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President
James W. Schmotter

Go Colonials!

Whenever I meet Western alumni, the conversation often turns to our Colonial sports teams and how our football, basketball or soccer teams are faring this season. Those conversations, and my service on the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III Presidents Council, lead me to reflect on the role of intercollegiate athletics at our university. And I like what I see.

What's most important to remember about WCSU student-athletes is how they differ from their NCAA Division I and II counterparts, who are recruited with explicit financial incentives to play sports. Our students choose to play for the love of the game. As with the other 440 Division III institutions, WCSU does not provide athletic scholarships. This means some of our student-athletes are juggling work schedules alongside academic and team responsibilities. All of this requires determination and drive — qualities that lend themselves to any successful endeavor.

Recent graduates include a volleyball captain who sang with her fellow vocal-performance majors at Carnegie Hall, a football and basketball player who studied abroad in Australia, a soccer goalie who won a summer internship at the National Institutes of Health, and a swimmer who held multiple positions of leadership in student life and government. Unlike other schools whose athletic teams exist to entertain donors and generate revenue for the school, WCSU athletic teams aim to provide yet another opportunity for student development. As most know, playing competitive sports promotes self-esteem and encourages an overall healthier lifestyle. We're all for that.

In many ways, our Division III student-athletes more than resemble their larger, taller and faster counterparts on Division I and Division II teams. WCSU students work just as hard in practice. They compete just as fiercely. Winning is their goal every time they enter the playing field, court or pool. They — and those of us cheering in the stands — are proud to view the many NCAA tournament banners that adorn the walls of the Feldman Arena in the O'Neill Center. Some programs, such as football and softball, have managed to maintain consistent success throughout the years; while recently, women's soccer and basketball have joined their ranks of excellence. All of these student-athletes have learned valuable lessons about discipline, teamwork and leadership — lessons they will carry with them throughout their lives and careers.

NCAA Division III urges participants to “follow your passions and discover your potential.” In every season, in each of Western's 14 sports programs, this directive occurs every day. I'm proud to say our teams produce competitive excitement rivaling that of our more visible and expensive athletic counterparts. Check out the schedule of upcoming games and meets and stop by to enjoy one. You'll be hooked. ♦

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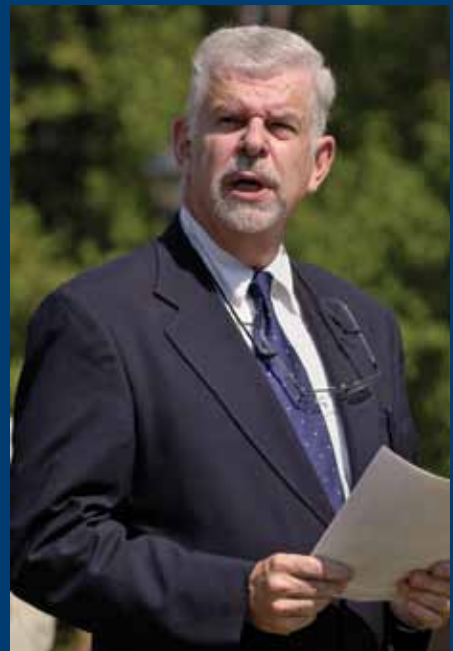
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(Top row, l-r) The Division of JLA faculty include: Assistant Professor Terrence Dwyer, Assistant Professor Dr. Anthony Markert, Professor Dr. Michael Foley, Professor Dr. Frank Muska and (bottom, l-r) Professor Dr. Casey Jordan, Assistant Professor Dr. Melissa Fenwick, Professor Charles Mullaney and Associate Professor Dr. George Kain.

Former JLA chairs include (l-r) Professor Emeritus Dr. David Machell, who, for years, regaled the WCSU community with a bagpipe performance each St. Patrick's Day, and constitutional law scholar Professor Emeritus Dr. Harry Schramm.



At 35, JLA comes of age

by Connie Conway

WCSU's Division of Justice and Law Administration (JLA) has a success story that any university would take great pride in telling. Yet the division's start 35 years ago was modest. Launched as "The Department of Criminal Justice," it had just two teachers and 14 students as its doors opened in the School of Arts and Sciences in 1976.

Today's JLA, in the Ancell School of Business, boasts 10 full-time and 14 adjunct faculty. It serves more than 500 students and stands as a respected example to other such programs in our region. Arguably Western's most popular program, the division's "birthday" has occasioned a yearlong campus celebration, with numerous events and forums held in its honor.

"Those first two pioneers were impressive guys," says current department chair, Professor of JLA Charles Mullaney. "Dr. Frank Muska was director of the criminal justice program at a college in Ohio, a man with a great idea and passionate carry-through. Associate Professor Dr. Solomon Gross, now professor emeritus, was teaching criminal justice here at Western."

In 1975, at a New York conference, Gross heard Muska speak about a law enforcement certification program he'd developed. According to Mullaney, "The federal grant he'd written for it sounded right for Western. So Gross talked Muska into bringing his idea here."

An East Windsor, Conn., transplant to Ohio at the time, Muska himself recalls that things were changing at Western when he arrived. "Ruth Haas was retiring as president of the college," he says. "Dr. Robert Bersi was coming in."

The Westside campus was just a hope and some drawings then. Numerous other projects and programs needed funding. Still, the two persevered. "The grant was for \$14,000, but it got the program implemented," Muska says. Then the real work started: "We spoke to police departments and devised day and night classes so officers with some college could finish their education. These days most police departments require a degree. Back then, that idea was just catching on."

It's amazing what a partnership of dedicated educators can do with a big idea and just enough financial "fuel" to fire up the engine to drive it.

"Seven of those initial 14 students worked on degrees they'd started," Muska says. "The rest were freshmen. The law enforcement format stayed in place until 1983, then was broadened to include legal studies, criminology and corrections."

This evolution was guided by what worked. "Educating administrators and managers for the justice and law sector made sense," Muska says. "For instance, arrests happen in only one in 40 incidents. What police officers need are human relations skills in the situations they have to address."

Honors student Mike Fraser attended one of several lectures on the issue of capital punishment offered by the Division of JLA last spring.



Mullaney, a private-practice attorney for many years before coming to Western, sees solid reason for JLA's popularity among today's students. "Respect for public service has grown in the last decade," he says. "Students are eager to engage with the various aspects of the law, to discuss how it shapes, or is shaped by, society."

Ultimately, though, the division's ability to draw energetic, excited young minds resides with its superb faculty — which, in the 1980s, began to grow in numbers.

The much beloved and brilliantly eclectic Professor of JLA Dr. Harold B. Schramm, now professor emeritus, originally taught English at Western. A constitutional law expert as well, however, he joined the department, becoming chair in 1982.

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(l-r) Professor of JLA Dr. Casey Jordan shares a laugh with Bridgeport Police Department Detective Anthony Davila and JLA intern Andres Ariza.



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JLA Professor Charles Mullaney



35 Years, JLA Comes of Age cont'd.

Today, JLA counts among its stellar faculty the CNN and Tru-TV commentator Professor Dr. Casey Jordan; legal expert and nationally respected anti-death-penalty activist Associate Professor Dr. George F. Kain; retired N.Y. State special investigator and practicing attorney Assistant Professor Terrence Dwyer; and frequently published, criminal-justice researcher and expert Assistant Professor Dr. Melissa Fenwick.

“Our JLA faculty bring the perfect blend of academic and professional experience to their work here,” says WCSU President Dr. James Schmotter. “Prepared for careers with the IRS, FBI and state law enforcement agencies, many of our graduates go on to some of the nation’s top law schools.”

