

## Thiel Inducts Four into Hall of Fame



*Pictured from left to right are Amber Brodick '09, Tom Guskey '72, Marian Mosser '74, Bob Dean '59, Shawn Harding '99 and Dorrان Coley '09*

The Thiel College community welcomed four outstanding former scholar-athletes into its Athletic Hall of Fame on March 14.

The Hall's 30th induction class included **Bob Dean '59, Tom Guskey '72, Marian Mosser '74 and Shawn Harding '99.**

Former football standout Bob Dean was a four-year letterwinner and a three-year starter at end for the Tomcats between 1955 and 1958. In 1957, Dean set Thiel's single-season reception record with 12 catches. As a senior, the Greenville native and Penn High School graduate pulled in nine receptions for 107 yards and a touchdown while serving as a tri-captain. Dean also played one season of basketball for Thiel.

One of the fastest student-athletes in Thiel College history, Tom Guskey established the school record for the 100-yard dash in 1971 and held it until the record was retired in the early 1990s. Guskey earned his mark of 9.8 seconds during a standout junior season after which he became Thiel's only All-Presidents' Athletic Conference performer and advanced to the NCAA Championship meet.

A native of Johnstown, Pa., Guskey also played two seasons of football for Thiel.

As a three-sport athlete at Thiel, Marian Mosser made the most of every opportunity afforded to her in the athletic arena. Mosser was a four-year letterwinner and starter on the Tomcat basketball and volleyball squads, and a one-year letterwinner on the College's men's tennis squad. On the hardwood, Mosser was Thiel's defensive star while helping the cagers to a 33-game winning streak. She also is a member of the undefeated 1970-1971 women's basketball squad that was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame in 1997.

"Moss" was also a standout during the formative seasons of the Thiel women's volleyball program and was one of two women competing in tennis at Thiel during her senior season in 1974.

An accomplished distance runner during his time at Thiel, Shawn Harding still holds seven of the College's indoor and outdoor track and field and cross country records. Harding was a two-time Presidents' Athletic Conference individual champion in cross country (1996 and 1997) and established the school's eight-kilometer record with a time of 26:34.06 in

1996. He also earned two top-25 finishes at the NCAA Mideast Regional meet, being named all-region each time.

The College also honored **Jerry Zaleski '57** with its Meritorious Service and Commitment Award. Zalesky served at the first president of the Blue-Gold Club—the College's athletics fundraising organization—from 1991 to 1994.

Additionally, Thiel granted its inaugural Athletic Alumni

Commendation to former Greenville High School football coach **Bob Stone '59**. Stone, who played football for Thiel from 1957 to 1959, coached Greenville to a 222-75-7 record over a 29-year span, before retiring in 2006.

Two 2009 graduates—**Amber Bodrick** and **Dorran Coley**—were announced as the J. Lynn Trimble and Charles Evanoff Awards, respectively, as their classes' top student-athletes.

The Thiel College Athletic Hall of Fame, organized in 1978, was established to recognize individuals and teams who have brought distinction, honor, and excellence to Thiel College in the field of athletic endeavor.

Since its inception, 105 athletes and teams have been honored with enshrinement.

## Brown Earns All-America Status—Again!

Thiel sophomore **Corey Brown**, of Greenville, Pa., defeated sixth-seeded Munkhbaatar Baatar of St. John's University in Minnesota, 10-7, to earn All-America status for the second consecutive year at the 2010 NCAA Division III Wrestling Championships in March.

The win also allowed him to advance to day two of competition where he eventually clinched eighth place nationally with a 13-6 loss to Nick Garber of Waynesburg University.

Brown established an early 5-0 lead in the match, but the NCAA Midwest Regional 133-pound champion battled back to take seventh place.

Earlier in the day, Brown lost via a slim 3-2 decision to Aljamain Sterling of SUNY Cortland.

The loss capped a 16-win, eight-loss season for Brown, who has compiled a career record of 41-16 in his two years at Thiel.

On day one, Brown earned a 5-2 decision over Drew Hirschberger of Coe College in the consolation bracket to remain alive at the NCAA Division III National Championships.

In the opening round of competition, Brown lost 8-4 to fourth-seed Sean White of Wartburg College.

As an All-American, Brown becomes the 22nd Tomcat to earn that distinction in the College's history.



## Rozenblad Has Stellar Freshman Season



Thiel men's basketball standout **Blair Rozenblad** certainly turned some heads over the course of his freshman season in Greenville.

