


Thiel College Magazine for Alumni & Friends

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Telling our story

A person wearing an orange t-shirt and grey pants is standing on a paved path outdoors. The background is a blurred green lawn and trees. The person's right arm is visible, and they appear to be looking towards the left of the frame.

As humans, we have unique perspectives on the events that happen to us, influencing how our personal story unfolds. Storytelling provides structure, so that our lives have a beginning, middle, and an end. It can help us feel like we belong and we've left our mark on the world.


The moment a Thiel student walks up Brother Martin's Walk to Opening Convocation, it is the first of many experiences, traditions and memories that connect students to the generations that came before and the ones that are yet to come. It is a vital part of joining the Thiel community and the first chapter of their Thiel story.

Page by page. Year over year. Relationships within the Thiel community flourish, establishing lasting connections between students and their peers, faculty members, mentors and the alumni network. As the plotline moves along, students begin to envision their place in the world, embrace collaborative thinking and face real-world business challenges.

After Commencement, other institutions might close the book. But Thiel loves a good page turner. These stories link us to our past and offer us a glimpse into our future. We count on our graduates to continue to write their real-life stories, and we look forward to each new chapter.



Storytelling conjures images of Twain, Rowling, Thoreau, Angelou and countless others. While few of us own their literary gifts, each of us are, in our own right, the storytellers of our experiences.



Thiel College is constantly evolving so that graduates are prepared to meet the demands of our changing world.

At the heart of every Thiel graduate is a success story. Whether they are a dedicated public servant, a humanitarian leader, a small business owner or a president of a Fortune 500 company—Thiel alumni are prepared to make a difference. Thiel graduates are set up for success with the insights and skills needed to be constructive, responsible and respected citizens.

Organizations of all types and sizes want to hire individuals who are a good fit, curious learners, team players, and those who can make an impact. They are looking for those with something extra—employees with an entrepreneurial mindset who can harness technology and drive innovation. Employers want to hire Thiel graduates.

What's new at Thiel College?

The Haer Family Science and Arts Connector

7,850 sq. feet of academic space

4 enhanced labs

Collaborative student areas

The Track and Field Complex

Infield for intramural activities

Access for local community

All new branded equipment

Pa. Department of Education Certified Thiel College PA Pre-K Counts Classroom

Keystone STARS Compliant

Quality early core education

Holistic and individual attention

New programs developed to meet market demand and benefit the interests of our students, alumni and the region:

- Alumni and Career Engagement Center (ACE)
- Greek life Bane Hall renovation program includes improved housing and chapter meeting spaces for Sigma Phi Epsilon and Delta Sigma Phi fraternities.
- Environmental Safety Management major
- Equestrian Studies minor
- Exercise Science major
- Health Systems major
- HopeCAT scholarship
- Individual major
- Master of Public Administration, Master of Public & International Affairs, and Master of International Development degrees in partnership with The University of Pittsburgh
- Pittsburgh Promise
- Sports Management concentration
- Summer School online



By the numbers ...

80% of faculty hold the highest degree in their field

100% of students receive laptops

Education and career mentoring begin day 1

152 year tradition of academic achievement

70% of classes have fewer than 20 students

100% of DHI students have conducted an independent research project with a faculty member

75% of recent alumni say they have taken advantage of the 15,000+ member Thiel network while looking for their first job

Over **\$11m** in scholarships awarded in 2017

60% of internships are paid

100% of students are eligible for study abroad scholarships

100% of students participated in at least one experiential learning experience* before graduating.

