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EXECUTIVE LETTER

To the Arcadia University Community:
Each year, the University welcomes a new incoming class while bestowing degrees on our graduates, who transition into alumni. Shortly after awarding degrees to 1,200 graduates at the May Commencement, more than 300 alumni and family members returned to campus for Reunion Weekend. Experiencing and being part of this cycle, of anticipating a new cadre of students, of congratulating Arcadia’s newest graduates, and welcoming back to campus alumni and friends, is one of the great privileges of a life in service of Arcadia University.

One alumna who has become a vital part of this cycle is Margaret “Peggy” Wright Steele ’80, whose term as Chair of the Board of Trustees ended June 30. Peggy proved a passionate, devoted, and dedicated leader who helped oversee several University initiatives during her 14-year Board tenure, including the completion of the Strategic Plan. Through her efforts in giving back, she has helped shape the educational experiences of Arcadia students for years to come. Finalized in June, the five-year plan builds upon and reaffirms the guiding principles through its efforts in giving back, she has helped shape the educational experiences of Arcadia students for years to come. Finalized in June, the five-year plan builds upon and reaffirms the guiding principles and core values that have characterized this University for 160 years. The Strategic Plan opens doors for the vision forward for the University and is the culmination of an inclusive and transparent planning process, with a campuswide committee evaluating input and feedback from the entire University community in forming the plan’s outline.

In keeping with a growing sense of community, do enjoy reading how a revitalized spirit on campus has helped to drive Arcadia’s athletic programs into memorable seasons. This energy is palpable and inspiring and extends far beyond the court or classroom. You also will read about how an Arcadia education transforms lives, in a story that highlights Walter and Rosemary Deniken Blankley ’57, ’06H working with the University to make a tremendous impact on the lives of students of all ages. This year Arcadia is the recipient of our first endowed chair in the School of Education, a tremendous gift from the Blankleys. This story captures how investing in the lives of others through education creates new cycles of hope and inspiration. We are so grateful to the Blankleys for their generosity.

Arcadia continues to thrive because of the support and communal, even familial, spirit of our community. As we embark on a new academic year, please consider finding new ways to immerse yourself in the vibrant energy of Arcadia University.

Dr. Nicolette DeVille Christensen
Chief Operating Officer
Arcadia University

Dr. Christensen at Alumni Reunion Weekend with Andrew Brooks ’09, Vice President of the Alumni Association Steering Committee, and Clementine Klein Brodsky ’58 accepting the Ethelyn Selner Mack Bowl.
COMING TO CAMPUS

Nobel Laureate Dr. Michael S. Brown Presents “How to Win a Nobel Prize” on September 10

Nobel Laureate Dr. Michael S. Brown presents “How to Win a Nobel Prize” at Arcadia on Tuesday, Sept. 10. Dr. Brown’s presentation will focus on the importance and practical implications of evidence-based basic and clinical research in medicine. Scheduled for 7 p.m. in the Commons Great Room, the lecture is free and open to the public.

Dr. Brown, whose research on cholesterol and genetics with Dr. Joseph Goldstein garnered the 1985 Nobel Prize for Physiology or Medicine, will interact with students and tour University laboratories. Alice Lapin Brown, a 1964 graduate of Beaver College who has a strong commitment to charter school education in Dallas, Tex., will meet with faculty and students in the School of Education and visit the Wissahickon Charter School.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., Dr. Brown moved to Elkins Park at the age of 11. After graduating from Cheltenham High School in Wyncote, he attended the University of Pennsylvania, earning a bachelor’s degree in chemistry from the College of Arts and Sciences in 1962 and completing his medical degree at the School of Medicine, ranking first in the Class of 1966.

Dr. Brown and Dr. Goldstein received the Nobel Prize “for their discoveries concerning the regulation of cholesterol metabolism.” Their findings led to the development of statin drugs, cholesterol-lowering compounds that are used by millions of Americans as some of the most widely prescribed medications in the U.S., helping to reduce the risk of heart disease and stroke.

Alice Lapin Brown married her childhood sweetheart soon after graduating from Beaver College in 1964. The Browns have two daughters: Elizabeth, 40, and Sara, 36.

For more information contact the Office of University Advancement (215-572-2945).

U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor to Visit October 22

The First Year Seminar Series is pleased to announce U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor will visit campus on Tuesday, Oct. 22 to talk to first-year students about her book “My Beloved World.” Selected as summer reading by the program committee and director Bonnie Hayes, the book will be read by all incoming first-year and transfer students entering Arcadia in fall 2013. “My Beloved World” recounts Justice Sotomayor’s life from a Bronx housing project to the federal bench, a journey that offers an inspiring testament to her own extraordinary determination and the power of believing in oneself.

 Welcoming Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor to campus is a tremendous honor for Arcadia University,” said Dr. Nicolette DeVille Christensen, Chief Operating Officer. “Justice Sotomayor’s dedication to impacting the youth of our communities reflects the commitment of Arcadia staff and faculty to prepare students for a life of civic engagement and service.”

The first Hispanic and third woman appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court, Justice Sotomayor earned a bachelor’s degree from Princeton University, graduating summa cum laude and receiving the university’s highest academic honor before earning a Juris Doctor from Yale Law School. After serving as Assistant District Attorney in the New York County District Attorney’s Office, Sotomayor litigated international commercial matters in New York at Pavia & Harcourt, where she served as associate and then partner. From 1992 to 1998, she presided on the U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York, before serving as judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit from 1998 to 2009. She assumed her role as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court on Aug. 8, 2009, a little less than three months after her nomination by President Barack Obama.
Master of Public Health Program Receives National Accreditation

The Master of Public Health (M.P.H.) program at Arcadia University has earned accreditation from the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH) for a five-year term, which began July 1.

Arcadia’s M.P.H. degree, housed in the College of Health Sciences and led by Dr. Andrea Crivelli-Kovach, Professor and Director of Community and Global Public Health, trains students to work as public health professionals in community, government, academic, and research organizations. With a CEPH accredited degree, graduates are eligible for highly competitive internships and employment opportunities at the CDC, NIH, and state health departments.

“Since its inception, the Master of Public Health program at Arcadia has provided students with a theoretical, intellectually challenging curriculum with practical, community-based placements to prepare graduates for success and leadership in the crucial field of public health,” said Dr. Archie Vomacka, Dean of the College of Health Sciences at Arcadia.

Excellence in education relates directly to proficiency in practice. Public health schools and programs focus on the preparation of individuals who will serve as practitioners, researchers, and teachers who are competent to carry out broad public health functions in local, state, national, and international settings.

Arcadia is now listed in the CEPH directory of accredited programs, which raises the program’s standing and visibility nationally and internationally. As a CEPH accredited program, Arcadia will attract international health professionals supported by their Ministries of Health. Arcadia also will be able to accept Fulbright Fellows and recipients of other global support for advanced study.

The National Board of Public Health Examiners offers the Certified in Public Health (CPH) credential as the core credential for public health professionals. The accreditation allows graduates and students who have completed the required core competencies to sit for the CPH exam. Arcadia is the eighth higher education institution in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to carry CEPH accreditation.

For more information about the Master of Public Health program, visit www.arcadia.edu/mph.

KnightLink Offers Students, Alumni Access to Exclusive Jobs and Internships

If Arcadia alumni and students are feeling at all daunted by an uncertain job market, they should take advantage of KnightLink, an online portal with hundreds of employment and internship opportunities.

As of August, KnightLink (www.arcadia.edu/knightlink) had posted more than 1,230 employment opportunities for the calendar year—including regional, national, and international full-time, part-time, volunteer, and internship opportunities—exclusively for Arcadia students and alumni. More than half of those positions were full-time jobs.

“KnightLink makes it easier for students and alumni to find positions, because all too often job searching becomes a frustrating process,” says Mark Gress Jr., Arcadia’s Interim Director of Career Education. “You can spend hours and it’s mind-numbing. If you use something like KnightLink it’s very Arcadia-specific.”

KnightLink is not only a tool for students and alumni; more than 1,500 employers use the database to recruit from Arcadia, which is particularly helpful as nearly 80 percent of open positions are never posted publicly. Many employers request résumé books from Arcadia’s Office of Career Education, so Gress recommends posting your résumé to KnightLink and making it visible to prospective employers, whom the Office of Career Education vets before giving access to the résumés.

By setting up an account, students and alumni can have their résumé reviewed by career experts at Arcadia for free, receive email alerts when an opportunity is posted that matches their criteria, or browse various open postings. KnightLink also posts information about careers fairs, workshops, events, and advice.

“As much as I like to see students use KnightLink, I’d like to see alums who are employers use it more too,” Gress said. “They know what makes Arcadia unique and there’s that sentimental tie too.”

Check out KnightLink, which has sections tailored for students, alumni, and employers, at www.arcadia.edu/knightlink. For more information about the Oct. 23 Arcadia Internship & Career Fair, open to students and alumni, visit www.arcadia.edu/oce.
Torchia Receives 2013 Martha Washington Award

Richard Torchia, Director of the Arcadia University Art Gallery, received the 2013 Martha Washington Award at Arcadia’s end-of-year awards luncheon in May. The award is presented annually to an Arcadia faculty or staff member who displays consistent excellence, exceptional performance, and lasting contributions to the University community.

“The big challenge for me now is how to ensure that the Gallery lives up to the legacy of Martha Washington, as well as the achievements of so many other distinguished recipients of the award,” said Torchia. “I am especially pleased that this honor may encourage more members of the Arcadia community to participate in our programming.”

Since 1997, Torchia has organized solo exhibitions for a host of celebrated artists, including Ai Weiwei, Dave Allen, Francis Cape, Olafur Eliasson, Keith Haring, and Candida Höfer. Earlier this year, Torchia was instrumental in bringing to campus internationally-renowned artist Tacita Dean and her newest project, JG. His thematic group exhibitions have explored subjects such as the childhood drawings of contemporary artists, nearly imperceptible art works, the sited gesture, photorealist painting, and hand-drawn maps. The Art Gallery enjoys a stellar and acclaimed reputation due to these exemplar exhibits.

Hoffman Named Founding Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences

In June, the University appointed Dr. John Hoffman as Founding Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Hoffman joined Arcadia as an Adjunct Professor in 1993 and was promoted to Professor in 2004. He served as Chair of the Department of Biology from 2001 to 2007, maintaining an active research program that garnered nearly a million dollars in extramural funding. Hoffman mentored more than 60 Arcadia undergraduates in the completion of empirical research-based senior thesis projects and co-authored seven peer-reviewed articles with students.

Hoffman served as Founding Dean of the then Arcadia University College of Business, Health, and Sciences (2009-2011), and as Dean of Graduate Studies (2008-2011). Hoffman most recently was Associate Provost for Accreditation, Assessment, and Research. In 2001, he received the Lindback Foundation Award for Distinguished Teaching. He also was Project Manager for the University’s strategic planning process.

Dr. Bartoli Receives Lindback Award for Excellence in Teaching

Dr. Eleonora Bartoli, Assistant Professor of Psychology, received the 2013 Lindback Distinguished Teaching Award at April’s Honors Convocation. The student-nominated award is presented annually to a full time faculty member for excellence in teaching.

Bartoli’s commitment to her students and their success is evident in the nominations, with students describing her as “the heart and soul of the Counseling Psychology Graduate program” who brings course material to life. Bartoli, who also serves as Director of Graduate Programs in Counseling Psychology, joined Arcadia in 2007.

M.F.A. Director Isard Releases Debut Novel through Alumna’s Publishing House

Anyone who writes a book while leading Arcadia’s Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing program can hardly be labeled a slacker, so it doesn’t seem as if Joshua Isard modeled the protagonist in his debut novel after himself.

“Conquistador of the Useless,” released in June, is the fruit of three years of labor by Isard, a Visiting Professor of English. It tells the story of “successful slacker” Nathan Wavelsky, his wife Lisa, and their two cats, who flee the city for the peace of the suburbs and get more than they expected. While the couple is self-sufficient and in their early 30s, Nathan is opposed to progressing as an adult.

The publisher is Cinco Puntos Press, owned by alumna Lee Merrill Byrd ’67 and her husband, Bobby. Isard met Lee when she came to campus for an event celebrating a book Cinco Puntos had published.

“I thought that I would have to go through an agent to get a publisher like that,” Isard said. “I fortunately skipped the middle man. We edited together, and I am thrilled with the result.”

You can purchase “Conquistador of the Useless” at amazon.com. Read more about Arcadia’s M.F.A. program at www.arcadia.edu/mfacw.
GLOBAL NEWS

The College of Global Studies Recognized for Innovation, Achievement in International Education

This spring, The College of Global Studies at Arcadia University received the 2012 Nikolai Khaladjan Award for innovation and achievement in international education. David Rudd, Director of Research, Assessment, and Planning at The College, accepted the award at the American Association of University Administrators Annual Leadership Seminar and Awards Luncheon in May for his work on the international program assessment model Arcadia ATLAS™ (Assessment of Teaching, Learning, and Scholarship).

ATLAS is a study abroad program assessment model based on three core tenets: program review and planning, student learning and development, and institutional effectiveness. Its most innovative aspect is its attempt to define and understand how overseas programs and teaching connect to student learning and development abroad. Moreover, as internationalization plays a larger role in society, ATLAS places study abroad at the core of higher education. For more information visit www.arcadia.edu/abroad/ATLAS.

Physician Assistant Students Deliver Medical Care in Panama

In May, an effort between Arcadia University’s Physician Assistant program and the local community provided 305 Panamanians with needed treatment for infectious diseases, diabetes, and other ailments via a mobile medical clinic.

