

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2010!

On Sunday, May 2, 175 young men and women received their Thiel College degrees and prepared to begin their post-collegiate lives. The 136th Commencement marked Dr. Troy D. VanAken's first as president—the first time he conferred degrees and handed out diplomas to a group of newly minted Thiel graduates as they crossed the Passavant Center stage.

Brigadier General Jerry G. Beck Jr., deputy adjutant general-Army for the Pennsylvania Army National Guard, delivered the commencement keynote address, entertaining and informing the audience. Beck, who first enlisted in the Army in 1977, is the principal adviser to the adjutant general on all matters relating to Army operations and is responsible for overall operational readiness, ensuring that the more than 15,000 members of the

Pennsylvania Army National Guard are trained and equipped for their federal and state missions. His speech addressed what he called “simple lessons that lead to simple truths,” including “Be persistent,” “Find the joy” and “Be humble.”

Dr. Mervin Newton, vice president for academic affairs, dean of the college and professor of mathematics, will retire in July and was honored with emeritus status during the ceremony.

Dr. Carl A. Hoffman Jr. '69 was awarded an honorary Doctorate of Science (see next page for more) during the ceremony as well.

Five students with perfect 4.0 grade point averages—**Amanda Mae Colvin** of Cambridge Springs, Pa., **Ashley Joelle (Johnson) Habel** of Greenville, Pa., **Douglas Eugene Keeling** of Hadley, Pa., **Samantha**



Christine Stearns of Seneca, Pa., and **Thao Kim Tran** of Erie, Pa.—earned valedictorian honors for 2010 and one student—**Kevin Michael Woods** of Union City, Pa.—was named salutatorian with a 3.95 grade point average.

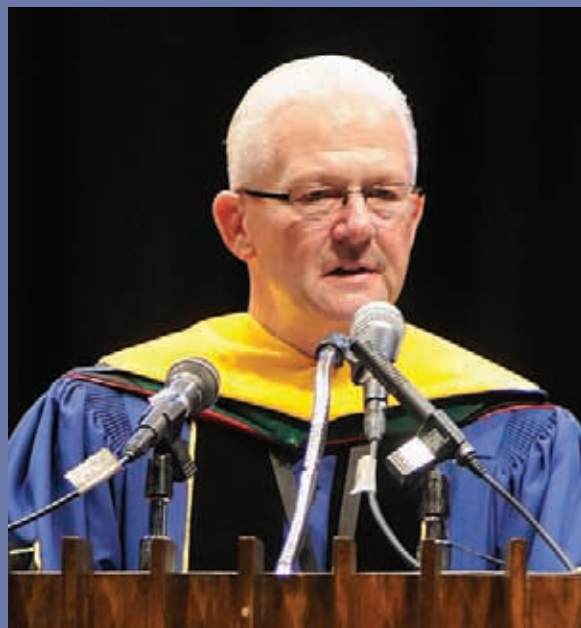
Britain Marie Callen, of Andover, Ohio, and senior class president, gave greetings from the Class of 2010 and **Keisha Ali Booker**, of Erie, Pa., and **Justin Thomas Munz**, of Emporium, Pa., presented the class gift—an oak tree that was planted on Brother Martin’s Walk and funds to be used to upgrade the lobby area in the Academic Center. Habel delivered the senior address.

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

Please join the College in welcoming these young men and women into the ranks of Thiel’s alumni!



Hoffman Receives Honorary Degree



Dr. Carl Hoffman Jr. '69, president and corporate medical director of PrimeCare Medical Inc. of Harrisburg, Pa., and PrimeCare Medical of West Virginia, Inc., received an honorary Doctor of Science degree at Thiel’s 136th commencement ceremony.

Hoffman, who is a doctor of osteopathic medicine and a certified correctional and health care provider, began his career as an active family and general practitioner in Harrisburg, Pa. During this time, he also served as medical director for the state correctional institution in Camp Hill, Pa., and worked as a school physician for Central Dauphin High School, his alma mater. Hoffman founded PrimeCare, the largest providers of health care to county jails and juvenile facilities in Pennsylvania and West Virginia, in 1986. The company has grown into a multi-million dollar business with more than 750 employees. Along with a customized medical program that includes medical, mental health, dental, pharmacy, laboratory and nursing services, PrimeCare represents its clients’ interests in all medical legal issues.

Hoffman also is active in numerous organizations and philanthropies, including the Thiel College Board of Trustees, and is a former member of the Thiel Alumni Board of Directors and Board of Associates. Hoffman is a graduate of Thiel College and Philadelphia College of osteopathic medicine.

He resides in Harrisburg, Pa., with his wife, Theresa.