

President Update February 2009

Dear Bellarmine Students, Faculty and Staff,

Thanks to all of you for your patience and fortitude during our recent ice storm and power outage. Thanks especially to our Student Affairs, Residence Life, Facilities and Security teams for your hard work and quick thinking during difficult times. Here is this month's President's Update:

SACS Accreditation

In December, the accreditation of Bellarmine University was formally and publicly reaffirmed before the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools conference assembly. Thank you so very much to everyone in our Bellarmine community, trustees, faculty, students, deans, staff and alumni – who participated in the SACS reaffirmation process and thus who played a very important role in the University's grand achievement and success in this regard. Congratulations, thanks, and way to go, Team Bellarmine!

Siena Secondo Open

Eighty Bellarmine students marked the New Year by moving into a brand new residence hall, Siena Secondo. Both first-year and upper-class students moved into the beautiful second phase of the Siena project during the first weekend of the New Year. Professional movers and facilities personnel helped students pack and move their belongings, while parents, University staff, and members of the Student Government Association helped with the transition. Lenihan will be razed this spring to make way for another phase of the Siena project. The students were excited about the move, as sophomore Amanda Gray said, "It's exciting to

be the first people to live in a building that will be here for years to come." Please join us for the dedication and open house on Tuesday, February 10, at 4:00 PM.

Students and Staff Attend Inauguration 2009

The Bellarmine University Office of Multicultural Affairs took approximately 40 students and faculty to Washington for the inauguration of President Barack Obama. Students were selected to attend based on an essay in which they described the personal and historic significance surrounding the inauguration, as well as how they support diversity on the Bellarmine campus.

December Commencement

Bellarmino awarded more than 280 degrees during December commencement. Ceremonies took place in Knights Hall, with a commencement address from the Rt. Rev. Edwin F. Gulick Jr, the Episcopal bishop of the Diocese of Kentucky. Congratulations graduates!

Süd-Chemie Endows Chemistry Research Fund

Beginning in spring 2009, Bellarmine chemistry students will be able to compete for a \$25,000 stipend from the Louisville office of Süd-Chemie Inc., a specialty chemical and industrial minerals company. The gift will fund the Süd-Chemie Summer Research Stipend and will be rewarded based on the student's research, including an original proposal, work-to-date and proposed future work.

Become a Facebook Fan of BU

Bellarmino now has a fan page on Facebook where you can see photos from our events, get news, and show your support for Bellarmine. Bellarmine now also has a Twitter account where you can keep up on daily news and happenings around campus.

Homecoming 2009

Bellarmino University will celebrate Homecoming 2009 with a week of Mardi Gras themed activities February 15-21. This annual tradition is a terrific opportunity to build spirit for the men's and women's basketball games on the 22nd against University of Indianapolis. With events ranging from a charity date auction to a masquerade dance at the Seelbach Hotel to the grand finale and crowning of the Knights of Honor during the Men's home game on February 22nd there will be something for every Knight on campus.

"The Bellarmines" nominations

We are now accepting nominations on our website for our 2008-2009 faculty and staff awards. The awards recognize the distinguished achievements of faculty and staff in living the core values of the Bellarmine campus community. The page includes descriptions of the awards, along with a form you can use to make a nomination. Just enter the name of the nominee, your name (optional), choose the appropriate award, and include a brief description of why your nominee is deserving the nomination. Award winners will receive a beautiful stoneware "Bellarmine jug."

Student and Alumni Accomplishments

Physical Therapy Student, **Hao LI**, co-authored a paper with Dr. John Nyland and Tom Helton. The article is *Effectiveness of Anodyne Therapy System in Treating Diabetic Peripheral Neuropathy: A Systematic Review* published in *Physical Therapy Reviews, 2008, Volume 13, No. 6, pp. 395-404.*

Jake Hogg, a junior political science major, was selected to attend the Clinton Global Initiative (CGI) this February. A non-partisan initiative of the William J. Clinton Foundation, CGI moves beyond discussion, fostering a shared responsibility to address major global problems. CGI's second annual meeting will be held at the University of Texas at Austin from February 13-15, 2009. In Austin, over a thousand students will come together to make a difference both internationally and locally. Many Congratulations to Jake as he represents Bellarmine in Austin!