“The learning experience we encountered in Panama cannot be accomplished in the classroom,” said Michael Huber, Assistant Professor and Academic Coordinator of the Physician Assistant program. Huber’s team went to Panama as part of Global Brigades, the world’s largest student-led global health and sustainable development organization, which serves more than 10,000 patients in more than 20 villages in Panama. “To work side-by-side with my students and see them flourish as clinicians by applying the skills we have taught them is an amazing experience I will always cherish.”

The program provided 19 Arcadia students an opportunity to engage in hands-on service learning as they navigated providing health care in a different cultural context. The team consisted of 26 volunteers, including two Arcadia faculty members, two emergency physician volunteers from Abington Hospital, a nurse, and two community health care professionals, which allowed students to shadow professional clinicians and hone their diagnostic skills.

“Establishing a clinic in Panama meant more than just treating patients,” said Andrew Lingbloom, PA-S, Christiana Campus. “It meant a meeting of cultures, trading Western medicine for indigenous remedies, and a priceless lesson in culturally competent health care.”

The team provided various types of medical care during their one-week stay in Panama’s Darién province, including treatments for high blood pressure, diabetes, seasonal allergies, dental issues, infectious diseases, and conditions specific to Panama. The group also created electronic medical records to assist future Global Brigades teams in continuing treatment and tracking community health trends as they visit the communities every three to four months.

“I was humbled by the Panamanian people, some of whom marched several hours to receive care at our clinic, yet waited patiently as we offered broken Spanish and warm smiles, doing our best to record vitals, take histories, [and] diagnose disease,” recalled Joel Burgos, 2014 Physician Assistant Class President. “My fellow brigadiers, my patients, and the experiences I encountered have taught me not only compassionate care, but human interaction that transcends language, age, and disposition.”

As part of their efforts, the team raised more than $46,000 in funds and $10,000 in supplies. They hope that this trip will serve as the basis for an annual medical mission trip for Arcadia’s physician assistant students.

“This trip restored my passion for helping people, especially those that are underserved, after a long year in the PA classroom,” said Kirsten Marciniak, PA-S and dual degree candidate in public health. “I am now ready and excited for the next phase of my PA education and look forward to using my passion here in the U.S. with other populations that need our care…and then later, wherever this amazing career takes me!”

Read more about their trip to Panama at bulletin.arcadia.edu/tag/magazine.
Dr. Michael Expanding International Programs

This spring, Dr. Steve O. Michael left for China to collaborate and discuss with key educators how to continue expanding joint international programs between Arcadia and Chinese universities.

Before landing in China, Arcadia’s Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs visited Singapore to officiate Commencement exercises at the Aventis School of Management for Arcadia’s International M.B.A. program. After celebrating the graduation of 80 students with hundreds of their family members and friends, Dr. Michael visited Jiangxi University of Finance and Economics (JUFE) in Nanchang; Xi’an International Studies University (XISU) in Xi’an; and WuXi University and Canvard College, both in Beijing. He also met with the China Scholarship Council, a non-profit organization that provides financial aid to Chinese citizens to study abroad and for foreigners to study in China.

In late May, Dr. Michael led a contingency of Arcadia faculty and staff in Romania during the third annual Conference of Global Advancement of Universities and Colleges (GAUC), hosted by Danubius University in Galati. As co-founder of the GAUC, Dr. Michael offered opening remarks on the theme, “How do the represented countries ensure the quality of their higher education?”

Read more about GAUC at bulletin.arcadia.edu/tag/magazine.

Alumnus Earns Prestigious EU Scholarship

Chris Praetzel ’12, former Assistant Director of Annual Giving, has earned a prestigious scholarship to attend the Erasmus Mundus European Master’s in Sport and Exercise Psychology program. Through this program, the European Union hopes to promote intercultural understanding and European higher education throughout the world; the program selects a maximum of two students per country to ensure the scholarship preserves its international focus.

The program is organized by four European universities who are leaders in sport and exercise psychology: the University of Jyväskylä in Finland, the University of Thessaly in Greece, Lund University in Sweden, and the University of Leipzig in Germany. Praetzel will primarily attend courses at Thessaly, working toward a master’s degree in sport and exercise psychology, and will spend one semester in Leipzig with students from Jyväskylä and Lund, working toward a master’s degree in sport science with an emphasis in diagnostics and intervention.

“What I’m looking forward to most is studying with the brightest minds in the sports psychology field, both in terms of the professors and the students,” said Praetzel.

The scholarship covers tuition and cost of living and includes a stipend for travel. He enters the program in the fall with 23 other students, representing 21 nationalities.

Global Expo

Preview Photo Contest Winners Announced at Global Expo

More than 850 photos were submitted to Arcadia’s 2013 Preview Photo Contest. The photos documented the experiences of 450 first-year and transfer students in 17 countries during Preview, a week-long academic experience during Spring Break. The winning entrants, shown here, were announced April 12 at Global Expo, a campuswide celebration highlighting the students’ experiences.

Juliana Weathers ’15
Sicily
Grand Prize Winner

Marissa Warren ’13
Belize
Grand Prize Winner

To see all the submissions photos, visit www.arcadia.edu/globalexpo.
School of Continuing Studies Co-hosts Women’s Leadership Session

This summer, 20 women from as far as Afghanistan, Egypt, India, Mongolia, Morocco, and Pakistan attended a two-day conference on women’s leadership at Arcadia University’s School of Continuing Studies in King of Prussia.

Current and former executives at Citizens Bank of Pennsylvania, KnowledgeFlow, and PennSERVE shared their knowledge on what it takes to be a leader and the unique dynamics associated with female leadership. After hearing from the executives, many of the Middle Eastern women extended the sessions with informal one-on-one and small group discussions with the panelists.

Attendees heard from Irene Hannan, Senior Vice President of Citizens Bank of Pennsylvania; Sue Perrotty, Chair of KnowledgeFlow; and Karen Kaskey, former Executive Director of PennSERVE. The conference was co-hosted with the Women’s Leadership Institute of the University of Kansas, an academic exchange sponsored by a grant from the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

“The backgrounds and knowledge our panelists were able to share with these women is unique and varied,” said Beth Specker, Director of Education Initiatives at the School of Continuing Studies. “Each panelist had her own perspective to share. I’m sure this experience will assist the aspiring women leaders we hosted today as they prepare to carve their own niche in the world and help others like them.”

Arcadia Works with Heifer International to Connect Theory and Practice in Sierra Leone

In June, four faculty members from the International Peace and Conflict Resolution (IPCR) program sought to build upon Arcadia’s relationship with the global nonprofit organization Heifer International and their efforts in Sierra Leone, focusing on a small village of war widows called The Crossing.

Heifer International is developing agricultural projects in the village in the hopes of making it self-sufficient. The team from Arcadia, which included Dr. Amy Cox ’01M, Dr. Jennifer Riggan, Dr. Warren Haffar, and Dr. Sandra Hordis, hopes to facilitate more projects.

“The war-widow village is full of compassion and love, and what they really need is resources,” said Dr. Cox, Director of IPCR. “The needs are pretty widespread.”

Arcadia’s efforts in Sierra Leone include a long-standing relationship with student interns working at Heifer International. Newer initiatives point to preparations for an Arcadia course there and a faculty development project with universities and colleges within the consortium of New American Colleges and Universities.

“Sierra Leone is 10 years out from a brutal civil war,” said Dr. Haffar, Dean of International Affairs and Associate Professor of IPCR. “It’s moving forward, but its challenges are significant.”

The faculty also plan to fund a development project for the village such as a well or school improvements when they return to Sierra Leone next June. Continuing to learn about the complex problems of microfinance from the villagers and Heifer International—an organization through which people can provide gifts of livestock, seeds, and trees in an effort to end poverty and hunger in a sustainable fashion—and experiencing firsthand the issues facing the village will help faculty strategically address what is needed most.

“We can teach students, but if faculty don’t have that experience of going out and being involved in a project, seeing the results, and talking to the people in the village, they won’t be able to express that in the classroom,” said Dr. Hordis, Director of International Academic Programs. “The depth of passion grows when faculty experience it.”

For more information contact IPCR at 267-620-4753.
Trustees Leave Lasting Legacy

June 30 marked the end of the tenures of four trustees who had served on the Board at Arcadia for a combined 34 years: Margaret “Peggy” Wright Steele ’80, Chair; the Honorable Garrett D. Page; David Paone ’04, ’09M; and Dr. M. Fredric Rieders ’80.

Margaret Wright Steele ’80
A member of the Board of Trustees since 1999, Steele served as Vice Chair from 2007 to 2010 and as Chair since 2010. During her tenure, Wright led and contributed to monumental university initiatives, including co-chairing “At Home & In the World: The Campaign for Arcadia University,” the largest campaign in the University’s history; the enhancement of athletic facilities and completion of the Commons; and serving on Student Affairs, Finance and Investment, Campaign Planning, and Honors committees. Most recently, Steele’s leadership was integral in the University’s completion of a five-year strategic plan, which the Board approved in June.

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“Peggy’s love, commitment, and devotion to Arcadia know no limits,” Trustee Madeline Johnson Stein ’68 said. “Arcadia is better positioned to face the challenges and opportunities inherent in American higher education in the 21st century because of Peggy’s robust leadership.”

After graduating with honors and earning a degree in business administration, Steele became co-owner of Perez-Steele Galleries, a venture started with her late husband, Frank. The firm holds an exclusive license to design limited-edition artist renderings of every Baseball Hall of Fame member for avid collectors. She also created the Steele Internship program at the Baseball Hall of Fame, which each summer brings 25 college students to Cooperstown, N.Y., for a 10-week paid internship.

“In 2008, Rieders funded the Rieders-Breyer Endowed Scholarship in honor of Dr. Arthur C. Breyer, Professor Emeritus of chemistry and physics, and in memory of his father, toxicologist Dr. Fredric Rieders, who helped create Arcadia’s Master of Science in Forensic Science program in 2004. Rieders remains involved with Arcadia through his work as Fredric Rieders Family Renaissance Foundation Board treasurer, NMS lab director and forensic toxicologist, and forensic science adjunct faculty member. He earned a bachelor’s degree in chemistry from Arcadia and a doctoral degree in pharmacology/toxicology from Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia. He is working on a film about Salvador Dali and the use of DNA in art fraud investigations and recently was knighted in Portugal by the Royal Military Order of St. Michael of the Wing.”

Dr. M. Fredric Rieders ’80
A Board member since 2008, Rieders is Chairman of the Board, Lab Director, and Forensic Scientist at NMS Labs in Willow Grove, Pa., an internationally accredited toxicology and forensic laboratory. Rieders has qualified as an expert in forensic toxicology and has testified in numerous criminal, civil, and arbitration proceedings.

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David Paone ’04, ’09M
Paone joined the Board in 2010 as a Recent Graduate Alumni Trustee after earning a bachelor’s degree in psychology with a minor in secondary education and a master’s degree in special education. As a Trustee, Paone continued his involvement by participating in Sportsfest and Special Olympics events with the Arcadia Special Athletes Association and by serving on the Board’s Enrollment Management, Student Affairs, and University Advancement committees. He is a Clinical Manager at Salisbury Behavioral Health in Glenside and is a certified coach for the Montgomery County Special Athletes Association.

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New Board Chair Points to Strategic Plan, Career Development Opportunities for Students as Goals

Chris van de Velde, General Manager of Awbury Arboretum in Germantown and retired Manager of Whitemarsh Township, is the new Chair of the Board of Trustees at Arcadia University. Van de Velde’s tenure began July 1.

A trustee at Arcadia since 2007, van de Velde hopes to combine his knowledge of the University with his extensive career background in non-profit, municipal, and government management. He has served as a deputy commissioner of the New York City Department of Housing and Development, manager of the Borough of Yeadon, and executive director of both the Delaware County Economic Development Center Inc. and the Chester Development Office. From 1991 to 2000, he was principal of van de Velde and Associates, a consulting advisory firm for government, nonprofit, and utility organizations.

Van de Velde is looking forward to leading the Board in advancing Arcadia’s 2013-2018 Strategic Plan. “Implementing the Strategic Plan is at the heart of the University’s work this coming year,” said van de Velde. He also points to increasing career development and placement services, utilizing new technology, and addressing university costs as ways Arcadia can meet the concerns of Americans considering higher education options for their children or themselves. “The landscape of higher education is changing,” said van de Velde. “What people want out of an education is changing.”

Trustee Appointments

Arcadia also announced that Patricia DeBow 02, Strategy Consultant at Accenture, has been appointed Secretary of the Executive Committee of the Board, and Andrew Santagata ’10, Certified Leasing Specialist at Segal and Segal Inc., has been named Recent Graduate Trustee.

A 2002 graduate of Arcadia, DeBow is in her second term as a Trustee, after serving as a Recent Graduate Trustee from 2007 to 2009. DeBow is an Internal Growth and Strategy Manager for Accenture, a global management consulting, technology services, and outsourcing company with clients in more than 120 countries. She earned a bachelor’s degree in mathematics (summa cum laude) from Arcadia and earned a master of business administration degree from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. DeBow has served on the national board of governors of the Human Rights Campaign and previously worked as a senior research analyst at Towers Watson.

Santagata earned a bachelor’s degree in business administration with a concentration in marketing from Arcadia in 2010. As a student, Santagata earned the Arcadia University Campus Leader of the Year Award in recognition of his outstanding achievements as president of the University’s Student Programming Board. Santagata’s commitment to civic engagement is evidenced through his work with the American Cancer Society, Special Olympics New Jersey, Habitat for Humanity, Arcadia University Community Service Organization, and the Community Emergency Response Team of Hopatcong, N.J.
Arcadia Graduates Participate in Black CAPs Philly 2013

Three days after receiving graduate degrees at the May 16 Commencement, Stephen J. Tyson Jr., who earned a master of arts degree in international peace and conflict resolution, and Ralph Sean Collins Sr., who earned a master of business administration degree, gathered at City Hall alongside nearly three dozen others who earned degrees from area colleges for the inaugural Black CAPs Philly 2013: A Celebration of Black Men’s Academic Achievements.