After leading the Tomcats to a 14-11 season—the program's best campaign since going 16-12 in 2002-2003—Rozenblad has been the recipient of several prestigious postseason accolades beginning with a much-anticipated selection to the All-Presidents' Athletic Conference first team.

Several days later, the Youngstown native was named the Division III Great Lakes Region Rookie of the Year by D3hoops.com. The organization also awarded him all-region honors with a spot on the third team.

"DIII News" was the next publication to honor Rozenblad as it announced his selection to its All-Freshman Team.

Rozenblad ranked among the best players in the Presidents' Athletic Conference statistically last season, having led the league in scoring, averaging 21.8 points per game, and ranking third in rebounding with 7.7 boards per contest. He also ranked in the top 10 in the PAC in field goal percentage (.500), steals (1.68 spg) and minutes played (30.88 mins/gm).

The 6-foot-4-inch guard led Thiel in scoring 16 times over the course of the 2009-2010 season and closed out his rookie campaign with nine double-doubles.

A Kennedy Catholic High School graduate, Rozenblad is majoring in management and information systems with a 3.0 grade point average.

# PAC Players of the Week

During the winter and early spring seasons, Thiel College saw its fair share of outstanding team and individual performances. Only the most remarkable efforts, however, are honored with Presidents' Athletic Conference player-of-the-week accolades. As of April 25, nine such citations were bestowed upon Thiel student-athletes.



## **Brock Porter – Baseball**

Freshman catcher Brock Porter (Duncansville, Pa./Hollidaysburg) led Thiel during its eight-game Florida road trip, batting .407 (11-for-27) with five runs scored and 11 RBIs for the 3-5 Tomcats. He recorded an early-season-best three hits and three RBIs in a, 20-12,

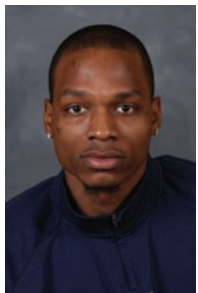
victory over Neumann University on March 3.



## **Patrick Morris – Wrestling**

Sophomore 184-pounder Patrick Morris (Graysville, Pa./West Greene) won two matches during the Mel Berry Duals by pin fall and a third by technical fall. He won his first match of the day at 184 pounds against Rochester Institute of Technology's Tyler Brent. His second and third

matches were at 197 pounds and yielded the same result—Morris pinned Mercyhurst North East's Jeff Hawryliw in 6:18 and earned an 18-3 technical fall against WVU Tech's James Kerns.



## **Devon Adams – Basketball**

Devon Adams (Philadelphia, Pa./George Junior Republic) led the Tomcats to a pair of PAC wins last week by averaging 24.0 points, 5.0 assists, 3.5 rebounds and 2.0 steals per game, while shooting 56 percent (10-of-18) from three-point range. He posted a team-high 22 points

as the Tomcats rolled past PAC foe Geneva College 93-69, then recorded a game-high 26 markers as Thiel won at Washington & Jefferson College, 78-68, snapping a 10-game losing streak to the Presidents.



## **James Teyssier – Baseball**

Junior pitcher James Teyssier (McKees Rocks, Pa./Montour) was named PAC Pitcher of the Week for the Tomcats, allowing just two earned runs in seven strong innings of work in a 5-4 victory over St. John Fisher on March 1. He was 1-1 overall during the season-opening

trip to Vero Beach, Fla.



## **Blair Rozenblad – Basketball (2)**

Blair Rozenblad (Youngstown, Ohio/Kennedy Catholic) earned his first award on Dec. 7, 2009, when he averaged 27.5 points, 4.0 rebounds and 3.0 steals per game for the 1-1 Tomcats, who ended Saint Vincent College's 28-game home win streak with an 80-67 win on Wednesday

before falling 79-78 at Geneva. He posted 27 points in the win over the Bearcats, while pouring in a game-high 28 markers and five steals against the Golden Tornadoes.

Rozenblad earned his second PAC Player of the Week recognition on Feb. 15 after he averaged 22.5 points and 9.0 rebounds while leading Thiel to its seventh- and eighth-consecutive victories. The 6-foot-4-inch guard racked up 18 points against Grove City College and notched his 14th 20-plus point outing and his eighth double-double of the season with 27 points and 11 rebounds against Westminster.