Along with others who contributed to JLA’s success, Schramm cites Machell as “the true soul of the program” and Mullaney as its broadening force, adding international focus. “The division has always had the support of the administration,” he says. “But the heart of JLA is our students — among the most dedicated and enthusiastic members of the university community.”

Examples include alumni like Assistant State’s Attorney Sharmese Hodge ’01, whose job it is to criminally prosecute accused defendants, and Sean Abbott ’91, special agent in the U.S. Drug

Enforcement Administration with responsibility for Europe, Asia and Africa.

“These graduates’ accomplishments speak to the high quality of the education they received here,” says Schmotter.

Acknowledging the compliment, Mullaney sees a great future for the division. “Building programs that answer changing needs — possibly a homeland security track,” he says, adding with a smile, “JLA’s story has really just begun, you know.” ♦

(Top, left) Author and world renowned anti-death penalty activist Sister Helen Prejean was the featured speaker during JLA’s 35th anniversary year, which included several lectures and debates on the issue of capital punishment.

(Top, right) Assistant Professor of JLA Terrence Dwyer (left) and Anthony Cruz, JLA Club president for 2009-10, at a JLA event.



“In 1998, I was a JLA major and in the first class to take the ‘infamous’ ride down to Washington, D.C., to visit the Supreme Court, Congress and, of course, potential law schools (I would choose George Washington University Law School). There was no bus — we just drove down in a caravan of cars lead by Dr. Schramm. He was researching the complex issue of separation of church and state. Western had recently banned locker room prayer prior to sporting events and seeing times quickly changing, Dr. Schramm wanted to dig into the National Archives to see whether banning prayer was what the founding fathers intended. I was inspired, to say the least.”

Sharmese Hodge ’01, Assistant State’s Attorney Danbury, Conn.



Head Basketball Coach Bob Campbell rallies his team before a game during the 2011 season.

Campbell and his parents, Beverly and Bob, attended a reception that recognized and honored Campbell's 500th win.

Just another win for Bob Campbell

by Hobson Lopes

Western Connecticut State University Men's Basketball Coach Bob Campbell didn't have the traditional sports past you would expect in someone who has had his success.

Growing up, he played baseball, but when he arrived at the University of Connecticut in 1969, he realized he was small for the team and left his baseball dreams behind. He decided he would put his "real desire to learn" toward basketball.

At UConn, he associated with "great coaches," including Dee Rowe, Dom Perno and Jim Valvano. He graduated with a B.S. in physical education and became an assistant coach at Danbury High School before taking a job at WCSU as assistant coach for three different sports.

When the basketball team was without a head coach following the 1983-84 season, Campbell was recruited. Since then, he has gone on to have great success with the team, taking his players through a winning season in each of his 31 years here.

That success set the scene for a chance at achieving 500 wins by November 19, 2010. WCSU traveled to Purchase, N.Y., that day to play SUNY Plattsburgh in the first round of the Manhattanville tournament. The Colonials won the game 86-80 with a nice split between experienced and young players. The entire 2010-11 campaign was a testament to the skill Campbell has at coaching athletes of all ages.

The celebrated coach says he never would have reached this milestone without the tutelage of Rowe and Danbury High School Head Basketball Coach Harry Hyra. During his time at UConn, Campbell would sometimes go on recruiting trips with Rowe and Valvano and from them he learned what to look for in prospective players.

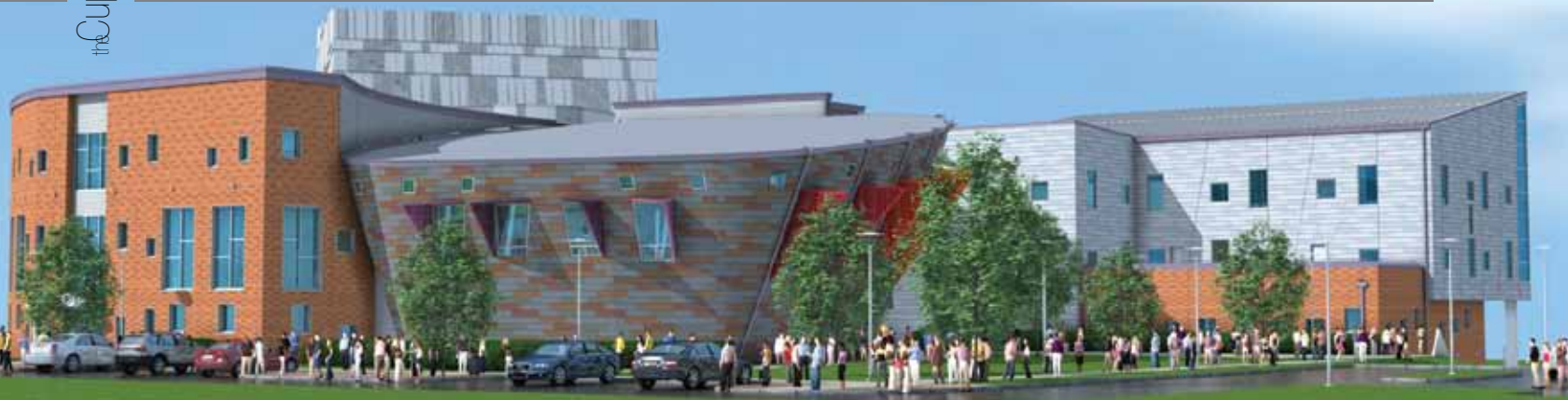
"I would drive so they could sleep," he says. Those trips helped him "learn how to deal with other people and players as much as how to determine the 'Xs and Os' of the game."



Coming into last year's record-setting season, Campbell, who earned an M.A. from Columbia University, has perspective on his 500th win. "It's a great achievement, yes, but I am also excited when the kids do well," he says.

Now sitting on 519 wins, that milestone is already in the rear-view mirror. Six hundred can now be seen in the distance, with no end in sight.

"I'd like to continue what we're doing," Campbell says — an understatement, of course. "We try to recruit the best people. Success makes that pretty easy, so hopefully we can keep going for a few more years." ♦



School of Visual & Performing Arts

Construction for Instructional Center to break ground on Oct. 17

Despite providing students world-class exposure to the arts and theatre, WCSU's School of Visual and Performing Arts (SVPA) has been without a place to call home since it was founded in 2006.

That's about to change.

Groundbreaking for the new \$68 million Visual and Performing Arts Center will be celebrated on Oct. 17 with a special groundbreaking ceremony to be held at 4 p.m. in the Westside Campus Center Ballroom. The SVPA brings together art, music and theatre arts departments for the better development and promotion of the arts disciplines. The school has the potential for establishing Western as the premier regional center for cultural, intellectual and artistic excellence.

The school will capitalize on its location in Fairfield County, home of many artists and friends of the arts, and within easy distance of the artistic and cultural centers of New York City. This proximity has allowed the university to draw faculty from leading professionals in the arts, which translates into offering students a world-class educational experience. ♦

by Robin DeMerell



(Clockwise from left)
Paige Meehan performs during 'Seussical, the Musical,' staged in the spring by WCSU's theatre arts dept.

An artist's rendering of the new School of Visual and Performing Arts Center to be built on the university's Westside campus.

A painter is inspired on the gazebo in Ives Concert Park.

At the 2011 Jazz Festival, Benny Golson (right) performs with Ted Morcaldi, a student in the jazz studies program.



Dr. Carol A. Hawkes

A career in perspective

For more than 50 years Dr. Carol A. Hawkes has taught and governed at some notable institutions, including WCSU where, most recently, she was named founding dean of the School of Visual and Performing Arts (SVPA).