Year over year, **100%** of Accounting, Neuroscience, Education and Religious Studies graduates are consistently employed or in graduate school 6 months after graduation

99% of Thiel graduates land jobs or enroll in graduate school within one year of graduation

70% of 2017 graduates landed jobs in the eastern Ohio/western Pennsylvania region

95% of prior year class reported to be working or studying in their field

Reporting Thiel graduates' mid-career salaries are higher than Department of Labor predicted earnings for all college graduates

What others are saying

- *A national Colleges of Distinction institution*
- *A Pennsylvania Colleges of Distinction institution*
- *A Colleges of Distinction Business program*
- *A Colleges of Distinction Secondary Education program*
- *Joins Carnegie Mellon and Princeton as an elite Dietrich Foundation Institution*
- *Forbes Magazine: Grateful Grad Colleges: The Top 200 Show-Me-The-Money Schools*
- *Niche.com rates Thiel among Pennsylvania's 10 safest colleges and universities; #1 in northwest Pennsylvania*
- *U.S. News & World Report's Best Regional Colleges: Northern Region*
- *Yellow Ribbon GI Education Enhancement Program school*



*Experiential learning includes internships, practicums, campus employment, student teaching, undergraduate research, volunteer work related to major, and study abroad.

Thiel Graduates Work

Employers tell us that they appreciate that Thiel graduates are professional, ethical and hard-working. They are job-ready with the critical thinking, analytical and leadership skills to be flexible, adaptable and competitive—especially as today's industries and businesses evolve. Here are a few of the top companies that have hired Thiel graduates.

Five-Star Technology Solutions, Inc.
American Broadcasting Company
Allstate Insurance Company
American Red Cross
BASF Construction Chemicals
Bayer U.S.
Bechtel Marine Propulsion Corporation
BFGoodrich
Black & Decker Corporation
Black & Veatch Inc.
Bridgestone/Firestone USA
Century 21 Real Estate LLC
Coca Cola Bottling Company
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Dean Dairy Products Company
Deist Industries
Delaware Hospice Inc.
DICK'S Sporting Goods
Dow Chemical Co.
Duquesne Light Company
Eaton Aerospace
Eli Lilly & Co.
Ernst & Young LLP
Estee Lauder
Evergreen Plastics Ltd
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Foot Locker Inc.
Ford Motor Company
Gerber
Hanes
Harper's Magazine
Hawaii Golf News & Travel
Heinz USA
IBM Corporation
Internal Revenue Service
JCPenney Company Inc.
Johnson & Johnson
Joy Cone Company
L'Oréal USA
Lockheed Martin
Marine Conservation Institute
McGraw-Hill Education
Ohio State Police
Pennsylvania State Police
Pittsburgh Penguins
Pittsburgh Steelers
PNC Financial Services Inc.
Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation
QVC
Royal-Coleman Funeral Home
Slippery Rock School District
The Home Depot Inc.
Thermo Fisher Scientific
U.S. Air Force Academy
U.S. Department of Justice
U.S. Department of Transportation
Unisys Corp.
United States Steel Corporation
UPMC Horizon
Valspar Corporation
Verizon
Walt Disney World
Werner Co.
Whirlpool Corporation
Wyndham Hotels & Resorts
Yale University
Zippo Manufacturing Company
Zurn Industries

Two young men in business attire are walking outdoors. The man on the left is wearing a light blue shirt, a red and blue plaid tie, and dark trousers. He is carrying a black graduation cap with a tassel that has red, white, and blue tassels. The man on the right is wearing a light blue shirt, a striped tie, and dark trousers. He is also carrying a black graduation cap with a tassel. Both men are smiling and appear to be in a celebratory mood. The background shows a paved area, trees, and a building.

If your company has employment or internship opportunities,
please contact the Career Development Center
at **724-589-2372** or **mblack@thiel.edu** or visit
www.thiel.edu/career.



Greg Galbo '18 *Accountant, Foot Locker Inc.*

Major: Accounting and finance dual major

Hometown: Hermitage, Pa.

Who was one Professor who made an impact on you?

Professor Gary Witosky '79 got me in contact with an alumnus, who really helped me get my foot in the door with [Foot Locker, Inc.] as it is extremely difficult to do with a company of this size, as well as housing me during my interview which was four hours away from my house.

How did Thiel College influence your philosophy on leadership?

Thiel has really shown me that it is the relationships you develop with people that matter the most. Thiel is full of natural leaders that have really thrived in the working world, and it is great to see that community of alumni thriving and spreading even further.

"The help [an alumnus] was willing to give me without asking for anything in return is what made going to Thiel all worth it to me."

