

Alumni Share Professional Experience with Business Students

Each spring, Thiel hosts the Senior Business Honors Seminar series, providing an opportunity for some of the College's top business students to meet and interact with alumni and friends of the College who have enjoyed distinguished careers in the corporate and foundation worlds.

The 2011 business seminar presenters included:

- **George "Chip" Dufala '92**, executive vice president, services, Erie Insurance Group (*pictured with Thiel business students*)
- **Stefen Boehringer '09**, financial associate, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans
- **Ron Owen '71**, senior relationship executive, First American
- **John Thigpen '86**, general manager, ILSCO Extrusions, Inc.
- **Sandra Parker '81**, retired vice president, PNC Bank
- **Gary Witosky '79**, professor, Thiel College
- **Joe Roosa '80**, president, Roosa Corporation
- **Rich Parker '82**, professional sales representative, Lunesta
- **John Logan '65**, fiscal administrator, Mercer County
- **Ken Eves '71**, senior vice president, MorganStanley SmithBarney
- **Joe Scarpitti '80**, senior vice president, American Funds
- **Michael Gillis '82**, managing partner, Davenport, Marvin, Joyce & Co. LLP

To read student quotes about their evenings with the Honors Business Seminar speakers, visit the Thiel Web site at www.thiel.edu/academics/business/honors-seminar.htm.

If you are interested in possibly participating in the Senior Business Seminar, or are interested in other opportunities to present to current students, please contact Mario Marini '91, director of special gifts & planned giving, at 724-589-2022 or mmarini@thiel.edu.



A group of alumni dedicated to Thiel and advancing its mission, the Alumni Board is comprised of 21 directors, who serve up to two consecutive three-year terms. The current roster represents graduating classes from the 1950s to 2007 as well as diverse geographic areas, interests and career disciplines (see page 33 for roster). A few of the board's projects and current priorities are:

Development Committee: Exploring special event fundraising and doing President's Challenge outreach (it's a close competition!);

Communications Committee: Focusing on the Class Agent program and discussing how to enhance and change it to better reach alumni;

Nominations & Awards Committee: Has chosen the alumni award winners for 2011 (see page 31) and is now welcoming nominations for the 2012 alumni awards.

Enrollment Committee: Assisting with New Student Registration Days as well as making calls and outreach to new students in home geographic regions to welcome them to the Thiel family;

Career Services Committee: Partnering with current Career Services events such as the WestPACS job fair and exploring other avenues to train current students and provide networking opportunities for both students and alumni.

The Alumni Board meets four times annually on campus. See page 30 for 2011-2012 meeting dates. Additionally, board members are at the Alumni Tent for every home football game, Homecoming and at all regional alumni events.

Why should you get involved? Thiel is a remarkable place, and it will continue to grow and thrive through the support and involvement of alumni. We share input with campus administrators, partner with campus offices and engage in dialogue to realize meaningful ways for our fellow alumni to stay connected to Thiel.

How can you help? We will be sending a survey via e-mail to all Thiel alumni in June. Please respond and share with us your thoughts, feedback and suggestions on how we can better reach and engage our alumni. We want to know what you think!

For more information about the Alumni Board, or to express your interest in getting involved, contact Lauren Oman, director of alumni services, at loman@thiel.edu

Spring 2011 Alumni Events



Alumni and friends gathered together during a Thiel tour of the western states in January. Many thanks to our generous alumni hosts: (1) Tom '59 and Lynn '63 West (Orange County, Calif.), (2) Ken '57 and Joyce Bash (Scottsdale, Ariz.), (3) Connie Hutzell '59 (Dallas), and (4) Dr. Charles Inacker '58 (Palm Springs, Calif.).



5. Also part of the western tour was a stop in Houston, Texas. Thanks to those who attended!

6: Thiel alumni gathered at South Hills Country Club in Pittsburgh for an alumni event hosted by John '74 and Deborah '76 Wotus.



7: On Feb. 5, Thiel celebrated Alumni Basketball Day. The festivities included an alumni game, a luncheon event and, following the Tomcat vs. Waynesburg games, a post-game party for alums.