Hawkes considered retirement last year, but after a number of key administrative positions were vacated at Western, she was asked to stay on by the president and graciously agreed. This summer, however, this highly respected colleague retired, both from WCSU and academic life. Tentative plans have included travel and some long-postponed writing.

“I never planned to become an administrator,” says Hawkes, who began her academic career at

Finch College where she taught English for 17 years and was chair of the department.

After Finch closed its doors, Hawkes became dean and vice president at Hartwick College; then, five years later, president of Endicott College. “I’m fortunate in that I’ve had so many opportunities to do different kinds of interesting work,” Hawkes says.

When she arrived 24 years ago, Hawkes was appointed dean of WCSU’s School of Arts and Sciences, the largest school at the university.

“Not only has the physical structure of Western changed and grown,” Hawkes explains, “but we now offer many more outstanding degree programs. We’re a great resource for the community.”



Dr. Carol Hawkes at the bond awarding ceremony for the new SVPA building in May, 2008.

During her WCSU tenure, Hawkes served as associate vice president for the Office of Academic Affairs, chairing the Self-Study Steering Committee for 10-year regional reaccreditation by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, as well as the Academic Policy Committee of deans and directors. In addition, she served on the University Senate and was a member of the Board of Directors for the University Foundation.

“I was asked to chair the task force that developed the proposal for a School of Visual and Performing Arts and was delighted when asked to be its founding dean,” she says. “We already had an excellent arts program but I’m certain this school is going to make us a major regional force in the arts.” ♦



Goble named SVPA dean

After an extensive national search, Dr. Dan Goble has been named dean of the School of Visual and Performing Arts (SVPA). Goble has served as chair of the WCSU department of music since 2005, as associate chair of the department from 1998 to 2004, and as director of the university’s Jazz Studies program from 1994 to 2005.

“I am honored and excited to have been chosen as the next dean,” Goble says. “My primary goal will be to execute the school’s collective vision of its students, faculty, staff and alumni, which from its establishment, has been a place where students can receive an outstanding education in the arts without the high costs associated with a conservatory.”

Goble, a respected saxophone player, obtained a Bachelor of Music and Bachelor of Music Education at the University of Northern Colorado, and a Master of Music and Doctor of Musical Arts at the University of Texas at Austin. Goble has performed with the New York Philharmonic Orchestra, the New York City Ballet Orchestra, the New York City Opera Orchestra and many other orchestras. He has numerous publications and recordings to his name.

As chair, Goble was largely responsible for the music department’s accreditation and reaccreditation by the National Association of Schools of Music. His goal is to gain national accreditation for all WCSU arts programs. ♦



by Irene Sherlock

Recent graduate Kate Mrotek '11 knows what it's like to begin a journey only to arrive at a destination that's not at all where she expected to be. It's a phenomenon she's experienced several times in her life.

"I was less than a stellar student in high school," she says. "Let's just say family life was complicated and encouragement was limited. I didn't have the confidence to pursue higher education after high school, but it's really what I wanted to do."

Mrotek traveled a bit, became a nanny and bartender for a while. "I signed up for some night classes at Franklin Pierce College (FPC). I wasn't sure where they would lead, or even if I had the ability to do well. I got As in both classes."

She then received an encouraging \$5,000 scholarship to FPC. "I saw it as my chance to go after my dream of getting an education," she says. "I took seven classes, made the dean's list again. But I decided to transfer to a more affordable school."

Enter Western, where she became a writing major. "Writing is a strength and I wanted to see where the major would take me," Mrotek says. By then, she was a student in the Honors Program, toying with the idea of becoming a psychologist one day. Eventually, she realized she could do therapy with a Master of Clinical Mental Health Counseling, a degree she's pursuing at Western.

On a journey of discovery, destination found

She hopes to one day incorporate writing and other alternative techniques into her work. "Meditation seems most promising and currently has the most attention in the clinical psychology field," she says.

One thing she did know coming into WCSU was that she wanted to study abroad for a semester. "Thailand seemed like an exotic destination and I've been interested in Buddhism and meditation for a long time."

Her trip marked her first time overseas. "Homesickness was definitely a challenge," she says. "But I still managed to have an incredible cultural experience. I also got straight As in my classes in Thailand, and credit for an independent study in magazine writing."

"Kate's an idea spreader," says friend and honors classmate Joshua Durkin '10. "In discussions, she'd latch onto interesting ideas — insights about the U.S. invasion of Iraq, or understanding the post-9/11 consciousness — with the hope of making her ideas more accessible to the rest of us, maybe even to herself."

After her semester abroad, Mrotek accepted a job tutoring in Western's Writing Lab. "Tutoring has helped me become a better writer," she says. Her goals clarified as she progressed at the university. "If someone had asked me four years ago if I

thought I would come this far, I wouldn't have entertained the thought," she says. "WestConn turned out to be the perfect school for me."

In her senior year, Mrotek landed an internship, then a part-time job at the Sobering Center in Danbury. She remains surprised by the many rewards of the job.

"Addicts in recovery are usually on an upswing and lovely to be around," she says. "So many of them have overcome or survived so much. The more time I spend with clients the more I feel I'm the one benefiting from knowing them."

The Sobering Center's director, Peter Pizzillo, thinks Mrotek is a natural for the field. "She has a wonderful spirit," he says. "We're lucky to have her here."

As an undergraduate, her academic performance and professional demeanor garnered her four awards and scholarships. Professor of Writing, Linguistics and the Creative Process Dr. Ed Hagan remembers Mrotek as one of his favorite students in his Honors Seminar.

"She really engaged Sabrina Tavernise, a New York Times reporter in Islamabad, whom we skyped into the classroom. Kate was very knowledgeable about issues related to the Muslim world. She's a wonderfully thoughtful, erudite young woman." ♦

A marketplace snapshot from Kate Mrotek's semester abroad in Thailand.



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Saturday, Oct. 22

Football Game:
WCSU vs. Brockport State

Noon, Westside Athletic Complex. Cost.



Tailgate Party

10 a.m., Westside Campus Center
Parking lot, WCSU Westside campus

Alumni
Hospitality Tent
Featuring music at halftime

Street Fair

2 p.m., free and open to the public



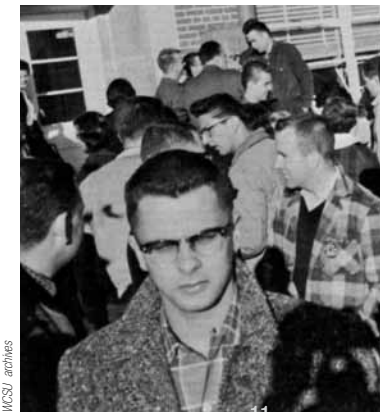
WCSU photo/Sophia Duarte '11



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Class of 1961 Golden Reunion Celebration

Take a trip down memory lane with the class of 1961 as they celebrate their 50th reunion. 6 p.m. cocktail hour, 7:30 p.m. dinner, Alumni Hall, Midtown campus. \$60/person. For more information or to make a reservation call (203) 837-8298.



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Wednesday, Oct. 5
 2011 WCSU Macricostas
 Entrepreneur of the Year luncheon
 honoring Dr. John Murphy, president and chief
 executive officer of Danbury Health Systems.
 11:30 a.m., Westside Campus Center Ballroom,
 Westside campus. \$50 plate/\$500 for table of
 10. For reservations, call 203) 837-8341.



Friday, Oct. 7
 WCSU Men's Hockey Alumni Game
 The WCSU Men's Hockey Team is looking for former
 players to participate in this season's Alumni Game
 taking place Friday, Oct. 7, at 7:50 p.m., Danbury Ice
 Arena. Full equipment and full face masks or shields
 are required. Cost of \$25 includes: ice time/game
 and reception at Two Steps following game. Game
 jerseys can be purchased for an additional \$25 at
 the game.