The idea for a citywide black male graduation came from students in a graduate-level independent study class at the University of Pennsylvania. The Mayor’s Commission for African American Males (MCAAM) picked up the idea, and in a short period of time, Black CAPs Philly 2013 evolved. The MCAAM was joined in this effort by AAKT Concepts LLC, Black Male Development Symposium, Philadelphia College Prep Roundtable, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, and United Way of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey.

“The presence of co-sponsors and supporters beyond the Commission was our way of harnessing a citywide commitment to make sure that black men have access to the opportunities their work and accomplishments should afford them,” said Erick K. Grimes, MCAAM Education Committee Chair and one of the event’s coordinators. “Black CAPs Philly 2013 was a great success, and we look forward to making this an annual national event. We see it as a way of motivating young black males to pursue education and college, since the men present today show that it can be done.”

Joan Levy Bachman ’53 Honors Classes of 1953 and 1955 with Extraordinary Gift

Arcadia offers its deepest thanks and appreciation to Joan Levy Bachman for her extraordinary gift to the Annual Fund in honor of her Class of 1953 and her sister Amy Levy Rogovin’s Class of 1955. Joan is a member of the Covenant Society and has been a dedicated Class Officer for many years. She recently retired from her role as Chair of the Montgomery-Bucks Scholarship Club.

“Joan’s gift makes possible the opportunity for the University to enhance its facilities and to support programs for students today and in the future,” said Mary McRae, Vice President for University Advancement at Arcadia. “The University is deeply grateful to Joan for her generosity.”

“Beaver was a very happy time in my life, and a wonderful place to be, a very welcoming place,” said Bachman. “It is a great privilege to be able to do something nice.”
Janet Spence Kerr ‘64: Searching for the ‘Why’

When Janet Spence Kerr ‘64 graduated from Beaver College with a degree in chemistry, she was bound for medical school. Her career, however, took a different direction, first through academia and then to the pharmaceutical industry.

“It didn’t take me long to realize medical school was not for me,” Kerr reflected. “I kept wanting to spend time exploring the details and the ‘why’ of everything. But the medical program required me to learn material and move on.”

After withdrawing from medical school, Kerr pursued graduate studies in physiology, where the foundation of her undergraduate education served her well.

“Most of the advanced chemistry classes at Beaver were small and we were all involved in many laboratory projects,” said Kerr. “I learned to work independently and the value of investigating topics of interest in depth, and that certainly helped me in my research over the years.”

She completed her master’s and doctoral degrees at Rutgers University before pursuing an academic career of teaching and research at Rutgers-Camden College of Arts and Sciences, the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, and the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey-Rutgers Medical School. Other faculty appointments included Visiting Scientist at Harvard University School of Medicine and Adjunct Associate Professor at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine.

“Rewarding as that was,” Kerr said, “there came a time when I wanted to get off the wheel of constantly looking for funding to pursue research.” Kerr’s next step led to her serving as Principal Research Scientist with DuPont Pharmaceuticals in Wilmington, Del. There she remained for 16 years, contributing to advances in inflammatory disease research.

Her career has also included time with a biotech firm outside Boston, focusing on infectious diseases, managing contracts with multiple research laboratories at Enanta Pharmaceuticals as a principal investigator, and developing models for rheumatoid arthritis in rats while at Harvard. When she moved on to Merck & Company, she shouldered a variety of responsibilities, culminating as a therapeutic area leader for oncology, where she was responsible for guiding compounds in pre-clinical development.

Over time, Kerr’s transition from academia to industry resulted in a diverse network for scientific collaborations. She published 30 peer-reviewed journal articles while working in academia and more than 40 while working in industry.

For Kerr, a few career highlights stand out: U.S. Food and Drug Administration approval of vorinostat, a cancer drug that was the first of its kind, which she was responsible for in its developmental stages at Merck; the opportunity to guide compounds during pre-clinical development as a therapeutic area leader for oncology; and working with scientists in various fields to help bring novel molecules from the bench to pre-clinical safety studies before and during drug development.

Now retired, Kerr continues to keep a hand in research through pharmaceutical consulting. She lives with her husband, Thomas, a retired Episcopal priest, in Wilmington, Del. The Kerrs have three children: daughter, Sarah, a teacher and social worker; son, Matthew, an emergency department physician; and son, Timothy, an attorney. The Kerrs also have two granddaughters.

For more on Kerr’s interaction with students, visit bulletin.arcadia.edu/tag/magazine.

Kerr in Boyer Hall’s chemistry lab with Amanda D’Orazio ‘15, John Douglas ‘14, and Hannah Christensen ‘14.
Roger Partridge '84M: From Physical Therapy to Politics

Roger Partridge '84M is something of a risk taker.

After 26 years as a successful physical therapist, Partridge left private practice to dedicate himself full time to civic service. In November 2012, he was elected one of three county commissioners in Douglas County, Colo., where he manages day-to-day operations and oversees a budget of more than $300 million.

“He gave up a practice that took a quarter-century to build because he believes he can do more as an elected official,” said Jan Tecklin, one of Partridge’s former physical therapy professors. “To my mind, that’s an outstanding citizen.”

This career switch-up was not the first time Partridge has blazed a different trail. He enrolled in the first class of Arcadia’s Physical Therapy program, which was still unaccredited in 1982. “Everyone in that class was taking a bit of a risk,” said Tecklin, “and we all loved them for it.”

After working as an athletic trainer for the New York Jets, the University of Colorado, Purdue University, West Virginia University, and the U.S. Olympic Training Center, Partridge knew he wanted to combine his experience in athletic training with a degree in physical therapy.

“I had the passion to be a P.T.,” said Partridge, who had earned a bachelor’s degree in health and safety education from Purdue and a master’s degree in athletic training from West Virginia University. “Beaver was the only P.T. school I was accepted to, so I know Beaver also took a chance on me.”

The gamble worked out well. The program gained accreditation before the inaugural class graduated, and Partridge returned to Colorado to tackle more new ground by opening a private practice in physical therapy.

“Thirty years ago, that was less common,” said Tecklin, a Professor of Physical Therapy who remembers being told it was “crazy” for physical therapists to work anywhere but a hospital.

However, Partridge succeeded in this new territory with his Castle Rock, Colo. practice. He and wife Nadine built a life for themselves and their two sons with horses, chickens, and cattle. They purchased a 35-acre ranch in Douglas County in 1994, which was when Partridge first got involved in local government, including a stint as Douglas County Planning Commissioner. He credits Arcadia with helping instill in him the tenacity it took to succeed.

“Arcadia, the highly qualified professors, and the quality of my classmates provided me with challenges and opportunities, which prepared me to think analytically, act professionally, look at problems as the first steps to solutions, and to never give up,” Partridge said. ☛

Help Change Lives

Arcadia University’s Physical Therapy department launched the “Changing Lives, Teaching Students” campaign to raise $500,000 by December 2013. This campaign will ensure the long-term future of two signature experiential learning programs—the Dan Aaron Stay Fit Exercise Program for People with Parkinson Disease or Multiple Sclerosis and the Charles Magistro International pro bono Experiential Learning Program. As of June 30, the Campaign has raised $391,363.63. For more information, visit www.arcadia.edu/changinglives.
ALUMNI REUNION 2013

More than 300 alumni and guests returned to campus June 7–8 to celebrate their Reunions, with classmates Madeline (Maddy) Johnson Stein ’68 coming from as far west as Atherton, Calif., and Kathleen (Kay) York ’68 traveling more than 3,500 miles from London, England.

Members of the Classes of 1963 and 1968 kicked off the weekend by gathering with fellow alumni on Friday for a downtown excursion to the Barnes Museum. The weekend’s rain couldn’t dampen the laughter and reminiscing. The Class of 1963 won the Cornell Cup for the class with the largest attendance at Reunion with 37 members returning to celebrate 50 years of memories.

The University was honored to greet Mary Berlin Benjamin ’43, who proudly carried her class banner from the Wishing Well to the Great Room in the Commons for the Parade of Classes, and was delighted to welcome more than 100 alumni, families, and friends to the young alumni picnic on the Haber Green. The sun shone brightly on Saturday and allowed everyone to stay outdoors for the dedication ceremony of the Outdoor Café Terrace with members of the Dr. M. Fredric Rieders ’80 family, Betty Jean and Karl Rieders, in attendance.

For information on Reunion 2014, visit www.arcadia.edu/reunion.

“Reunion is about memories and the friendships.”
Tom McCollum ’83

“And now we’ve been married...it’s going to be 20 years this year.”
Melissa Martin Samen ’91 met husband Ken Samen ’92 at Beaver College.
“I love coming back here. Every time I come I see something that I haven’t seen before.”

Barbara Jones Sibley ’58

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COMMENCEMENT 2013

Arcadia Graduates Urged to Follow Dreams, Adapt, Make a Difference

A picturesque spring day served as a backdrop as 475 students received baccalaureate degrees on Friday, May 17. The previous day, more than 700 master’s and doctoral degrees were awarded at the University’s graduate Commencement.

Dr. Steve O. Michael, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, opened Commencement by acknowledging the University’s continued commitment to international education, setting the theme for the ceremonies.

“From its establishment in 1853, Arcadia has grown to become our nation’s leader in global education,” Dr. Michael said. “We cherish our recognition as a leading university in the nation in the field of global education and study abroad.”
With global connectivity and a challenge to graduates to apply the skills they’ve learned at Arcadia to their careers and the common good resonating through both ceremonies, the selection of Trudy Rubin, a foreign affairs columnist for The Philadelphia Inquirer, as undergraduate Commencement speaker was apt.

“The world has become more interconnected, and you are perfectly positioned to succeed in different professions abroad or in the United States because of your global opportunities at Arcadia,” Rubin said. “You must follow up on these global opportunities, whatever your profession, because this interconnectivity shapes the greater good of the world.”

Chief Operating Officer Nicolette DeVille Christensen noted in her address that while the world is constantly evolving, Arcadia’s Class of 2013 is well equipped with skills to adapt and succeed.

“You have been shaped by a liberal arts education and acquired a global perspective,” said Dr. Christensen. “Arcadia has given you the capacity to learn new things easily and to solve problems creatively. You leave here not only with a strong knowledge base, but with the ability to adapt as fields and professions change in a new age.”

Serving as Commencement speaker at Thursday’s graduate ceremony, Dr. Elaine Thompson, President and CEO of Lakeland Regional Health Systems in Lakeland, Fla., gave a nod to Facebook’s Sheryl Sandberg, urging graduates to “Lean in—give yourself 100 percent to the opportunities that may come before you. Create them; grab them; pursue them…work hard on them…realize and celebrate your talents, education, and degrees—and use them! Make a difference…get involved in your community.”

Speaking to a diverse group of students earning master’s and doctoral degrees, Dr. Christensen commended them for managing familial and career responsibilities with the rigorous academic demands of earning a graduate degree.

“When you want something badly enough, never take no for an answer.”

Trudy Rubin

Foreign Affairs Columnist for The Philadelphia Inquirer,
speaking at Arcadia’s Undergraduate Commencement

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Honorary Degree Recipients

The University awarded four honorary degrees during the Commencement ceremonies. At the graduate ceremony, Dr. Thompson, who also chairs the Development Committee in the Department of Physical Therapy at Arcadia University, received an honorary Doctor of Medical Science degree, in part for “work[ing] tirelessly to improve patient care and treatment and in preparing students for an ethical career in health care.”

Also at the graduate ceremony, Dr. Teng Huang, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Xi’an International University in Shaanxi, China, received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree, in part for his dedication to “increasing exponentially the number of private higher education opportunities available to students in China.” Xi’an is the first Chinese private higher education university to introduce opportunities for internship and employment to students and graduates.

Honorary degrees awarded at the undergraduate ceremony were bestowed upon Rubin and Dr. Marcelline Krafchick ’54, first Fulbright Scholar of Beaver College. Rubin received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree, in part for “recording the truth in some of the most temperamental regions in the world [and] shed[ding] light on vulnerable populations, including women and children, whose voices often are muted. … One of the most impactful elements of your profession is how you take your talents as a writer and focus on injustices, incorporating your professional skills into the common good.”

One of the institution’s most storied graduates, Dr. Krafchick is Professor Emerita of English at California State University and an author of four books. Arcadia awarded her an honorary Doctor of Literature degree in part for breaking barriers as the first female instructor at Santa Clara University; for a teaching profession that spanned nearly 40 years; and for her commitment to civic engagement, evident in her efforts with re-socializing ex-felons through the Seventh Star Foundation, serving on a project to protect Kenya’s black rhinos, and supporting an orphanage of 42 children in Nepal.

Special Awards

Tanesha Waid ’13 received the Senior Golden Disc Award, presented annually by the Arcadia University Alumni Association to a student with the highest standards of leadership in activities that enhance the quality of student life and demonstrate a lasting commitment to the welfare of the University.

Kimberly Griffis ’13 received the Ira R. Kraybill Award for Full-Time Study for the highest academic achievement in at least three years of full-time study at Arcadia, and Steven Melnick ’13 received the Ira R. Kraybill Award for Part-Time Study.

Claire Eileen Wolfinger ’13, President of the Class of 2013, presented the Class Gift of a touch-screen monitor for the Commons that will relate to campus programming.

Dr. Geoffrey Haywood, Associate Professor of History and International Studies, earned the Professor of the Year Award, presented in conjunction with the national Professors of the Year Program jointly sponsored by the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education and the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

“Help decide and transform local, regional, and national policy, and make where you live where you want to live.”