## **Emily Batiz – Softball**

Junior pitcher Batiz (Leechburg, Pa./Leechburg) was named POW on March 29. She picked up her second softball victory of the season over the Redhawks, striking out a season-high 13 batters while allowing only three hits. Batiz hasn't given up a run in her last 10 innings pitched.



## **Kristen Moreland – Softball**

Along with going 3-0 during the week of April 12, sophomore pitcher Kristen Moreland (Dover, Ohio/Dover) went 19 consecutive innings without surrendering an earned run. She posted a razor thin 0.43 ERA for the week. She pitched three complete games and notched one shutout. Moreland tallied 13 strikeouts while allowing just one earned run.



## **Cassidy Kravec – Track & Field**

Competing against Division II competition, freshman Cassidy Kravec (North Huntingdon, Pa./Norwin H.S.) placed first in the discus (31.94-meters) and fourth in the javelin (30.64-meters) at the California Early Bird Invitational on February 20.

## Track & Field Has Great Season Indoors and Out

With their third head coach in as many seasons, the Thiel College track and field team continued their tradition of qualifying and performing admirably in championship competitions.

First up were the indoor championships in March. This year's competitors were perennial all-America sprinter, **Alex Eaton** of Erie, Pa., and freshman phenom **Brittany Brown** of Pelham, N.Y.

Eaton earned the fourth all-America title of his career, placing third in the 400-meter dash, with a season-best time of 48.84. This feat was even more miraculous when considering the fact that the senior wasn't able to practice during most of the season due to a nagging hamstring injury.

"Alex has the heart of a lion," said head coach Steve Carr. "Everyone should keep an eye on him during the outdoor season, because the best is yet to come."

In her first-ever trip to nationals, Brown finished 13th in the pentathlon with a score of 3020. She scored a season personal best and school record in the high jump (1.63m) and lifetime personal best in the long jump (5.10m).

"She was the only freshmen to compete in the pentathlon this year," said Carr. "Both she and I are looking forward to seeing just how good she will become."

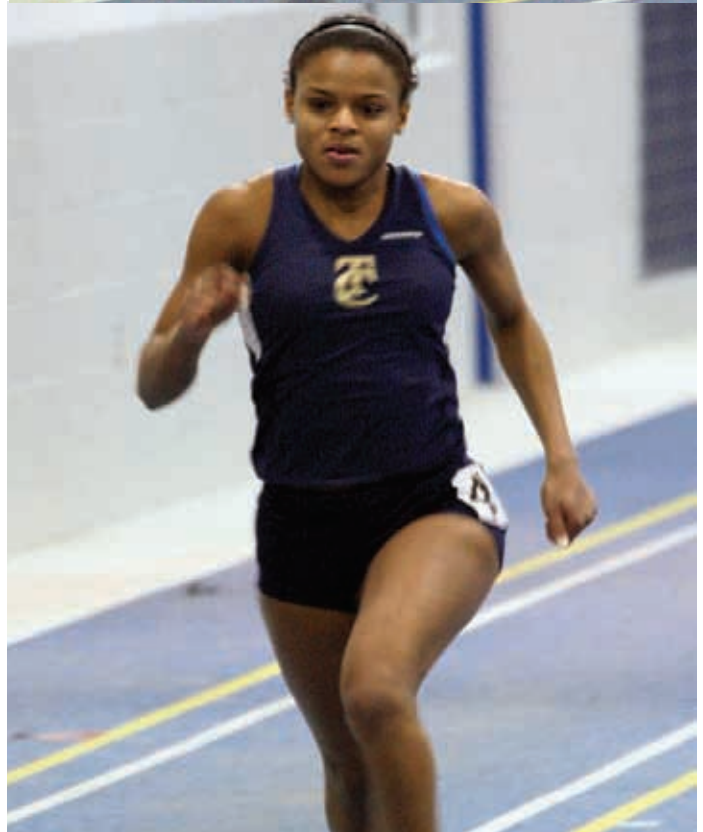
The next contest for the track and field team was the Presidents' Athletic Conference Outdoor Championships in May at Grove City College. The Brown/Eaton combination went on to also score well in the outdoor season, combining for three PAC titles and placing in three other events.

Brown led the way for the Tomcats, earning titles in the 100-meter high hurdles and the long jump. She finished the high hurdles with a time of 15.39 and leapt a personal best, 5.29-meters, in the long jump. Brown also earned third place in the high jump.