Monday, Oct. 17
 Groundbreaking Ceremony &
 Celebration of the Arts
 WCSU will hold a groundbreaking ceremony
 for the new School of Visual and Performing
 Arts Instructional Center from 4 to 6 p.m.
 in the ballroom of the Westside Campus
 Center on the university's Westside
 campus, 43 Lake Ave. Extension in
 Danbury. For more information, call
 (203) 837-8486.

Artist's rendering of the new SVPA performance hall.



Bill Williams
 athletic director



Jaymie (Rosario)
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 volleyball



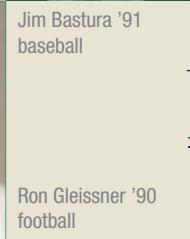
Jim Bastura '91
 baseball



Rich Myers '93
 coach



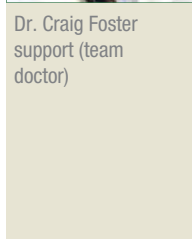
Dr. Craig Foster
 support (team
 doctor)



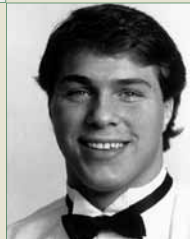
Ron Gleissner '90
 football

WCSU ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

Friday, Oct. 21
 Join us for dinner and the
 induction ceremony at 5:30 p.m.,
 Westside Campus Center
 Ballroom, Westside campus.
 \$75/person or \$700/table of 10
 Please RSVP to (203) 837-8298.



Amy (Matthews)
 McKenna '00
 women's basketball



John Crescione '87
 men's basketball





Author Doug Fine Live

Tuesday, Oct. 25
 WCSU, White Hall
 Ives Concert Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Author Doug Fine discusses “Farewell, My Subaru” sponsored by One Book, One Community. Doug Fine’s writing has been described as a combination of “environmental awareness mixed with can-do optimism, honest reflection, and spiced with plenty of laughs” (Portland Tribune), and the Miami Herald called him “an eco-hero for our time.” As residents of Danbury and northern Fairfield County, we can learn more about what we can do to live sustainable, eco-friendly and green lives.

This event is free and open to the public.



Oct. 26, 27 at 7 p.m.
 Oct. 29 at 2 & 8 p.m.
 Nov. 4 at 8 p.m.
 Nov. 5 at 2 & 8 p.m.
 Nov. 6 at 3 p.m.
 Nov. 11 & 12 at 8 p.m.
 Theatre Production “Sweeney Todd”
 Presented by the theatre arts department.
 Gala follows performance opening night.
 Berkshire Theatre, Midtown campus.
 Tickets: \$22; \$18 for seniors and students.
 WCSU students free with valid I.D.
 Box office: (203) 837-TIXX.



Saturday, Nov. 5
 Alumni Dinner Theatre
 “Sweeney Todd”
 Dinner: 5:30 p.m., Warner Hall, Midtown campus.
 Show: 8 p.m., Berkshire Theatre, Midtown campus.
 Cost. For more information, call (203) 837-8298.



Saturday, Oct. 29
 Alumni Trip to Salem, Mass.
 Join alumni and friends for a day of fun, leisure and haunted enchantments. Trip includes transportation and alumni souvenirs. Bus departs Midtown campus at 7 a.m.; arrives back in Danbury around 10 p.m. \$49/person. Please RSVP by Sept. 29 to (203) 837-8298.



Saturday, Nov. 19
 Alumni Broadway Trip:
 “How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying”
 \$149/person includes transportation and orchestra seating. For more information call (203) 837-8298.



Sunday, Dec. 4
 13th Annual
 Holiday Wine Tasting
 Join the university community for our Holiday Wine Tasting. Proceeds benefit student scholarships. 4 to 7 p.m., Grand Ballroom, Westside Campus Center. Cost. For more information call (203) 837-9820.



Jason Burger '09

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Shawn M. O'Brien '98

Fabiana Lopes Hershfield '02

Lorraine Sautner '89

Four ways of giving

by Irene Sherlock

Despite the ever-increasing demands of daily life, many people continue to create time for volunteer work. Some say it simply makes them feel better. Others enjoy the social connection, the perspective gained from connecting with those in need. Here, four alumni allowed us a glimpse into what brought them to volunteering and what they have gained from the experience.

Newlyweds **Jason Burger '09** and Lindsay Frank-Burger had what some would call an unorthodox honeymoon. In lieu of a beachside resort or mountainside retreat, they opted for a monthlong trip that morphed into nine months in rural India and Cambodia. The goal was to see the sights, sure; but they would do it by volunteering at a series of non-governmental organizations (NGOs), doing whatever they could for people in need.

"We spent the first two weeks in Ladakh doing relief work," Jason says. Ladakh, a region of India, was hit by devastating floods only days after the couple's arrival. They dug out houses and a hospital before heading to their intended NGO, the Students Educational and Cultural Movement of Ladakh, where they taught health education. After that, they spent a month at the Barefoot College in rural Rajasthan, providing health care. Then in Kerala, at Mitraniketan, they again taught health awareness — and also ran a bicycle club. Everywhere they went, they taught English.

The last leg of the couple's "honeymoon" trip included some actual vacationing on the beaches of Karnataka and Goa, the desolate twin crescents of Om beach in India. "We both felt very lucky to have grown up where we did," Jason says. "We had a sense of moral debt and wanted to donate time and energy in trying to make some sort of a difference in the world, no matter how small."

Jason, who graduated with a degree in professional writing, says they had left without a clear plan but discovered a whole range of volunteer opportunities. "For a time we were able to have positive impact on a few people's lives and, perhaps more importantly, make others aware of the work of some really great organizations."

For more information, go to www.cambodia-dutch.org or www.mitraniketan.org or contact Jason Burger on Facebook.

Football player and justice and law administration major **Shawn M. O'Brien '98** was planning a career in law enforcement until an injury took him off the playing field and had him considering ways in which the body heals.

After graduation, O'Brien shelved plans to join the police force and worked instead as a recreation and intramural supervisor in Western's athletics department. After that, he became operations manager and a master personal trainer at Bally Total Fitness in Hartford, Conn. Eventually, he, a partner and an

angel investor opened Excel Fitness, a gym and fitness center in West Hartford that's been recognized as a "Best of" in Hartford Magazine for the last three years.

Now that he's in a position to give back, O'Brien and his staff make themselves available for fundraising and volunteer efforts that support a variety of causes, including Special Olympics and the Big Brother/Big Sister program, at which he's volunteered for the last nine years.

O'Brien also gives of his time to the American Cancer Society. "My mother is a breast cancer survivor and my father died suddenly last December of pancreatic cancer. People say they don't have time to do this," O'Brien says. "But giving even five hours a month can make a difference in someone's life."

(l-r) Shawn M. O'Brien '98 with fellow fundraiser Todd Sullivan at an American Cancer Society event.



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Fabiana Lopes Hershfield '02

It's been said if you want something done, ask a busy person because they know how to manage their time. **Fabiana Lopes Hershfield '02** is a woman who could apparently teach a course on it.

As a global client-service manager at Cartus Corporation in Danbury, Hershfield specializes in international relocation, which focuses on immigration compliance, information and service models for expatriated employees. She's so good at her job that twice she's been asked to be guest speaker at the prestigious Annual Symposium for the American Council on International Personnel at Pentagon City in Washington, D.C.

After-work hours mostly center around husband David and their two children, Daniel, 2, and Nicole, 5. Yet Hershfield still finds time to support a number of worthy causes.

One of which is WCSU.

