

Developing Leadership in Young Men

# STATE CHAMPS!

How **GREATNESS** is Grown



## principal'sdesk

- LAST FALL Archbishop Moeller High School began a journey toward its ultimate vision: To become a top 10 high school in the nation in Catholic education as defined by the Acton Institute Catholic High School Honor Roll.\* In consultation with Frank Donaldson, president of the Institute for School and Parish Development (ISPD), we spent last year developing our Long-Range Strategic Plan (LRSP), which encompassed nine critical areas for Moeller's future success:
  - Spiritual Life
  - Academics
  - Technology
  - Student Life
  - · Faculty & Staff
  - Athletics
  - Administration & Finance
  - Development & Marketing
  - Facilities & Grounds

"We want to ensure that we continue to evolve in the spirit of a Catholic school in the Marianist tradition and serve future generations of the Men of Moeller."

The planning process consisted of enlisting the ideas of our constituents and then establishing the most significant priorities. The results are detailed in the LRSP final report, which is available on our website under "Campus Life" (click "About Moeller").

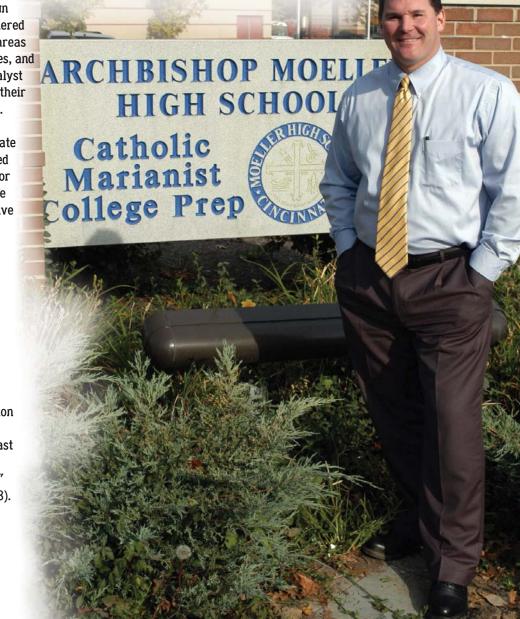
Now we have reached the LRSP implementation phase, and we have already begun addressing the ideas and priorities gathered through this process. The nine critical areas above have been divided into committees, and the committee members will be the catalyst for working on the goals and reporting their progress to the Moeller Advisory Board.

As we begin to plan for Moeller's 50th Anniversary, which we will celebrate beginning July 2010, we are very excited about the results the LRSP will create for the long-term viability of our school. We want to ensure that we continue to evolve in the spirit of a Catholic school in the Marianist tradition and serve future generations of the Men of Moeller.

Yours in service,

Blane Collison, Principal

\* More information about Moeller's vision and the Long-Range Strategic Planning process is available on our website in last fall's edition of *Moeller Magazine*. See "Campus Life," then click "Publications" for *Moeller Magazine* (Fall/Winter 2008).



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## fromtheeditor

## FIRST, I HAVE BREAKING NEWS FOR YOU!

We just learned that *Cincinnati Magazine* named Moeller one of the best schools in the area. We were recognized for our athletic achievements, and celebrating our athletic program happens to be one of the two themes of this edition of *Moeller Magazine*. The cover feature honors our recent state championships in baseball, volleyball, and two individual state titles in swimming. Moeller's consistent accomplishments in athletics are undeniable. So how



does Moeller do it? How does one school 50 years young become such a multisport powerhouse? I have a theory. It's based on a new book that came out this year called *The Talent Code: Greatness Isn't Born. It's Grown. Here's How* (by Daniel Coyle, 2009). Coyle bases his theory on the latest developments in neurology, and it might just explain the unexplainable... Let me know what you think. (See page 6, "Moeller Wins 3 State Titles: How Greatness is Grown.")

The other theme in this issue is the celebration of Moeller's 50th Anniversary. Next year we will begin a year-long commemoration of this golden milestone. It's a once-in-a-lifetime moment you won't want to miss! And what will make it even more meaningful is if you participate. It will take an army of volunteers, and we're enlisting everyone we can. See pages 18-19 for a glimpse of what's to come. Then please contact our new Advancement Director Debbie Geiger at **DGeiger@Moeller.org** or call her at (513) 791-1680, ext. 1320, to pitch in. As she always says, no job is too small!



We also want your stories. We know you have them, and we want to compile these tales to share with the Moeller community (and beyond!). E-mail me at

JKremer@Moeller.org. We plan to post these on our 50th Anniversary website, Facebook page, and blog. Our journalism students may even

interview you for a W-MOE podcast! The best of these stories (and photos, if you care to share!) will be compiled for a commemorative book we're planning. Steve Weisbrod '64 has already e-mailed several snippets about Moeller's first days, and if you were there (and even if you weren't) they are sure to bring a smile. You can find his stories now on our 50th Anniversary Facebook page and 50th Anniversary blog. Sign up as a fan or a follower, and we'll send you a free gift. (Plus, you'll get the most up-to-date 50th Anniversary news.)

So get in touch, and celebrate with us! I look forward to hearing from you,

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## **Class of 2009 Highest Honors**





Man of Moeller award, the school's highest honor to a graduating senior. An honor student, school leader, social justice advocate,

**PATRICK** 

**BLANKS '09** 

was honored

with this year's

talented actor, and accomplished athlete, Patrick best exemplifies the type of graduate Moeller aims to develop. Patrick is a member of the National Honor Society. He was elected School Captain and participated in the National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine in Chicago. An accomplished athlete in football and wrestling, Patrick was a three-year varsity letterman for football, senior football captain, and GCL South Academic All-Star. Dedicated to service

and social justice, he was involved with the Hamilton County Teen Court, the Corryville Little Buddies Program, and Unified for UNIFAT, a student-led organization dedicated to supporting the UNIFAT School in Northern Uganda. He also played a lead role in Moeller's spring musical, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. Patrick is a Joe Quinn Award Finalist and is attending Carnegie Mellon University to study business administration and to play football.