2 Years Since Graduation

Top Industries

Animal Care & Services
Business Services
Commercial & Institutional Construction
Engineering & Architectural Services
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate
Freight, Cargo, Transportation & Storage
Government, DoD/Homeland Security
Government, Environment & Agriculture
Government, Health & Human Services
Government, Local
Government, Public Safety
Healthcare, Retirement & Assisted Living
Hospitals & Clinics
Building Materials & Supplies Manufacturer
Medical, Dental & Hospital Equipment & Supplies Manufacturer
Metals Manufacturer
Ministry, Religious Organizations & Services
Nonprofit, Civic & Social Services
Nonprofit, Professional
Nonprofit, Youth Services
Offices of CPA & Accounting Services
Radio, Television & Publishing
Recruitment, Staffing & Career Counseling
Residential Construction
Restaurant, Hospitality & Travel
Retail
Schools, Education Centers & Services
Social Service & Welfare Organizations
Sports & Entertainment
Technology Services & Solutions
Utilities, Electric, Natural Gas, Wind & Solar

Top Job Functions

Account Executive
Accountant
Actuary
Animal Care Specialist
Auditor
Biologist
Branch Manager
Business Analyst
Chef
Clinic Manager
College/University Athletic Coach
Consultant
Credit Analyst
Customer Service Representative
Environmental Scientist
Financial Analyst
Human Resources Manager/Director
Information Technology Analyst
Laboratory Technician
Logistics Account Specialist
Marketing Manager/Director
Pharmacy Technician
Police Officer
Preschool Teacher
Primary/Secondary Education Teacher
Recruitment Consultant
Retail Buyer/Merchandise Manager
Sales Representative
Staffing Support
Therapeutic Staff Support
Underwriter
Warehouse Manager

100%
of accounting majors
were employed in
their field or in
graduate school
within three months
of graduation.

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Graduate School Placements

Graduate Schools

Bowling Green State University
Duke School of Medicine
Duquesne University
Edinboro University
Florida Gulf Coast University
Harvard Divinity School
Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School
of Public Health
Lake Erie College of Medicine
Loyola University Chicago
Miami University in Ohio
Northeast Ohio Medical University
The Ohio State University

Rochester Institute of Technology
Slippery Rock University
University of the District of Columbia David
A. Clarke School of Law
University of Akron
University of Central Florida
University of Chicago Divinity School
University of Delaware
University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
University of Pittsburgh
University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of
Public Health
Vanderbilt University

Courses of Study

Master's Programs

Accountancy
Biotechnology
Business Administration
Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Communication Disorders
Data Analytics
Divinity
Experimental Psychology

Finance
Pharmacy
Physician Assistant
Public Health
Social Work
Speech-Language Pathology
Theological Studies

Doctoral Programs

Audiology
History
Jurisprudence

Osteopathic Medicine
Pharmacy



Audra Franley '17 *Student, Harvard Divinity School*

Major: Double major in religion and parish education with minors in pre-ministry and psychology

Hometown: Jefferson, Ohio

Who was one Professor who made an impact on you?

Lecturer of Religion George Branch-Trevathan, Ph.D., made a lasting impact during my time at Thiel College. He always displayed a passion for the subject material and exhibited a deep commitment to students. It was he who encouraged me to apply to Harvard Divinity School, and who was a large support during the stressful process of graduate school applications.

What made your Thiel College experience special?

Thiel was truly a second home for me. I was lucky to participate in many organizations and make lasting connections. What distinguishes Thiel is the feeling that all members of the community are committed to helping you create your experience and make the most of your four years there.

How did Thiel College influence your philosophy on leadership?

Every individual is unique in what they bring to a leadership role, and every group or organization has different needs from its leaders. Through the Thiel community's commitment to its members, people can comfortably bring their full selves to the environment. I know from personal experience that this serves to reinforce an individual's natural tendencies and abilities, helping them to grow into the best leader that they can be by utilizing their own gifts and strengths for service.