"Western is where I came into my own," she says. "The leadership role I played in my sorority allowed me to become a more confident individual. I'm happy to encourage others to do the same."

Hershfield, who graduated with a B.A. in political science, was the Student Government Association treasurer, yearbook editor and president of Alpha Delta Pi sorority in which she continues to be involved as an adviser.

"Fabiana was a great student activist," says WCSU Director of Alumni Relations Tammy Hammershoy. "She continues to serve the university by acting as liaison between the Alumni Office and Cartus, which employs a great number of Western alumni."

In addition to her outreach work here, Hershfield is a board member of the Somers Newcomers & Neighbors Club, in Somers, N.Y. She co-edits its monthly publication and is the founder of the Northern Westchester Working Mother's Club.

"Volunteer work lets me grow as a person," she says. "I'll always find time to do the things I believe are important."

When **Lorraine Sautner '89** was downsized from her corporate job in 2009, she considered looking for work in the nonprofit sector. She was particularly interested in developing expertise in institutional advancement, a field that involves fundraising and creating strong support and lasting relationships with an organization's constituents.

But the recession was in full swing. "There wasn't a lot of hiring going on," Sautner says. Instead of sending out resumes and chasing job applications, she cashed in her severance package and cast her net wide over a variety of social-service agencies, offering time and expertise in exchange for hands-on training and experience.

"It was a great year and a half," she recalls. "I had been wanting to volunteer for a while but my job

required a long commute. But now I had time and an opportunity to create another professional life for myself."

Sautner honed her skills at various organizations in and around the Danbury area, including Renewal House, Jericho Partnership, Housatonic Habitat for Humanity, Ability Beyond Disability, the Danbury Museum and Historical Society, and Danbury Hospital, where she was ultimately offered a permanent position as a development research analyst.

Now she researches and analyzes potential funding sources for hospital initiatives. "Our current campaign involves raising funds for the new tower building, which will include a larger emergency room and intensive-care unit," Sautner says. "This building will benefit the community immensely."

One volunteer activity she continues to maintain is her position on Western's Alumni Board. Sautner, who graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in English/Writing, honed her writing skills when she worked for the ECHO, WCSU's student newspaper.

"I loved my time at Western," she says. "My involvement with the Alumni Association is one way I can show appreciation for my school."♦



(l-r): The WCSU Alumni Association awarded scholarships to the following students for the 2011-12 academic year:(l-r): Bruna Oliveira, Stephanie Wozniak, Amanda Nagurney, Diana Bytyqi, Jacob Humerick, James Heffner, Amanda Daley, Kristopher Osborne, Leah Firmender, Douglas Otto Jackson, Kara Mendes, Vincent Kmetz.

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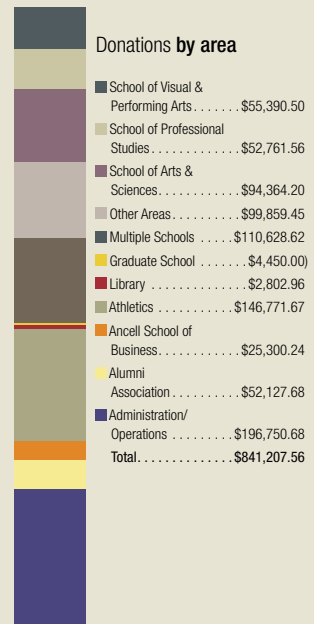
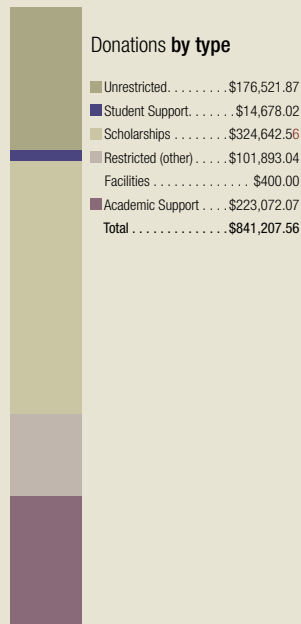
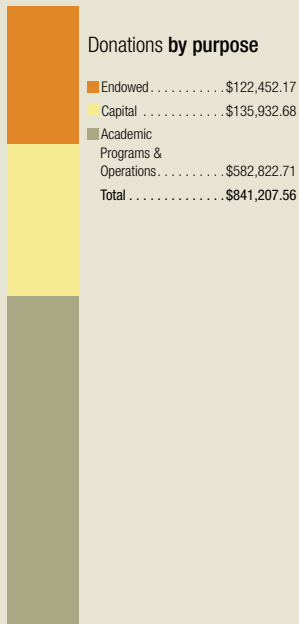
This annual Honor Roll of Donors acknowledges Western's loyal givers and recognizes contributions made by generous first-time donors, as well.

Your donations to the WCSU Foundation allow us to offer scholarships, departmental support and other special projects that benefit our students. Your investment helps sustain this university, making it possible for these worthy students to earn a quality education that allows them to make a positive difference in the world in which they work and live.

We are grateful for your decision to support WCSU and hope we can continue to count on your pledge for 2011-12. Thank you for supporting the WCSU Foundation.

Best regards,

David W. Nurnberger, Chair
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Members of this group have made an annual financial commitment of at least \$1,000 to the WCSU Foundation without placing restrictions on the purpose of their gifts. These donations are allocated to the university's greatest needs as determined by the president. President's Club donors have placed their trust in the WCSU mission and remain some of our most faithful advocates.

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With their support, these members enhance our students' collegiate experience and invest in our faculty's ever-evolving needs.

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The earliest established giving arm of the WCSU Foundation, this group has for decades supported innovative programs, outreach opportunities and enrichment initiatives.

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Members of this group have given to WCSU for at least five consecutive years, regardless of the amount. We count on these loyal donors who heartily believe in the university and do tremendous good through the simple act of contributing annually.

50th Reunion Gift

The Class of 1960 honored their beloved former Deans of Women and Men, Claire G. Trisch and Alfred T. Geddes, by contributing to their memorial scholarship fund. Recipients have demonstrated financial need, and the scholarship is open to all majors.

Class of 2011 Senior Class Gift

Each year, the senior class leaves a legacy honoring their years at WCSU by donating to a scholarship for an incoming student. In this way, they pay tribute to the university by making it possible for a student, who otherwise might not be able, to enjoy the same opportunities they were afforded.

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Many companies offer a matching gift program for their employees as an incentive to contribute to nonprofit organizations, such as the WCSU Foundation. Please remember to ask your human resources department if your company offers a matching gift program. For more information, call (203) 837-8419 or e-mail development@wcsu.edu.

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Each year, many university employees at WCSU donate financially to the WCSU Foundation. Apart from their daily involvement at WCSU, their contribution underscores their commitment to enrich the university.

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Alumni Association Golf Tournament

Players & Sponsors

All proceeds from the 25th Anniversary Golf Tournament, in 2010 at Richter Park in Danbury, benefitted the Alumni Association Scholarship Fund, from which annual awards are made to students based on achievement, diversity and financial need.

A. Isabelle T. Farrington '43, director emeritus of the WCSU Foundation, Inc. Board, was recognized at the 2006 University Ball.

Present at the 2010 President's Club Reception were (clockwise, l-r): **B.** Foundation Board member Ed Boone of Branson Ultrasonics Corp.; **C.** Gail Hill Williams '87 and Mary Behrens; **D.** Patricia and Donald Weeden with Rudy Behrens; and **E.** Kathleen Azzariti and Foundation Board member Theresa Eberhard Asch '64, '72.

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Danbury attorneys Robert and Dianne Yamin were recognized for exemplary professional and public service at the 30th annual WestConn Society Luncheon in March, hosted by the WCSU Foundation.

