countries. On March 28, Lynne (Yuening) Liu cooked sweet & sour pork with pineapple (pictured) and on Feb. 28, Sarah (Rui) Wang and Can Cui made beef and potato stir-fry.



### Chi Alpha Epsilon Induction

The Gamma Sigma chapter of Chi Alpha Epsilon National Honor Society inducted new members in March. Chi Alpha Epsilon recognizes the high academic achievements of students who participate in academic success programs. The new members include Jebediah Aley, Jenna Fustos, John Madeline and Julie Mitchell. Donna Barton, honorary member and adjunct professor in the Sociology Department, provided the opening remarks. Diane Donnelly, honorary member and academic adviser in The Learning Commons, serves as the chapter adviser.



### Student Teachers Take to the Classroom

In early January, nine Thiel College senior education majors took to the field to begin their student teaching experience. Spring 2011 student teachers are front row (left to right): Sarah Dolcini (Lakeview Middle School/Cortland, Ohio), Katie Sourbeer (Hempfield Elementary/Greenville), Casey Arblaster (Artman Elementary/ Hermitage), Allison Hall (Commodore Perry Elementary/Hadley), and Madison Chylik (Artman Elementary/Hermitage), and back row (left to right): Derek Workman (Artman/Hermitage), Mike Johnson (Commodore Perry Elementary/Hadley), Bryan Montozzi (Commodore Perry Elementary/Hadley) and Nick Bender (Greenville High School/Greenville). Not pictured: Samantha Peigowski (Hempfield Elementary/Greenville).

# Good Job This!



## Sigma Tau Delta Induction

In March, Sigma Tau Delta, Thiel College's English honorary society, welcomed seven new members—Alison Lange, Zachary Markley, Erica Riola, Keisha Shaw, Diana Slomains, Timothy Taylor and Emily Whipple. New officers for 2011-2012 also were elected and include President Amy Jane Matchett, Vice President Abigail Charsar, Secretary Emily Whipple, Treasurer Diana Slomains and Representative to Student Government Alison Lange. Lisa Walton, Esq., assistant professor of sociology and political science at Thiel, served as the event's keynote speaker. Dr. Mary Theresa Hall is the adviser to the group.

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## WalkON!

GOING THE DISTANCE FOR CHILDREN IN NEED

FOR THE PHI THETA PHI FRATERNITY BROTHERS AT THIEL COLLEGE, THE ANNUAL WALK-A-THON FOR CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF PITTSBURGH OF URBIS IS MORE THAN JUST A LONG-STANDING TRADITION; IT REPRESENTS AN UNWYING PASSION AND COMMITMENT TO PEDIATRIC PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

Each year, Phi Theta Phi brothers and sisters embark upon a one-day, 100-mile journey from Thiel's campus in Greenville, Pa., to Children's Hospital. Relying heavily upon community support, thousands of members and volunteers collect donations along the route to benefit the hospital's Free Care Fund, which provides uncompensated care to patients and families unable to pay for medical treatment.

The first walk, established in 1964 by the late Rev. Gray Baker, raised \$1,100 for the Free Care Fund. Since then, the Walk-A-Thon grows exponentially and has raised more than \$1.2 million in total donations. In 2010, more than 100 members made the trip to Children's the first time through 11 alumni, raising \$30,000.

The area walk chairman and Thiel College graduate, Todd Pigeon, believes it is the opportunity to inspire the community that keeps members so committed to fundraising.

"Each year I complete the trek to the hospital. I know I'm making a difference in the world. The only in helping a patient who has a

Phi Theta Phi fraternity and the annual Walk-a-thon, for Children's Hospital, now in its 41st year, were featured in the spring 2011 issue of *Promises* magazine, a publication for friends of Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh. The brothers raised \$30,000 this year for the Free Care Fund during and after the walk-a-thon.

*"Right place because the people's call -- we're in the right place!"*

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# The Black & White Affair

On Feb. 12, Thiel College held its first formal dance for students, staff and faculty, and alumni. The theme was "The Black & White Affair" and all guests were asked to wear black and white clothing. Under the twinkling lights in the Lutheran Heritage Room, the Thiel community got its groove on until the wee hours of the morning. The event was a big hit and another Winter Ball is planned for the spring 2012 semester (save the date for Feb. 11, 2012). Watch for details and we hope to see you here!

