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A Message from the President
Gary L. Wirt, Ed.D.



This has been one of the coldest and most unpredictable springs I can remember. When was the last time it snowed in April? Yet despite the uncertainty of the weather, Goldey-Beacom College has continued its persistent journey toward achieving greater.

I am pleased to announce that Goldey-Beacom College has been ranked as the number one college in Delaware by BestColleges.com.

BestColleges.com applies the highest collegiate standards to rank colleges and universities across the nation. Their stringent metrics examine what colleges and universities are doing to care for and equip their students.

We take great care of our students, offering over \$17M in scholarships in the last year alone. But our care for our students extends beyond financial care to campus safety and mental health. This spring, we engaged key staff and the Emergency Management Committee in Active Shooter Response Training, and we rolled out enhanced mental health services for students and employees.

Evidence of the rigor with which we aim to equip students can be found in both the excellent performance of our faculty and the 90 percent rate at which our students find meaningful employment.

It is certainly an honor to be ranked number one in Delaware; however, it isn't a surprise. After all, we set one goal for our students and the institution: achieve greater. We have, and we will continue to do so. Perhaps you have seen the television commercials for Goldey-Beacom's new Doctor of Business Administration degree program. The program has received full approval from

the state of Delaware and the Middle States Commission on Higher Education. Applications are rolling in, and we will welcome our first class in fall 2018.

We also have plans to add another master's degree to the College's offerings. Dr. Jennifer Lawless has rejoined the faculty as an adjunct instructor and will be working closely with Dr. Gerard Hoefling to develop a new Master's of Psychology degree program that can potentially lead to various forms of counselor certification for our graduates.

Our growing and vibrant intellectual climate is matched with a growing and vibrant campus life. Last fall, I talked to you about a 34 percent increase in new, fulltime enrollment. This exponential growth has led to our residence halls operating at peak capacity! A busy task force, led by Executive Vice President Kristine Santomauro, is exploring residential options, and while we are not likely to break ground on a new dormitory in the coming year, we will complete a well-thought-out planning document to guide the way.

The College's Athletics Department continues to expand. Director of Athletics Dr. Tom Brennan has announced the introduction of Men's and Women's Track and Field for fall 2018, bringing GBC's total sports offerings to 13. When you have a moment, visit the Athletics Department facilities and see the new branding initiative that has brought color and energy to that part of campus!

Still, there is more greatness on the horizon. As we bring the Spring semester to a close, Delaware's own, U.S. Congresswoman Lisa Blunt Rochester, will deliver the commencement speech to an audience of more than 2,000 people at the College's 131st graduation on May 4.

I hope you enjoy reading this issue of Reflections and learning about the wonderful achievements and plans for the future within the greater College community.

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Lisa Blunt Rochester to Address the Class of 2018 at Goldey-Beacom College's 131st Graduation

On Friday, May 4, 2018, Lisa Blunt Rochester, Delaware's only U.S. Representative in Congress, will deliver the commencement speech for Goldey-Beacom College's 131st graduation.

Rochester brings a lifetime of achievement to the GBC stage, and our students can't wait to hear her story. Beginning with her incredible victory in Delaware's Congressional race in 2016, Rochester not only won the seat but is the first woman and first African-American to represent the First State in Congress.

Her impressive career includes working as a caseworker for then-Congressman Thomas R. Carper, serving as CEO of the Metropolitan Wilmington Urban League, Deputy Secretary of Health and Social Services, Secretary of Labor and State Personnel Director – all in Delaware.

Rochester's international travel, business experience and public service has perfectly positioned her to address our diverse student body representing over 13 states and more than 60 countries. On graduation day, students, parents, families and staff – about 2,000 people, will fill the gymnasium to begin a new chapter in life and listen to Rochester's words of wisdom.

Rochester holds a Bachelor's Degree in International Relations from Fairleigh Dickinson University and her Master's Degree in Urban Affairs and Public Policy from the University of Delaware.



Congresswoman Lisa Blunt Rochester, Delaware's representative in the U.S. House of Representatives

Upcoming College Events

2018

April 27

Honors Day

3:30 p.m., Michele Rollins Atrium

May 4

Graduation

3:45 p.m., Gymnasium

August 3

Alumni Association Night at the Blue Rocks

7:00 p.m., Frawley Stadium

October 4

Alumni Association

Golf Tournament

12:00 p.m., Deerfield Golf Club

November 12 - 17

Lightning Week

November 17

Legacy Night

6:00 p.m., Alumni Hospitality Suite

Gymnasium, Game time TBD



Alumni Association Paying it Forward

BY JANINE G. SORBELLO

Corporate America is not the only place you'll find matching gifts – this spring, the Goldey-Beacom College Alumni Association launched the Alumni Association Matching Gift Program or AAMP.

Founded by Mark Olazagasti, GBC's incoming Chairman of the Board of Trustees and former Alumni Association Board member, AAMP's purpose is to grant matching funds to any GBC student organization for their fundraising efforts as long as their efforts benefit their organization and/or the College community.

"As alumni, and specific to the Alumni Association, we are always thinking of ways to give back to the College community," explained Olazagasti. "AAMP is just an extension of our giving back and trying to make a difference," he continued, "what better way to give back than to support student organizations and their efforts directly. The current students are future alumni, and hopefully the spirit of AAMP resonates with them and encourages them to get involved and give back to the College community when they are ready to do so."

\$100 - The Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) was the first recipient of a matching gift of \$100. SAAC used the money to host a welcome back barbecue last September for all GBC athletic teams. More than 150 athletes and guests showed up to meet one another and build comradery.

\$250 - A second matching gift was awarded to the SAAC, which enabled the group to introduce the first-ever Lightning Cup, a fun athletic competition created solely for GBC student-athletes and athletics staff. Shea Murphy, a sophomore and a member of SAAC as well as the GBC Golf team said, "The entire SAAC team is very pleased with the rise of school spirit and group activities this past school year. The community and rapport we have seen among the student-athletes is at an all-time high."

\$250 - The GBC Chapter of the Alpha Chi National Honor Society received a matching gift of \$250 toward traveling expenses for their national convention this spring.

\$400 - Lightning Studio founders, junior Geoff Stone and senior Lorenzo Gamas, are two-time recipients of matching gifts. Stone and Gamas started with one camera and a laptop and have become the campus go-to guys for photography and videography including the soccer team's CACC championship journey. The Alumni Association has matched over \$400 to help them purchase professional equipment. Keep watching as Lightning Studio continues to grow.

Assistant Professor Dr. Victoria Neagoe with students Rachel Ward and Eric Johnson enjoy dinner at the Alpha Chi National Convention in Portland, Oregon.

Students display their Lightning Cup trophies. The inaugural event consisted of eight-person teams who competed in six events including doubles ping-pong, singles pool and team trivia. The \$250 matching gift enabled attendees to enjoy pizza, a DJ and the first Lightning Cup trophy.



Photo courtesy of Geoff Stone

Goldey-Beacom College Ranked #1 College in Delaware by BestColleges.com



"This is an affirmation of what we have worked to do together".
President Gary L. Wirt, Ed.D.

[Click here to read more about GBC's #1 ranking on BestColleges.com.](#)

Student Organizations Engage the GBC Community

There are many groups on campus making a positive impact on the College community – while having fun at the same time.

PSYCHOLOGY CLUB - The Psychology Club assisted with the launch of the College's new mental health resources for students. Club President Celine Thomas and member Desiree Lutz helped the College introduce these new programs through various platforms including an Instagram video. The Psychology Club will continue to hold programs that promote good mental health strategies for students as well as host guest speakers and hold fundraisers for organizations such as Mental Health America.

FREE 2 BE - Free 2 Be, an organization that works to increase tolerance and respect for individuals of sexual orientation, has held several programs to educate and support local LGBTQ communities throughout the year. They hosted a free luncheon last fall in conjunction with Lightning Week where members from the local Big Brothers and Big Sisters program attended to talk with students. The event featured a dessert table that raised money for Immigration Equality, the nation's leading LGBTQ immigration rights organization. During Black History Month, the Club held a program called "Let's Talk" which included viewing a Ted Talk about how the LGBTQ Rights Movement has stemmed from similar concepts during the Civil Rights Movement.

The College's student organizations are making great strides as they educate the greater College community on important topics that directly influence campus life. For information on upcoming events, contact the organization advisor for a schedule.

Student Organizations

It doesn't matter if you are a student or an alumnus - it's easy to get involved in a cause that is close to your heart or your profession. Contact the club advisor to schedule a visit today.

Alpha Chi National Honor Society
Advisor: Dr. Victoria Neagoe
Email: neagoev@gbc.edu

Dance Club
Advisor: Dr. Victoria Neagoe
Email: neagoev@gbc.edu

David L. Barnes Leadership Council
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Email: hammond@gbc.edu; hobbs@gbc.edu; thurley@gbc.edu

Entrepreneurship Club
Advisor: Dr. Jeff Thurley
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Free 2 Be
Advisor: Bernadine Griffin and Tatiana Marshall
Email: griffibd@gbc.edu; marshatd@gbc.edu

GBC LIT
Advisor: Dr. Mary Wheeling
Email: wheeling@gbc.edu

IMA Accounting Club
Advisor: Keith Fleury
Email: fleuryk@gbc.edu

Lightning Studio
Advisor: Gary Balakoff and Jeremy Benoit
Email: balakoff@gbc.edu; benoit@gbc.edu

SAAC (Student Athletic Advisory Committee)
Advisor: Jeremy Benoit
Email: benoit@gbc.edu

Student Government Association
Advisor: Jennifer Ruggiero
Email: ruggiej@gbc.edu

Students With A Purpose
Advisor: Dr. Deanna Merritt
Email: merritd@gbc.edu

The GBC Psychology Club
Advisor: Dr. Gerard Hoeftling
Email: hoeftlig@gbc.edu

The Society for Human Resource Management
Advisor: Dr. Nicole Evans
Email: evansn@gbc.edu

[Click here](#) to visit GBC student organizations.

Achieve Greater . . . Goldey-Beacom

The Hidden Mental Health Crisis

As a student, it is important to realize – you are not alone. Mental illness is common among millions of people age 18 and older – especially students who are challenged with stigmas and other difficult issues.

According to Best Colleges.com, the top five mental health challenges facing students are:

- ✓ Depression
- ✓ Anxiety
- ✓ Suicide
- ✓ Eating Disorders
- ✓ Addiction



Pictured left to right are students who attended Fresh Check Day: Elena Groom, Shanika Whaley, Desiree Lutz (RA, Psychology Club Co-President), Celine Thomas (RA, Psychology Club Co-President) and Kyra Gaskill.

Enhanced Mental Health Services for Students

BY JANINE G. SORBELLO

While these top five mental health concerns are not the only ones affecting students, they are the most prevalent. The Student Affairs Office at Goldey-Beacom College has taken a preemptive strike to identify issues, educate students and provide solutions.

