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Thiel's Commitment to students

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The value of experience is meant to give people hope, and with years of experience professionals in any field can provide hope to people seeking real world knowledge.

With 30 years of professing and just about the same amount of years in the manufacturing field, Professor Angelo Giannini has built a resume full of hands on experience. So when interviewed about how this institution specifically is preparing their students for the real world, he was able to list so many ways it was difficult to keep up.

Giannini first talked about how he feels students should be taking advantage of the Career Development Center and the professors who are able to offer knowledge of experiences and lessons learned while in the workforce.

Also he talked about how important it is that this institution focuses on the completion of the résumé and a practice interview before graduating.

"At Thiel College, students are truly lucky that they are required to go through a practice objective analysis interview. That means at the conclusion of the interview, the student knows what they did right and what they need to improve during his or her next interview" Professor Angelo Giannini said.

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100 Day Countdown Dinner continues senior tradition

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In honor of the senior graduating class of 2016, a dinner was held in the Lutheran Heritage Room on Jan. 28 entitled the 100 Days to Graduation Dinner.

First, Lora Kay, the President of the Class of 2016, delivered the welcome speech and announced the people who will be working on the committee that will be determine the senior class' gift to Thiel College. Troy D. VanAken, Ph.D., then delivered the presidential greeting, which included asking students to remain connected and involved with Thiel even after graduating. He informed the audience that last year roughly 96.4 percent of Thiel graduates had either a job relevant to their

major or were attending graduate school within six months of graduation.

Following the invocation delivered by student Erik Braun, seniors were served salad, broccoli, cheese ravioli primavera, chicken parmesan, and penne marinara, as well as cake for desert.

The keynote speaker for the dinner was Audrey Rattay, a former Thiel student who graduated in 2012. Rattay is currently employed as the Assistant Vice President and Director of Marketing at a Farmers National Bank.

"Never forget the relationships that have helped you get to this moment right here, right now," Rattay said.

The key themes of Rattay's speech can be summarized in three words: "time," "relationships," and "experience." She explained that the time students have left, the relationships they must build with friends they can count on, and the experience they must accumulate to get them through the difficult parts of life are vital to success.

"She [Rattay] was very energetic and excited to be here to speak to us, and she really helped put life after Thiel into perspective," student Amanda Cavender said.

After Rattay's speech concluded, Kelly Sanzari, M.A. '13, Director of Alumni Relations, spoke of the necessity to remain in contact with Thiel



The Class of 2016 all gathered in the Lutheran Heritage Room for a traditional dinner.

Photo credit: David Dye

and stay involved in future generations of graduates.

Martin Black, Associate Dean of Career Development, then took the stage and stated that roughly 35 percent of seniors already either have careers or

graduate schools arranged for after they graduate from Thiel. When the speakers were finished, students were dismissed, although many remained to take group photos with friends and associates.

Shakespeare Festival attracts students for third year

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On January 21, 2016, Thiel held its third annual Shakespeare Festival. High schools from all over, including one from Maryland and also a group of home schooled students, came to showcase 20 min. of their chosen Shakespeare scene or scenes.

This tradition was started years ago by Paul Miller at Greenville High School, but has



Kate Lamark poses at her work station.

Photo credit: Allen Morrill

since became the responsibility of theater director Pete Rydberg. The current Shakespeare Festival serves to spark young adults' interest in Shakespeare's plays and grant students the opportunity to receive critiques on their own acting abilities.

The students are also shown acting techniques, such as fighting, during a stage combat workshop titled, "Less Yakk'n, More Wack'n." Participating high schools were trained to appear to stab and strangle their classmates on stage to improve their acting in scenes which include these types of conflict.

Students are also permitted to add their own creative spin on classical Shakespearean plays. This year, one performance incorporated an original Shakespeare scene followed by the group's interpretation of the scene, presenting it in a modern

world application. Other groups included allusions to Star Wars, hashtags, and other modern day trends in their scenes.

"For me, the highlight of this year's Shakespeare Festival was the interludes. The Greenville Area Home School Association performed a series of scenes from Ian Doescher's William Shakespeare's Star Wars during the breaks between performances of Shakespeare's plays. I was thoroughly impressed with the group's use of costuming, lightsaber fight choreography, and use of comic timing," judge Jared Johnson said.