Dr. Elaine Thompson
President and CEO of Lakeland Regional Health Systems, at Arcadia’s Graduate Commencement
TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF EDUCATION

By Daniel DiPrinzio
Throughout its history, Arcadia University has transformed the lives of its students, many of whom go on to transform the lives of younger generations. A prime example of how transformative the University can be is found in the story of Walter and Rosemary Deniken Blankley ’57 ’06H, who, in addition to their extraordinary generosity to Arcadia throughout the years, have recently supplied a million-dollar gift to establish an endowed chair in the School of Education, the first endowed chair in the School’s history.

PAVING THE WAY

Nearly 60 years ago, Walter and Rosemary met at New Jersey’s Collingswood High School. At that time, according to the U.S. Census, the number of students with a bachelor’s degree hovered only a bit above five percent, even with veterans taking advantage of the G.I. Bill. Walter and Rosemary did not think college was attainable until both secured scholarships—Walter from Princeton University, Rosemary from Beaver College.

After earning a bachelor’s degree in physical health and education, Rosemary returned to her high school to teach and coach, fitting for an athlete who was asked to join the U.S. Field Hockey team as a student at Beaver. Walter embarked on a career that eventually culminated in positions as President, Chief Executive Officer, and Chairman of Ametek, a global manufacturer of electronic motors and electronic instruments where he spent 41 years. During his time at Ametek, Walter directed the company’s philanthropic efforts toward early-childhood development and reading programs in the 65 countries where Ametek maintained plants.

To this day, Walter and Rosemary, who were the first in their families to attend college, credit their higher education experiences as life-changing chapters of their lives.

“Walter and I obviously have a deep affection for education, since that was the basis of our success,” Rosemary said. “Reading was a very important part of that success, and we have a strong affection for early-childhood education.”

The first scholarship the Blankleys established was at their high school. As their careers advanced, their charitable giving expanded; one needs to simply

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Vice President for University Advancement
tour Arcadia’s campus to see the impact the Blankleys have had on the University with Blankley Alumni House and Blankley Field. Now, the endowed chair will play a crucial role in faculty recruitment and development.

“The impact of endowed chairs for faculty on an institution’s ability to educate students and advance fields cannot be overstated,” said Mary McRae, Vice President for University Advancement. “To put it simply, if we want to continue to attract, recruit, and retain the best faculty and scholars, we need endowed chairs. This gift is a huge step toward joining the ranks of the top universities in the world.”

“MORE LIKE A DREAM THAN A POSSIBILITY”

For some, education is the key to the American Dream. For others, education itself is the dream.

Growing up in Immokalee, Fla., Adriana Villaneuva ’16 assumed she would go to college. After all, that’s what students in the United States did. But as she progressed through high school, that assumption drifted farther away from her until it was just beyond her reach, the cost of higher education the obstacle in her way. It was not until Villaneuva heard about an Arcadia scholarship program through the Guadalupe Center—where she worked as a tutor—that higher education came back into view.

“Coming to Arcadia University was something that looked more like a dream than a possibility before I was awarded the Blankley scholarship,” Villaneuva said.

Named in honor of the Blankleys and funded by Arcadia, the Blankley Scholars program provides three students in the Guadalupe Center’s Tutor Corps full, four-year scholarships to Arcadia University each year. Villaneuva was among the first three Blankley Scholars, who entered Arcadia in fall 2012.

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–Adriana Villaneuva ’16
Blankley Scholar

At left, Blankley Scholars Dulce Morales ’16 and Adriana Villaneuva ’16
A collegiate opportunity is not common to residents of Immokalee, an agricultural community that produces about 90 percent of the nation's tomatoes harvested during winter months. As of 2011, only 32 percent of Immokalee residents 25 years and older had a high school diploma, and only 3.6 percent had a bachelor's degree or higher. The median household income stood at a little over $24,000. Villanueva, for instance, is not only the first person in her family to go to college, but the first person to graduate high school.

“For me, being the first member of my family to go to college is both an honor and a responsibility,” said Villaneuva, who majors in English/pre-law. “I have to succeed so that my younger siblings have a role model to look up to. It’s important for them to know that if I can do something good in my life, it is possible for them to do something even better.”

The Blankleys first became involved with the Guadalupe Center upon Walter’s retirement in 2001, when the couple relocated to Florida. The Center aims to break the cycle of poverty through educational, social, and other support programs, which aligns with the Blankleys’ personal philosophy.

The Center focuses on what it refers to as the “most critical periods of a child’s education: early childhood, closing the achievement gap, and college success.” Each year, more than 100 high school students apply to the Center’s prestigious college-readiness program, Tutor Corps; the Center accepts about 20. Tutor Corps students earn a wage while mentoring and tutoring kindergartners to second graders in after-school programs. The Center reports that 100 percent of students in the Tutor Corps program have graduated from high school and were accepted to college.

With the Blankleys serving as a link between Arcadia and the Guadalupe Center, Arcadia students have traveled to Immokalee in recent years to assist impoverished families. Moreover, last year, in recognition for their work with the Center, the Association of Fundraising Professionals named the Blankleys 2012 Philanthropists of the Year for Collier County, Fla.

“Rosemary and Walter Blankley’s dedication to Beaver College and Arcadia University has never wavered,” said Dr. Jan Walbert, Vice President for Alumni Relations and Annual Giving in the University Advancement division at Arcadia. “This endowed chair demonstrates their lasting commitment to Arcadia and to education at all levels. The first endowed chair for the School of Education will always be a significant step in our growth as an institution and will be a beacon for our students, faculty, and alumni.”

The educational opportunities that afforded Walter and Rosemary life-changing experiences at Princeton and Beaver have led to their being able to transform a countless number of lives at Arcadia, the Guadalupe Center, and many other community organizations and schools. When education is truly transformative, it goes far beyond just the individual who is directly affected, with a pay-it-forward circle that influences many elements of society.
“WHAT A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE!”

There is a kind of symmetry in the fact that the Blankleys, two first-generation college students, have helped to establish the endowed chair, which will provide invaluable resources in terms of research, teaching, and service activities.

“Rather than wait until we pass away, we wanted to do something before that,” said Walter. “One of the basic reasons is that we are trying to set an example to encourage other people to step up and support the University.”

Dr. Leif Gustavson, Interim Dean of the School of Education, notes how the endowed chair will provide a faculty member with essential resources to explore a particular research interest and in turn, enrich his or her students, the School of Education, and the external community. The chair also honors the intellectual and creative strength of the School of Education’s faculty while laying down a welcomed challenge to live up to the standards associated with it.

“This gift is just so energizing and inspiring,” Gustavson said. “It pushes and challenges us to be our best. And it says that the Blankleys trust us; they believe in what we are doing, and they want to support us. What a vote of confidence!”

The School of Education has long been known for its success in teacher preparation at the regional and national level. This past year, 11 of the 59 teachers listed in The Philadelphia Inquirer’s Distinguished Teachers list were graduates of Arcadia, representing positions at eight high schools, two military academies, and one charter school. In addition, in a report issued in June by the National Council on Teacher Quality, Arcadia was ranked in the top nine percent of 1,200 elementary and secondary education programs for its teacher preparation. The inaugural report gave Arcadia Honor Roll status for its undergraduate programs that prepare students for teaching positions in secondary schools.

The School of Education focuses on three guiding principles: igniting students to teach, learn, and lead; immersing them in a deep practice of teaching; and providing them with excellent mentoring and coaching that extends beyond students’ years on campus.

“The development of a teacher doesn’t end at the end of the program,” explained Gustavson. “That coaching and mentoring needs to continue beyond the years they are with us in their program.”

This vital contact with alumni helps teachers develop, and the School of Education uses social media, on-campus colloquia, and direct communication between professors and alumni as ways to help Arcadia education graduates continue to grow.
“One thing we hear continually from our partner schools is that our students and alumni are incredibly well-prepared for being a first-year teacher or stepping into a school leadership role because of the nature of our program,” Gustavson said. Moreover, Gustavson believes the Blankley’s gift will help propel Arcadia as an international leader in teacher preparation programs.

Chief Operating Officer Dr. Nicolette DeVille Christensen said the Blankleys’ support of Arcadia and their recent gift go far beyond a simple endorsement or a validation of the School of Education’s mission.

“It is almost impossible to quantify the impact that Walter and Rosemary have had on the University,” said Dr. Christensen. “Suffice to say that Arcadia would not be the institution it is without their support. Their generosity illustrates the faith that our donors have in the School of Education and our faculty.”

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Dulce Morales ’16 never thought about college until she got to high school. She worked in the Tutor Corps program from her sophomore through her senior year at Immokalee High School and assumed that, if she were to enroll at a college or university, it would be one in her home state of Florida. In fact, she had participated in a summer program at the University of Florida, which gave her the confidence to want to pursue higher education. But the cost was still daunting, and without the Blankley Scholars program, college would not have been feasible.

While there was a bit of an adjustment period for Morales in attending a university so far away from home, Morales gushed about her first-year experience at Arcadia, which included a spring Preview experience in Rome and eye-opening courses.

“Preview was my first time out of North America. I couldn’t believe how beautiful Rome is and how different it is from here. Learning about the culture and the history was great. My courses on female struggles with Latin America opened my eyes to all of the problems women face with rights and how in other countries they still struggle,” Morales said.

A biology/pre-med major, Morales, who along with Villanueva and Juan Delgado ’16 (a criminal justice/pre-law major) comprise the first trio of Tutor Corps students, would like to enroll in medical school after graduating from Arcadia, possibly to study dermatology. Such a career would be something of a positive and inspiring anomaly in her hometown of Immokalee.

“You never hear about people becoming doctors in our newspapers,” said Morales. “I think people would be surprised, proud, and happy.”

The Blankleys have long espoused that the major focus of their philanthropy is education. While they realize that nothing is a panacea for all of the ills of society, they know from personal experience and from seeing the impact they have had on communities and organizations that the more educational opportunities an individual is afforded, the better chance that person can positively impact the lives of others.

“We believe that education is the one vehicle we can support that we know has a positive impact on some of the issues we face in the world today,” Walter said. “We don’t have all of the answers to all of the societal issues, but we think that education can help break the cycle of poverty.”

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–Dr. Leif Gustavson
Interim Dean, School of Education
Facing an 11-point halftime deficit during a playoff game in the Kuch Center Alumni Gymnasium against Stevenson University on Feb. 18, things looked bleak for the men’s basketball team. During the second half, though, a collection of frenzied, chanting Knight fans created a tidal wave of encouragement that the team rode to a nail-biting, 85-83 victory, the first postseason win for men’s basketball since 2000.

BY LARRY ATKINS
Guard Rashon Brock ’14 goes for a lay-up in the playoff game against Stevenson.
The come-from-behind playoff victory and the spirit of the fans that helped inspire it highlight the electricity radiating throughout campus, fostered by the student body. The spirit has helped propel many of the athletics programs to remarkably successful seasons.

During the 2012-2013 year, six Arcadia teams reached the postseason: women’s field hockey and lacrosse and men’s soccer, basketball, baseball, and tennis, with the baseball and women’s lacrosse teams advancing to the championship round of their respective tournaments. Field hockey made its first postseason in recent memory and enjoyed a playoff win, while lacrosse reached the Middle Atlantic Conference’s Freedom Championship game for the first time since joining the conference.

Not to be outdone, men’s basketball had its most successful season in 13 years. Picked ninth out of 10 teams in a preseason conference poll, the team finished fourth with a record of 16-11, its highest win total since 2005-2006, the last year the squad made the playoffs.

Brian Granata, Director of Athletics and Recreation, believes the recent success, as well as improvements to athletics resources, facilities, and staff, will bolster future student recruiting classes.

“We’re continuing to climb,” said Granata. “In 2011-2012, none of our teams was in the MAC playoffs. This year, six of our teams made the playoffs. We’re investing more in athletics in terms of resources, facilities, and staff. The student-athletes and their families see the upgrades, success, and energy, and they want to be part of something special.”

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*Brian Granata, Director of Athletics and Recreation*

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*Latoya Fluker ’14*

*Chris Jacovino ’16 fights through a defender.*

*The Glenside Goonies in action.*
CRAZY, PASSIONATE FANS

Duke University has the Cameron Crazies. The University of Missouri packs the stands with the ZouCrew. The University of Wisconsin boasts the Grateful Red. Now, Arcadia has the Glenside Goonies, a growing collection of students who fire up the crowd at home games.

One of the group’s leaders, Ryan Stahl ’15, wanted to bring to Arcadia a cheering section that is common at many large, Division I institutions. The group began in 2011-2012 almost exclusively with basketball games, though they have made it a priority to have a presence at all sports.

“We are called the Glenside Goonies because we represent crazy, passionate fans,” said Stahl, who also is a member of the golf team. “I was the head of our cheering section in high school and I wanted to continue that here.”

Stahl tries to get as many Goonies to attend the games as possible. They have regular chants for every sport, razz the refs after unfavorable calls, and look to get the entire crowd involved with their “A-U” chants. They’ve even made Goonies T-shirts with Arcadia’s logo. “We want to grow in number and really want to target the first-year class,” said Stahl. “It’s for everyone: students, alumni, faculty, staff. We would like to get more faculty and staff to come to the games. Athletics helps bring the campus together for something other than studies. And the culture has changed. Instead of people saying ‘are you going to the game?’ they’re saying, ‘what time are you going to the game?’”

Justin Scott, men’s basketball head coach, was impressed when two fan buses traveled for the team’s playoff game at Alvernia for the conference semifinals.

