

CONGRATULATIONS, CLASS OF 2011

On Sunday, May 8, nearly 200 men and women became Thiel College alumni and prepared to start the next phase of their lives. The 137th Commencement ceremony was as sunny and hopeful as the weather outside.

U.S. Representative Mike Kelly (PA-3) delivered the commencement address, encouraging the graduates to participate fully in their post-college lives. "You are the leaders of tomorrow," he said. "You must be engaged. You must be fully committed." Kelly is the owner of Kelly Chevrolet-Cadillac Inc. in Butler, Pa. and currently serves on the Oversight and Government Reform Committee and the Education and Workforce Committee.

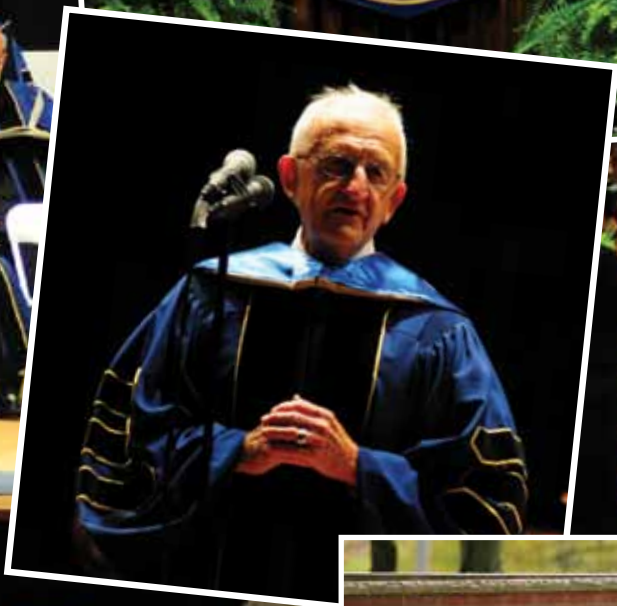
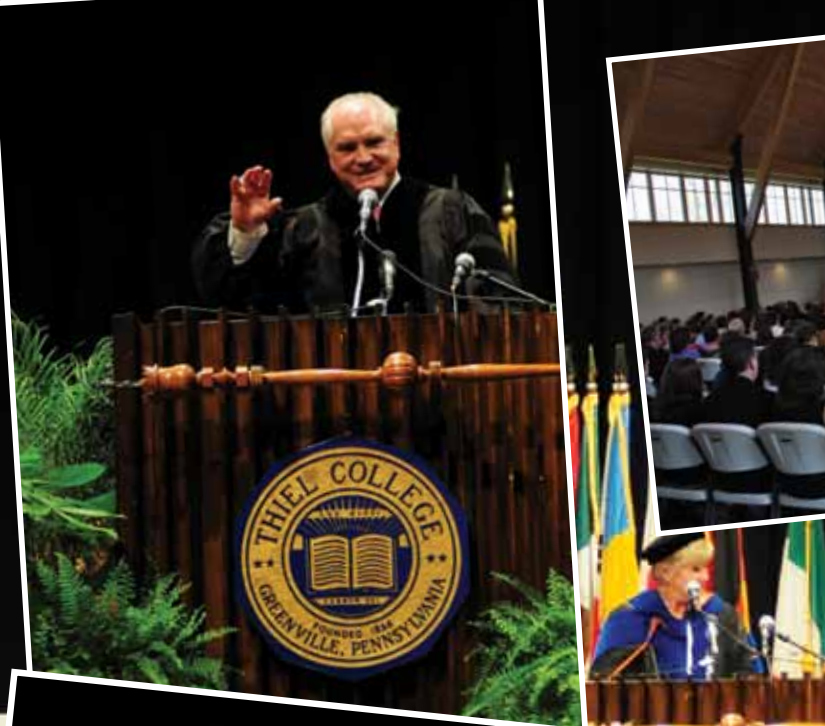
Howard J. Weyers '56 received an honorary Doctorate of Business. Weyers is a long-time educator and coach and a successful entrepreneur in the insurance and healthcare industry. He and his wife, Kay '59, are dedicated Thiel alumni who spearheaded several fundraising campaigns, including those for Alumni Stadium, the Rissell-Schreyer Dome and the HMSC renovations, as well as serving on the Board of Trustees.

Four students with 4.0 grade point averages—Madison Chylik of Cleveland, Ohio, Katelyn Exler of Glenshaw, Pa., Bethany Prentice of New Wilmington, Pa., and Mark Wyant of Transfer, Pa.—earned valedictorian honors and one student—Jacqlyn Belsito of Bedford, Ohio—was named salutatorian with a 3.97 grade point average.

Victoria Boyer of Coplay, Pa., and Zachary Woody of New Palestine, Ind., delivered greetings from the Class of 2011 and Woody presented the class gift, an alumni brick walkway and a tree for Brother Martin's Walk.

A reception in the Howard Miller Student Center was held following the ceremony for graduates and their families.

Please join the entire Thiel community in welcoming these young men and women into the ranks of Thiel's alumni!





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