Judges review the performances and give awards specifically based on the groups' acts. This year even featured a "Best Death Selfie Award."

High school students present had the opportunity to meet other people that share their

interest for theater, both on the high school and college level. During breaks students were told of ways to apply to Thiel and the positive aspects of the school. Rydberg also advertised the theater program here at Thiel and, specifically, the Thiel Players.

The Festival ended with the distribution of awards and general comments from the judges about effective and ineffective acting observed during performances. One of the judges, Allen Morrill, believes the festival is more than the scoring and awarding schools for their acting.

"I've done it [judged the Shakespeare Festival] for three years, and it's always a joy to see kids doing Shakespeare. It's just fun. It's also a great way to attract new students to Thiel College," Morrill said.

New Professor Dane Claussen heads up Communication

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As the 2015 fall semester began, so did Dane Claussen's new role as the James Pedas Professor of Communication, the Executive Director of the James Pedas Communication Center, and the Chair of the Department of Communication.

With one bachelor's degree, two master's degrees, and his doctorate in Mass Communication from the University of Georgia, Claussen's education only begins to show his qualifications.

Prior to starting work at Thiel, Claussen spent time as the Ed-

itor of Journalism & Mass Communication Educator, was the Director of Graduate Programs for Point Park University's School of Communication, and wrote four books among countless other articles, book reviews, and papers.

Most recently, however, Claussen spent the last three years in China as the Visiting Professor of International Journalism at Shanghai International Studies University. Before heading over, Claussen did not know any Chinese since it was an expectation of the journal-

ism students to know some English.

"It was hard to get students to participate because of their culture," Claussen said.

The time Dr. Claussen spent in China was not the first time he has travelled abroad. Besides China he has travelled to 35 other countries and has visited every state as well. When asked where he would like to return, he chuckled.

"It is a question of where I would like to go back to," Claussen said. Among his favorite countries he would like

to revisit are Canada, Spain, Italy, India, and Germany.

Seeing the potential to increase the number of communications students on campus, Claussen aims to rework the current communications curriculum and introduce new majors.

The new majors would expand the communications department's reach by focusing on different types of communications such as business journalism. As it stands, "not many colleges offer these types of programs, and there is a certain

Radio Training

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Thiel College's radio station, WXTC, offers students the opportunity to get their voice heard, not only at Thiel college, but for 25 miles through an FM signal.

WXTC has also recently began streaming, so now those not covered in the 25 mile radius can tune into the campus radio station.

"Radio gives students a voice to speak out when they feel they are not getting heard. It allows them to express themselves in a different fasion" Mercedes Quarles said.

"I love listening to the radio because it is so entertaining to hear people I know on air. A usual radio station has speakers that I have never met, but Thiel's radio station provides students with the chance to form a personal connection with live radio show hosts," student Tina Kramer said

However the opportunities do not stop there. Because WXTC is a student run organization, students are given the opportunity to get involved with production and marketing as well. If you are interested in getting involved with WXTC in some way, you can contact the station by coming in during one of the posted office hours.

Thiel Happenings

compiled by Liz Carlson, ecarlson@thiel.edu

Friday, Feb. 5:
Clearly You Crystals: 11-5 p.m. in the Bistro
 * Laser-etch a picture of you and your friends inside a crystal

DIY Hot Chocolate Bar:
 11 to 1 p.m., Student Activities Office

Hypnosis Show featuring International Performer Joshua Seth:
 9 p.m., Passavant Center

Saturday, Feb. 6:
Annual Black and White Ball:
 8 p.m. – midnight in the Bistro & LHR
 * "Join us for a night in sky celebrating Winter Weekend and Thiel College's Sesquicentennial!"

Sunday, Feb. 7:
Super Bowl Party: 6:30 p.m. in the HMSC Game Room
 * Watch the game with your friends. Snacks and Giveaways included!