“I thought the enthusiasm, spirit, and energy was very evident,” said Scott. “The students and community that came out to support the team did an amazing job of cheering us on and seemed as loud as Alvernia’s cheering section, despite being heavily outnumbered.”

Win or lose, having support from the crowd makes a huge difference to student-athletes in Division III, where the name on the front of the jersey is more important than the name on the back. Women’s soccer player Sara Volk-Perez ’14 knows that she and her teammates get a lift from the cheering section whenever they need to reach deep down for something extra.

“We play better knowing that there is a crowd supporting us,” Volk-Perez said. “From getting a new turf field to creating incentives for students to come out and watch, more students and faculty across campus are becoming more interested in watching our games.”

“We are called the Glenside Goonies because we represent crazy, passionate fans.”

Ryan Stahl ’15

Molly Goldstein ’15

Michael Nessel ’16
THE MOST IMPORTANT STAT
Perhaps the most important stat for student-athletes is their grade point average. Last fall, the athletics teams sported a GPA of 3.2, with 12 of 17 teams above 3.0 and 55 athletes earning Dean’s List honors. In spring 2013, the GPA was an almost-identical 3.21, as 15 of 17 teams had a 3.0 GPA or higher. At the end of the school year, the cumulative GPA of all student-athletes was 3.199.

“It’s a strong performance across the board,” Granata said. “The fact that our athletes have a great balance between sports and academics is impressive. We’ve put a lot of emphasis on that through the support of our coaches. They’re students first, and they understand their priorities.”

Student-athletes have biweekly meetings with coaching staff to discuss their academic progress. Scott, who also serves as the University’s athletics academic coordinator, adds that academic success is strongly emphasized through study halls and an adherence to the Classroom Code of Conduct.

“Arcadia’s student-athletes are exceptional role models,” said Dr. Steve O. Michael, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. “Their success on and off the field represents the eternal qualities of the adage ‘a sound mind in a sound body’ and how that positively impacts many areas of one’s life.”

Another aspect of the student-athlete playbook at Arcadia is leadership and community involvement. The Student Athletic Advisory Committee (SAAC), a leadership group of 31 student-athletes from all 17 varsity teams, meets at least twice a month. The group plans and facilitates fundraisers for organizations such as the Make-A-Wish Foundation and Special Olympics. They also act quickly for regional, national, and international causes, including hosting the Mile for the Marathon run/walk, donating all proceeds to the One Fund Boston Inc. to assist victims of the Boston Marathon bombings; Hurricane Sandy relief assistance; and the Red Cross-sponsored Holiday Mail for Heroes program for veterans, active duty service members, and their families. In addition, each athletic team sponsored at least one service project this past academic year for a combined total of 22 activities. Their efforts included free sports skills clinics, community efforts to fight hunger and protect the environment, and support for breast cancer research.

UNITING THE KNIGHTS
This year, Arcadia unveiled new branding to create a stronger, more unified Athletics Department. The process included students, coaches and staff and focused on developing a consistent Knight and identity. From the facilities in the Kuch Center to an updated athletics website to the new gymnasium floor, one can see the consistency across a wider range of sporting apparel and promotional gear now available.

Soon to be unveiled is an updated Knight mascot. When the previous costume was beyond repair, Dave Raymond, the original Phillie Phanatic, and his creative team at Raymond Entertainment Group were asked to help design a mascot for the Knights that builds upon the history and tradition of the University while reflecting the strengths and distinctiveness of Arcadia.

“The new website, Knight costume, and promotional efforts are all factors in uniting the department and building the spirit of Arcadia,” said Laura Baldwin, Chief Marketing and Communications Officer. “The strong identity conveys the mission of our athletics programs and represents what makes Arcadia such a unique university.”

Some of the efforts to build upon this emergent Knight spirit include halftime competitions, free food, and giveaways such as water bottles and T-shirts. And the annual sports kick-off with Student Affairs, Knight Madness, allows athletic teams to showcase their agility and their nobility. One team challenge had student-athletes crafting and donning aluminum foil suits of armor, while another challenge tested throwing accuracy, with participants tossing toilet paper rolls through their legs and into a hula-hoop several feet away.

The athletics season kicks off Aug. 30 with volleyball and field hockey on the road, followed by the first two home matches of the season on Aug. 31, with men’s soccer taking on Marywood at Easton Field and volleyball opening at home in the Alumni Gym against Cairn.

Larry Atkins teaches journalism at Arcadia University.
ATHLETICS AWARDS AND HONORS

>>All told, more than 30 student-athletes earned All-Conference honors.
1936

Marjorie Minner Klotz writes, “I’m still enjoying the beautiful Florida sunshine in Sarasota. I was back for my 75th Reunion at Beaver College in 2011—the only one returning from my class—a most memorable occasion!”

1939 REUNION 2014

Ruth Twelves Nevergole
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Philadelphia, PA 19128

Ruth Twelves Nevergole writes, “I had a wonderful tour of Ireland with my daughters and my son. I participate in many activities in my retirement home, Cathedral Village. Next year, 2014, will be our 75th anniversary at graduation. Let’s plan ahead!”

1940

Marian Garrison
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Blue Bell, PA 19422

Eddie Cheyney Hoffman writes, “I am still in fairly good health. I live close to my daughter and my granddaughter. It’s nice to have family nearby.”

Phyllis Gerner Steel writes, “I am living in Southington, Conn., as an independent resident at the Orchards. It is great not to have to do dishes after lunch and dinner.”

1943

Fannie Rockefeller Gabriel
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Mary Berlin Benjamin was our sole classmate in attendance at Reunion this year. Mary is happy living in the Masonic Village of Lafayette Hill and remains busy with church, book club, bridge, and volunteering as a tour guide with the National Park Service. She also is able to go to the Metropolitan Opera several times a year and recently saw Placido Domingo perform. What a thrill!

Joan Hinlein Strauss is a published author in children’s magazines such as Highlights for Children and “The Kids’ Reading Room” of the Los Angeles Times. She teaches a writing class at the Adult Learning Center of the Virginia Beach school system. Joan enjoys gardening and playing tennis and is fortunate to have her children and their families living nearby.

Mary Drexler Clarke has traveled to Ireland, the Panama Canal Zone, local historical sites, and on a river cruise. Mary shares, “Because of Arcadia’s acclaimed Physical Therapy School, I want to tell you that after our ’43 graduation, Paige Weaver, Ruthie Koehler, and I entered the Army physical therapy program and Jane Carlin was our teacher and ranking officer. Our PT department on campus is in the E. Jane Carlin Building!”

1945

Lois Hinlein Hirsch
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Carolyn Bernheim Siegel’s daughter, Susan, recently took seven family members on a 10-day trip to Israel. The group included two grandsons and Carolyn’s new great-grandson.
Lois Hinlein Hirsch, recently took a trip to Virginia Beach to visit her sister, Joan Hinlein Strauss ’43, for a family reunion. “It was great spending a week with 14 family members, ages two on up. Beth Hirsch Lashner ’76 was also there, as were Gina Razzi Hirsch ’74 and Jay T. Hirsch ’80.”

1946

Jean Bump Panek  
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Barbara Deverell Powell writes, “I moved to Medford Leas in November 2012, where I have a house in a continuing care retirement community. Hurricane Sandy damaged my seashore house on the entry level but the living areas are still good. I’m lucky—I have a six-year-old great- grandchild and a two-year-old great-granddaughter.”

1948

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Seven classmates represented our class on Saturday, June 8 at our 65th Reunion. Attending were Reunion co-chairs Emily Johnson McLaughlin and Marjorie Welde Parsons, Nancy Cossin, Jane Skinner Haines, Gloria Schmidt Fastige, Marcie Passon Landesman, and yours truly, Betty Green Jennings. We were warmly welcomed and enjoyed the beauty of the campus, a delicious lunch, joyful fellowship, and wonderful memories.

Emily and Marjorie will continue as chairs for our 70th Reunion. Jane will continue as president, and Nancy as fund agent. After 20 years as class co-editor, I have chosen to leave our Class Notes in the capable hands of Carol Roland Ranger, class editor. Join us in congratulating Carol, who was recipient of a Class Officer Award at Reunion. Please continue to send news to Carol for publication in Arcadia Magazine.

Our condolences to Carolyn Miller Wittrock and her family upon the recent and unexpected death of Carolyn’s husband, Harry. We remember Harry’s great gift for photography from former Reunion cocktail parties.

Carol Roland Ranger talked to Harriet Schlanger Stein who recently had her 85th birthday—a mere child! I think the rest of our classmates must be about 87, which Carol will be next month. Harriet’s husband, Herb, is 90 and very impressively still rides a bike over 10 miles about three times a week.

1950

Barbara Bronson Danzer  
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Jody Soper Salm writes, “I’m looking forward to July when my daughter, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren are coming for the horse races. Last year, my grandson Jason hit a trifecta for $937. Hope he does it again!”

1953

Marjorie Anderson Smith writes, “I’m in a development for seniors 55 or older (so I more than qualify). I have three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren who often visit for a swim or lunch. I have once-a-month book study and Bible study and am contemplating knee surgery.”

1954 REUNION 2014

Loretta Parker Liljestrand  
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We share our pride in grand-children that are achievers beyond our greatest hopes and ambitions. Cynthia Baketel Sysrom has a grandson, Kevin Systrom, who has been named one of our nation’s most influential citizens and who has been featured in the June issue of Vanity Fair. He is co-founder of Instagram, which Facebook bought for a billion dollars in 2012. Cynthia and Dave traveled from Florida to attend his graduation from Trinity University in New England.

Marcelline Krafchick received an Honorary Degree at Arcadia’s Commencement on May 17 (see page 18).

Our Reunion Committee is planning for the 60th Reunion on June 6–8, 2014. Send suggestions or ideas to Loretta Parker Liljestrand or Peg Johnson Sutor (gaudybutterfly@comcast.net).

1955

Corinne Devries Smith  
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Mary Cole Wood sold her home on the beach in Saco and lives in an apartment in Maine; she spends time at her home in Venice, Fla. Mary writes “there have been many changes in my life since 2009 when, sadly, Lou died. However, I am blessed with my wonderful family, friends, and health with manageable glitches. I hope to return to the campus one of these Reunions—my best to all the ’55 classmates.”

Bunny Weinberg Ludtke had a wonderful cruise, which began in Delhi, India, and included 18 days on the Indian Ocean and the South China Sea. “We had a lovely ride on an elephant in Phuket and visited tea and coffee plantations. We ended the cruise in Bali and, after a few days rest, flew to Hong Kong. Singapore was fascinating as was Penang and Hong Kong. I wish I weren’t old to be a cruise director.”

Joyce Kramer Gilbert and Bob traveled to New Jersey for their grandson’s bar mitzvah. They have six grandchildren ranging from graduate school to middle school. Dorothy has had some wonderful conversation with Dolores Russo Smiley and Rita Pawlikowski Harvey.

Joan Pepplemann Clougherty has many family members living close to Doylestown, Pa. Four of her grandsons are graduating from four different colleges: Penn State, Columbia, Dartmouth, and University of Florida. Dylan, whose mother, Andrea, is a 1982 Beaver graduate, will head to Oxford University on a Marshall Fellowship for three years to study physics. Congratulations to them all! When Joan has some free time she enjoys her docent duties at the Pearl S. Buck House and Historic Site.

Joan Leaman Wharry and I enjoy our Reunions in Delray Beach, Fla., which do not happen often enough. Joan stays busy with family and church activities and is currently tutoring children in the “No Child Left Behind” program.

1956

Patty Darling Kile  
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From our world-traveling Gran nie, Joan Sweiger Toth: “Malaysia is just like any big city—skyscrapers, busy traffic, lots of people, and hot, since it’s just above the equator. It’s a very cosmopolitan city. The Petronas Towers were the tallest buildings in the world until the one in Dubai was built. I took the tour to the sky walk between the two towers and up to the 86th floor, where you were looking down on all the other skyscrapers—wow! Kyoto also is a bustling city, but has many small shrines/temples found on the narrow side streets. We visited the Imperial Palace, not far from our hotel, and both the Silver and Gold Pavilions—each with extensive walled gardens and lakes surrounding them. We went out to the Tenryuji Temple with the bamboo forest—quite amazing to walk through towering bamboo.” Joan is working on all kinds of new ideas for her Japanese garden at her home in Florida.

Susan Rhodes Sommers and Gordon proudly report the addition of a great-grandson and have visited the happy family in Boston.
Nora Hegedus Sztaray writes, “I have a very difficult, busy, eventful year behind me. My sister, who lives in Michigan, needed my help. I flew there three times. Now she’s doing well. She traveled with me to Europe in May; in June, my daughter Zsuzsa (Susan) joined us for two weeks; we came back full with new experiences.

“We spent most of our time in my hometown of Sopron (Hungary), in Budapest, and in Transylvania, where my husband, Zoltran, was born. On May 26, people in his place of birth, Magyarsaholy, honored Zoltran by dedicating a bust to him. It was a huge celebration. On June 27, a conference was held in Budapest, recognizing him for his many achievements (he was a hero in the Hungarian Revolution-PDK). I’m looking forward to a slower pace, though I did promise Zsuzsa that I’d join them on a car trip to Terry, Mont., where her husband’s family lives.”

Dr. Helen Condodina Stockebrand writes that she took a few trips back to the East Coast this year. The first was for her niece’s wedding, the second was to see her son and his wife, the third was for her cousin’s funeral, and then for her brother’s birthday and a family reunion. She adds, “Bill and I will celebrate our 55th wedding anniversary in June.”

1957
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Barbara Brown Pinchuk was sorry to miss our last Reunion. Medical problems have limited her travel to mainly the California coastline. She did cruise from L.A. to Hawaii to visit her daughter.