Attendees included (clockwise, l-r): A. Honoree and Foundation Board member Robert Yamin '79, former Foundation Board member Hal Wibling of Savings Bank of Danbury, Honoree Judge Dianne Yamin and Foundation Board member Gary Hawley '78, president of Hawley Construction; B. Jay Lent, president and CEO, Union Savings Bank; C. Foundation Board member M. Farooq Kathwari, chairman, president and CEO, Ethan Allen Interiors Inc., Dr. Daphne Jameson and President James W. Schmotter; D. Foundation Board member Mary Jean Rebeiro '87 and Phyllis Boughton, WestConn Society member and wife of Danbury Mayor Mark Boughton '95; and E. Foundation Board Chair David Nurnberger '72 and former Interim Vice President for Institutional Advancement Fredric Wheeler.

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(top) Professor Emeritus of Meteorology Dr. Mel Goldstein, who founded Western's Weather Center and meteorology program, gave the keynote address at the 2011 President's Lecture Series. Here he poses with meteorology students, (far left) current Director of the Weather Center Assistant Professor Albert Owino and (far right) Assistant Director of the Weather Center Gary Lessor.

(bottom) At the reception held in Dr. Mel's honor, (l-r) WLAD AM/98Q FM Manager Irv Goldstein greets Arlene Goldstein, Dr. Mel's wife, while Robert M. Opotzner looks on. Dr. Mel, who has had a long-standing relationship with WLAD, continues to report the weather for several Connecticut radio stations.

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(left) At a recent 'Coffee and Conversation' hosted by the president's office, (l-r) Dudley Williams, director of district education strategy in the GE Asset Management Group in Stamford, Conn., chatted with Interim Dean of Arts and Sciences Dr. Abbey Zink and Susan Neumann, vice president of Corporate Communications and Public Relations at Praxair, Inc., in Danbury. Neumann is president of Praxair Foundation, the primary sponsor of the Bridges program, of which "Camp College" is a part. "Camp College" introduces sixth-, seventh-, and eighth-graders to a college setting.

(below) Assistant Professor of Biological and Environmental Sciences Dr. Patrice Boily introduces middle-school children to a laboratory setting.

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Alumni who participated in this year's academic procession included (l-r) June Jones '56, Ned Moore '59 and Sharon Fusco '67. Robed in gold are members of the Golden Circle (graduated 50 or more years ago).



Kevin Freyer, Student Government Association president and member of WCSU's Foundation Board, checks in with Alumni Association (AA) President Jan Maria Jagush '75, '81, who gave the greeting and passed the flag to the incoming class at this year's "Entering the Gates" ceremony.

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Students celebrated at this year's undergraduate commencement ceremony.

class of 2011

senior class gift

Each year, the senior class leaves a legacy honoring their years at WCSU by donating to a scholarship for an incoming student. In this way, they pay tribute to the university by making it possible for a student, who otherwise might not be able, to enjoy the same opportunities they were afforded.

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2011 Class Gift co-chair Bianca Lucchesi was one of several seniors who promoted the "Leave Your Mark" campaign, which encouraged students to donate toward the Senior Class Gift. At one event, seniors left their special mark on personally decorated cupcakes, raising \$225 for the Scholarship Fund.

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(above) At this year's WestConn Society Luncheon, President James W. Schmotter chats with Foundation Board Vice Chair Gerry Robilotti and his wife, Martha.



(left) WCSU Graduate Studies Administrative Assistant Susan Donnelly '04, '11, a recent Bachelor of Business Administration graduate, poses with her son and fellow graduate Kevin Busch '11 at this year's undergraduate commencement ceremony.

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Mario Mesi, who has created five scholarships at WCSU, posed with some of his nursing scholarship recipients at last year's Student and Donor Scholarship Reception. Pictured are (l-r) Laura Giovannoli, Mario Mesi, Janice Danyew, Alexandra Cameron-DeNigris and Assistant Professor of Nursing Bozena Padykula.



W. Jason Hancock '81, who with his wife, Ellen, created the Hancock Student Endowment Fund and funded the Hancock Student Leadership Program, posed with Danielle Basciano, recipient of the Jason and Ellen M. Hancock Student Scholarship.

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In attendance at last year's Student and Donor Scholarship Reception are (l-r) Solangel Medina, recipient's mother; Hind Takla and husband and Foundation Board Member Nabil Takla, president and CEO of the Morganti Group, Inc.; Morganti Group Scholarship recipient Johnnie Medina; Ron Brookfield, group vice president of the Morganti Group, Inc.; and the recipient's father, Jose Medina.

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Amanda Nagurney (center) received the Union Savings Bank – Sturdevant Family Endowed Scholarship at last year's event. Nagurney is flanked by donors Richard and Marie Sturdevant.

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Participating at last year's Alumni Association 25th Anniversary Golf Tournament were (l-r) new Foundation Board member Joe Giaquinto, Jr. '70, Jim Arconti '83 and Foundation Board member Tom Crucitti '69. Alumni Association Board Members Giaquinto and Arconti were honorary co-chairs of the event. Alumni Association Board Member Crucitti was golf tournament co-chair.



Enjoying the day are golfers (l-r) Jennifer Ryneanson '99 and Maura Keenan '97.



(l-r) Golfer Lou Owen and 2011 Honorary Golf Tournament Chair Al Mead, Jr. '67

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class notes



James Dyer '72, WCSU friend and donor

Former mayor of Danbury from 1979 to 1987, James “Jimmy” Dyer '72 died on July 26. He was 64.

As a Western student, Dyer served as Student Government Association president, edited the Class of '69 yearbook and was appointed the first student member of the Connecticut State University System Board of Trustees. In 1972, he worked as an aide to U.S. Rep. John Monagan, D-5th District. He was appointed to the Danbury Youth Council in 1974 and elected to the state House of Representatives in 1976. He later served four terms as mayor of Danbury.

After leaving office, Dyer became associate dean at the New Jersey School

of Architecture, retiring in 2010. He remained involved and devoted to his alma mater until his death. He was a leading organizer for WCSU's 40th anniversary football team reunion. Last Nov. 9, on the 50th anniversary of the election and inauguration of President John F. Kennedy, Dyer, a collector of Kennedy memorabilia since the age of 10, displayed inaugural memorabilia and gave a talk at WCSU's Haas Library. At the time of his death, Dyer was in the process of donating his mayoral and personal papers to the university. ♦

Former mayor Jim Dyer (center) and daughter Whitney at the 1969 Football Team 40th reunion in 2009. (Inset) Dyer pictured in the Yearbook Office in 1971.

1940s

Marian Schroeder '45 is retired and enjoys receiving news about WCSU and social gatherings involving former classmates.

1950s

Patricia Williams '51 is retired and volunteers at the Home Bureau, Common Kent's Thrift Shop and the Veterans Home. She is involved in many at-home projects and enjoys her two cats and dog.

1970s

Joanne F. Archibald '77 is currently minister of music/organist at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Danbury. She has spent many hours in community musi-

cal theater as music/vocal director and continues to teach piano, organ, flute and guitar. Son Dan Spring '10 graduated with a theatre arts degree from WCSU and specializes in sound. Daughter Heather Spring attends Marietta College in Ohio where she majors in radio and television.

“Neil” Ramey Bourgoin '79 and husband Dave live in Lebanon, Conn., and Fort Meyers, Fla. Daughters Erika and Chrissy are in college — behaving much better than mom did! “Warmest regards to all my cherished WestConn friends.”

Brenda Fegley '79 is retired from Masonic Healthcare in Newtown, Conn. after 29 years. She is a registered nurse for Advanced Allergy and Asthma.