Saturday, Feb. 13:
Date Night in the Bistro: 8 p.m. in the Bistro & LHR
 * Build-A-Bear, Snack Bar, & Valentine's Day-Themed Crafts

Saturday, Feb. 20:
Wings N' Sings:
 9 p.m. in the bistro

Saturday, Feb. 27:
WXTC Presents
VH1: Save the Music Fest

Want to see a movie?

BLY HALL MOVIE PRODUCTION PRESENTS...

Compiled by Liz Carlson

Spotlight: Friday, Feb. 12 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 14 at 2p.m.
 Spotlight tells the true story of how a group of journalists from the Boston Globe uncover a major scandal involving child molestation and the Catholic Church. The story strikes at the heart of Boston's religious, legal, and governmental establishment, resulting in an uproar across the globe.

Creed: Friday, Feb. 19 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 21 at 2 p.m.
 If you enjoy thrilling stories of endurance and family legends, this is one movie that you will not want to miss. Adonis Johnson, the son of boxing legend Apollo Creed, seeks out another legendary boxer, Rocky Balboa, to teach him the sport that his father loved. With Rocky's help, Adonis works his way to a shot at a title.

Greetings Thiel Friends,
 Thiel Faculty and students are gearing up for an exciting summer with our Study Abroad program! A group of faculty and students will be spending over ten days this May in South Africa. The students will get a full immersion in the South African culture. Students are expected to visit a series of towns and cities in South Africa: a trip to Johannesburg will have students visit both the houses of Bishop Desmond Tutu and Nelson Mandela. A visit to Tambora will require an overnight stay in a Safari Lodge and students will visit the world famous Kruger National Park for a safari. Further visits to Johannesburg and Cape Town will have students visit multiple museums, including the Apartheid Museum. Among the many activities planned for the students are visits to famous canyons and natural landscapes, Robben Island where Nelson Mandela was jailed for 30 years, penguin colonies, and a world famous botanical garden. Students will also take an educational tour of the Longs Township, one of the most culturally and historically significant neighborhoods in Cape Town, particularly during the South African apartheid.

Interested students/staff/faculty/Thiel friends can still sign up for the trip. The deadline to register for the South Africa trip is February 11th, 2016. Interested students should contact Dr. Delbert Abi Abdallah (dababdallah@thiel.edu), or Dr. Fatimata Pale (fpale@thiel.edu) for more details. Students interested in learning about possible scholarships for the trip should contact Dr. Matthew Morgan (mmorgan@thiel.edu).
 Happy Travelling!

Thiel's Radio Station "WXTC" Presents

WXTC Music Festival

Benefiting
VH1 Save the Music Foundation

FEATURING:
IAN LLOYD (HEADLINER)
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JOE DENIZON OF STRATOSPHEREEYS
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DAMARRA UNDERWOOD
2ND AVENUE BAND
YOUNG A

Located in the LHR and the Bistro Area
WXTC 83.1FM
 Doors Open at 5:00pm
 February 27th 2016
 Bistro will still be serving

\$10 admissions for non-Thiel Faculty, Staff, and Students

Career Events

Jan-Feb

Jan 18	8:30am - 12:00pm	Minute Clinic	AC Lobby
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Jan 18	8:30am - 12:00pm	Substitute Teacher Job Fair	Ven to Confidit
Jan 19	4:00pm - 4:45pm	WPI Open Meeting	Stamm Hall
Jan 22	8:00am - 4:00pm	Career Fair	Ven to Cleveland
Jan 25	8:00am - 11:00am	REVAIANA (online resume event)	Career Center
Jan 26	8:30am - 12:00pm	REVAIANA (online resume event)	Career Center
Jan 27	8:30am - 12:00pm	REVAIANA (online resume event)	Career Center
Jan 27	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Graduating Seniors: US Day Court Open House	AC
Jan 28	8:30am - 12:00pm	Get LINKED! (online resume event)	Career Center
Jan 28	8:30am - 12:00pm	Get LINKED! (online resume event)	Career Center
Jan 28	8:30am - 12:00pm	Get LINKED! (online resume event)	Career Center
Feb 3	10:00am - 2:00pm	Visit by Liberty University College of Osteopathic Medicine	Multiple Venues
Feb 8	9:30am - 6:00pm	SEN Careers Alumni Panel	Stamm Hall
Feb 8	2:00pm - 3:00pm	Great Alumni Career Panel	By Hall
Feb 8	11:00am - 1:00pm	Sports, Arts & Media Career Job & Internship Fair	Ven to Pittsburgh
Feb 10	10:00am - 2:00pm	Visit by West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine	Multiple Venues
Feb 12	4:00pm	Sci-Math-Tech Interview Day	Ven to Pittsburgh
Feb 15	8:30am - 12:00pm	Minute Clinic	AC Lobby
Feb 16	8:30am - 12:00pm	Minute Clinic	AC Lobby
Feb 19	8:30am - 4:00pm	Humana's Career Fair	Ven to Pittsburgh
Feb 23	8:30am - 6:00pm	Humana's Career Panel	Stamm Hall