Kathleen Gibbons Babkow reports that she finally retired in August. Marty Berglund Curtiss made the same move as of June 1. “How many more are taking this step to a ‘new’ direction in their lives? Am I the only one left working, Freda?”

Leona Doyle Uhler is faithful in sending news. All is well with her family; husband Kerry has retired for the second time. She is busy with church choir and parish work and continues with life-long learning. A great-grandchild is due in October.

Tony Pileggi Scott shares that her oldest grandchild is 25; her youngest is 16. She spends summers in Montauk and winters in Florida. She attended her 60th high school reunion and plans to visit London and Ireland.

Pene Zack Riggs says she has slowed down, but is always busy. She spent some time in Florida this past winter. She and Lou plan to visit the National Parks and play golf as usual. Seems those hybrid clubs are a big help.

Irene Moore Pedrick has become a full-time resident of Florida but still plans to spend June to September in New Jersey. (Avoiding hurricane season perhaps?)

Phyllis Blumenfeld Hoffman writes, “Al and I are hanging in with all the other ‘seniors’ at Centennial Station. There are quite a few activities and we go to as many as we can. All six grandchildren are doing well, from the 22-year-old down to the 9-year-old. I recently took a cruise to the islands, which is always delightful.”

Keep the news coming. It gives Emma Jane and Freda a chance to chat. We love hearing all that is going on in your lives. Don’t forget scrapbook “stuff” as well.

1958
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We are all saddened by the passing of Elaine Schemerhorn Dennis. Elaine and her husband were great supporters of anything Arcadia, especially the flagpole out front of the Castle. We also offer our sympathies to Kathi Kavanaugh Evans and Bernimma White Solen on the passing of their husband. Grant Fairbanks Evans Sr. left us in February and Ken Solen departed in May. Shirley Renninger Cressman, Pat Lyford,

and their husbands were fortunate to live close enough to the Solems to attend Ken’s memorial service. Our sincerest condolences go out to Kathi and Bernimina.

As you know, we have just returned from Reunion Weekend. How could it be 55 years when those first weeks in early autumn 1954 are so vivid in our memories?

It was so rewarding to again be with those who attended. Present were Alma Abalikian, Patty Belles Wilber, Patty Bothwell Beatty, Marilyn Boyce Parkinson, Sally Fitch Gerdes, Pat Fletcher Lyford, Barbara Heylman Longstreth, Bobbie Jacobson Thayer, Barbara Jones Sibley, Elaine Kauffman Wynosky, Kathi Kavanaugh Evans, Clemmy Klein Brodsky, Judith Knedelsen Keenan, Joann (Pepper) Mintz Faust, Jessie Mullford Weeks, Joan Ottaway Gurniak, Shirley Renninger Cressman, Carol Schoch Vorosmarti, Grace Warrington Lowe, and myself.

Our number of attendees was topped only by the Class of 1963, which was celebrating its 50th, and we tied for second place with the Class of 1968.

You may remember our gift to the school was four faculty offices. We gathered in the Smart Classroom we dedicated last year, enjoying champagne garnished with fresh strawberries (not like the old days when liquor on campus was forbidden). We took time to re-introduce ourselves (am I suggesting that we had changed?!?) and updated everyone on our lives and activities.

One member, who was returning to the school alone for the first time since the passing of her husband, recounted how lost she had become the night before. Overcome with emotion, she burst into tears. Within seconds, we gathered around her and comforted her, dropping the facades and becoming Beaver sisters again. It was an outstanding moment and changed the tone of the Reunion for the rest of our time together.

We were so taken with the feelings of unity that a number of us are going to request that the school allow us to have an 80th birthday party in three years, when most of us will be turning 80. That year will be 58 years since the graduation of the Class of 1958! We’ll keep you posted.

During our meeting we voted to make Georgene Pilling ‘04M, an honorary member of our class. Georgene has had such a close relationship with us that we just couldn’t let her go.

Barbara Jones Sibley thanks the Reunion Committee for all of their work in planning for the big event! She says, “It was really fun seeing everyone and catching up with the latest news.”

Grace Warrington Lowe dropped a short note saying “It was wonderful to see all of you. Wasn’t it sweet how wistful we all were in parting! Unspoken was the question, ‘Will we be here again?’ and with me, it’s always ‘When will I see the beautiful campus again?’

Eileen Glover Schaible was not able to attend but sent a nice note. “I was thinking of all of you this weekend and wishing I could be there once again. I was so very sorry to learn of the passing of Louise Kilpatrick Martin and remembered many happy times together on the old Jenkintown campus. In fact, her son and my daughter dated for a time.

“We have limited travel plans this summer other than our usual trip to North Carolina. Our son-in-law, Bob Schaefer, has just been elected Bishop of the Florida Bahamas Lutheran Church. We will attend his installation in Orlando in August.”

Kathi Kavanaugh Evans’ granddaughter Maddie Evans (graduate of Penn State) was selected to play professional soccer for the Boston Breakers as a midfielder. Are the Olympics in the future?

Kay Winters Lanning writes: “I finished up the last of my 27 school visits where I talk about...”
my books and where I get ideas. **Patty Darling Kyle** ’56 and I got together for dinner and had a wonderful time remembering the good old days…a Beaver girl knows how to live and how to make a living! ’This School Year will be the BEST,’ a hardcover from Penguin, is now available. ’The Bears Go to School’ is coming out in September from Albert Whitman. I’m going to California to celebrate my daughter’s 50th birthday next week, then will head to New Mexico for a month.”

I had the pleasure of sitting next to **Shirley Renninger Cressman** during the Reunion luncheon. Shirley was excited about living at Willow Valley Retirement Community just south of Lancaster, Pa. She describes being in the middle of Amish country with buggies, one-room schoolhouses, and school children in black hats with lunch boxes and maybe a scooter. She and Bob still play tennis and lead hymn singing in the health care units at their community. Shirley began a Republican club there and serves as a township committee woman. She enjoys watercolor painting. It seems impossible, but their three children are looking forward to retirement! She invites us all to stop by if we’re ever in the neighborhood. She and Bob thank the Lord daily for the wonderful life He has given them.

**Barbara Dilling Kaplan** writes “I am finishing up my two-year stint as chairman of our local book club. Next I will probably be in charge of a knitting group. I recently won a ribbon for a sweater I knit and entered in a fiber arts fiesta here in Albuquerque. We are in a terrible drought and face trying to not lose any more of our big old trees. Wish we could pump some of the flood water from the East Coast out to our desert.” And now a word from **Pat Fletcher Lyford**, who has been blessed with boundless energy and enthusiasm: “Now that I have bounced back from my long trip to Alaska and the dust has settled from Reunion, as a member of our Class Reunion Committee, I thank you all for coming to Reunion. Yes, your committee works to get things organized but if it weren’t for your participation it would all fall apart. You make it what it is. The weekend (minus the horrible rain on Friday) was a success, and Beaver never looked so good. Those of you who stayed overnight, I hope your extra day was as much fun as Saturday. It was so good to talk with you all and to see that a bunch of 77-year-olds are doing so well. The BYOA (Bring Your Own Art) was well represented by the Class of 58! It was fun to be back in the studio where I spent so much time years ago. I look forward to the next opportunity to unite with the wonderful gals of the Class of 1958. Shortly after my last news we headed south visiting friends and family along the way. In South Carolina we had a mini reunion with my ‘big sister’ **Anne Lewis Passmore ’57** and her husband, Gene. On to Coral Gables and Jacksonville, Fla. Heading north we visited Atlanta and relatives and friends. We ended this grand circle in a little town in South Carolina to spend time with my brother and his wife, who celebrated her 90th birthday.

“I see **Barbara Mick Steiger** and Alma Abalikian regularly. We had a luncheon with **Joann (Pepper) Mintz Faust** and her husband, Ed. I attended the May Alumni Association Meeting at Arcadia and caught up with some of the happenings on campus and had an opportunity to meet Dr. Christensen, a dynamic woman.

“In May I flew to Alaska for a three-week visit with my son, daughter-in-law, and granddaughters. We took a rafting trip out of Cooper Landing on the Kenai River, a glacial river with magnificent scenery. Summer will find me in the garden, on some small day trips, connecting with friends, and looking forward to my return to family and the Alaskan State Fair over Labor Day weekend.”

**Barbara Heylmun Longstreth** explains pickleball: “Pickleball is a combination of tennis, badminton, and table tennis. We play on a badminton court in the gymnasium, and the net is similar to a tennis net. We use paddles that are a bit bigger than pingpong paddles, and the ball is a ‘wiffle’ ball. The ball can be hit either in the air or on one bounce. If you are still moving you can play this game, so give it a try. Retirement allows me to spend quality time with my five grandchildren, ages 8-13, who live close by. I chair the mission committee at my church, tutor at a local school, play the bells, and sing in the choir. I will continue to umpire middle school field hockey for one more year. Loved seeing so many of you at our 55th Reunion and am enjoying the great progress at Arcadia.”

**Dwaine Fry Sutherland** is happily keeping the pot stirred at Montage, the 55+ community in Hamilton, N.J., writing “I have fallen heir to two beautiful full-grown cats that formerly belonged to my niece. They survived the 14-hour car trip from Atlanta, although the female cried non-stop the whole way. They’ve settled in nicely, though, and have deemed to share the bed with me. If you’ve ever had cats, you need no further explanation.

“So far I’ve been able to create seven activities here and have convinced one of our members to give us poker lessons. This, plus the soup kitchen and collecting items for Home Front, keeps me busy and out of trouble. In addition, I have the joy of re-connecting with all of you for this publication.

“In that regard, I have been notified that the newsletter will soon be published twice a year, so by the time you receive this, Reunion will be a fond memory. Consequently, I will attempt to email this to anyone on my mailing list.

“For those of you not on that list or who do not have access to email, please send me your information by snail-mail or call me. We’re not complete without you.”

1959 REUNION

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I hope you’re all planning to attend our 55th Reunion on June 7, 2014. Our Reunion Chairs are **Mary Lou Pickell Nelson** and Faye Senneca. If you are interested in being on the Reunion Committee, contact Mary Lou, Faye, or the Office of Alumni Relations. We hope to see you at Reunion!

Mary Lou Pickell Nelson writes, “It was fun helping Arcadia with a luncheon in February at the Villages in Florida. Any snowbirds in that area should let the Alumni Office know how to reach you so you can join us next February.”

1960

**Betty Holton Weiss**
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In attempting to have some class news, I contacted Sue Hallock Swezy of Moorestown, N.J. Sue and her husband, Gordon, have three daughters, one son, and seven grandchildren. One daugh-
ter coaches the Division I lacrosse team at Vanderbilt University while a second daughter teaches law at Vanderbilt. Sue’s son is an executive chef at Morton’s Steak House in Nashville. Sue’s third daughter and grandson live near the Swezys, and she is an interior designer. They all went to Peru on a mission trip recently. Sue was a Girl Scout leader for more than 20 years. She took several outstanding scouts on trips to India and England. After years of GS volunteering, Sue became membership director of the Girl Scouts. She is also active in her church serving on several committees. **Mary Lou Pickell Nelson** ’59 is a member of Sue’s church.

Karen ‘Punky’ Horlacher Ohlman and Lee were pleased to have both sons with them over the July 4th weekend. Lee is recuperating from a serious illness and is doing well. **Rachel Smith Brandt** is very active in chamber music, playing the viola in string quartets at the Settlement Music School in Willow Grove.
ALUMNI CLASS NOTES

She was the string teacher at Bryn Athyn for six years before teaching elementary school for 30 years in Lower Moreland. Upon retirement from Lower Moreland, Rachel returned to teach at Bryn Athyn for 11 more years. She now volunteers at Valley Christian School in Huntington Valley. Her husband, Jerry, still works. Their daughter lives nearby and teaches English at North Penn High School. Her daughter’s husband recently retired as principal of Lower Moreland High School. Rachel stays in touch with Joan Wood.

Beth Lewyant Gott writes, “I enjoyed the summer in Lenox, Mass., with lots of music and theatre. Any alumni in the area? Give us a call. I’m expecting to see Ilene Gartenberg Blitzer and Ron later in July, and Gail Lubets Schwartz ushers at Tanglewood.”

1961

Suzanne Decker Fenimore Suzff1001@yahoo.com

Elaine Lemmerz Brown writes: “Late January and early February was a very busy and exciting time for us. Our son, David, had his second one-man art show at Temple Gallery in Tucson, Ariz., and we headed south for the opening on Jan. 25. It was very well attended in spite of other openings that same night...We headed west early in February to attend the wedding of our granddaughter Aubree-Ana Sutherland to Chris Sodergren. The wedding took place in Oceanside, Calif., overlooking the harbor on Feb. 9 in California. We all had a fabulous time.”

Joan High Putney and her dog Flicka (a registered therapy dog) are enjoying their lives in a retirement complex in Rydal. There are many activities there, and Joan makes frequent train trips to Philadelphia to enjoy orchestra concerts, Old Pine Street Church, and other favorite places.

Joyce Sharer writes: ‘I’ve been retired from UniSys for seven years now, so I am recovering tech writer and online help designer/developer.” She keeps her mind active by reading, socializing with a variety of friends, and studying Spanish and French. Her daughter is the senior corporate counsel for the City of Chicago, and her son owns a tech support business and designs websites.

From Lynanne Lindo Wasserman: “I have recently become very active at Arcadia University, where I have the honor of serving as a Trustee. I am on the University Advancement Committee and the Enrollment Management Committee. Those commitments, in addition to Trustee meetings, have given me a firsthand look at the hard work, dedication, and passion of the faculty and staff and the wonderful students that I believe will be an asset as they take their places in the community. My first bonding took place when the Commons, the new magnificent all-purpose building on campus, was dedicated on Jan. 23, 2012. Anne Simonin Grebe and Eva Oehrle Fronk joined me for that event, when I dedicated a student activities room on the second floor, right next to the student lounge, to our Class of ‘61.”