Music Technology Majors **Caroline Petrik** and **Gilbert Wang** have been selected to participate as violinists in Kentucky's Intercollegiate All-State Orchestra. They will be performing Respighi's Pines of Rome at the Kentucky Music Educators Association State Convention in February. The All-State Orchestra is comprised of music students from colleges and universities in Kentucky. Congratulations to both students and to Bellarmine University Violin Instructor, Karen Lord-Powell who is also principal second violinist with the Louisville Orchestra.

Education alumna **Stephanie Schrader** was recently awarded the Catholic Education Foundation award for excellence. Stephanie is a graduate of the Bellarmine Education program and has been a teacher at St. Raphael for ten years.

BU nursing students organized on-campus programming to raise awareness of the cervical-cancer-causing Human Papillomavirus (HPV).

Physical Therapy students in PT 650 presented cases studies to area clinicians and where highly commended for the didactic and clinical information presented.

Brandy Henderson worked with community health students at the Community Center in Germantown where nursing students introduced the use of Wii Fit with seniors

Faculty and Staff News

“Suite For Red River Gorge,” by **Lynnell Edwards** of our Student Success Center, was nominated by Valparaiso Poetry Review for a 2008 Pushcart Prize (this is a yearly best of literary journals award). The poems are featured [here](#).

A Meeting of Angels: The Correspondence of Thomas Merton and Edward Deming and Faith Andrews edited by **Paul Pearson** has been given an award of merit by the Kentucky Historical Society in their Annual Kentucky History Awards in the State or Local History Publication category.

Dean of Students **Helen Grace Ryan** and colleagues have received word that their article *Making the Familiar Strange: How a Culture Audit Can Boost your Advising Impact* is slated for publication in the March/April Issue of About Campus magazine.

Dr. Robert Korn, professor emeritus of biology, has been invited to be on the editorial board of the prestigious Journal of Theoretical Biology.

Jefferson County Public Schools and Superintendent Dr. Sheldon Berman have invited **Bellarmino's School of Education** to partner with Breckinridge-Franklin Elementary to create a communications magnet. Additionally, **Dr. Mary Goral** has been appointed as a member of the Magnet Redesign Team at Byck Elementary in JCPS.

Drs. Anne Bucalos and **Claire Hughes** presented their case study *Bridging the divide: One university's approach to understanding different generations on a college campus*, at the International Lilly Conference on College Teaching November 21st at Miami University.

Dr. Sonya Burton presented two sessions at the recent CEC (Council for Exceptional Children) Conference in Louisville. The presentations were entitled: *Beyond Paris Hilton: Empowering Children to Change the World through Critical Literacy and Reading, Writing & Rising Up: Giving Students the Power to Read the Word and the World.*

On November 17th, the **School of Education** dedicated the new *Bellarmino Center for Economic Education*. The new center will provide training to in-service and pre-service teachers, community outreach and new graduate programming.

Dr. Robert Cooter received the A.B. Herr Award at the College Reading Association's annual meeting. This annual award is presented for distinguished service in reading and recognizes a professional educator who has made outstanding contributions to the field of reading.

An article co-authored by **Dr. Claire Hughes** has just been published in the Journal for the Education of the Gifted: Brice, A. R., Shaunessy, E. S., Hughes, C. E., McHatton-Alvarez, P., & Ratliff, M. A. (2008). What language discourse tells us about gifted behaviors in bilingual adolescents: A case study of gifted and non-gifted students. *Journal for the Education of the Gifted*, 32(1) 7-33.

Dr. Robert Cooter presented the following session at the Annual Conference of the College Reading Association in Sarasota, Florida: Cooter, R. (2008) Writing for Publication in *The Reading Teacher: Tips from the Editors*. Annual Conference of the College Reading Association, Sarasota, FL, November 6, 2008.