Thiel College Police Blotter

- January 15, 2016 10:00 p.m.**
A student was found intoxicated.
- January 17, 2016 2:00 a.m.**
A student was arrested for public intoxication.
- January 29, 2016 12:00 p.m.**
A fraternity flag was reported stolen.
- January 30, 2016 12:05 a.m.**
A student attempting to steal a parking sign was arrested.
- January 30, 2016 11:00 p.m.**
Four students were found in possession/use of Marijuana (a.k.a. the devils lettuce)
- January 31, 2016 12:30 a.m.**
Three student were found drinking underage.



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TCTV

Thiel College Television (TCTV) is a student-run organization that produces and broadcasts live programming on the Thiel College campus. TCTV is a non-profit organization and is a member of the National Student Television Association (NSTA). TCTV's programming includes news, sports, and entertainment. TCTV is a great way for students to gain experience in television production and broadcasting. TCTV is a great way for students to gain experience in television production and broadcasting. TCTV is a great way for students to gain experience in television production and broadcasting.

Which one is better: *The Office* or *Parks and Recreation*?

by David Dye, ddye@thiel.edu

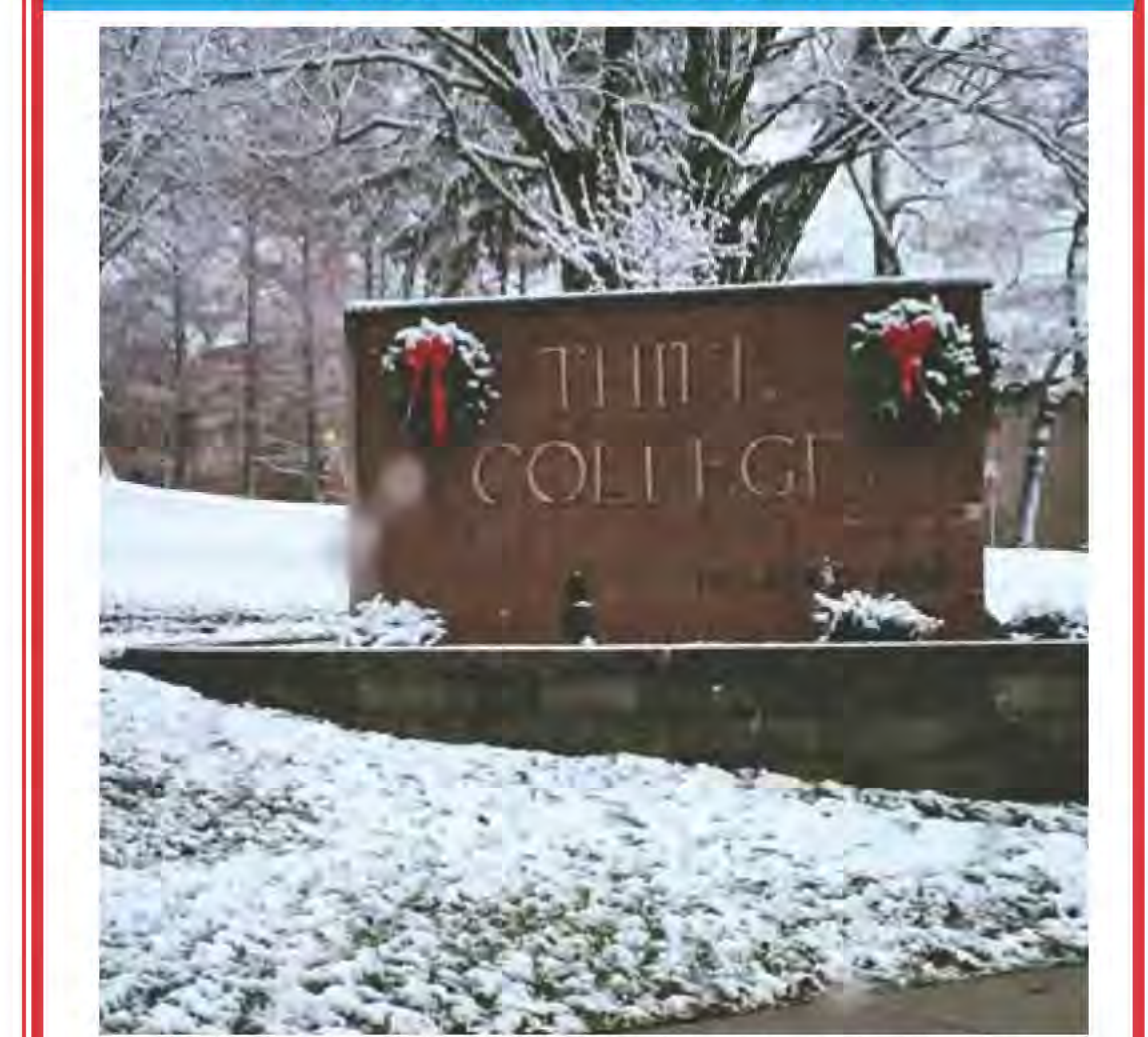
As I have mentioned before in other articles, my friends have recommended a lot of television shows over Netflix. Two shows in particular that we have watched to unwind at the end of the day for the last couple years are the sitcoms *The Office* and *Parks and Recreation*, which are very similar, specifically due to the fact they share the same producer. They both have similar humor and the same kind of mockumentary setup, which begs the question: which one is better?