8: Alumni returned to campus for February's Black & White Affair, Thiel's winter ball. Here, Dr. Shawn Brooks '82 enjoys some memories with Dr. Bill Robinson.



9: Alumni and friends in the Chicago area shared an evening together hosted by Dr. Fred '76 and Barbara Luchette in Burr Ridge, Ill.

Philadelphia Alumni Event

May 24, 6-8 p.m.
*International Institute for Culture
 Ivy Hall, Philadelphia, Pa.
 Hosts: John '66 & Martha '67 Haas*

Washington, D.C. Alumni Event

May 25, 6-8 p.m.
*Congressional Country Club,
 Bethesda, Md.
 Hosts: Edward '72 & Ann Bartko*

Chautauqua Institution Alumni Event & Symphony Orchestra

July 23
 4-6 p.m.: Reception for Thiel alumni and friends
 6:15 p.m.: Pre-concert talk featuring Jim Cunningham '77 of WQED Pittsburgh
 8:15 p.m.: Chautauqua Institution Symphony Orchestra

Homecoming 2011

Sept. 23-25

Pittsburgh Golf Outing & Alumni Event

Oct. 29
 12:15 p.m.: Tee time (optional)
 4-6 p.m.: Alumni reception
*Treesdale Country Club,
 Gibsonia, Pa.*

Thiel Network Nights

November: Dates TBA
*Pittsburgh, Erie & Cleveland
 Join fellow alumni in your city for an evening of networking and socializing.
 Stay tuned for details!*

Alumni Board Meeting Dates 2011-2012

Sept. 23, 2011
 Nov. 12, 2011
 Feb. 11, 2012
 April 21, 2012

Winter Ball 2012

Feb. 11, 2012
Save the date for the winter's most exciting evening at Thiel—the second annual Winter Ball!



Honor Roll of Generosity

Our alumni, friends and supporters received the annual Honor Roll of Generosity for 2009-2010 in December 2010 along with the 2011 Thiel Calendar. We anticipate next year's Honor Roll publication will be online only, saving the College printing costs and allowing the College Advancement Office to make instant updates as necessary.

The Honor Roll of Generosity currently can be found online as a PDF file at www.thiel.edu/advancement (click on the "Updated Honor Roll of Generosity" link on the left of the page).

Many thanks to all those who support the efforts of Thiel and the needs of our students!



Alumni to Receive Awards During Homecoming 2011

Thiel's Alumni Board chooses a group of Thiel alumni to honor at Homecoming each year who have brought pride to themselves, their families and their alma mater. This distinguished group of alumni has truly made a mark in their professional lives, dedicated themselves to service to the world and demonstrated their love of Thiel College. Please join us on Sept. 23-25, 2011, during Homecoming Weekend to celebrate their achievements and more.

Distinguished Alumni

Distinguished Alumni honorees are nominated for outstanding contributions to their professions. Congratulations to this year's winners!



Mark Funkhouser '71, former mayor of Kansas City, Mo.



Barbara (Lopez) Kunz '79, president of the health & life sciences global business at Battelle Memorial Institute

Service to Thiel

Service to Thiel winners are nominated for their loyalty, service and devotion to Thiel. Thank you for all you do for Thiel.



Lucy '72 and Dr. James Shaffer, retired nurse and Thiel professor of psychology respectively



Knute Hamre '58, retired account manager, Travelers Insurance

Young Alumni

Young alumni awardees are nominated for their potential for future accomplishments in their professions and service to the College.

Brett Stedman '04, attorney with Ekker, Kuster, McConnell & Epstein, LLP



Career Services is here for you

Thiel's Office of Career Services provides a variety of free resources to alumni, and we encourage you to take advantage of the following services:

- Graduate school preparation
- Online career seminars
- One-on-one career counseling
- Resume and cover letter preparation
- Practice interviews
- Job postings
- Career fairs

For more information, contact Heather Balas, director of career services, at 724-589-2014 or hbalas@thiel.edu to take advantage of these services.

Career Services is always looking for alumni who can provide career & internship opportunities for our students. Contact Heather Balas for more information.