Last year, the College held its first Fresh Check Day with an overwhelming response and an outpouring of support from students. “We talk to students every day,” said Kevin Martin, director of residence and student life, “and we recognize the stress that college students put upon themselves to maintain high academic success while balancing both a social and professional life.”

“Last year,” Martin continued, “students ran nine Fresh Check booths, each designed to address a different component of mental health. Now we’re excited for the second annual Fresh Check Day which will be held collegewide in April 2018.”

Fresh Check Day, an annual event, is the signature program of the Jordan Porco Foundation which aims to “create an approachable and hopeful atmosphere where students are encouraged to engage in dialogue about mental health.”

But it doesn’t end there, as Martin believes it is important to

recognize national trends. “We wanted to ensure our students had the mental health resources they needed,” he said, “and as a result, this spring, the College introduced additional services for students experiencing emotional difficulties.”

Delaware Crisis Intervention Services (CIS) will provide on-site mobile support and assessment for any student experiencing severe mental health symptoms. CIS will also be offering training for key employees on crisis intervention.

Health Advocate Student Assistance Programs (SAP), a national firm serving hundreds of colleges and universities, will give students access to a 24-hour hotline providing professional assistance, support and referral for emotional, family or personal issues. SAP also provides online educational and assessment tools for students to explore and develop greater self-awareness. SAP will also accept calls from employees seeking advice or help regarding an enrolled student.

Dean of Students Chuck Hammond has joined the Delaware Higher Education Suicide Prevention Coalition, opening up a strong network of professionals in schools throughout Delaware. His appointment has provided the College with expanded access to best practices and enhanced training as well as a robust resource guide for students and employees.

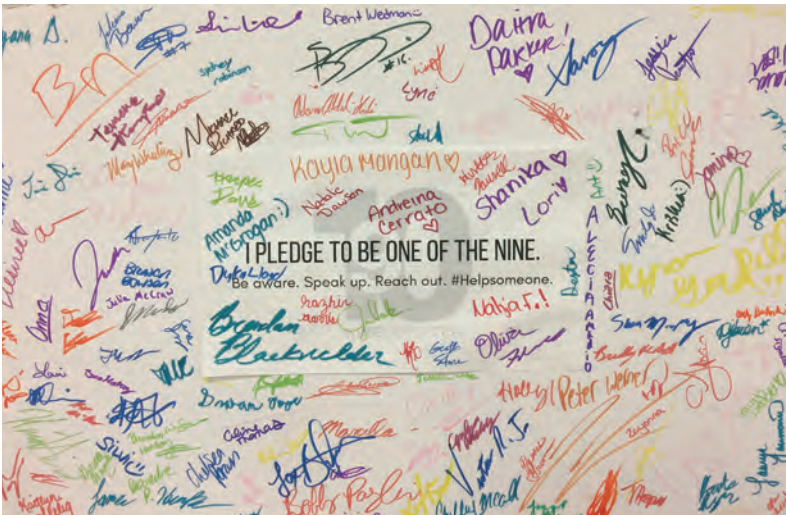
According to mental health research conducted by the National Alliance on Mental Illness:

- ✓ One in four students have a diagnosable illness.
- ✓ 40 percent do not seek help.
- ✓ 80 percent feel overwhelmed by their responsibilities.
- ✓ 50 percent have become so anxious that they struggled in school.



[Click here](#) for more information on NAMI.

College is Committed to the Challenge



Statistics show that one in 10 students contemplate suicide. That means nine out of 10 can stop it from happening. Pictured above, nearly 200 students signed the pledge to be one of the nine.



Photo courtesy of Janine Sorbello

Active Shooter Response Training + Vigilance = A Safe Campus

BY JANINE G. SORBELLO

Goldey-Beacom College is committed to providing a safe and secure campus for students, staff, faculty and visitors. Campus Security, located in Leach Hall, operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year, but our commitment doesn’t stop there.

More and more, we are hearing about the horrific occurrences of school shootings. While the College boasts an excellent safety rating, we felt strongly that more was needed to continue our vigilance to ensure a safe campus. “We recognize unfortunate trends,” said Kristine Santomauro, executive vice president and head of the College’s Emergency Management Committee, “and we remain steadfast in our obligation to provide a safe, secure campus for our students and employees.”

“In our mission to be prepared for such an incident,” Santomauro continued, “key staff and the College’s Emergency Management Committee participated in in-person Active Shooter Response Training conducted by the Delaware State Police. Following an intense, interactive training, our staff are better prepared to address these types of situations.”

This spring, the College contracted with ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) Training Institute for an online module to better prepare employees for such an unfortunate event. Combined with Active Shooter Response Training, employees are better equipped to work together in the event of an active shooter. Dean of Students Chuck Hammond became a certified ALICE instructor whose knowledge will assist the College as it continues its preparedness for such potential events on campus.

These new trainings, in addition to our existing security measures, provide our entire campus population with high-level safety. Security cameras have long been installed throughout campus to enhance student and employee safety. Security escorts are also available for students or anyone, at any time. GBC Alerts are a proved system of instant communication for emergency notifications and updates through text messaging and email. All students, faculty and staff are automatically enrolled.

At Goldey-Beacom College, we put safety and security first and are proud to welcome our students, alumni and their families on campus knowing we remain vigilant.



Achieve Greater . . . Alumni

Distinguished Alumni Gallery

Celebrating Extraordinary Alumni



Photo courtesy of Geoff Stone

The Alumni Association kicked off Legacy Weekend with the Distinguished Alumni Gallery (DAG) dinner on November 17 at Deerfield Golf Club. Goldey-Beacom College faculty, staff, alumni and students came out in record numbers to honor the newest inductees into this gallery of accomplished alumni.

New DAG inductees Dennis L. Michel '86 and Joan V. Panik '93, as well as Rising Star John T. Carroll '07, were recognized for their commitment to their communities and their achievements in their professional lives.

The Distinguished Alumni Gallery recognizes Goldey-Beacom College alumni for their extraordinary life accomplishments. The next Distinguished Alumni Gallery dinner will be held in November 2019. For more information, contact Maureen Tomey at alumni@gbc.edu or (302) 225-6210. [Click here](#) to see more photos.



Photo courtesy of Geoff Stone

Top left, pictured left to right, Jen Iqbal, Bill Brady, Nina Corey, Louis Santiago, Erika Marsillac, Mark Olazagasti, John Carroll, Joan Panik, John Patterson, Dennis Michel, Kristine Santomauro, Evann Ford and Adelaide Orsini.

Center left, pictured left to right, Alumni Board President Evann Ford with 2017 DAG inductee Dennis Michel and 2015 DAG inductee Erika Marsillac.

Below, Joan V. Panik, 2017 DAG inductee and current member of the Board of Trustees, receives a congratulatory hug from her son.



Photo courtesy of Lorenzo Gama



Photo courtesy of Lorenzo Gama

Committed to the Challenge

14th Annual Silent Auction

Alumni Association Raises Nearly \$7,000

On March 16, alumni, families and friends flooded the Michele Rollins Atrium as the Alumni Association held its 14th Annual Silent Auction, partnering with all 11 Athletic teams.

Attendees enjoyed a delectable buffet while placing their bids on over 150 auction items, including spa and beauty packages, sporting event tickets, gift baskets, official GBC Nike gear and gift cards to numerous area restaurants and venues.

Three lucky recipients went home with enviable raffle prizes that included: a \$100 Phillies gift card, a \$500 gift certificate to the Queen Victoria Bed & Breakfast in Cape May, NJ, and a grand prize of a two-night stay in a harbor-view suite at the Royal Sonesta Harbor Court Hotel in Baltimore.



Photo courtesy of Geoff Stone

Pictured top right, students Ashlyn Ludwig and Cameron Wilkinson welcome guests to the Silent Auction.

Center right, Strike bids on auction items.

Bottom right, Associate Professor and U.S. Air Force veteran Dr. Jeffery Thurley (left) and Alumni Affairs staff Maureen Tomey (right) present a framed print from his personal collection to Don and Dorothy Deaven (center), residents of The Summit who attended the auction. The Deavens bid on the original print but did not win. As a fellow veteran, Thurley wanted to present them with their very own signed print.

Below, Brandon Sonson, head athletic trainer, places a bid.

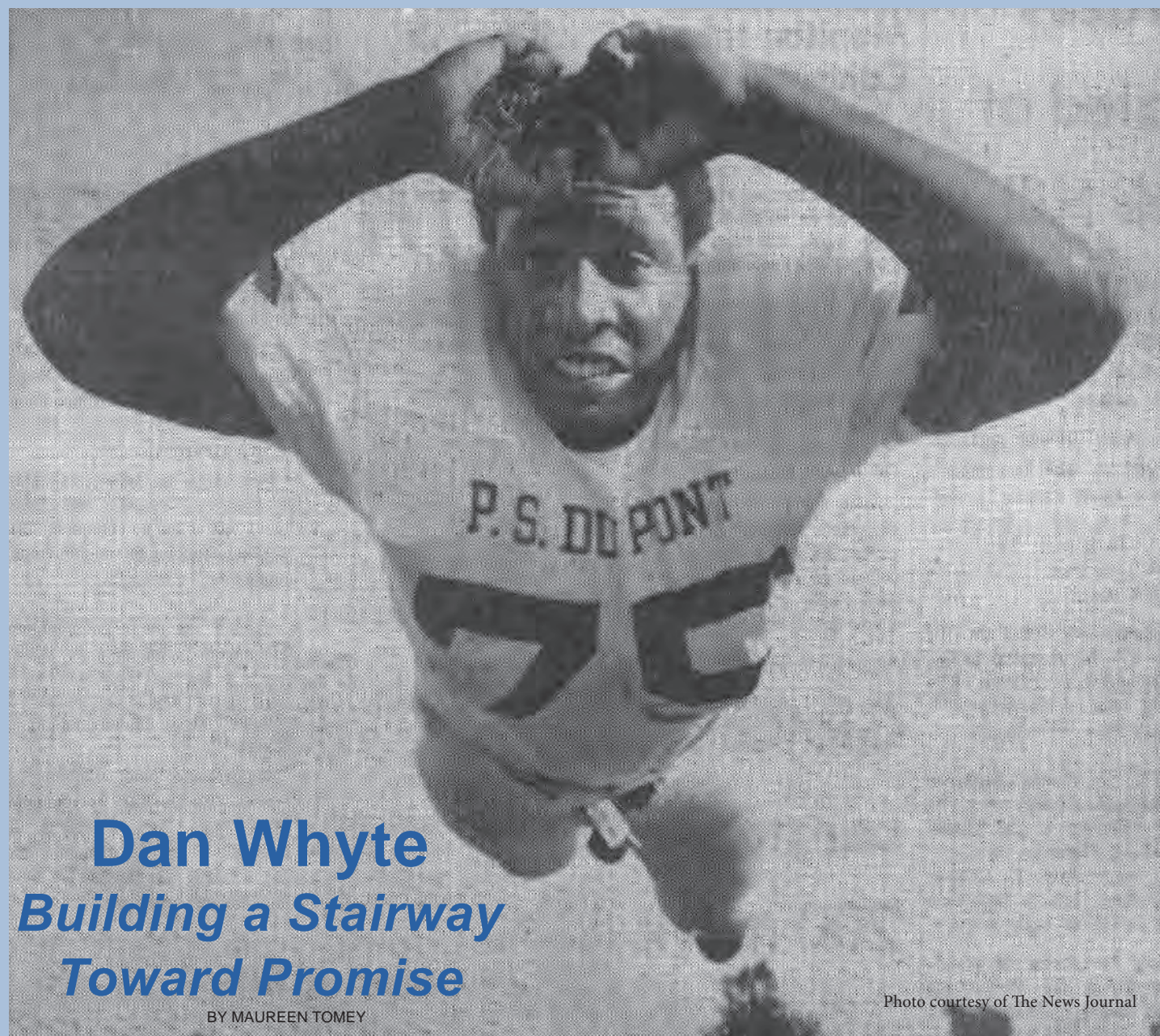


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Photo courtesy of Lorenzo Gama





Dan Whyte Building a Stairway Toward Promise

BY MAUREEN TOMEY

Photo courtesy of The News Journal

For most people, after being knocked down at every turn and having obstacles relentlessly thrown in their paths, the easiest course of action would be to abandon their lifelong dreams and give up. But for GBC alumnus Dan Whyte, giving up was never an option. Consequently, he has made it his life's vocation to help those with similar struggles to get back on their feet and try again – finding faith, meaning and purpose in their lives.