Major: Biology/pre-med

Hometown: Canfield, Ohio

Graduate Program: Chatham University,
Master's of Physician Assistant Program

“Thiel prepared me by providing a detailed semester curriculum and a roadmap of the needed courses that applied to graduate physician assistant programs. The professors at Thiel want to ensure the success of each of their students!”

3-7 Years Since Graduation

Top Industries

Animal Care & Services
Business Services
Commercial & Institutional Construction
Contractor, Electronics
Engineering & Architectural Services
Environmental Consulting & Services
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate
Fine Arts & Performing Arts
Funeral Services & Cemeteries
Government, County
Government, DOD/Homeland Security
Government, Office of the Courts
Government, Public Safety
Government, Public Welfare & Social Services
Healthcare, Home & Community-Based Services
Hospitals & Clinics
Manufacturer, Metals
Marketing, Advertising & Graphic Design
Ministry, Religious Organizations & Services
Non Profit, Youth
Nonprofit, Civic & Social Services
Offices of CPA & Accounting Services
Offices of Lawyers & Legal Services
Paint & Coating Manufacturer
Professional Athlete
Radio, Television & Publishing
Recruitment, Staffing & Career Counseling
Residential Construction
Restaurant, Hospitality & Travel
Retail, Building Supplies
Retail, Pharmacy
Schools, Education Centers & Services
Shipping & Mailing Services
Social Service & Welfare Organizations
Sports & Entertainment
Technology Services & Solutions

Top Job Functions

Accountant
Actuary
Administrative Assistant
Auditor
Banker
Business Owner
Case Manager/Worker
Chemist
Child Care Counselor
Clergy
College/University Faculty/Staff
Corrections Officer
Engineer
Financial Analyst
Funeral Director
Human Resource Manager/Director
Insurance Claims Administrator
Laboratory Technician
Marketing & Communications Manager
Military, Enlisted
Operations Manager
Payroll Administrator
Police Officer
Preschool Teacher
Primary/Secondary Education Faculty/Staff
Research Engineer
Retail Manager
Sales Representative
Speech & Language Pathologist
Therapeutic Staff Support
Office Administrator/Manager
Web Developer

8-15 Years Since Graduation

Top Industries

Business Services (including Consulting)
HVAC & Plumbing Contractor
Engineering & Architectural Services
Environmental Consulting & Services
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate
Freight, Cargo, Transportation & Storage
Funeral Services & Cemeteries
Government, DOD/Homeland Security
Government, Public Safety
Home & Community-Based Healthcare
Hospitals & Clinics
Local Government
Building Materials & Supplies Manufacturer
Marketing, Advertising & Graphic Design

Ministry, Religious Organizations & Services
Offices & Clinics of Doctors of Medicine
Offices of CPA & Accounting Services
Offices of Lawyers & Legal Services
Radio, Television & Publishing
Restaurant, Hospitality & Travel
Retail, Apparel
Retail, Automotive
Retail, Pharmacy
Schools, Education Centers & Services
Shipping & Mailing Services
Social Service & Welfare Organizations
Sports & Entertainment
Technology Services & Solutions

Top Job Functions

Accountant
Attorney
Auditor
Banker
Business Analyst
Business Owner
Case Manager/Worker
Chemist
Clergy
College/University Faculty/Staff
Corrections Officer
Engineer
Financial Analyst
Funeral Director
Human Resource Manager/Director
Information Technology Software Engineer
Insurance Claims Administrator
Laboratory Technician
Legal Administrator

Marketing & Communications Manager
Marketing Manager/Director
Military, Enlisted
Office Administrator/Manager
Operations Manager
Payroll Administrator
Police Officer
Preschool Teacher
Primary/Secondary Education Faculty/Staff
Program Manager
Project Manager
Restaurant Manager
Retail Manager
Sales Manager
Sales Representative
Speech & Language Pathologist
Therapeutic Staff Support
Web Developer

Punit Upadhyaya, Ph.D. '09 Senior Scientist at Bicycle Therapeutics



Major: Chemistry, Applied Physics

Hometown: Kathmandu, Nepal

Graduate School: The Ohio State University, Ph.D. in organic chemistry, 2014

"[At Thiel] I learned that leadership has nothing to do with your title or position. Leadership comes from your ability to inspire others to do their best. It comes from giving people the freedom to improve, be creative and innovative."