WestConn Sweethearts Valerie '78 and **Stephen '79 Fuller** celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary in June. They teach at Pequonakonk Elementary School in North Salem, N.Y., and volunteer in the Greater Danbury area.

Linda (Huey) '79 and **John Girko '73** celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary in August and plan to cruise-tour through northern Europe to celebrate this milestone.

Susan Boland Shepherd '79 teaches full time at Blackstone Valley Vocational Tech High School in Upton, Mass., in the adult LPN program. She recently completed her dissertation at UMass Worcester Graduate School of Nursing and graduated with a Ph.D. in August.

1980s

Tina Chasse Mulinski '86, '93 has been employed for 13 years as a nurse practitioner in cardiology at the Cardiology Group in Hamden, Conn. She lives in Beacon Falls, Conn., with her husband and two daughters.

Deborah Sampson '83, an elected fellow of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners, is an assistant professor at Boston College. She received her Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania and researches health policy and access to primary care. Sampson also is a family nurse practitioner and clinical specialist in community health. She lives in New Hampshire with her spouse.

1990s

Former WCSU cheerleader **Deborah (Parsons) Bisaccia '98** is head coach of the Club Cheerleading Squad at WCSU and also works part time in the recreation department. For the second consecutive year, her team competed in the Can Am Nationals Competition in Myrtle Beach, S.C. Last year they were awarded first runner-up and this year they were crowned national champions in the large collegiate division. Bisaccia is married to **WestConn Sweetheart Lenny Bisaccia '98**.

Melissa (Ballas) DeJoseph '98, who was married in May 2009, has been working as an oncology nurse at Danbury Hospital for eight years.

The work of artist **Joe DiGuseppi '02** was recently featured in the “Sunday Chat with Deb Keiser” in the Danbury News-Times. His murals in downtown Danbury depict urban life.

Patrick J. Duffany '88 CPA, J.D. was appointed by the Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants to serve as a member of its advisory council for the organization's 2011-12 year. He is a partner in the state and local tax group of J.H. Cohn, LLP, in Glastonbury. In addition to his B.B.A. from WCSU, he holds a JD from the Quinnipiac University School of Law.

Maureen Kelly '91, the owner of Pumpkin Hill Beads (www.pumpkinhillbeads.com), attributes her love of beads to her grandmother, whose jewelry boxes she rummaged as a child. Maureen lives in New Milford, Conn., with husband Joe, a cabinet maker.

Michele Krentz '91, '95 just completed her 20th year as a music educator at the Sullivan West Central School District in Jeffersonville, N.Y. A two-time recipient of the Who's Who Among American Teachers award, Krentz resides near the original 1969 Woodstock site with husband Julius and sons Julius Jr. and Michael.

Ron Lawlor '93 owns R.E. Lawlor Graphics & Printing, a Bethel company that has been a local leader in creative design, printing and advertising for more than 22 years.

2000s

Melanie Abissi '09 was recently promoted to an MDS coordinator at Masonicare.

Michelle Cordeiro '09 started a new position on a cardiothoracic step-down unit. She was married on June 18.

Dennis D'Amato '10 is employed at Yale New Haven Hospital.

Alicia (Ammirata) Daley '03 was married in 2009. She assists her husband in his business, Sounds Incredible Home Audio & Video, and enters art competitions whenever she can.

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class notes

Monique Daley '03 earned a B.A. and M.A. in Communication from WCSU and Central Connecticut State University (CCSU), respectively. She began working at CCSU as a graduate assistant and in 2007 became program assistant at the Ruthe Boyea Women's Center where she provided violence against women programming and leadership development for women. In 2011, she began working with a councilman for the City of Hartford to improve the quality of life for city residents. She is looking forward to serving as a WCSU Alumni Ambassador for the Greater Hartford area where she lives with daughter Naia.

Isabelle Day '11 and Sarah Stewart Wright '11 opened at the First Street Gallery in New York City, in the 2011 M.F.A. Juried Exhibition, the first in a series of annual exhibitions open to graduate art students throughout the U.S.

Gisela Dias '10 works on a general medicine floor specializing in infectious disease at Yale New Haven Hospital.

Krystin Gaetano '10 started her nursing career at Bridgeport Hospital in the cardiology unit and loves what she's learning every day.

Bridget Grady '04 spent 4 1/2 years as assistant professor of art at the School of Art, Design and Media at Nanyang Technological University in Singapore, where she taught foundation drawing and painting and developed workshops to expand art curriculum. She was awarded the Nanyang Technological University Teaching Excellence Award.

And baby makes...

Melanie (Fortunato) '09 and Carl Abissi welcomed daughter Sofia Grace on Feb. 26, 2011.

Amy (Proulx) '98 and husband Bryan E. Shanks welcomed daughter Emilee Jean Shanks. She joins brother Austin, 3.

WestConn Sweethearts **Megin (Richards) '97 and Bret Nichols '96** announced the birth of their daughter, Sadie O'Brien, on Jan. 3, 2011. She joins sister Juliette, 5, and brothers Lincoln, 3, and Maxton, 2.

Wedding bells

Michelle Cordeiro '09 and Christopher DiMauro, June 18, 2011

Phyllis Esposito '78 and Lenny Katz, June 26, 2011

Amanda Haggas '06 and Joseph DosSantos, July 2011

Beth Joyce '04 and Andy Kerchoff, May 2011

WestConn Sweethearts **Michelle Miska '08** and Ryan Roudenis '07, June 2011

Erin Moran '05 and George Frascione, May 8, 2011

Marcella Kurowski '05 exhibited her work this summer at the Forest To Shore Gallery in Stratford, Conn.

Jamison Odone '10 is a professor of illustration and drawing at Frostburg State University in Frostburg, Md. His latest book, "Mole Had Everything," will be released in early 2012. He is married to **WestConn Sweetheart Erica Fabrizi '08**.

2nd Lt. Steve Ortiz '07 is the commander/musical director for the Air Guard Band of the Northeast. They recently completed their annual two-week tour of New York/New England. He lives with his wife and son in Willington, Conn.

Serina Quinsland '03 is engaged to Peter Moore. The wedding is planned for March 3, 2012, in Brookfield, Conn.

Nima Rezvan '00 is a loan officer for Prospect Mortgage. He invites you to email him at nima@prospectmtg.com or visit him on Facebook.

David W. Roach '06 was promoted to head coach at his alma mater, Pomperaug High School, where he teaches social studies. In July, he celebrated his first wedding anniversary with wife Jessica.

Samantha Sommerer '11 became engaged to fiancé Timothy Day on the eve of her undergraduate graduation in May.

Monica Sousa '04, '10 is a clinical nurse specialist and cardiac educator for the cardiovascular service line at St. Vincent's Medical Center in Bridgeport, Conn. She also teaches nursing full time at WCSU.

In memoriam

Rosemarie Altieri '96, Wilton, Conn., May 26, 2011

Pamela J. Berry '80, Ridgefield, Conn., Jan. 4, 2011

Marcel A. Brisebois '87, Sleepy Hollow, Ill.

Michael J. Burns '70, Danbury, Conn.

Eladio Camis '72, Seminole, Fla.

Nancy Ellen Campbell '67, Brookfield, Conn., April 11, 2011

Jacinth A. Campisi '75, Venice, Fla., Feb. 3, 2009

Peter A. Celona '80, Thornwood, N.Y., Oct. 18, 2008

Alfred Cipriani '60, Danbury, Conn., March 12, 2011

Linda D. Cosentino '66, Marietta, Ga.