Dan is one of six children who spent his earliest years living in rural communities in Chester and Lancaster Counties in Pennsylvania. Having lost his father at the age of four, he spent a part of his childhood being raised by an aunt and uncle and was required to shoulder

many adult responsibilities in addition to his schoolwork. Some of those chores included assisting with the grueling obligations of running a family farm.

In 1964, Dan moved to Delaware where, at P.S. duPont High School, his love of basketball and football flourished. Never being fully engaged in scholarly pursuits, Dan saw school merely as a means to participate in athletics, paving the way for his ultimate goal to one day play professional football. During those years, Dan resided in a boarding house and was confronted each day with images of gang violence, drug abuse and scathing racism. He quickly learned to play both sides of the fence to survive. This period of Dan's life would be one that he would later look back on with regret, as his failing grades and indifference toward

school made it difficult for him to get within sight of his dreams.

Attributable to his deep faith, as well as support from loved ones and youth organizations like the YMCA and the Boy's Club, Dan found a way to persevere. His grades improved and a college education beckoned once again. With basketball being another passion of Dan's at the time, he applied to Goldey-Beacom College (then Beacom College) but was not accepted. His desire to attend GBC would later become a fundamental part of his journey.

After being offered a scholarship to Johnson C. Smith College, Dan waited in a pre-arranged location one day to be picked up by a coach, but that ride never showed up. Intuition led Dan's mother to return to the spot where she'd left her son

hours earlier, and she found him there, heartbroken. She told him to make his own choice; either come back home with her, or get on a bus to North Carolina. Dan bravely chose the latter and boarded a bus to Charlotte, arriving on campus with nothing but blind faith. He chose liberal arts as his major and earned a starting position as a freshman at left guard with the J.C. Smith Golden Bulls.

Dan left his college studies in 1974 to sign a contract with the Charlotte Hornets of the former World Football League. The WFL would fold less than two years after their debut, but professional agents were already in pursuit of Dan with hopes of drafting him to teams like the Miami Dolphins, Cleveland Browns, New York Jets, and the Dallas Cowboys. At the same time that the WFL folded, Dan's former coach from Charlotte signed on as a backfield coach in Detroit and was instrumental in getting the Lions to offer Dan a contract. Dan came on as a tight end with the 1976 Detroit Lions, along with Assistant Special Teams Coach Bill Belichick. But, on the night before the Lions were due to play in the Hall of Fame game, Dan sustained an injury to his right shoulder that would bring his football career to a screeching halt. Even after undergoing major surgery to repair the joint, his attempt at a comeback one year later would be aborted due to the severity of the injury.

This period in Dan's life would be filled with utter devastation and hopelessness. As Dan was recovering from shoulder surgery, his twin sons Dwayne and De-Ron were born, but De-Ron passed away less than one month later due to severe heart complications. In addition to this tragedy, Dan's lifelong dream of playing professional football had been abruptly extinguished, and he was left with neither a job nor a college degree to carry him through. As depression set in, so did the recognition that he had no idea which direction his life was meant to take. Relying once again on his boundless faith, he prayed for answers, then spent eight seasons working as a

talent scout to stay connected to the NFL. He combed the country looking for promising athletes, all the while coming to the sad realization that just like him, these young men would never be prepared for life after football. The idea of mentoring student-athletes began to take shape in his mind.

By the 1980's, Dan's former dream of playing professional football had been replaced with a new dream – to guide and mentor student-athletes. As well, his daughter Danielle and son Daniel III would be born in 1978 and 1981 respectively, adding brightness to a previously dark chapter of his life. Utilizing NFL settlement funds from his career-ending injury, Dan registered at Ohio University and completed his Bachelor's Degree in Recreation and Sports Counseling in 1987. It was at this time that Dan's ambitious vision

communication and study skills, as well as critical thinking abilities. NSAS counselors and mentors also provide job skills development training and health and nutrition counseling. The ultimate goal of the organization is to offer student-athletes a viable plan for success on the field, in the classroom, in a future career and in their personal lives. Annual four- to six-week summer camps held at A.I. duPont High School are also sponsored by NSAS at no cost to Red Clay School District students.

In 2013, Dan earned a Master's Degree in Management from Goldey-Beacom College at the age of 63. He was ecstatic to at long last be a student at the College where he'd had such high hopes of attending decades earlier. Upon completion of this degree, he worked for several years at the Gateway Lab School in Wilmington, DE, first as a behavioral interventionist, then as director of the athletics program he had implemented at the school.

As Founder and President of NSAS, Dan partners with the Red Clay School District and the Beau Biden Foundation. His eyes light up when he talks about the children with whom he works, as well as the personal sense of pride he feels when they achieve their goals. His latest project is a book entitled *Grace Through the Struggle*, fittingly dedicated to "all of the student-athletes who are struggling with finding meaning and purpose in this life."

Dan currently resides in Delaware with his wife Karen. Together they have raised six children and 11 grandchildren. He is a proud member of both the NFL Alumni Organization and the NFL Legends Community. He continues to envision new ways to inspire student-athletes each day.

For more information on NSAS [click here.](#)



Photo courtesy of Dan Whyte

Dan celebrates with an award-winning student at the NSAS summer camp.

of a national mentoring program came to fruition, after writing a paper that impressed his professor so much that she likened it to a doctoral dissertation and urged him to follow through on its concept to create a program. Dan officially established the NSAS (National Student Athletic Society) that same year.

Currently governed by a board of directors with Dan as acting president, the NSAS has designed a program to provide student-athletes with a structured schedule that includes in-school and after-school activities. By assigning counselors and mentors to student-athletes, each of those students is offered help with test-taking,

Veterans of *The Summit*: Stories of Service

BY JANINE G. SORBELLO

Barely half a mile away, an energetic retirement community has opened its doors to its neighbor, Goldey-Beacom College.

These vibrant retirees welcomed the College's enthusiastic students for conversations with veterans . . . and the results were extraordinary. What began as an idea to connect students with residents to spend time, learn and offer community engagement, has blossomed into warm, endearing friendships and much more.

Just ask Lorenzo Busra Ribeiro da Gama, a senior marketing major and member of the Men's Soccer team, why he visits the The Summit every Friday to hang out with retirement community residents. "Just being there with these amazing people," says Gama with a smile, "and having them share their stories, not only from the military, but I've got great advice from a lot of the residents and learned different perspectives about things in life and love." It was obvious from Gama's quiet voice and thoughtful gaze that he treasures his newfound friendships with veterans. "I think that's what sets this project apart," he said. "They are sharing everything from their life. They are being a complete open book for all of us."

The project Gama refers to is Veterans of *The Summit*: Stories of Service. Each Friday, for the past three months, Jeremy Benoit, assistant athletic director, has teamed up with Scott Thomas and Maureen Johansson who oversee The Summit activities program. Five to 10 students representing all 11 NCAA

athletic programs, as well as Lightning Studio and GBC Lit Club students, show up to interview veterans from every war since WWII, including Korea and Vietnam.

Students do all of the work. They conduct interviews and record conversations. Geoff Stone (a junior English major) and Lorenzo Gama, both Lightning Studio founders, take video footage and photographs of interviews.

"Sharing the stories of our country's veterans is incredibly important to me. So many impactful stories from such an amazing generation become forgotten, and this project has been a great way to involve so many people from different areas and backgrounds to cherish and share these stories in a way that will let them live on forever."
Geoff Stone

Ultimately, the goal is to interview the residents, and this summer, students will write each veteran's personal story – all 40 so far – and compile them into a book complete with pictures. Students want to sell the book as a fundraiser to benefit a local veteran's organization. But Benoit says the hype isn't about the book or a fundraiser, "it's about learning something from the veterans."

"As I talked to the first group of students who were set to interview the residents," said Benoit, "I told them, this is not a formal interview. You are here to simply hang out. You are here to spend time. And what we got was absolutely authentic."

Benoit felt it was important for students to have life experiences beyond the campus. He wanted them to gain a true sense of what life was like as a 20-year-old being drafted into a war. He says students learn the importance of a college education from another person's perspective. They learn what it's like to have true mental toughness and grit. Most important, they learn life lessons.

Stone, who is the creative director for the project, is an aspiring movie producer, but his motivation to capture these stories goes a bit deeper. "Both of my grandfathers served in WWII, Edward Andrews Cooke and Norval Christian Nygaard," Stone said proudly, "so sharing the stories of our country's veterans is incredibly important to me. So many impactful stories from such an amazing generation become forgotten, and this project has been a great way to involve so many people from different areas and backgrounds to cherish and share these stories in a way that will let them live on forever."

The Summit, along with GBC Athletics, Lightning Studio and GBC Lit Club, are planning a special Veterans Day celebration this fall to honor residents for their service, unveil the book and watch the entire journey captured on video.

Pictured right, Dr. Fred Hausler, resident of The Summit shares his story with student Cierra Jones.

Left, residents from The Summit joined in the fun for the Alumni Association's Silent Auction. Pictured left to right: Lorenzo Gama, GBC senior, soccer player
Don Deaven, Summit resident
Dr. Tom Brennan, GBC athletic director
Scott Thomas, Summit activities director
Rich Campbell, Summit resident
Jeremy Benoit, GBC assistant athletic director
Curtis Shellenberger, Summit resident
Frank Moore, Summit resident
Geoff Stone, GBC junior
Kneeling, Dave Bolton, Summit executive director
Next to Bolton is: Anthony Sbraccia, Summit resident
Dorothy Deaven, Summit resident
Maureen Johansson, Summit assistant activities director



Photo courtesy of Geoff Stone

[Click here](#) to read the Delaware Online news article and learn more about this unique partnership.