Walter Rosado, Ph.D. '07 Associate Consultant (Project Manager) at HM Health Solutions Therapeutics

Major: History

Hometown: Pittsburgh, Pa.

Graduate School: Duquesne University, Master of Science leadership & business ethics; Robert Morris University Doctor of Philosophy instructional management & leadership

Who was one Professor who made an impact on you?

Professor of History James Koshan, is one of Thiel's true treasures. His history courses taught you ... not what to think but how to think.

What made your Thiel College experience special?

At Thiel, I definitely found a place where I truly felt that I belonged. I found friends who became family; I grew stronger in my faith and my belief in my God. But the true lesson of Thiel is a lesson that we have heard echoed from [many graduates] who came before me: it is a lesson of selfless service and sacrifice.



16+ Years Since Graduation

Top Industries

Business Services (incl. Consulting)
Engineering & Architectural Services
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate
Freight, Cargo, Transportation & Storage
Government, DoD/Homeland Security
Government, Environment & Agriculture
Government, Health & Human Services
Government, Local
Healthcare, Retirement & Assisted Living
Home & Community-Based Healthcare
Hospitals & Clinics
Manufacturer, Grocery, Food & Beverage
Manufacturer, Industrial & Commercial
Machinery & Equipment
Metals Manufacturer
Paint & Coatings Manufacturer

Pharmaceuticals Manufacturer
Marketing, Advertising & Graphic Design
Ministry, Religious Organizations & Services
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Offices of CPA & Accounting Services
Offices of Lawyers & Legal Services
Radio, Television & Publishing
Residential Contractor
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Retail, Automotive
Schools, Education Centers & Services
Social Service & Welfare Organizations
Sports & Entertainment
State Government
Technology Services & Solutions
Telecommunications

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Attorney
Auditor
Banker
Business Development Manager/Director
Business Owner
Case Manager/Worker
Chemist
Clergy
College/University Faculty/Staff
Controller
Dentist
Engineer
Finance Director/Manager
Financial Analyst
Government, Enlisted Military
Government, Military Veteran
Human Resource Manager/Director

Information Technology Manager/Director
Insurance Agent
Librarian/Media Specialist
Marketing Manager/Director
Medical Technician
Nurse
Office Administrator/Manager
Operations Manager/Director
Physical Therapist
Physician
Preschool Teacher
Primary/Secondary Education Faculty/Staff
Program Manager/Director
Project Manager
Real Estate Agents & Brokers
Respiratory Therapist
Retail Buyer/Merchandise Manager
Retail Manager
Sales Representative
Social Services Worker/Director
Speech & Language Pathologist

Nickole Nesby '92 *First African-American Female Mayor, City of Duquesne*



Pictured with Pa. Governor Tom Wolf

Major: Business Administration

Hometown: Duquesne, Pa.

Graduate Program: Northcentral University, Master of Science in organizational leadership, nonprofit management

What made your Thiel College experience special?

What made Thiel special was the people. I developed friendships and relationships that I maintain to this day.

“Through my experiences at Thiel, I learned that knowledge is power. It is the ultimate key to success.”

David Schreiber '00 *Vice President & Director, Derivatives Strategies Group at PNC Wealth Management*

Major: Business Administration

Hometown: Medina, Ohio

What made your Thiel College experience special?

You get out what you put in. That is true in almost everything in life. It was especially true at Thiel. I stayed on campus, I got involved in numerous activities and events, I volunteered. I put in good and got back better.

“College is about growing up. For me, my four years at Thiel helped me leave behind some childish traits and gave me a solid foundation into becoming the man I am today.”



“Everyone tells a story about themselves inside their own head. Always. All the time. That story makes you what you are. We build ourselves out of that story.”

– Patrick Rothfuss, author

Have a story of your own to tell? Contact Thiel College Alumni Relations at **www.thiel.edu/alumni/keep-in-touch**.

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