1962

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ALERT: Anyone who will be staying in Florida next winter, send me an email and maybe we can get together. Many of us had a delightful day at the Arcadia Florida Reunion last February in Delray Beach. Some of us got together again at ‘TeaLicious’ for a tea party! It’s amazing how 50 years passing doesn’t seem to diminish our relationships. It’s 1958–62 all over again!

Andrea Fedowitz Johnson shares: “Thankfully I love to travel and am still able. After Super Storm Sandy, I left for a three-week trip that included The Grand Canyon, the Rockies, President Eisenhower’s Kansas museum and chapel, and more. The timing was perfect for my daughter’s family to move into my house until their power resumed. I also went to the Holy Land for the second time. It gets better and better with each visit, since there are more than 40,000 historical places in tiny Israel. The holiday ‘Purim’ was celebrated with parades, and the delicious Mediterranean cuisine in the hotels is something to behold. I also explore New Jersey whenever possible and work as a volunteer at America’s Keswick Bible Conference and Addiction Recovery.

Janet Copeland Zinman reports: “On Wednesday, June 5, Cynthia Mindel Auerbach, Carol Plessor Miller, Joan Dretler Rubinstein, Linda May Sklar, Barbara Blumenthal Sterns, Gail Spevack Wohl, and Janet Copeland Zinman met for lunch at Morrell’s Wine Bar & Cafe in Rockefeller Plaza. Interesting choice since it is owned by Roberta Morrell ’54. Linda and Janet attended a wine tasting at the adjacent wine shop sponsored by Arcadia the month before. Wonderful lunch and fun catching up.”

Ronnie Kaye Herman sends: “Jim and I are doing our normal retirement things—golf, bridge, canasta, etc. We will be visiting daughter and grandchildren in Chicago this summer. Our granddaughter, Alana, finished her freshman year at Miami (Ohio). She just loves the school and is doing well. Our grandson, Sam, is going to be a junior in high school. Still chat with Mary Jane Poole and Natalie Zegans Kessler.”

Judy Frey Woods tells us: “I didn’t get to the Reunion last year due to health problems. (Serious heart issues and then a total replacement of my left shoulder.) I haven’t yet reached the physical stamina that I’d like to have but am very grateful for having survived 2012. For more than 15 years I taught Bible to elementary students and then led Women’s Bible Studies. In February, I started a Women’s Bible Study at our Senior Community. My husband, Jack, and I spent the month of April at The Villages in Florida. For a while, we nearly had ourselves convinced to pack up and move there, but, once we were back in beautiful Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, we wondered how we could have considered such a thing.”

Ginny Bruno sends from London: “I am more or less retired now but continue to do a small amount of private counseling/therapy and supervision. I went over to Naples, Fla., last month to see my brother for his 70th birthday; however, he is not well so it was a bittersweet visit. I will try to go again at Thanksgiving; will any of the Florida Group be there then? I talk to Pat Allen from time to time, and she seems well and happy in her new home in South Jersey. My art class continues to challenge and inspire me as do exhibitions (there is a new Patrick Caulfield coming up), the opera, and theatre. We have a series of films at the cinema that are taped live from The Globe Theatre, the National Theatre, Covent Garden Opera, and Glyndebourne Opera. My godson, Jacob, turned 21. Despite the gloomy summer weather, my garden does look lovely with roses, weigela, clematis, heathers, and climbing hydrangea all blooming and blossoming. I was at a lunch party last weekend with ten friends, all our age: someone asked ‘How many of us still have our own hips?’ Three of us raised our hands!”

Gail Williams Tattersfield informs us: “Can share some good news and some not-so-good news with you. I enjoyed every minute of our 50th and loved seeing everyone. Last September, George and I took a trip to Yorkshire, England, where the Tattersfield family has its roots. We spent a few days in our favorite, Yorkshire Dales, which is beautiful. Then we met up with all of the Tattersfield American cousins and many English relatives for a tour of all the places with a historic connection to the family. We had the best time and met so many wonderful and interesting folks. The not-so-good news is that I had a kidney removed due to a cancerous growth in January. Friends and family who knew of my surgery could not have been
more supportive. Several Beaver friends like Susan Lundborg, Judy Leve, Courtney McKelkin, and Susan Mandelbaum Axelrod offered words of encouragement. I am doing well, as it is thought that all of the cancer was removed and I have not had to have chemo or radiation. I feel very fortunate!“

Sherry Kugler Weidner updates us: “On my return trip from our 50th Reunion I was hit with double and blurred vision while in the Philadelphia Airport. All my subsequent doctors’ visits assured me that my vision would recover, as it was cranial nerve damage that would self-heal. My vision did heal and after nine months I was able to drive again. During that time I was mobile and active due to being driven by Chuck and many friends, so it was no big loss. In June I cruised the western part of the Caribbean with my daughter’s and younger son’s families. I enjoy cruises and especially the company of grandchildren (five on this one). Over Christmas I cruised with my older son’s family, also in the western part of the Caribbean and including the other three grandchildren. In mid-July all of us will be together at Wrightsville Beach, N.C., for a family reunion that has been going on annually for more than 20 years now. I still enjoy memories of our 50th Class Reunion.”

Barbara Starks Favazza tells us: “The 50th Reunion was wonderful and a lot of fun. It encouraged me to have more frequent contact with my roommates Sherry and Keiko and with fellow science major Hiroko (Hiro). Those years at Beaver were special in many ways, and Reunion was a good reminder of that. Hiro and her husband, Calvin, were here in Columbia, Mo., recently for the wedding of my daughter, Laura, whom they have known since she was born. It meant so much to her that they were present at her wedding. By the way, the wedding and reception took place on the campus of Stephens College, one of the few remaining women’s colleges in the country. I support the theater, dance, and arts programs at the college because of its continued support of women of all ages. Sherry and Keiko sent notes of support and congratulations on the happy occasion.”

Taren Gagnon says: “No real news except that I am going to be a grandmother again.”

1963

Gail Nazzaro Biggs
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In June, the Class of 1963 celebrated our 50th Reunion. The campus was beautiful with roses in bloom, and we saw many faces we hadn’t seen in 50 years! Of course everyone looked the same, only better!

At a lovely Reunion dinner in the Mirror Room of the Castle, we celebrated a Smart Classroom purchased with our Class Gift of $50,000 with a champagne toast. We are all so proud of this lasting legacy.

On Saturday we attended our class meeting and elected new class officers. Each classmate spoke about her life since June 1963. We also dedicated a moment of silence for our departed classmates. We finished off our meeting with a class picture and a Song Contest practice led by our own Connie Armor Wurster.

We then enjoyed our Class Parade around the campus. Lunch followed with awards and Song Contest! The Class of 1963 won Song Contest once again, which brought back memories of that glorious victory more than 50 years ago. Our Reunion Chair, Joyce Chabora Barr, was awarded the Mary Louise Armstrong Wolf Award for outstanding service to our class, the University, and her community.

There were countless opportunities to reminisce with classmates. It was wonderful to see how our lives unfolded. We could never have imagined this day 50 years ago!

1964 Reunion 2014

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The Reunion Committee received a note from Patricia Lyon Peterson’s sister-in-law saying that Pat had died unexpectedly in May 2012; our condolences to her family and friends.

Mimi Hirsch Brauch visited her former roommate, Susan Cohen Berman, and her husband on Sanibel Island, Fla., this winter. In April she headed upstate for the Sheep and Wool Festival at Clermont and continued planting her vegetable garden.

Janet Spence Kerr writes, “We now have a second granddaughter. Sarah has a new daughter, Abigail. We saw Matt, Kate, and Conley in Kennebunk over Memorial Day weekend, since he is in the Emergency Department at Maine Medical. Tim is working for the Global Fund in Geneva, so hopefully we will visit him in the fall.”

Judy Glover Vasile emailed: “I’m busier than ever, playing lots of golf and even more bridge. Gene and I have been doing some traveling: San Antonio, New Orleans, Orlando (where my son and his family live), Sunday River, Maine (where we have a condo…skiing, kayaking, more golf), and of course New Jersey, where we are from and where Gene’s family still lives. In April we are off on a Viking cruise to see windmills and tulips. I volunteer once a week at the Brunswick County Literacy Council working with their administrative staff. Life is good; we don’t let much grass grow under our feet.”

“Memorial Day weekend we have family at the shore,” Bonnie McDowell Lasky emailed. “On May 31, Elliott and I headed to Albany to begin the Class of ‘58 (plus other classes represented) bike ride to Alfred University’s reunion (55th year for EL). He and another classmate started the ride for their 45th and had a super big turnout for the 50th, with lots of media coverage all over upstate New York and a parade in Alfred. I will drive the car while Elliott bikes. May begins a busy time for my conference registration business. Other than that, I am semi-retired.” Bonnie also has the task of 50th Reunion chair. She and Peggy Lees and Susan Patt Mountz attended the Alumni Association Meeting at Arcadia in May and spent time working on Reunion.

Jeanette Deale returned to the states after having lived in the Dominican Republic for the last five years. She is now a resident of Greenville, S.C.

Sandra Krebs Hirsh enjoys her free time. She took a two-week trip to Alaska with sister, Helen Krebs Bruant ’62, in 2012; participated in a Roads Scholar trip to Charleston, S.C.; and spent time seeing Phyllis St. John Skok. She adds, “I hope to see many classmates at our 50th Reunion in 2014.”

1966

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Elaine Wilcox McClellan writes, “My husband and I spend half of the year in New Jersey on Long Beach Island and half the year in California. We have three granddaughters on each coast.”

1968

Cynthia Scharmann Childs
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The Class of 1968 was well represented at our 45th, with more than 20 classmates from as far as England and California. If you were not there you missed a great time, catching up with each other and touring the beautiful campus. Congratulations to Babette Senker Krug for receiving the Golden Disc Award for Meritorious Service to Arcadia. Kudos to our class for receiving the Landman Award. This award is given to the class making the largest financial contribution to Arcadia University. We hope to see you all at our 50th.”
Actress Anna Deavere Smith ‘71 was awarded a National Humanities Medal by President Barack Obama in a ceremony at the White House on July 10. Smith, recognized for her ability to weave the stories of real Americans into thought-provoking pieces about social issues, was among 24 medal recipients praised by the president for allowing their talents to help people “understand what it means to be human and what it means to be an American.” Smith’s interview-based work is an open-ended lifelong project she refers to as “On the Road: A Search for American Character.” Performing each character herself became the signature of her widely acclaimed one-woman shows, including the 1992 Pulitzer-nominated “Fires in the Mirror: Crown Heights, Brooklyn, and Other Identities.”

1969 Reunion 2014
Christina Anne Hill Connell
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Sueing and her husband, Rob, have a new grandson, Peter Fleming Caponecchi, born April 28. He and his family live five minutes away, so they see him and his two brothers quite often, along with their two New Jersey grandchildren. They have five grandchildren and consider themselves very lucky. Susan got together with Vicki Boccelli Damiani, Debbie Lloyd Fabiani, and Barbara Howland in Philadelphia recently to see the Barnes Foundation. Susan and Rob took a Road Scholars trip to Morocco in March. “Road Scholars” is a far more appealing name than its former name, “Elder Hostel.”

Ellen Kay Coleman looks forward to summer travels with her tour groups to the Marlboro Music Festival in Vermont, the Bard Music Festival in the Hudson River Valley, and an eight-day art tour exploring museums in Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont. She will see Barbara Woodruff Chase when visiting the Colby College Museum in Waterville, Maine. This past winter she visited museums in the Philadelphia area with a group started by Emily Solomon Farrell, who is now a docent at the Brandywine River Museum. Linda Klevit Hahn is also a member of this group.

Linda Phillips Pursley and Charlene Pulis McClain, along with their husbands, Bill and Dave, had lunch together recently. They live within 30 minutes of each other in Florida. Linda and Bill attend church with Charlene’s friend Nancy, who sings in the Key Chorale, a 100-member classic choral group. Nancy sits next to Charlene in Key Chorale! The final connection/coincidence is that Linda’s first boyfriend in high school, Art, now lives in the development where Charlene and Dave live. There are 700 homes in their development but since Charlene and Dave live, their wife were the buyers of some of the first homes in the development, they do know each other. What a small world in many ways!

Elaine Kaplan Schlissel has a new grandson, Eli Benjamin Schlissel, born last February. He is a clone of his grandpa and his dad. Elaine’s two granddaughters in Atlanta are 12 and 10. Elaine’s husband continues to practice dentistry and has embarked on a successful second career. He travels throughout the country teaching dentists new technologies. His background as a professor, engineer, and computer geek has made this late career shift very rewarding. It will also earn them lots of frequent flyer miles to visit Eli.

Elaine Solomon Farrell would be happy to give any alums visiting the area a tour of the Brandywine River Museum. She now has two grandchildren living in Philadelphia. She also is running a tour group once a month visiting various museums in the area. In her spare time, she takes a film class, a Bible class, and the odd art history class. In addition to all that, she is doing mosaics, which she calls “an expensive obsession.”

1972
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I’d like to extend a sincere thank-you to my classmates who took time from their busy days to respond to my email messages. It’s great to hear from you! I also mailed letters to those of you for whom there was no email address, and I hope you’ll respond when you have a chance. When you permit, I’ll include your news in our Class Notes.

I recently received a nice message from Ronnie Rosenberg Mann, who has a daughter and now a 7-year-old grandson! She’s very happy with the next chapter in her life. After many years in New York City, she and her husband are going to enjoy country life in North Carolina, with her horse and dogs; they hope to keep a place in the city.