Let Lightning Strike Your Calendar

SAVE THE DATE

August 3, 2018 - Alumni Night at the Blue Rocks, Frawley Stadium

October 4, 2018 - Drives for Education Golf Outing, Deerfield Golf Club

November 16, 17, 2018 - Legacy Weekend, on campus

Legacy Weekend

Following the notable success of our inaugural Legacy Weekend in November 2017, the Alumni Association is proud to announce plans for a second year of celebrating every member of the GBC community who helps build and strengthen our legacy. Whether you are a current student, a parent, an alumnus, a staff or faculty member, or a friend of the College, you are part of the tapestry that makes up our unique legacy. Specific plans for the celebration of this year's Legacy Weekend will be available soon.



Alumni Night at the Blue Rocks

Bring the whole family out to watch the Wilmington Blue Rocks take on the Frederick Keys on Friday, August 3 for a 7:05 p.m. game, immediately followed by a dazzling fireworks display! Two adjoining luxury-level suites will offer some of the best views in the ballpark! These suites at Frawley Stadium are an exclusive and comfortable, climate-controlled way to enjoy a Blue Rocks game with a great view of the Wilmington skyline. Additional details and ticket information will be available soon.

Drives for Education Golf Outing

Come out and swing your clubs on the picturesque grounds of Wilmington's top-rated public course at Deerfield Golf Club, bordering White Clay Creek State Park. Foursomes and single golfers are welcome to join us for this outing, scheduled for Thursday, October 4, with a shotgun format, lunch tickets and a full buffet dinner included. Fun events throughout the day will include various contests, raffles and awards. Additional details and sponsorship opportunities for this event will be available soon.

[Click here](#) to learn more about the Alumni Board and these upcoming events.

Contact Maureen Tomey at (302) 225-6210 or alumni@gbc.edu for more information on any of these events.



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Achieve Greater – Join the GBC Alumni Board of Directors

Joining the GBC Alumni Association Board of Directors is one of the best ways to show your Lightning pride. The Board values all alumni and welcomes those who volunteer to commit their time and talents to help the College fulfill its mission. You can serve in various capacities, either as a member of the Alumni Board or by working exclusively on a specific committee.

Becoming a member of the Board builds and nurtures lifelong relationships. You will have the opportunity to get involved and provide fresh insight with branding our signature, alumni-sponsored events such as the Annual Silent Auction or the Alumni Night at the Blue Rocks outing. Membership will also connect you to a network of graduates who represent the principles of Goldey-Beacom College and who can help you broaden your career goals.

Strengthen the value of your degree and stay connected to your alma mater! Anticipate a rewarding experience but one that requires serious commitment. This is a hands-on working Board that meets four times annually with more frequent meetings in between for committees.

Make a difference in the College community today, and email us at alumni@gbc.edu or call Maureen Tomey at (302) 225-6210 for more information about joining the Board. Also feel free to stop by the External Affairs Department in person at the Joseph West Jones Center. We would be happy to take you on a tour and show you some of the changes and updates to our beautiful Goldey-Beacom College campus!



Second Annual Hoop It Up

Alumni Association Celebrates Basketball Win With Students and Families

BY MAUREEN TOMEY

The Joseph West Jones Center came alive on February 10 when the greater GBC community came out in significant numbers to watch the Men's and Women's NCAA Basketball teams in action on the court at the second annual Hoop It Up event.

Attendees split their time between the gymnasium and the Alumni Hospitality Suite, where they could catch up with fellow alumni over complimentary drinks and hors d'oeuvres while watching the exciting doubleheader between Goldey-Beacom College and Concordia College. To add to the excitement of the evening, both the Men's and Women's Basketball teams won their games, with final scores of 93-61 and 61-51, respectively.



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Goldey-Beacom College ATHLETICS

CACC Soccer Champs A Story of Triumph Through Adversity

BY JEREMY BENOIT

For a group of 10 seniors, four years of tireless effort and dedication paid off like no one had ever imagined... except for them.

Since this group of seniors came to Goldey-Beacom in 2014, there have been many ups and downs, both on and off the field of play. As Head Coach Ryan Dixon stated in a 2017 preseason interview with Lightning Studio, "When I took over [in 2012] we were 0-15, and I think we came a long way. I think this year we might compete for a spot in the Conference Finals, and hopefully a bid to the NAAs." Little did he know, these early hopes turned out to be a premonition.

After the 2016 season had ended, Assistant Athletic Director Jeremy Benoit was speaking with Declyn Brown (Scotland). Brown shared his feelings, "If we played on an actual field, we'd have a lot better chance at winning." The soccer season had ended with the field in rough condition, which led to the end of the season being played at an off-campus site. Since the field was in a state of disrepair, the College funded a renovation which included a Bermuda grass installation, black plastic coated fencing and a branded windscreen which was provided in part by a generous donation from the GBC Alumni Association. With the facility now in pristine condition, there would be no more excuses for Brown and company to not come home with a trophy. The Lightning opened their season with a crushing

3-0 defeat at the hands of Shippensburg University. After the game, defending Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (CACC) Goalkeeper of the Year Suhail Bismilla (South Africa) delivered sound leadership to his teammates, "This is just a stepping stone for us for the rest of the season. It's a wake-up call to get us moving in the right direction." Three days later, the squad would pump in five goals against a Bloomsburg team that appeared on paper to be a much better opponent than Shippensburg, winning 5-2.



Ethan Maguire's championship, game-tying goal came just days after the passing of his grandfather. As Maguire flew back into the States from Australia, members of the athletic staff picked him up at the airport and continued on their way to the CACC Semifinals.

Over the course of the next three games, the Lightning outscored their opponents to the tune of 16-1. After two tough losses, 2-1 at Felician and 2-0 at Wilmington, the squad went on a tear, not losing again until their final game of the season where

they lost 3-1 at non-conference opponent District of Columbia.

The final home game of the season came during the first round of the CACC Tournament with No. 2 seed GBC against Nyack College. After a relatively quiet first half (1-0, GBC), the Lightning came out hot in the second with two goals in the first 10 minutes. The Warriors answered with two goals in three minutes to bring the score within one until a 90th minute empty-net goal from Alejandro Varela (Colombia) solidified the 4-2 victory for Goldey-Beacom – their ninth, unbeaten on their newly-renovated home field.

The subsequent Semifinal match pitted the stingy defensive unit of Post University against the Lightning's highly-touted offense. After a scoreless first half, Post potted a goal at the end of the 56th minute to take a 1-0 lead. The veteran GBC defense put on the clamps which allowed a penalty kick opportunity for Mateus Silvestre (Brazil) to equalize in the 74th minute. Overtime would not disappoint. Just two minutes into the first overtime period, Alvaro Martinez (Spain) drove down the left sideline through heavy traffic and delivered a laser of a cross to the chest of Nicholas Ladeira (South Africa) which got past the goalie to advance the Lightning to their first CACC Championship game since 2003. The team returned to their hotel and awaited the Championship match versus rival Jefferson University.

The two halves of regulation in the CACC Championship were a story of set-pieces. Jefferson struck first in the 25th minute with a corner-kick header, but the Lightning struck back six minutes later with one of their own – a beautiful corner-kick from Nicolas Jaramillo (Colombia) led to a strong header from Ethan Maguire (United States). To overtime they went, yet again. The first overtime period was hotly contested with scoring opportunities for both squads. However, Goldey-Beacom was the only one to find the back of the net. It was only fitting that in the final moments of the period, Chahin Aghrim (Germany) who was leading the conference and nation in assists, crossed a ball through traffic from the right and Ladeira played a very crafty ball off the heel for his second overtime winner in as many games. The incredible performance by the freshman led to him being selected as the CACC Tournament's Most Outstanding Player. Many of the seniors fell to the turf and let out tears of joy as their years of hard work and determination made for a very emotional and passionate result. The victory would give the Lightning their first CACC Championship in 14 years and first NCAA tournament match in team history.

The 2017 NCAA Tournament Selection Show revealed that the team would head north to Adelphi University to take on the Merrimack College Warriors who had only been breached for 12 goals on the year. Most of the first half was spent by the two teams feeling each other out until Silvestre played a long ball to

Jaramillo in the 38th minute which he chipped over the head of the Merrimack goalie for the 1-0 lead. The remainder of the contest was another showing of shut-down defense as the GBC backfield and midfield took away any legitimate chance the Merrimack attack could muster, leading to a 1-0 shutout. The shutout was Bismilla's 12th, breaking his own GBC record. The victory notched yet another institutional milestone as they became the only men's team in College history to win a head-to-head match-up in the NCAA tournament.

The men were undefeated at home, set the single-season win record, and led the entire nation in goals and points . . . all while sporting more Academic All-Americans than any other Division II institution: Chahin Aghrim, Suhail Bismilla, and Cameron Wilkinson.

The final game of the illustrious 2017 campaign came against Adelphi University in the second round of the NCAA Tournament. Aghrim put one past a charging goalie in the 21st minute of the contest to give the Lightning a 1-0 lead. It wasn't until 1:56 remaining in the contest that Adelphi equalized with a cross into the box that led to a loose ball goal. In what was their third overtime in their last four contests, the senior-heavy squad was not fazed by the tall task ahead of them. The first overtime period

came and went without a score on either side. In the 106th minute, the Lightning evaded almost certain demise as Adelphi narrowly rang a shot off the crossbar, only to have them take advantage of a turnover two minutes later and pot the game-winner with only 1:31 left on the clock. The post-game huddle included the 10 seniors sharing stories from the past year followed by heart-felt thank you's to their teammates and wise words for the promising future of the program.

Through all of the postseason dramatics, the 2017 Goldey-Beacom Men's Soccer team set many individual and team records. The men were undefeated at home, set the single-season win record, and led the entire nation in goals and points . . . all while sporting more Academic All-Americans than any other Division II institution (Chahin Aghrim, Suhail Bismilla and Cameron Wilkinson) and an average GPA of 3.375. Aghrim led the nation in assists and was also named First Team All-CACC and CoSIDA First-Team All-American – the first in College history in any sport.

For a group of 10 seniors, four years of tireless effort and dedication paid off like no one had ever imagined... except for them.

Below, the 2017 Men's Soccer team is bursting with emotion after winning their first CACC Championship in 14 years – followed closely by the first head-to-head NCAA tournament victory in GBC history for a male sport, as they defeated 10th-ranked Merrimack College.

[Click here](#) to watch *Believe*, a documentary on the soccer team's journey to its CACC championship which was produced by GBC's Lightning Studio.



Three Student-Athletes Earn CoSIDA Academic All-America Honors

Winning the Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference Championship (CACC), making it to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Tournament for the first time in school history and upsetting the No. 3 seed, Merrimack, in the first round of the NCAA Tournament weren't the only accomplishments the Men's Soccer team achieved this season. Three members of the squad, Chanin Aghrim, Suhail Bismilla and Cameron Wilkinson, were named to the CoSIDA Academic All-America team.