Lavonne M. Crawford '71, New Milford, Conn., July 13, 2011

Elizabeth L. Curley '45, West Hartford, Conn., Feb. 1, 2011

Louis J. DePaul '63, Danbury, Conn., June 7, 2011

Arnold E. Finaldi '57, Vero Beach, Fla., March 12, 2011

Dorothy R. Gowin '74, Syracuse, N.Y.

Barbara F. Gross '69, Salem, N.Y., April 23, 2011

Kathleen L. Guilbeault '83, Danbury, Conn., May 24, 2011

William A. Gulya '54, Bethel, Conn.

Katherine L. Hall '53, Novato, Calif.

Miriam L. Hubka '69, Salisbury, Md., June 9, 2011

Martha S. Irwin '43, Danbury, Conn., March 28, 2011

Joseph F. Kilcran '58, Danbury, Conn., April 6, 2011

Martha F. Lachowska '71, Ansonia, Conn., April 20, 2010

James E. Manning Jr. '72, Discovery Bay, Calif.

Jeannette H. Mannion '47, Danbury, Conn., May 8, 2011

Betty McGran '48, Danbury, Conn., April 11, 2011

Vincent L. Riddick '91, Waterbury, Conn., Nov. 23, 2010

Carrie L. Robinson '01, Huntersville, N.C., Jan. 28, 2011

Barbara-Anne Burke Rudolf '54, Nov. 2010

Alice F. Strouse '67, West Redding, Conn.

Joseph E. Sylvia '04, Sarasota, Fla., Oct. 4, 2010

Brian W. Tobin '88, Bethel, Conn., Jan. 29, 2011

Gladys M. Wood '62, Southington, Conn., Nov. 3, 2010

WCSU faculty and staff

Professor Emeritus of Art John Wallace, Washington Depot, Conn., April 15, 2011. Memorial donations can be made in John's name to the MFA in Visual Art Fund, WCSU Foundation, 181 White St., Danbury, CT 06810.

Assistant Professor of English Maureen Reidy Maguire, Wilton, Conn. April 6, 2010

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take note!



Western puts students on Fulbright track

For three years in a row, students from Western Connecticut State University have been named as Fulbright scholars — making their marks on the world in France, Jamaica and Estonia.

The fact that three Western students were selected from hundreds of applications submitted world-



wide is a testament to the university's philosophy that a holistic approach to intellectual and social growth and development does indeed prepare students to be productive citizens of the world.

Stephen Price, who earned a Bachelor of Music from Western in 2009, received a Fulbright in his senior year to study at the Conservatoire national de région de Toulouse, France. Price, who turned down a scholarship at Oberlin Conservatory to attend Western, plans to become a professional organist and would like to teach music.

The following year Ashley Hyde, who earned a Bachelor of Science in anthropology with a minor in international studies, received a Fulbright to conduct a yearlong research project in Jamaica on alternative methods of integration for deportees. She's expected to complete the project in fall 2011 for a Master of Science in public health/international relations from the University of West Indies.

In 2011, WCSU graduate student Kevin Gaughan was awarded a Fulbright to study social entrepreneurship in the small Eastern European nation of Estonia.

All three students credit WCSU faculty — especially Drs. Robert Whittemore, Christopher Kukuk and Wynn Gadkar-Wilcox — for their support and encouragement in applying for the prestigious award.

"The courses that I've taken at WCSU have given me a wide variety of knowledge," Gaughan said, "but the thing I take away most from my education is learning how to interact meaningfully with people. Drs. Kukuk, Gadkar-Wilcox and Whittemore have been excellent." ♦

by Robin DeMerell

(Top left) Fulbright winner Ashley Hyde '09 (center) worked with disadvantaged children in Cape Verde. (Top right, l-r) Professor of Political Science Dr. Chris Kukuk with Fulbright recipient Kevin Gaughan '09. (Bottom) Fulbright winner and organist Stephen Price '09 at Saint Peter's Church in Danbury, Conn.

Gail P. Shaker Memorial Scholarship established for elementary education majors



At some point during Gail Shaker's formative years, she committed to becoming a lifelong learner. A machinist by trade, she became a non-traditional student and graduated from the University of New Haven with a B.A. in psy-

chology. She was about to begin taking courses at WCSU to become a certified special education teacher when she received a diagnosis of brain cancer. The 49-year-old Shaker, who'd already

survived a brain aneurism in her early 20s, succumbed to cancer-related pneumonia in 2009.

"My daughter was a remarkable woman and I miss her every day," says her mother, Lea Neylan of West Hartford, Conn. "She was a competitive body builder and a Literacy Foundation volunteer. Education was always important to her."

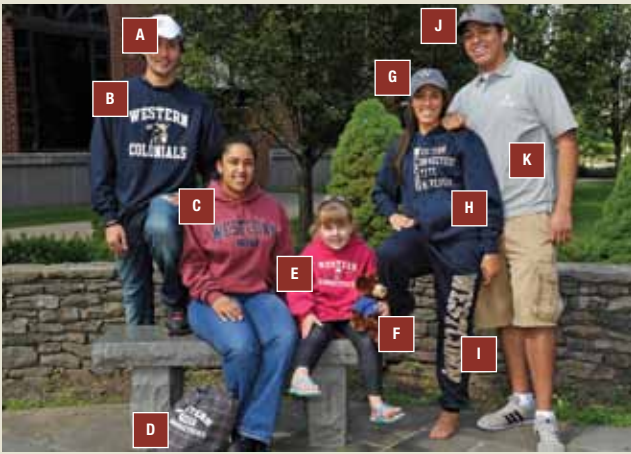
To that end, the Gail P. Shaker Memorial Scholarship has been established in her name. This endowed scholarship, created by her family from Shaker's IRA, will be awarded to a junior or senior elementary education major who exhibits financial need.

"It's what my daughter would have wanted," Neylan says. "Whenever she could, she encouraged others to learn."

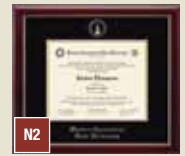
"We are deeply appreciative of Ms. Neylan's wonderful donation to establish this endowment," says Director of Development S. Jane von Trapp. "Not only does a retirement account donation exempt the giver from all income tax, it also puts the money to work immediately for scholarships and other student support."

Von Trapp says that scholarships often mean the difference between whether or not a student drops out or completes his/her education. "We have a lot of students in need," she says. "This kind of legacy protects and strengthens the WCSU community." ♦

For questions concerning bequests and planned giving, please contact S. Jane von Trapp, director of development, Office of Institutional Advancement. (203) 837-8419 or email vontrappj@wcsu.edu.



(l-r): Alex Larsson '10; Jasmin Noel '11; Aine McInerney (parents: WestConn Sweethearts Todd McInerney '97 & Tammy Hammershoy '97); Allyson Greenwood '10; Andres Sovero '11.



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- C. WestConn alumni hooded sweat-shirt: \$39.98. (Champion). S-2XL. Available in granite heather or bleached red (cardinal heather).
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- H. WCSU Full Zip Hooded Sweatshirt: \$39.98 (Jansport). S-2X. Available in navy, brown or gray
- I. WestConn Banded Sweatpants: \$27.98 (Champion). S-2XL. Available in granite heather or navy.

- J. WCSU Colonial Houndstooth Hat: \$21.98 (Twins 47) one size. Available in charcoal gray.
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Former Knicks star and motivational speaker Allan Houston was awarded an honorary doctorate after addressing undergraduates and their families at this year's Commencement ceremony.



Commencement 2011



At the 2011 Graduate Commencement Ceremony, held in the Feldman Arena at the O'Neill Convocation Center on the Westside campus, 181 graduate degrees were awarded. The speaker was Stephen F. Angel, chairman, president and CEO of Praxair Inc.



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