For me, since the humor in each is very similar, the main factor is the characters. *The Office* ran for 9 seasons while *Parks and Recreation* ran for 7, so both shows had long running times, bringing the necessity for characters to be introduced, phased out, reintroduced, or replaced; however, there are some characters who remained throughout the show. Ironically enough, I have two favorite characters in each show. In *The Office*, my favorite two characters are Michael Scott (played by Steve Carell) and Dwight Schrute (played by Rainn Wilson), and in *Parks and Recreation* my favorite two characters are Ron Swanson (played by Nick Offerman) and Andy Dwyer (played by Chris Pratt). Since I like the same amount of characters in each show, it comes down to how many characters I dislike, which, unfortunately, *Parks and Recreation* has more of these types of characters. I can't put down an exact number, but it seems like every other episode has some extremely annoying or evil character that tends to be a rival politician trying to win an election, or torpedo the efforts of the main characters, just because they feel like it. Then these characters succeed, up until the very end. The very nature of any story necessitates some kind of conflict, but when the villains are repeatedly excessively annoying and smug about it, the whole show becomes annoying.

That's not to say *The Office* did not feature villains coming in and out, each trying to upset the established order of the workplace, but they were not cartoonish morons, somehow coming out on top no matter what the main characters did. Usually the "villains" were normal people focused on making the office of *The Office* more efficient for the rest of the company, and the main characters were trying to maintain their goofy and comedic status quo, to keep things, as they saw, "normal." The same mechanic applies to the rest of the show. In *The Office*, aside from the humorous interactions between the characters, the characters usually had to interact with people outside the office who were, for the most part, totally normal people. That's where the humor arose, which is why many effective comedies feature an unusual or unorthodox character and a straight man to clash against each other (like Kermit's character compared to the rest of the Muppets). In *Parks and Recreation*, since the show deals with government employees, they often have to deal with the citizens of Pawnee, the city which serves as the setting of the series. However, almost the entire population of Pawnee, as well as all the other government employees, are either total morons or goofy. There is still some humor in their interactions, but when there is no normal people to contrast the main characters, it gets tiring after a while.