GOLDEY-BEACOM COLLEGE WAS THE ONLY COLLEGE IN THE NATION WITH THREE STUDENT-ATHLETES NAMED TO CoSIDA ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA TEAMS, BRINGING THE TOTAL NUMBER TO FIVE, ALL WITHIN THE LAST THREE YEARS.



Chanin Aghrim was named first team Academic All-America, and is the first student-athlete in school history to receive this honor. Aghrim was also selected first team All-CACC and CoSIDA Academic All-District for the second straight year. His performance in the NCAA tournament helped him tab CCAC first team all-region. Aghrim ended the season first in the nation with 15 assists on the season, tying the school's single-season assist record.



Suhail Bismilla was named third team Academic All-America, CACC Goalkeeper of the Year and first team All-CACC for the second straight year. Bismilla set a school record for 12 career shutouts and ended the season with 91 saves. He was named October's CACC Student-Athlete of the Month because of his community service efforts. Bismilla earned the CACC's Top XVI Award, which is given to the student-athlete with the highest grade-point average who participates in the CACC Championship Tournament.



Cameron Wilkinson earned third team Academic All-America honors. As a key defender for the team throughout the season, he was part of the defense that only allowed 25 goals and recorded nine shutouts this season. Wilkinson also earned CoSIDA Academic All-District for the second straight year.



Volunteering – Fundraising – Giving Back

Participation in athletics can help people in many ways. It can provide them with an opportunity to receive a college education, it can help them have a healthy outlet for frustrations and it can create a new family through a bond that is hard to break. And Goldey-Beacom College student-athletes know first-hand the amazing experiences sports can bring. Throughout the school year, our athletic teams have used this platform to volunteer at several charity events, schools and retirement homes to give back to the community where they live, work and go to college.

Soccer - Members of the Men's And Women's Soccer teams volunteered at Family Fitness Funday at the Hockessin Athletic Club organized by Tender Hearts, a nonprofit organization dedicated to medically fragile children and their families. The student-athletes assisted the fundraiser by running different stations from arts and crafts to fitness competitions. The money raised during the event helped the organization purchase custom-made bicycles for physically and developmentally impaired children.

Basketball - The Women's Basketball team assisted children at Highlands Elementary School with a mathematics lesson, and the students had the opportunity to ask the team questions about being a collegiate athlete. The children all received GBC basketballs and were able to play games with the team.

Baseball - The Baseball team volunteered at the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation One Walk which raised over \$200,000.

Softball - The Softball team collected gifts and donated them to Toys for Tots over the holiday season. The team set up donation boxes around the campus for students, faculty and staff to donate unwrapped gifts.

The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) continued to create close relationships with the residents at The Summit through weekly visits to veterans. They also assisted the Hockessin Athletic Club with special events.

Student-athletes learned the importance of volunteerism and gained experiences they will never forget. Through their efforts, they met new people, learned new skills, built confidence and showed others how much they care.



Above, Marisa Howard works with students at Highlands Elementary School, bottom right, members of the Softball Team display the toys they collected for Toys for Tots and top right, members from the Men's and Women's Soccer Teams came together to help Tender Hearts assist medically fragile children.



35 Student-Athletes Achieve CACC All-Academic Honors

Thirty-five student-athletes attained status on the Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (CACC) Academic Honor Roll for the 2017-2018 season.

This honor is reserved for student-athletes who complete at least one full academic year, are at least a sophomore and maintain a 3.5 cumulative GPA.

Dean of Students Chuck Hammond, Director of Athletics Dr. Tom Brennan, and Assistant Director of Athletics Jeremy Benoit, proudly recognized the honorees who were treated to a special breakfast by the Athletics Department.



Men’s Soccer Chahin Aghrim Suhail Bismilla Callum Flynn Alvaro Martinez Deny Macedo Levi Maruca Darian Munoz Gustavo Santos Cameron Wilkinson Artur Zvinchuk	Women’s Soccer Cliona Crammond Juana Henao Tanner Turner-Rush Amy Runciman Halle Thomas Natalie Waltz Sophie Woods Men’s Golf Shea Murphy	Women’s Volleyball Kelly Bolton Autumn Keller Megann Santiago Women’s Tennis Manuela Cornejo Anna Hortelano Pey Alma Garcia Valle	Men’s Cross Country Adam Quann Josh Shultz Softball Lauren Conway Kylie Doyle Autumn Hollis	Women’s Basketball Ruth Fernandez Margherita Giubilei Marisa Howard Jill Latanowich Amanda McGrogan Mara Poch Tanner Turner-Rush
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Basketball Standout Corey Taite Named CACC Player of the Year

BY JILL CONROY

For the Goldey-Beacom College Men’s Basketball team, things are looking up for the season. The Lightning had a remarkable season, winning the Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (CACC) Regular Season South Division Title, tying the program record for most wins in a season, advancing to the semi-finals of the CACC Championship Tournament and producing two all-conference players including the Player of the Year.

Junior Corey Taite, who was named the CACC Player of the Year, was the player to watch this season. Taite had an outstanding junior season and was a playmaker, scorer and spark for the team in every way possible. From diving on the floor to get a steal on defense, to knocking down the three as the shot clock was about to expire, Taite did it all for the Lightning.

He was third in the conference with 19.4 points per game, second in steals with 2.3 steals per game and fourth in field goal percentage with 44 percent. But it was his all-around game, intensity and effort that earned him First Team All-Conference honors and Player of the Year accolades.

Taite ended his junior season with 1,236 career points, 167 steals and 268 assists. He is the first player in program history to be named CACC Player of the Year, and is the third player in team history with 581 single-season points, and second with 158 single-season free throws. This season, the Lightning entered post-season play as the No. 1 seed in the South Division. They advanced to the semifinal game but fell short in an overtime battle against Dominican College.

But that’s not where the road ends for the junior guard standout and his team. They will come back next season ready to battle, and Corey Taite will walk into next season with passion and determination.



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Standout Bryson Leaves Legacy

1,000 points, 1,000 rebounds and 100 career blocks

BY JILL CONROY

Lace up your sneakers, tuck in your jersey and get ready for the horn because this is where you leave your legacy. For senior women’s basketball player, Britani Bryson, that is exactly what she has done. She stepped onto the basketball court freshman year, looked up and saw the 1,000 Rebound Club banner with two names on it and said to herself, “I’m going to be the third name on that banner.”

On the court, Bryson has been a dominant force and one of the top post players in the conference since her freshman year. Bryson has averaged a near double-double for her career with 9.5 rebounds and 13.1 points per game. Bryson finished her career at Goldey-Beacom College with 1,482 career points, 1,071 career rebounds and 143 career blocks. Clearly, she is one of the top student-athletes in the history of the school. However, for Bryson, leaving her legacy at GBC wasn’t easy. There were many ups, downs and in-betweens.

Rewind to July 2017, the summer going into Bryson’s senior season. She is sitting at home with her boyfriend, Nick, playing with their one-month old baby, Noah.

She was blessed with Noah just two months after her junior year, and there was no question in her mind that she would come back to finish school and play her senior season at Goldey-Beacom College.

Fast forward a few months to February 2018, Nick and Noah sit in the front row at every game, home and away. Bryson waves to Noah during warmups but once that horn sounds, it’s nothing but business for the senior post. She needed just five rebounds to reach her career milestone in a game against Nyack



Pictured above, Bryson receives All-Conference honors from Conference Commissioner Dan Mara.



Britani led the team for four years and has been an all-conference player for the last three seasons. Stepping into her senior year, she has had to take on a bigger leadership role. “Britani was our most consistent player all year. We knew each practice or game, what she was going to contribute,” Head Women’s Basketball Coach Bethann Burke said about the senior. Britani was a leader by example to her teammates, but it wasn’t always easy. Bryson says, “The hardest thing this year was definitely balancing everything while also giving 100 percent in everything.” Bryson talked about waking up exhausted, early practices and still bringing energy and enthusiasm to practice.

“I knew I had a bigger leadership role this year,” Bryson said, “there were days when I had a 6:00 a.m. practice and had to be the loudest player with the most energy.”

Bryson excelled in her role this season which led her to earn Second Team All-Conference Honors for the second straight year and she earned Third Team honors in her sophomore campaign.

Britani walked into Goldey-Beacom ready to take on any challenge. What she didn’t know is that she would walk out with a new family, friends and her name on that banner.

College on February 3. She grabbed those five rebounds early in the first half to become the first player in program history with 1,000 career points, 1,000 career rebounds and over 100 career blocks. “Rebounding is what I cared about most because it has always been something I knew I could contribute to the team,” Bryson says, “if we weren’t doing well, I knew I would always be able to grab a rebound.”



Pictured above, Baby Noah, Britani Bryson and Head Women’s Basketball Coach, Bethann Burke

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2017- 2018 Goldey-Beacom College Athletics Awards

Men's Soccer
Most Valuable Player: Artur Zvinchuk
Highest GPA for Male Student-Athletes – Suhail Bismilla

Women's Soccer
Most Valuable Player: Amy Runciman
Coach's Award: Tanner Turner-Rush
Highest Team GPA – Sophie Woods

Volleyball
Most Versatile Player: Makinsie Balderson
Most Improved Player: Jax Babezki
Highest Team GPA – Kelly Bolton

Men's Cross Country
Most Valuable Player: Jono Hooper
Rookie of the Year: Chauncey Nichols
Highest Team GPA: Josh Shultz

Women's Cross Country
Most Valuable Player: Crystal McCollum
Rookie of the Year: Cara Jones
Highest Team GPA – Chelby McCall

Men's Basketball
Offensive MVP: Corey Taite
Defensive MVP: Isiah Graves
Highest Team GPA – Corey Taite

Women's Basketball
Most Valuable Player: Britani Bryson
Coach's Award: Marisa Howard
Highest Team GPA – Margherita Giubilei

Baseball
Kaizen Award: Edwin Lee
STRIKE Award: Brandon Hanson
Highest Team GPA – Brandon Abdul

Softball
Most Valuable Player: Rachel Davis
Rookie of the Year: Taylor Beres
Highest GPA for Female Student-Athletes – Dianna Gatto

Women's Tennis
Most Valuable Player – Catarina Zheng
Most Improved – Silvia Hortelano Pey
Highest Team GPA – Manuela Cornejo

Men's Golf
Most Valuable Player: Shea Murphy
Top Newcomer: Corbin Babyak
Highest Team GPA – Andre Primeau

Brian Conley Award Presented by NovaCare
Amy Runciman

President's Award
Juana Henao

Female Most Valuable Player
Britani Bryson

Male Most Valuable Player
Chahin Aghrim

GBC Athletics Inducts the Second Class of Student-Athletes into the Hall of Fame



HALL OF FAME DINNER

On Sunday, April 22, the Goldey-Beacom College Athletics Department held its second annual Hall of Fame awards ceremony at Deerfield Golf Club. The Lightning inducted Derek Savage '08, Norah Burdette '06 and Milton Olazagasti (posthumously) during the ceremony. More than 300 athletes, their families and College staff and faculty celebrated with the honorees.