On the men's side, Eaton placed first in the 400-meter dash with a season best time of 48.79 to go along with a season best time in the 200-meter dash of 22.97, which was good enough for a second place finish. Also, Eaton—along with Tomcats **Ethan Rowe**, **Nick Youngblood** and **Derek Workman**—placed second in the men's 4x100-meter relay.

— Kellen Manning '10

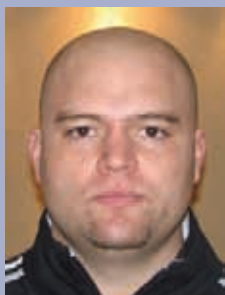
Senior Alex Eaton and freshman Brittany Brown represented Thiel at the national indoor track & field championships and PAC outdoor championships.



# Thiel Welcomes New Head Coaches

## Men's Lacrosse

**Shem Johnston-Bloom**, former assistant coach at Wesleyan University was named Thiel's first head men's lacrosse coach in January.



The addition of men's lacrosse was announced by President Troy VanAken in December 2009. The new program will begin competition at the NCAA Division III level in spring 2011.

Prior to his arrival in Greenville, Johnston-Bloom served as an assistant at Wesleyan from 2006 to January 2010. While with the Cardinals program, Johnston-Bloom helped the team to a cumulative 43-14 record, three NCAA Division III Tournament berths and a New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC) Championship in 2009.

Johnston-Bloom had direct responsibility for the defensive midfield and faceoff specialists with the Cardinals, while assisting with the design and implementation of the team's defensive strategy and serving as video coordinator.

A 2006 graduate of Wesleyan, Johnston-Bloom also holds a Master of Arts in Liberal Studies from his alma mater. As an undergraduate, he started all 32 games of his career as a defensive lineman on the Cardinal football squad and twice earned All-NESCAC second team honors.

As a senior in 2006, Johnston-Bloom joined the Wesleyan lacrosse program as a midfielder and faceoff specialist, helping the Cardinals to a 16-4 record and the NCAA D-III semifinals.

## Cheer & Dance

Jack Leipheimer, athletic director, announced the appointment of **Arikka D. Fears** (pronounced ah-REE-ka) to the position of spirit coordinator in April.



Fears' primary responsibilities will be to oversee the Tomcats' competitive cheer and dance programs.

Fears arrives at Thiel after a four-year stint at West Mesquite High School in Mesquite, Texas, where she taught dance and served as the coordinator of the school's dance team. She also had responsibility for the freshman and junior varsity cheerleading squads.

She currently serves as an instructor and judge with the Universal Dance Association (UDA) and the Universal Cheerleading Association (UCA), roles she has filled since 2006 and 2001, respectively.

The UDA named Fears its Head Instructor of the Year in 2004 and she was also recognized as the 2009 American Dance/Drill Team Outstanding Director.

Fears also brings a variety of professional experience to her new position, most notably her work from 2003 to 2005 as a Dallas Sidekick Sizzle Dancer, which included hip hop, pom and dance performance.

A 2005 graduate of Texas Woman's University with a Bachelor of Arts in dance, Fears also holds a secondary teaching certificate in dance from the University of North Texas.

## Tennis

In April, **Tim Dunford** was appointed by Thiel to lead the men's and women's tennis programs.



Thiel's NCAA Division III tennis program will take to the court with the 2010-2011 season for the first time since 2006.

Dunford comes to Greenville after having served as the head tennis professional at Dominion Valley Country Club in Haymarket, Va., since February 2009. Concurrently, he also worked as an assistant tennis pro at Burke Racquet & Swim Club in Burke, Va.

Prior to his most recent stint as a pro, Dunford spent two years as an assistant men's and women's tennis coach at Mount Olive College, where the men's team rose as high as 30th in 2007-2008 national rankings.

The 2005 graduate of Shenandoah University spent the 2008 campaign in the high school ranks serving as head girls' tennis coach at James Kennan High School, where he coaxed seven wins out of a team that compiled an 0-24 record during the previous two years.

He also spent nearly two years as the head boys' and girls' coach at James Wood High School in Winchester, Va., where both teams showed marked improvement over his brief tenure.

Dunford has served in various capacities—including those of tennis director and professional—at several country clubs and tennis centers since 2003. He is a United States Professional Tennis Association (USPTA) professional and a member of the United States Tennis Association (USTA).