Overall, if I had to pick one, I would have to say *The Office*, though, believe me, *Parks and Recreation* is still worth checking out, and I am glad my friends recommended it. Besides, I still have a poster of Ron Swanson's Pyramid of Greatness in my room.

Photo of the Edition



The first snow is a reminder of the crazy winter to come, even as temperatures begin a warm streak in Greenville.
 Photo credit: Dr. Kristel Gallagher

If you have a photo you would like to see as the Photo of the Edition, submit it to thielensian@thiel.edu

Note for Students from the Editor in Chief

by Hunter Michaelis, hmichaelis@thiel.edu

Well, friends, I'm here to tell you that *The Thielensian* needs your help. I'm sure many of you don't know that I'll be resigning from the Editor in Chief position at the end of the semester, leaving our Copy Editor, Tina Kramer, to take over for me. She and I are working to fill the void that is going to be present in our staff at the end of the semester, which includes losing two seniors to graduation and a third editor to resignation.

These positions, are open any time after these seniors graduate, and any interested students may inquire to anyone on the staff about the positions he or she would like. All editors must complete one office hour a week in order to be paid the full amount.

The first is Layout and Design Editor. In a normal eight-page edition, this editor will handle four pages of the paper (Front Page, Events, split Events 2, and Opinion). This, like the other positions, is a paid position, and is widely regarded as second only to the Copy Editor on the staff list. This person is my biggest advisor.

Student Life and Events Editor is a position reserved for the pages of Student Life and Events in a normal eight-page edition. This person would handle these two pages. It's recommended this person has some experience with designing ads, but this is not required. Creativity is a must for this position.

Finally, Sports and Academics Editor handles two pages in a normal edition. If you're interested in sports, this is the job for you. This position is very simple, requiring little time from the person.

We'll fill these positions before the end of the year. If you are looking for a job, consider *The Thielensian*, one of the highest-paying jobs that Thiel has to offer.

Balancing love and hate in your lives

by Tina Kramer, TKram138@thiel.edu

A belief held by most members in our society is that low self-esteem causes many of our problems. Self-help books fly off the shelves, uplifting quotes are painted on canvas and written in bathroom stalls, and mental health problems that relate to self-worth are key factors in justifying this assumption of underlying cause. But do we really have low self-esteem? Or, does our society as a whole just require overly high self-worth?

Consider a resume: you list previous work experience, volunteer services, organizations, awards, honors; in fact, a cover letter is a direct way to scream to your possible employer that you are superior to every other candidate. If you do not have the skills needed to present yourself in a positive way, you will not get hired or be very successful. However, just because you do not feel you possess every potential good quality in existence does not mean you have low self-worth. It means you are normal and healthy!

As happy human beings, we should be able to identify our strengths and weaknesses. There is worth and value in acknowledging your shortcomings or areas which need improvement. A healthy person acknowledges these traits and works to become a better person. However, these flaws are not reason for obsession, which is where many of us go astray.

We are shown in magazines, in books, and on television people with incredible bodies, minds, and talents. These people are not to blame; we forget that not all of us are expected to be flawless in each, or even any, of these aspects. All great men and women have flaws—this is not means for destroying your own self-image in their name. Nor do your positive attributes earn you the right to think yourself superior to everyone else around you. The balance of pride and humility is a delicate but important part of our daily lives.

The key to a healthy and successful life is this balance; a balance between self-love and self-hatred. Or, more properly stated, a healthy mental state includes a realistic attitude toward yourself as person, with little to no reasons to extremely love or hate yourself, but instead to respect yourself and others as imperfect fellow human beings, each with some incredible talents and traits.

Do not get so caught up in your flaws that you forget your talents. Do not get so confident with your positive traits that you forget to improve. But do not be so concerned with your success that you forget your humility or—more importantly—your humanity.

Thiel's continuous effort of commitment

cont. from front page

Although this institution is smaller than others, Giannini stresses how big and vital the network of alumni is. Students at Thiel are able to benefit from this network, because the alumni keep coming back to provide their experiences and help. The importance of this is students are able to learn about the transition of life that occurs after graduating from alumni. Alumni are also a constant source of knowledge, support, and connections for possible job offers.