Judith Liss Schwartz writes, “My husband, Neil, and I recently welcomed our fifth grandchild, Gemma Paige. I have been teaching first grade at a religious school for 24 years.”

I would love to hear from those of you who haven’t responded to me yet. These are your Class Notes, and I welcome your comments and suggestions as well as news you’d like to share. Best wishes for health and happiness to you all.

1979 Reunion 2014

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Beverly Kosmin Migliaccio’s daughter Alessandra Migliaccio Calderone ‘06 and her husband, Jim, became the proud parents of a little girl, Olivia Noelle, on August 29, 2012.

1983
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Our 30th Reunion was attended by ten of our class members (Denise Beard, David Burnham, Karen Davis-Harryman, Vivian Dow, Lisa Ely, Debra Kling Pagano, Thomas McCollum, Marie Therese McGinley, Barbara Reppert Million, and Mary Stillman Sundra). It was wonderful seeing one another and spending time catching up. We enjoyed reminiscing about the years we spent at Beaver, and we had a chance to walk around and check out all the changes on campus. Beaver has come a long way! Arcadia students can now enjoy a pool, indoor track, and gymnasium in the new Kuch Athletic and Recreation Center. The Commons building is attached to the Kuch Center and offers a game room, new Chat, Stein Fireplace Lounge, conference hall, gallery space, and balcony. Those are just a few of the amazing changes to the campus we all called home for four years. We hope to see many more of our classmates at our 35th Reunion in 2018.

1984 Reunion 2014

David Eatough
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I recently saw the B52s and GoGo’s, which reminded me of good times dancing in the “gym.” The recovery took several days longer than it did in 1984. I hope all of you are happy.
and healthy. Over the past year I’ve spoken with some of you and despite challenges, such as Hurricane Sandy and snow storms, people are well. The Boston area has seen its share of ups and downs also. Seeing how people responded is inspiring, and, after 19 years of teaching in an urban public high school, I am optimistic about the future. The primary reason for this entry is to tell you about our upcoming 30th Reunion. We had a great time at the 25th Reunion, I hope more of you can attend the 30th. Mark your calendars, call your friends, bring some Advil, and let’s make it another weekend to remember. Reunion weekend is June 6-8, 2014. With luck the B52s will perform Planet Claire, Roam, Rock Lobster...at the Keswick Theatre as they did during this year’s Reunion weekend. Contact me by email or phone if you have questions. I hope to see you there.

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1985
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Jocelyn Cordes was guest speaker at this year’s C.A.R.E. literacy awards dinner held May 1 at Cedar Crest College in Allentown. C.A.R.E. is a regional chapter for the Keystone State Reading Association. Jocelyn spoke about reading choices in the classroom and then held a book signing for her own middle-grade novel, “It All Started with a Bicycle,” written under the pseudonym Plum McCauley.

1986
Lisanne Chanitz Hill is a home-care physical therapist. Her oldest daughter attends Arcadia.

1989 Reunion 2014
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I hope you all are planning to attend our 25th Reunion on June 7, 2014. If you are interested in being on the Reunion Committee, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations. We hope to see you at Reunion!

1990
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Wanda Miller received the Christian R. and Mary F. Lindback Distinguished Teaching Award at a ceremony last May. She also attended a luncheon in Harrisburg as a guest of Sen. Vincent Hughes to honor the award recipients. Wanda is a teacher for the Philadelphia School District, teaching English at Swenson High School. Wanda writes, “After attending Pennsylvania State University for two years, I transferred to Arcadia and received my bachelor’s and master’s degrees. Arcadia really prepared me for my career as a teacher. My professors, especially Dr. Richard Wertine, provided me with the knowledge that I needed to be successful.”

1993
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Greetings Class of 1993. Hope all is well. The past 20 years have just flown by. We had a very nice turnout for our 20th Reunion. It was so much fun catching up with everyone and reminiscing! Do you remember going to the library to type up papers or did you have a word processor? Times sure have changed. My family and I had a wonderful time touring the campus. It brought back so many memories. The campus is beautiful, and it was interesting to see all the changes. We talked with many university employees about the school, and everyone was so helpful and friendly. It was a great day. I wish you all the best and hope to see you at the next Reunion.

2000
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Amanda Bocard Clark writes, “Tom Clark ‘02 and I moved back to Glenside and have two children, Thomas, 2, and Elizabeth, 4.”

2005
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Meg Eubank’s photography work was featured at the Silver Eye Center for Photography in Pittsburgh, Pa., at the “8 x 8 Photo Party,” an exhibition and sale of hundreds of 8-by-8-inch square photographs submitted from around the world in May. Her photographs were on exhibit at the J.B. Kline Gallery in Lambertville, N.J., in June as part of their annual juried photography exhibit, in which she was awarded first prize last year. In July, her work was part of the Tincum Arts Fest in Erwinna, Pa., in the Art Barn Exhibit.

2008
Caitlin Rooney Meeker
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Kaitlin Jamiolekowski graduated from Duquesne University School of Law with honors in June 2012 and is practicing in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Cha Nel Murphy works at Amtrak and runs her own landscaping business, Honey Bunch Landscaping and Hardscaping.

2009 Reunion 2014
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Katherine Kelley graduated from Drexel University College of Medicine and is a surgery resident at Eastern Virginia Medical School in Norfolk, Va.

Randi Hendler finished her third year teaching in the Philadelphia School District. She is looking forward to a March 2014 wedding.

Cait Bjellquist is employed at Bucknell University as an Assistant Director of Residential Education and Fraternity and Sorority Affairs.

Rebecca Gonzalez teaches at Hunting Park Christian Academy, a 200-student, K-8 Christian school. She obtained her teaching certification and has been teaching fifth grade for four years. She is enrolled at Eastern University and looks forward to receiving her master’s degree in Multicultural Education, along with an ESL Certification in December. Rebeca has had the opportunity to travel to California, Tijuana, Mexico; Savannah, Ga.; and several parts of Florida. “Arcadia gave me the foundations of becoming a teacher, which I am extremely grateful for, and the urge to travel. My next big trip, I hope, will be out of the country.”

Corey Farris earned an M.S. in Health Administration from Saint Joseph’s University in May.

Shannon M. Farley will marry Steven A. Hayden on March 15, 2014 and will graduate from the Earl Mack School of Law at Drexel University in May 2014.

David E. Lewis graduated from Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine with his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine.

Beth Minkus works as the private dining/special event sales manager for The Palm in Philadelphia! “As always, embracing the new challenge but absolutely loving where I am!”

Jennifer Napieralski moved back to Philadelphia and is working for Grossman Furniture in Old City Philadelphia as a designer and sales associate.

Courtney Elsy LeCompte graduated from Chesapeake College with an Associates of Applied Sciences in Radiologic Science and looks forward to beginning her career as a radiologic technologist.

Lisa Robinson is in a Medical Coding and Billing program through her employer North Shore LIJ and South Oaks Hospital. She looks forward to receiving her CCS.

Beth Harris traveled to Mongolia and volunteered for a month in a busy city hospital after graduating from Arcadia. “My experiences from that trip will last with me forever (especially assisting an MD with an appendectomy!).” She earned her BSN and worked for two years in Virginia as a Med-surg nurse and then moved back to
Beth Pettijean ’09M has been accepted into the Ph.D. program in History at Saint Louis University, beginning in August. She will receive funding as a graduate assistant for five years. Her primary research field will be in Early Modern Europe, focusing mainly on Italian history from the 14th–16th centuries.

After completing her Master of Arts with distinction in Humanities at AU, Beth went on to earn both a Liberal Studies Post-Graduate Certificate in Ancient Worlds and a Master of Arts in History from Villanova University in December 2012. She has presented papers at graduate, professional, and international academic conferences and has had her work published in the graduate journal, Madison Historical Review. In addition to being inducted in Alpha Epsilon Lambda (AEL) while at AU, Beth is also a member of the Phi Alpha Theta and Phi Kappa Phi honor societies.

Beth has remained involved with the Arcadia community through the AEL Executive Committee and the alumni trip to Umbria, Italy in 2012.

In Memoriam

Arcadia University notes with great sadness the passing of the following alumni:

1958  Elaine Schenerer Dennis
      Louise Kilpatrick Martin
1960  Barbara Searing Gilanby
1964  Patricia Lyon Peterson
1973  Nancy Rosenfeld
1976  Marlene Riordan
2004  Rosemary Lang

We want to hear from you! To submit news for your class, visit magazine.arcadia.edu/submit-your-news.

In Remembrance: Dr. Norman Johnston

Dr. Norman Johnston, one of the foremost experts in prison architecture and a beloved fixture of Arcadia’s campus life, died Oct. 6, 2012 at 91. The professor emeritus of sociology and former chair of the sociology department was not only known for his scholarly acumen but also his wry sense of humor and long-standing commitment to students and teaching.

Between earning a bachelor’s degree from Central Michigan College in 1943 and a master’s degree from the University of Chicago, Johnston served in the Army Air Corps in World War II. After his master’s degree, Johnston worked in a state prison in Illinois for three years before earning his doctorate in sociology at the University of Pennsylvania in 1958. The American Foundation, Institute of Corrections published his dissertation, “The Human Cage: A Brief History of Prison Architecture,” and he then studied abroad on a Fulbright Award.

After returning to the U.S., Johnston had only intended to stay at Beaver College for two semesters; however, he ended up teaching at the institution full time (with a one-year break at the University of Missouri at Saint Louis) from 1962 until 1992 and then continued to teach and research part time until his death.

“I thought an all-women’s Presbyterian college was no place for a hot-shot criminologist,” Johnston recalled wryly in a faculty profile.

This sense of humor marked his teaching and interaction with students throughout his 50 years at Arcadia, making him one of—if not the—longest serving faculty member in the school’s history.

Chuck Regan ’90, a former student, remembers Johnston as “warm-hearted and quick-witted,” recounting a story about an abstract painting in Johnston’s home: “It looked as though someone who used a unique process to simulate a cross section of layers of earth...[but] he confided in us that it was actually a slice of the insulation off his old water heater. He had had it framed and matted...I wonder how many faculty members who saw that were fooled.”

Due to his international scholarly reputation (with numerous articles, eight criminology textbooks, and several authored and co-edited volumes), Johnston appeared on the History Channel, Fox Network, the BBC, Korean television, and MTV to speak about the history of punishment, imprisonment, and prison architecture. He was also instrumental in the formation of the Eastern State Penitentiary Historic Site. Complementing his scholarly engagement, Johnston received the University’s Lindback Award for teaching in 1963 and an honorary Doctor of Laws in 1997.

Graduate Alumni

Gary Turetsky ’02M.Ed. has been teaching Social Studies at Pennfield Middle School in Hatfield, Pa., where he is department chair.
ALUMNI EVENTS

How to Win a Nobel Prize
Tuesday, Sept. 10, Commons Great Room, 7 p.m.
Dr. Michael Brown, American geneticist and Nobel Laureate, lectures on the importance of evidence-based basic and clinical research in medicine and its practical implications.

Young Alumni Trivia Night at Jerzee’s Sports Bar & Grill
Wednesdays, Sept. 18 and Nov. 6, 8 p.m.

Flea Market
Sunday, Sept. 29, Lower Parking Lot, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.
Come out with friends, grab some food, and do a little Sunday morning shopping for unique trinkets and practical household items. All proceeds made by the Community Service office will go toward ongoing service projects. Alumni vendors receive a discount: $15 per space (two parking spots) and free table. Contact the Community Service office at 215-572-4000 to reserve your space.

Career Mentor Matching
Thursday, Oct. 3, Commons Meeting Rooms, 2nd Floor, 6-8 p.m.
Become a Volunteer Career Mentor for an Arcadia student.
For more information, visit www.arcadia.edu/mentor-program.

Homecoming
Saturday, Oct. 12
Events run throughout day
Fireworks at 7:30 p.m.
Visit www.arcadia.edu/homecoming for details.

Writing Workshop with Cheryl Butler-Stahle ’03M
Thursday, Oct. 17, 6-8 p.m.
Cheryl Butler-Stahle ’03M, author of the book “Slices of Life: The Art and Craft of Memoir Writing,” is on a quest to help people tell their stories one memoir at a time. Start creating your memoir at this workshop for alumni and students.

Philadelphia Museum of Art Crafts Show and Private Tour
Saturday, Nov. 9, Philadelphia Convention Center
10 a.m. Private Tour—meet the artists
Cost: $12 Admission to Museum Crafts Show
Host: Joan Nadler Brantz ’65

Alumni/Student Professional Networking
Thursday, Nov. 14, 6-8:30 p.m.
Commons Meeting Rooms, 2nd Floor
Network with fellow alumni and help Arcadia students practice networking skills and add to their professional contacts.

Empty Bowl
Monday, Nov. 18, Grey Towers Castle
Continuous seating from 4:30 to 8 p.m.
Enjoy soup in a handcrafted, ceramic bowl donated by local organizations. Proceeds go to organizations assisting the hungry and the homeless, locally and abroad.
Cost: $15 plus a non-perishable food item

Quad-A (Arcadia Athletic Alumni Association) Reception and Basketball Doubleheader vs. Stevenson
Saturday, Dec. 7, Women’s tipoff 1 p.m.; Men’s tipoff 3 p.m.
Reception: 2:30-5 p.m., Hall of Fame Room
Cost: $15 includes admission to games

Glorious Sounds of Christmas with The Philadelphia Orchestra
Thursday, Dec. 19, Kimmel Center, 7 p.m.
Refresh your holiday spirits.
Cost: $45; seats are in Orchestra 2

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The Villages • Thursday, Feb. 6
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