Dr. Christy McGee and **Dr. Claire Hughes** made the following presentations at the National Association for Gifted Children: McGee, C.D. & Hughes, C. E. (2008). *I swear we're not pushing her... but*. National Association for Gifted Children Annual Conference. Tampa, FL, November, 2008. Hughes, C. E. & McGee, C. D. (2008). *Gifted in a millennial world*. National Association for Gifted Children Annual Conference. Tampa, FL, November, 2008

Dr. Mary Goral presented at the Wisconsin State Teachers' Association annual conference in October. Her presentation was entitled: Teaching Environmental Sustainability in Math Class.

Dr. Adam Renner made the following presentations at the American Educational Studies Association Conference: Thayer-Bacon, B.; Renner, A.; Young Kang, S.; Peng, H.; Cao, Y.; & Ellison, S. (2008). Beyond liberal democracy in schools: The power of pluralism. American Educational Studies Association. Savannah, GA. Schramm-Pate, S.; Jeffries, R.; Carlson, D.; Lussier, R.; Gilliam-Smith, R.; & Renner, A. (2008). Civil rights pedagogy: Critical debates and scholarship. American Educational Studies Association. Savannah, GA.

Dr. Claire Hughes' chapter "Janusian Gifted: Twice-Exceptional Children" has been accepted for publication in "Gifted Education: Trends and Issues: A festschrift for Dr. Joyce VanTassel-Baska". The book is due out in the spring of 2009.

Dr. Christy McGee was an invited panelist for a session at the National Association for Gifted Children. The panel discussed parenting gifted children.

Dr. Claire Hughes will co-edit a special edition of the journal "Gifted Child Today" with Mary Ruth Coleman, former President of the Council for Exceptional Children, on Response to Intervention for Gifted Children. The edition is due out Fall of 2009.

Dr. Christy McGee served as a contributing editor to The National Association for Gifted Children's Mile Marker Series that collated over 300 hundred documents written about the needs of gifted children.

The KY Education Professional Standards Board reported that the 2008 graduates of our MAILSA (Principal Preparation) program have maintained a pass rate of 100% on the KY Principal Certification exam.

Dr. Sherill Cronin and **Dr. Ruth Carrico** (nursing alumna) published, Carrico, R. M., Tebmann, T., English, J. F., Mackey, J., & Cronin, S. N. (2008). *Infection prevention and control competencies for hospital-based health care personnel*. American Journal of Infection Control, 36, 10, pp. 691-701.

Dr. Mike Huggins wrote an article that appeared in the Central West Neighborhoods section of the Courier Journal. The article focused on Dr. Huggins' work in the Umoja Clinical in Chickasaw. The Clinic is stepping into newly renovated space on the St. Martin de Porres Church campus at 3112 W. Broadway.

Dr. Elaine Lonnemann published *A Morphological Comparison of the Human Lumbar Multifidus by Chemical Dissection*, 2009. The Journal of Manual and Manipulative Therapy, Vol. 16, No. 4

Dr. David Pariser, Professor Tony Brosky, and Dr. Mark Wiegand will present *Students as Colleagues: Community Engagement as Model for Faculty-Student Scholarly Collaboration* at the 2009 Gulf South Summit in Baton Rouge, LA, March 25-27, 2009.

Dr. Gina Pariser was granted a Summer Stipend 2009 by the BU Faculty Development Committee.

The Physical Therapy Department is sponsoring the *Fun Run, Walk or Roll* on Saturday, March 14, 2009, 830a-10A at the Louisville Zoo. Packet Pick Up at Kent Combs Running Store, Friday, March 13, 2009, 5-7pm.

Theology **Professor Milburn Thompson** has had an article on torture published. The citation is: J. Milburn Thompson, "Catholic Social Teaching and the Ethics of Torture," *Journal for Peace and Justice Studies* vol. 17, Issue 2, 2008, pp. 22-42. This is a refereed journal.

Tommy Miller who works in the Maintenance Dept is a proud father of a baby boy, Dylan Thomas Miller. Dylan was born 1-11-09. He weighs 7lbs 14 oz. and 20" long. Mom and baby Dylan are doing fine.