Milton Olazagasti led the men's soccer program as head coach for seven seasons (1991-1997) and is second in school history in victories with a record of 83-35-4. In his final season, the team recorded a 16-3-1 season becoming a school record for most victories in a single season which was unbeaten until this past year. Olazagasti was a respected referee, entrepreneur and devoted student of the game. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Army, 27th Infantry Division, Korea, achieving the rank of corporal and receiving a Bronze Star and Purple Heart.



Milton R. Olazagasti

Derek Savage had an outstanding career for the men's basketball program from 2004-2008. Earning a spot on first team All-Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference and was named to the CACC All-Tournament Team in his senior season. Savage also earned All-CACC honors in 2007 and helped the team win an ECAC Title. Savage still holds the top spots in many categories for the program including first in career rebounds with 772 and first in steals with 236. Savage ranks second in points (1333), assists (293) and blocks (98).



Derek Savage '08

Norah Burdette helped bring home the first CACC Championship for any women's team in GBC history in 2005 when her team won the CACC Volleyball Championship Tournament in a match against University of the Sciences. Burdette earned All-Tournament Team due to her performance in the championship tournament where she recorded 15 kills and a .414 hitting percentage. Burdette also earned all-conference honors the previous season. She ended her career first in school history with 968 kills, second with 183 blocks, third with 101 aces and fifth with .246 hitting percentage.



Norah Burdette '06



Visit Goldey-Beacom College today and see the new Athletics Department branding project unfold. From new exterior signage (below), wall treatments in the Athletics Conference room (left) and the new Hall of Fame Gallery (opposite page). This is a work in progress, so stay tuned . . .



Achieve Greater . . . Alumni Accomplishments

Emmilyn Lawson '09 - AmeriHealth Caritas Delaware appointed Emmilyn Lawson as its market president. Lawson, whose career spans 20 years, enters this new position excited and eager to take on this new challenge. "I look forward to leading the team that will bring AmeriHealth Caritas award-winning expertise in serving those most in need to this great state," Lawson said.

Lawson has over 20 years of experience in Medicaid managed care in Delaware and Pennsylvania. She recently served as vice president of Delaware Medicaid markets and chief operations officer for Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield Delaware Health Options Inc. At Highmark, she led all core operations for the insurer's Medicaid, Children's Health Insurance Program and long-term services and supports products.



Lawson earned a Master of Business Administration Degree in Finance from Goldey-Beacom College in 2009.

Kellyn Nolan '09, '10 - Kellyn Nolan was hired as chief academic officer at Johnson College in Scranton, PA. Nolan earned a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Management in 2009 and a Master's Degree in Human Resource Management in 2010, both from Goldey-Beacom College. She is currently a Ph.D. candidate for a degree in Leadership in Higher Education Administration at Capella University. Nolan has served on a number of community boards and committees, including Wayne Tomorrow, Wayne and Pike Workforce, Pennsylvania Association for College Admissions Counseling and National Association for College Admissions Counseling.



Jason Stewart '07 - Stewart has officially filed to run for the 17th Senatorial District seat in Delaware. Stewart earned his Associate Degree in Business Administration in 2007 from GBC. He enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserve as a military police officer the same year. He was deployed to Iraq in 2009, where he became a squad designated marksman. He conducted numerous missions as a member of the counter sniper team.



After returning from Iraq, Stewart was promoted to senior supervisor for the Inter-Con Security team of the U.S. Department of State for uniformed diplomatic security. He planned and implemented many safety and security operations for the U.S. President and Vice President, Secretary of State and Prime Minister Officials visiting from around the world.

Stewart is currently a commissioner on the Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs, vice president of Delaware's 34th Republican Representative District and Kent County representative of the Delaware Veterans Coalition. The 17th Senatorial District election will take place in November 2018. The winner will replace Brian J. Bushweller and serve a four-year term.

Kimberly Wolf '03 - LSC Associates promoted Wolf to director within the firm. Wolf takes on this position with over 10 years of experience in public accounting and helping small businesses and nonprofit organizations manage their reports. Wolf worked as a senior staff accountant, brought on new clients and managed existing client relationships throughout her time at LSC Associates. This is a new position within the firm and Wolf will become more involved in management and direction of the firm.

She earned a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from Goldey-Beacom College in 2003.



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Putting Your Trust on the Line Traveling with Kwame Appiah

BY JILL CONROY

Traveling to a different country can be scary, and traveling with a complete stranger can be even scarier, but that is exactly what Kwame Appiah '15, '17 has done.

Appiah a former professional soccer player with the Delaware Stars Football Club and a GBC soccer player, put his trust on the line by offering a free vacation contest to his Facebook and Instagram friends and followers. Appiah uses his accumulated credit card points to purchase airline tickets and hotel stays. In February 2017, he posted a Facebook video explaining his travel plans for the upcoming year. His goal: to go on three vacations anywhere with anyone, even complete strangers.

Appiah had been traveling alone and created the contest to share experiences with other people. "The feeling (of traveling) changed me and inspired growth. At that point I felt no other greater joy than my desire to share that feeling with other people," Appiah confided. Appiah felt that traveling with another person would enable him to truly connect and get to know an individual. He says, "It is easy to turn to your neighbor and say 'Hello', but in order for us to know, as people, we can have the ability to trust each other, we must first be willing to put our own trust on the line to gain others' trust."

Just a few short weeks after his graduation with a Masters in Business Administration, Appiah took flight with his first contest winner Chandler Kammerer to Vietnam. Throughout the week-long vacation, the two complete strangers got to know each other as they traveled through cities, explored beaches and climbed waterfalls. "There are so many adventures out there, and there are so many people to have them with," Appiah said as he looked forward to his next vacation.

The second winner of the contest was a couple, and they traveled with Appiah throughout Iceland – amidst icy glaciers and to the majestic Golden Circle. The adventure became unforgettable when the couple got engaged on the excursion. Appiah was there to capture the incredible moment. "This is what I was searching for," he said, "being able to see the most amazing parts of life, on the most amazing parts of our beautiful earth."

The third contest winner has yet to be announced. Appiah has learned something new with each adventure, and says, "above all purposes of experience, travel and adventure, love and respect for my fellow human beings is the strongest desire that has brought all of this together." Appiah put his trust on the line and the reward was unbelievable experiences, memories and friendships that he built along the way.

Pictured right, Kwame Appiah (left) and first contestant winner Chandler Kammerer (right) on top of a waterfall in Vietnam.

Photo courtesy of Kwame Appiah



It All Started at GBC . . .

Greg Lawville '95 and Kathy Brennan-Lawville '94

BY MAUREEN TOMEY



Greg and Kathy Lawville in 2012 with sons Colin (left) and Ryan (right).

The thought of taking a Business Law class typically doesn't inspire images of romance, but romance is exactly what happened for Greg and Kathy Lawville in Professor Hasan's class in the fall of 1993. Greg was living in a dorm with his Alpha Tau Omega brothers while Kathy was a sister in the Theta Phi Alpha sorority, so the two spent a lot of time together enjoying Greek life on the GBC campus while simultaneously falling in love.

Today, life is very different for the Lawvilles, though they still live within walking distance to their alma mater in Pike Creek, DE. They will celebrate their 19th anniversary on October 2, the exact date of a fateful first dinner they shared at Ruby Tuesday in 1993 at the Christiana Mall. Ironically, both Greg's and Kathy's careers fall within the scope of their GBC majors. Kathy has worked as an executive assistant for over 20 years, currently employed by JP Morgan Chase & Co. Greg is the director of marketing strategy and advertising at AAA, headquartered in Wilmington, DE.

A day in the Lawville household begins at 5:30 a.m. with Kathy driving their oldest son Colin to Delaware Military Academy, where he is a freshman.

Greg drops off their youngest son Ryan to St. John the Beloved, where he is in the seventh grade. Both boys are currently involved in multiple sports, which means that some days being Mom and Dad also means feeling like UBER drivers as Greg and Kathy shuttle their sons between football, basketball and baseball practices, respectively. Despite all of these activities, and with Greg coaching baseball for SJB and Midway Little League, Kathy somehow manages to keep her family's frantic schedule meticulously organized, a skill that she undoubtedly acquired from her courses at GBC!

When asked what additional skills and values they have gained from their years at GBC, Kathy confides, "I feel that Goldey-Beacom really prepared me for life in corporate America. I have been told on many occasions that I 'think outside of the box,' which I think is testament to my time at GBC." Greg said the most important skill he's been taught by Goldey-Beacom is how to listen. "If you can listen and evaluate the situation in front of you," he says, "you will never regret your decision."

The Lawvilles are happy to share that now that their boys are growing older (and Colin will soon be driving) they are able to reengage with the College

and attend more events on campus. As Greg points out, "We feel our relationship with the College has significantly improved in the past few years just because there have been more alumni events that we have been interested in and attended both as a couple and as a family." It is not uncommon to find a row of smiling Lawville faces at many GBC events, and both Colin and Ryan have attended basketball camp at the College and are quickly developing a shared loyalty to their parents' alma mater. Greg and Kathy would love to see one (or both) of them attend Goldey-Beacom in the coming years.

The ties to Goldey-Beacom remain strong within the Lawville family, with Greg confiding that one of his fondest memories was just that it felt 'right' the first time he walked

onto the small campus. He also values the bonds that he shared with his ATO fraternity brothers, some of whom were groomsmen at his wedding. He mentions President Gary L. Wirt, who at the time was an ATO fraternity advisor and a steady voice of reason. "Gary's door was always open and he had a great way of providing thought starters to help me make the right decision," he remembers. When asked what his fondest memory of Goldey-Beacom would be, Greg responds without a second thought: "Definitely meeting my wife – the love of my life."



Kathy and Greg celebrate his June 1995 GBC graduation.

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Head Women's Basketball Coach Featured in *The Philadelphia Inquirer*

Goldey-Beacom College head women's basketball coach, Bethann Burke, and husband Dan Burke were featured in *The Philadelphia Inquirer* earlier this year. The article highlighted their unique marriage as Dan is the head men's basketball coach at cross-town rival Wilmington University and how they manage full-time careers and the newest addition to their family, their daughter, Julianna. [Click here](#) to read the story online.

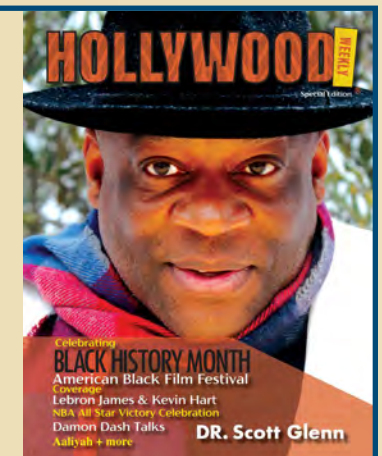


Golberg to Serve as School Board Member

David Golberg, assistant professor of criminal justice, was voted onto the Phoenixville Area School Board. Golberg was one of seven applicants chosen to fill this position. Some of the areas of interest he will bring to the board are concerns about children's homework, later start time, and budget and taxes. His term runs through December of 2019 and he can possibly run for a four-year term at that time.