Giannini personally has incorporated projects into his courses that are based primarily on gaining hands on knowledge of the material covered in the course. His management class must complete the challenge course. This course focuses on team work with co-workers, as they all must beat four different challenging tasks.

In his strategic management class, students go out and work for a business by developing a business plan. Students in his operation management class work together on restructuring a local businesses operations plan in hopes of increasing the businesses revenue.

The business ethics class develops a code of ethics, and are required to interview a local CFO to ask them their structure of ethical issues and problems that they deal with and how they deal with them. The hands on knowledge students gain from these classes professor Giannini hopes, that students will be able to use it in their future careers and also give students a head start against competition.

With all of the opportunities and various ways students able to build themselves, their résumés, and their practical ex-



TLC honors Royal and Slevin for February Effort Award

by Hunter Michaelis, hmichaelis@thiel.edu

The Learning Commons (TLC) has named Cody Slevin and Olivia Royal the Extraordinary Effort Award recipients for February.

Slevin is a senior Criminal Justice major with an Art minor. Royal, also a senior, is a triple major in Psychology, Sociology, and Criminal Justice.

"Cody has been an academic 'rock star' since his first semester at Thiel," Diane Donnelly, said an Academic Advisor in TLC, who nominated Slevin.

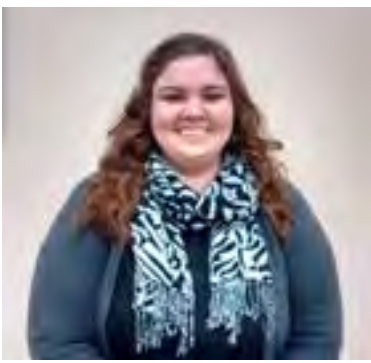
"He is a very hard working and motivated student who loves a challenge. During his college career, he has balanced

a major and a minor while participating in athletics, and has achieved the Dean's List numerous times."

Slevin plays golf, is involved in "many societies," and likes to draw and paint in his spare time.

"It's an amazing award," Slevin said. "I feel honored to get it... It [the TLC program] is a guidance through college... They've helped me a lot over the years."

He is currently an intern working in juvenile detention at George Junior Republic, an all-boys institution located in Grove City. He hopes to work



Olivia Royal, TLC recipient for February.

Photo credit:

Prof. Noel Stanger

there after graduation, working his way up to eventually become a fish and game warden or a small-town police officer.

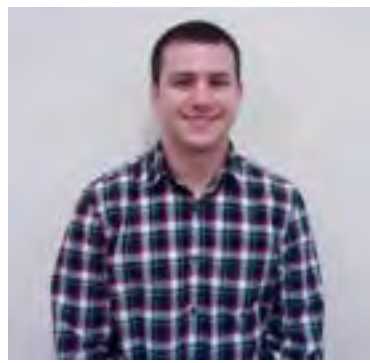
"Olivia has been a peer tutor

for three and a half years," Barb Samson, said, coordinator of the Peer Tutoring program.

"She is always highly recommended by her professors. Her approach to tutoring is always professional. She has a great rapport with her tutees and with the TLC staff. Many students ask for her by name when requesting a tutor," Samson said.

Royal, a member of the Sigma Kappa sorority, where she previously held the positions of Vice President of Membership and Vice President of New Member Education.

Royal is also a member of Pi Nu Epsilon, the music honorary



Cody Slevin, TLC recipient for February.

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Prof. Noel Stanger

society and Les Lauriers, the senior honorary society. In addition to working with the Admissions office, she was once a drum major for the Thiel Col-

lege Marching Pride and is currently a part of the Spring 2016 Cabaret production.

"I was really honored [to receive this award]. I've never really been one to stand out, so it's really nice to see people value what I do," Royal said.

"The TLC has a lot of great resources," she continued, "You don't have to be failing to get a tutor, for example, so you should utilize it."

After graduation, she plans to attend graduate school for clinical mental health counseling. She plans to eventually work in a children's hospital as a counselor.