Glenn featured in Hollywood Weekly

Adjunct Professor Scott Glenn was featured in the March 12 issue of *Hollywood Weekly* with an accompanying photoshoot in an article entitled *Heroes from Heaven: Inside the mind of genius Scott Glenn*. Dr. Glenn's *Heroes from Heaven* is a script co-written with Claire Hutchinson that encompasses the motivational message of rebooting the world to reclaim peace and hope. The script and forthcoming film are both based on the award-winning book *Heroes from Heaven: Battle Ground Earth* by Dr. Glenn. Dr. Glenn is also a highly decorated U.S. Marine, published author, and motivational coach and speaker who teaches marketing at Goldey-Beacom College. [Click here](#) to read the issue online.



Buhler and Evans Address Gen Z Preferences in Human Resource Magazine

Human Resource Executive Magazine featured GBC Professor Patricia M. Buhler and Assistant Professor Nicole Evans in the January 15 issue with an article entitled *Will Gen Z Want to Work for You?* The article emphasized that by the year 2020, Gen Z (individuals born after 1999) will compose 20 percent of the American workforce. It also focused on companies that are considered employers of choice for young workers entering the labor force. Dr. Buhler and Dr. Evans offered advice on how to attract, and most important, retain this generation in the workplace, as well as offering tips on how to become an employer of choice for Gen Z. *Human Resource Executive Magazine* is a premier publication that has focused on issues in human resources since 1987. Both Patricia Buhler and Nicole Evans are professors of management at Goldey-Beacom College. [Click here](#) to read the article online.



In Memoriam . . .

We remember the lives of our esteemed alumni and friends, and their legacies.

Robin J. Adair '66, Vineland, NJ. Robin worked as a loss control representative for Selective Insurance Co. for 18 years. He was a member of the Vineland Fire Department as well as the Cumberland County Fire Police where he served as Chief for over a decade.

Loretta Augenbraum, Wilmington, DE. Loretta was a devoted wife and avid traveler visiting about 100 countries.

Clarence J. Barker, Rehoboth, DE. Clarence served in the U.S. Army as an Aircraft Mechanic and rose to Sergeant. Clarence was a pilot for Standard Products, spotting fish for Otis Smith, and later for Mosquito Control.

Anthony M. Barone, New Castle, DE. Anthony proudly served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He retired from Prudential Insurance Company after many years.

Isabelle Boyce Bennett '49, Laurel, MD. Isabelle worked as a secretary for the DuPont Company

and then at Laurel Grain Co. until her retirement. After retirement, Isabelle volunteered at the Delmar Public Library.

Eugene D. Boyd Jr., Earlville, MD. Eugene worked for the DuPont Company since he was 18 years old and stayed with the company until retiring in 1992 as a senior system's analyst.

Robert Dale Brendle, Wilmington, DE. Robert proudly served his country during the Korean War. He later made a career working for the DuPont Company for more than 30 years. After retirement, he worked for Walker's Florist and Flowers by Yukie.

Glenn L. Brewer Sr. '76, Newark, DE. Glenn served in the U.S. Air Force for 22 years serving time in the Korean and Vietnam wars. After retiring from the Air Force, Glenn was employed by Hercules, Inc. for 19 years rising to sales office manager of the Haveg Division. Glenn then worked for the Department of Defense as Occupational Safety, Health and Quality of Life Division Chief for the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA).

Joseph Bruce Brunozzi, Wilmington, DE. Bruce was a carpenter and worked for the family business, Joseph V. Brunozzi & Son.

Arlene E. Brodie, Wilmington, DE. Arlene began her career at Edgemoor Credit Union and eventually worked for Wilmington Trust Bank until retiring in 1998.

William Jackson Bundick, Modest Town, VA. William worked as a banker first for the Hallwood National Bank and the Bank of Virginia (now BB&T).

Louise D. Cann, Wilmington, DE. Louise worked at Hercules and USF& G Insurance Co. before retiring to become a stay-at-home mom.

Nunzia "Nancy" Cannizzo '57, Dover, DE. Nancy held many positions at Playtex Products including purchasing, distribution, credit and customer service. She retired in 1998 after 41 years of service. Nancy was also a member of the Kent County Theater Guild for over 40 years and served as treasurer for 25 years.

Evelyn D. Casalena, Wilmington, DE. Evelyn worked for many years and dedicated service for Hercules. She worked for Hercules, Inc. and retired after many years of valuable and dedicated service. She was a skilled baker, an avid antique collector and enjoyed playing the organ. Evelyn was a member of St. Anthony of Padua and St. Catherine of Siena Parishes.

Mary Case, Pennsville, NJ. Mary worked as an executive secretary for 15 years for Mellon Bank. After her retirement, she enjoyed quilting and sewing with her friends.

Raymond J. Cichocki Sr., Wilmington, DE. Raymond served his country in the U.S. Army Artillery Division during the Korean War. He retired in 1997 from Jeflion Investment Co. as an accountant and office manager.

Alice Elizabeth Clabaugh, Newark, DE. Alice worked as a bookkeeper for Morrison Hardware starting in 1957 until 1972. She was then the co-owner and treasurer of the family business, Ogletown Hardware.

Joan H. Conaway, Wilmington, DE. Joan worked as a legal secretary for the DuPont Company before becoming a full-time homemaker.

Franklin Toland "Taby" Connell Jr., Parksburg, PA. Toby started his career in the accounting department at Luken Steel and worked for many years transitioning his role into Paymaster.

Agnes W. Cooper, Newark, DE. Agnes worked as a secretary at the Meadowood School before retiring in 1985.

Robert W. Cordrey, Wilmington, DE. Robert proudly served his country in WWII. After the war, he started a brief music career in NYC as a jazz musician. He later began his 32-year career as a salesman with Delaware Importers.

Henry John "Hank" Corrigan Jr. '66, Newark, DE. Hank served in the U.S. Army as a radio operator and military advisor during Vietnam. He earned a Bronze Star, Combat Infantry Badge, Good Conduct Medal and National Defense Medal. Hank finished his career as an electrician for the IBEW Local 313.

Jean Renard Davis '45, West Grove, PA. Jean worked for over 30 years as an administrative assistant for the directors of research at Hercules, Inc.

Dorothy Barto Dean, Wilmington, DE. Dorothy worked as the private secretary for Alfred

Bissell of Liard Bissell & Meeds/Dean Witter Stock Exchange for 17 years, and part-time for Wilmington Montessori School.

Aline P. DeMaria, Seffner, FL. Alina worked for many years as an administrative manager for DCR Engineering in Tampa, FL.

Karlyn Larrimore Dewson, Wilmington, DE. Karlyn worked as a secretary for Nicholas DuPont while going to school. She later returned to work for the Columbia Gas Company. She also volunteered for 25 years for the St. Francis Hospital Junior Board.

Jonathan Michael Doleman '13, Temple, PA. Jonathan worked as a financial analyst for a top financial institution in the area. Jonathan loved to travel to other countries and made lifelong friends along the way.

Susan Delle Donne, Wilmington, DE. Susan worked for Wilmington Trust Company for 34 years. She held a number of positions including residential mortgage, private banking and later she administered the Customer Service Representative Training Program.

Iris Jester "Tinker" Durham, Chincoteague Island, VA. Iris worked as a social worker for Forsyth County for many years.

Grace Elaine Davis Ennis '63, Smyrna, DE. Grace worked many positions throughout her career including the health department in Cecil County, an insurance agency in Wilmington and the Legislative Council for the Delaware General Assembly. Grace also served as the 28th District Democrat Chairperson for many years.

Laura Elizabeth Johnson Essex, Wilmington, DE. Laura worked for 25 years as the receptionist for Keen Compressed Gas Co.

Marie M. Fallers, Wilmington, DE. Marie worked for 30 years as a secretary for the DuPont Company.

Mary J (Vassallo) Fiorentino, Wilmington, DE. Mary worked as a bookkeeper for the City of Wilmington Board of Education and later worked in food service for Mt. Pleasant High School.

Dorothy Fisher '61, Woodstown, NJ. Dorothy worked as a legal secretary for a law office in Wilmington, DE. She and her husband also owned and operated a small antique business, Fisher's Antiques.

Sara "Sally" Fisher, Newark, DE. Sally worked at the Bendix Corporation for ten years in the design and manufacture of a variety of war materials. Sally worked at the Newark Department Store and volunteered at the Blood Bank of Delmarva for over 30 years.

Imogene "Jean" de Ford, Wilmington, DE. Jean worked for a long time at Hercules, Inc. and remained active within her community even after retirement.

Marie A. Fortunato, Wilmington, DE. Marie worked as a secretary at Dravo Shipyards. She was married to her high school sweetheart for nearly 70 years.

Duncan Gairns, Pennsville, NJ. Duncan served in the U.S. Army as a radio/teletype operator at Ft. Hood, Texas during the Cuban Missile Crisis. He then worked as a dispatcher for Chemical Leaman Tank

Lines and later retired as a terminal manager for Quality Carriers.

Louise M. Gill '66, Milford, DE. Louise was a charter member of the Ladies Auxiliary for South Bowers Fire Hall. She started her career as director for medical records at Kent General Hospital and she was at that position for 11 years. She then started a 37-year career as secretary for her husband's business, Gill Electric.

Janet Cleaver Gerlock, Winter Haven, MD. Janet worked for the Blue Cross Shield of Maryland as a district supervisor.

Rhea Lee Green, Dover, DE. Rhea worked as a saleswoman for Strawbridge and Clothier for over 20 years before retiring.

Barbara Hinson Hales, Cambridge, MD. Barbara worked as a seamstress for many years at Richardson's Style Shop. She also volunteered at the Salvation Army Thrift Shop and the Richardson Maritime Museum.

Oliver B. Hammond, Milford, DE. Oliver worked for Farmer's Bank, now Citizens Bank, until he retired. He was also a member of Calvary United Methodist Church.

William M. Heald, Ocklawaha, FL. Bill proudly served his country in the U.S. Army for two years. He spent most of his working career driving trucks.

Jenna Thompson Hernandez '03, Wilmington, DE. Jenna earned her Bachelor's degree and MBA from Goldey-Beacom College. She worked for Lyons Insurance Company. She was an avid Philadelphia sports fan and still carried the glow of the Eagles Super Bowl win. Playing

softball was one of Jenna's passions. She played softball for several different teams over the years, and her teammates loved her competitiveness, her love of the game and her heart. She was special to all of them. She also played dodge ball and loved to skydive.

Colonel Raymond S. Holland Jr., Wilmington, DE. Colonel Holland was a member of the First State Service Corporation and proudly served his country during WWII. He was employed by the U.S. Property and Disbursing of Delaware as an executive assistant for 33 years.

Wolfgang Horn '75, Lancaster, PA. Wolfgang was a veteran of the U.S. Army-7th Tank Division 1956-1962. He also served in the Delaware National Guard.

Bertha Hudson, Clayton, DE. Bertha worked for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company in Wilmington, DE.