Kochka has late three-pointer in Tomcats' win

by Justin Felgar, jfelgar@thiel.edu

The Thiel Men's Basketball team had a stunning victory over Bethany on Jan. 30. Thiel had a rocky first half, having a deficit of 12 points behind Bethany.

Thiel then caught up to the Bison, limiting the deficit to only six points at the end of the first half. After a hard fought second half, Thiel went on to win the game by making

a crucial three point shot.

Kochka had an excellent game, securing 24 points for the Thiel offense. Kochka made 9 of his 14 shots in the game and on the 6 shots that he took from behind the three point line, he made four. He also secured six rebounds for Thiel.

Leandra Jackson made significant contributions to the teams efforts, scoring 20

points. Jackson also secured eight rebounds for Thiel and stole the ball from Bethany three times.

Jackson fouled Bethany's Antonio Randolph with four seconds to go, setting up the explosive finish to the game. Randolph missed his second free throw shot, which was secured by Thiel's Clendell Cetoute. Cetoute was then fouled, and made two of his three free throw shots, ensuring Thiel's victory.

Cetoute put 18 points on the board for Thiel as well. He captured 10 rebounds and blocked the ball four times.

Khari Bess also contributed to the team's efforts, putting up eight points, assisted 10 times, and stole the ball three times.

Thiel did very well with their shot percentages, making 46.4 percent from the field and scored 46 of their points from the paint.



Luke Kochka, senior, prepares to shoot the ball in the Tomcats' win last Saturday.

Photo credit: Thiel SID

Men's Volleyball falls to 0-4 on the season

by Hunter Michaelis, hmichaelis@thiel.edu

The men's volleyball came up short in their first four matches of the season, still searching for their first win.

Over the weekend of Jan. 30, Thiel went up against Medaille and Emira Colleges at Stevenson University in Owings Mills, MD.

Thiel was shut out against Medaille with a score of 11-25 in the first match, 19-25 in the second, and 15-25 in the final.

In the match against Elmira, Thiel had a much better showing, taking the match to five instead of three.

Thiel won the first 25-22, gave up the second 17-25, evened the match at 25-19 in the third, but lost the final two matches 15-25 and 3-15, respectively.

Juniors Thad Paunovich, Cody Patterson, and Nate Roche were the leaders of the two matches, each netting double-digit kills.

Patterson led the way with 21 kills. Paunovich had 17 kills, while Roche matched him, netting 14 in the Elmira



Junior Jeff Coffy had a big weekend with 26 digs. He prepares to volley the ball back in the tournament on Jan. 30.

Photo credit: Thiel SID

match alone.

Jeff Coffy and Zach Rombach, also juniors, made their presence felt with 26 digs for Coffy and 58 assists for Rombach. The duo helped to keep the Tomcats in the matches defensively.

The Tomcats previously played a tournament in Erie, PA the previous weekend

against Penn State Altoona and Penn State Behrend, losing those 1-3 and 2-3, respectively.

The Tomcats will finally start their season at home with three home matches starting tonight in Thiel's gym against Marymount University, and Eastern Mennonite University tomorrow and, finally, against Juniata College on Feb. 9.

Women's Basketball earn second win of the season

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The women's basketball team won for the second time in their season on Jan. 30, winning out over Bethany 80-69.

Bethany lead Thiel by one point at half time with a score of 36-35. Thiel caught up to Bethany in the third quarter and then went on to score the victory.

Thiel was led by senior Jaclyn Watkins, who gained 15 rebounds and 21 points for the Tomcats.

Watson made 8 out of 13 shots that she took. She did an excellent job at the foul line making five out of seven. She also had eight rebounds defensively and seven shots off of the board.

The freshmen were well represented in the game as well. Jess Vormelker did well in her position as a guard, generating



Taylor Ketler (left) Jaclyn Watkins (right) in their game against Bethany.

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15 points. Of the 15 points that she scored, nine of those were from beyond the three point line. Vormelker also gained seven rebounds. Alivia Sidley, an additional freshmen guard, made 10 points.

Kayla Welty, a senior point guard, gained seven points for

Thiel. She was involved in five assists.

Thiel players also had an abundance of three pointers in the game, with players Taylor Kelter, Erin Defalco, and Taylor Duchon all making three point shots.

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