Linda Anne Johnson, Parksley, VA. Linda was manager of medical records for 37 years at Northampton-Accomack Memorial Hospital. She was the first accredited record technician on the Eastern Shore. Linda held honorary lifetime memberships in the American Health Information Management Association and the Virginia Health Information Management Association.

Catherine J. Kelly, Middletown, DE. Catherine worked for the State of Delaware as an aid. She also served as Middletown Councilwoman from 1995-2009. During her time as councilwoman, she was also appointed to the position of director of public safety.

Howard Eliason Kirk, Frederick, MD. Howard joined the U.S. Navy as an aviation electronics technician. He later worked for Thiokol in Elkton for over 30 years as an instrumentation engineer supporting the race to space.

Frances Van Kleeck, Rehoboth, DE. Fran taught writing at Delaware Technical Community College. She also co-authored a writing textbook. Fran worked for the DuPont Company, the University of California and the Rehoboth Beach Chamber of Commerce.

Lolita H. “Lodie” Lamborn, Wilmington, DE. Lodie worked for the DuPont Company and St. Anthony’s Community Center.

Dorothy Webster Lane, Hurlock, MD. Dorothy grew up on her family farm in Cambridge, Maryland. Her first job was with DuPont in Seaford, DE. She was the secretary to the plant manager and was among the very first to test the nylon stockings invented by that company. She also enjoyed a long career as an executive assistant with Scott Paper Company in Philadelphia, PA. Upon retirement, she and her husband Gordon returned to their beloved Eastern Shore where she was reunited with childhood friends.

Roger Dale Lester ’95, Georgetown, DE. Roger served his country in the U.S. Army during Vietnam and was a member of the American Legion.

Lynn Mackes, Northampton, PA. Lynn played on the field hockey team at GBC. She began her career at Curtis Publishing Co. and worked part time as a model. She then moved to Bethlehem, PA and

continued her career as an executive secretary to the president of Lafayette College.

Shirley Anne Maloney, Rehoboth Beach, DE. Shirley volunteered teaching Aquasize programs at multiple places including the YMCA, Pot Nets, the Glade and Rehoboth Beach Country Club.

Mario J. Marini ’58, Newark, DE. Mario served as a Staff Sergeant in the U.S. Air Force. He was a member of the Honor Guard from 1952-1956. He worked for Atlantic Aviation in New Castle and retired after 35 years of service.

Mary Ida Marley ’48, Aston, PA. Mary started her career with DuPont Company. After being a founding member of the Church of St. Joseph, Mary worked as a technical secretary at the Widener University School of Engineering. She then worked with Dr. Rosalie Mirenda as the secretary for the Neumann University Department of Nursing.

Margaret M. Mathewson, Hockessin, DE. Margaret worked for the DuPont Company as an executive secretary for 41 years.

Robert McMillan ’50, West Grove, PA. Robert served his country in the U.S. Air Force for four years as an aircraft mechanic. After his service, Robert worked for the U.S. Postal Service as a mail carrier. After his retirement, he co-owned a real estate firm, McMillan, Madron and Cole West Grove.

Ernest E. Megee III ’66, Georgetown, DE. Ernie owned and operated Megee Plumbing and Heating in Georgetown, DE, a family business that began in 1936.

H. Virginia Miller, Dover, DE. Virginia worked for the Atlas Powder Company and then for the Social Security Administration. She also volunteered as the secretary for the Holy Cross Rectory.

Bruce C. Minner ’72, Middletown, DE. Bruce served his country in the U.S. Air Force and the Delaware Air National Guard for 33 years and earned the rank of chief master sergeant. He also coached the Canal Little League softball team and led them to the Softball Little League World Series.

Alethia Mosley, Wilmington, DE. Alethia was employed by Bausch and Lomb Optical Company. She later retired from the Bank of Delaware after 28 years of service.

Louise H. Paterson, Coatesville, PA. For many years, Louise served as the Morris County Republican Committee District Leader for Madison, NJ. She was also a member of Long Hill Chapel and the Thursday Morning Club. Louise enjoyed gardening, decorating and painting, too. She had the pleasure to sing with her church choir at Billy Graham’s last revival at the Meadowlands.

Jean Patterson, Winchester, Tenn. Jean had a career as a secretary for a number of different people and institutions including the director of conservation for the State of Delaware, the director of the Purdue Alumni Association, Jet Propulsion Center, and both the Department of Education and the Department of Ecology, Ethology and Evolution at the University of Illinois.

Ernestine “Erni” Perkins, Green Valley, AZ. Erni and her sisters entertained soldiers as The Stair Step Sisters and The Debs of Rhyth. The trio sang on

the Major Bowes Amateur Hour national radio program and at the 1939 World’s Fair.

John A. Pyne Sr., Lancaster, PA. John proudly served his country in the U.S. Army Air Corps during WWII. He then started his career with the Reeves Parvin Co. working his way up to vice president. For the next 20 years he worked as the assistant vice president for Vanguard Group Investments. He also worked as an administrator of the Blue Sky Securities Law Department.

Nancy M. Quinn, Sarasota, FL. Nancy worked as a bookkeeper at the Sunrise Cove condominiums and Seaplace condominiums.

Paul Stephen “Steve” Ramsay, Coatesville, PA. Steve served his country in the U.S. Army from 1965-1967. He had a 27-year career at the 1st National Bank of West Chester, where he retired from in 2011.

Louise Bonifacino Reynolds, Glen Mills, PA. Louise raised seven children with her husband Charlie. She and Charlie enjoyed many years at their beach home at Angola by the Bay in Lewes, DE.

Linda P. Rosser, Federalsburg, MD. Linda was the head nurse of the Med-Surg Unit at Easton Memorial Hospital for 30 years. She was a member of Christ United Methodist Church, the Methodist Women, the Federalsburg VFW Auxiliary, the Centreville High School Alumni Association and the Federalsburg Historical Society. In her later years, her hobbies became reading, using the computer, social events and working in the church.

Mary Louise Rust ’62, Milford, DE. Mary Lou worked for the Indian River School District for many years in the Guidance Office.

H. Elizabeth Ryan, West Chester, PA. Elizabeth was the co-founder of William T. Ryan Inc. and Volair Contractors. In 2003, she retired as treasurer at the age of 84.

Rita Bialk Ryle ’44, Galestown, MD. For many years Rita worked in sales for J.C. Penney. She later worked at North Dorchester Middle School in the cafeteria. She was a member of Widowed Persons Service in Seaford. She was also a member and past president of Galestown Community House Committee.

Dolores S. Saunders, Millsboro, DE. Dolores retired as a secretary with the DuPont Company. She was a member of the Red Hat Society. She also served as President of the Resident Council at Renaissance Nursing & Rehabilitation Center.

Kathy Schlegel, Lebanon, PA. Kathy worked for The Loomis Co., Wyomissing, PA as treasurer/office administrator for 33 years. She was also a deacon and member of Quentin United Church of Christ.

Joann M. Schock, Tamaqua, PA. Joann was a member of St. John XXIII parish and was a former den mother of Cub Scout Pack 79.

Donald “Don” Roy Scott, Coatesville, PA. Don owned and operated Scott-Naumann, a paper broker firm until retirement.

Helen Simar, Mercersburg, PA. Helen proudly served her country during WWII as a secretary in the Southeast Asia Command

in New Delhi, India and Kandy, Ceylon. She was discharged from the U.S. Army after the war with the rank of staff sergeant. Helen then began her 36-year civil service career overseas, eventually retiring as a GS10 secretary to the commanding General at Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD. Helen stayed involved in WAC Veterans’ Association Chapter 70 in Aberdeen and Quad State Women’s Veteran Association for a number of years.

Susan L. Skrimcovsky, Jim Thorpe, PA. Susan worked many jobs as an executive secretary and was a member of St. John’s Lutheran Church.

Bette Larrimore Smith, Chestertown, MD. Bette began her career for the FBI in Washington, D.C. after taking time off to raise her family. She continued working for the David Haacke Accounting Firm and later with the Chestertown Bank of Maryland.

Barbara Hearne Stevenson Somers, Pocomoke City, MD. Barbara worked at the U.S. Navy Auxiliary Air Station in Virginia before moving into the banking industry.

Walter Richard Thurston ’58, Salisbury, MD. Walter was a teacher and JV football coach at Wicomico Senior High School. He eventually left teaching and began working for the State of Maryland at the Poplar Hill Pre-Release Correctional Camp. He educated inmates and helped them to obtain a high school diploma. He also taught them work and life skills to help them re-enter society.

William “Bill” Raymond Van Note, Ridley Park, PA. Bill proudly served in the U.S. Air Force and spent

time stationed in Europe. Bill started his career at The Boeing Company and then Delmarva Power & Light Company from which he retired as an electrical technician.

Margaret Hamilton Van Sant, Elkton, MD. Margaret was employed by the Cecil County Board of Education. She retired in 1986 and had fond memories of her time as secretary at Gilpin Manor Elementary School.

Madaline Rose Vansant, Wilmington, DE. Madaline worked for Hearn Brothers Markets, Elwood Souder & Sons Co. and the Coca-Cola Company as an accountant and secretary while finishing her degree. She then worked for the DuPont Company and retired as a secretary.

Anne Wainwright, Wilmington, DE. Anne loved caring for her family and showed this through her cooking and cross-stitching.

Ann H. Watkins, Bear, DE. Ann served in many roles for the New Castle County Vocational-Technical School District and retired after over 20 years of service.

Pamela J. Watts, New Castle, DE. Pamela enjoyed an array of jobs throughout her life including dressing up as Goofy at Disney, nursing, hairdressing and as an outdoor vendor at the Newcastle Farmer’s Market.

Mildred B. Weer, Lewes, DE. Mildred worked for the University of Delaware as a librarian before starting the chemistry lab at Brown Library. She eventually moved to the College of Marine Studies until her retirement.

Betty Messer Wegener ’53, Preston, MD. Betty taught at Goldey-Beacom until she moved to New

Jersey where she owned and operated Wegener Silk Screen Service.

Harold “Hal” S. Wells ’90, Wilmington, DE. Hal worked as a senior analyst for HSBC, a banking and financial services company. Hal was known to all his friends and loved ones as a compassionate, kind and funny man.

Margaret “Peggy” Hagerman White, Wilmington, NC. Peggy was a dedicated trustee and secretary of the Marco Island Hospital for six years. She was honored after 25 years of service to her community.

Ann J. Williams, Smyrna, DE. Ann worked for the Department of Defense for 25 years; 21 of those years were spent as an administrative assistant at the Dover Air Force Base.

Robert “Bob” William Yeadt, Delmar, DE. Robert proudly served his country during the Korean War. He retired after 25 years of work as a mechanic for DuPont.

Janice Winland, Chestertown, MD. Janice retired as the human resources manager from the Delmarva Power Company after 32 years. After retirement, she became a substitute teacher.

Harry B. Wright III, Preston, MD. Harry worked for Preston Trucking and later retired from Moore Business Forms as a salesman.



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