ADAM TARDIO '09 received Moeller's Blessed Chaminade Service Award, an award given to the student who, in countless ways, gives service to the school. In addition, the awardee has given service to his church and to the larger civic community, participates in service opportunities, and demonstrates leadership in service activities and programs. MATTHEW ALMARIO '09 was class Valedictorian. **DANIEL McCORMICK'09** was class Salutatorian.



**Almario** Tardio McCormick



## Art Students Break Scholarship Record



Kiwanis Art Show Winners: Back row, (from left): Devin Williams '09, Tom Holmes '09, Andrew Lucas '09, and Nick (Buzz) Wallace '09. Standing: Tom Devore '10, Ryan Peters '09, and Ted Schantz '09. Kneeling: Jeremy Ritz '09, Joe Galvin '09, and Robert Joseph '09. Sitting: Christian (Buzz) Cagle '10.

AT THE CLASS OF 2009 Awards Assembly, Art & Photo Department Chair Greg Stanforth '67 asked his graduating art students to stand. "What you see before you is the most exceptional class of artists in the history of Moeller High School," he said. "Not only can I say that within this group there are four young artists who belong in a group of the 10 most talented young artists I have had the great pleasure to teach in my 24 years at Moeller, but that collectively they have broken a record and received \$2,472,500 in competitive scholarship offers — a new record for an art class at Moeller!"

This year's recipient of The Four Years of Excellence in Art Award was Andrew Lucas. "Andrew has been the most consistent performer in an extremely talented class of artists who have exceeded all of my expectations," said Stanforth. "Andrew has received scholarship offers from The Cleveland Institute of Art, the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, the Maryland Institute College of Art, College for Creative Studies, Detroit, the Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design, Columbus College of Art and Design, for a total of \$272,000 in competitive scholarship offers. Andrew will utilize his most generous offer and attend the Maryland Institute College of Art."



## New 'Man of Moeller' Course Now Underway



THE FRESHMAN LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

introduced a new course this fall called the "Man of Moeller" course, using current student leaders to help teach the curriculum. Directed by House Director Ed Jamieson and the House Deans, they will meet with the students monthly throughout the year. "We are very excited to have increased interaction between the Deans and their freshmen in such a small-group setting," said Jamieson. "The class provides both formal and informal leadership and values training for our freshmen. The continuity of the course throughout the year also reinforces the values they learn and provides the opportunity for upperclassmen who have demonstrated these values to share their passion and knowledge with the freshmen."

The Man of Moeller course emphasizes the school's *Marianist Charism*, which are the five principles of a Moeller education,\* and enables the freshmen to review their summer reading, *The 7 Habits of Highly Successful Teens*. Jamieson is developing the curriculum by juxtaposing the Marianist Charism and 7 Habits. For example, in an upcoming lesson he's combining Habit 3: Put First Things First with the Marianist principle of Family Spirit. "We'll emphasize the

importance of blood family and the Moeller Family," he explained, "and we're having the kids prioritize their values."

"This program supports a key aspect of Moeller's overall mission, focusing on development of the entire person," says Trinity House Dean Jim Champlin. "Building on the foundation we established in the initial Freshman Leadership Program, which is based on Stephen Covey's

widely acclaimed *The 7 Habits of Highly Successful People*, we have integrated the principles and values espoused by Covey with those promoted by the Marianist Charism, adding a more complete spiritual dimension. This program supports and encourages the growth of our young men into Men of Moeller by equipping them with an appreciation and understanding of the core principles and values they need to succeed in life."

According to Jamieson, the new course seems to be going well, especially involving student leaders as mentors. "The use of current Moeller students has been amazing," he says. "The Deans plan to continue using upperclassmen to help teach the course as much as possible."

\* The 5 characteristics of a Marianist education, known as the "Marianist Charism," are to (1) educate for faith formation; (2) provide a quality, integral education; (3) educate in the Family Spirit; (4) educate for service, justice, and peace; and (5) educate for adaptation and change.

## **FEATURED**

THE SOCIETY OF MARY'S magazine, Alivel, recently featured Moeller and the two other Marianist schools who have implemented the House System. You can access



this article on our website (www.Moeller.org) by selecting the News & Events tab, then click "Moeller Magazine" (Fall/Winter 2009).

## **Summer Leadership Conference**



MOELLER STUDENTS attended the Northeast Community Challenge Coalition's (NECC) summer leadership conference. The conference included guest speakers and panelists who addressed teen health issues. NECC leaders presented workshops in leadership dynamics, character development, team building, goal setting, strategic planning, problem solving/decision making, group dynamics/interpersonal relationships, conflict management, and more.

Pictured, from left: Quinn Collison, Eric Reardon, Michal Lynch, Nick Burandt, Jack Schlueter, Harry Wahl, Will Blount, Kevin Lvnch, Brian Markgraf, Chris Korthaus, Dillon Kern, Greg Wright, Michael Pilipovich, Michael Riney, Ben Fraley, Bobby Whitacre, Mike Wright, Josh Burandt, and Chris Wright.



**U4U Continues Mission to Support Ugandan Students** 

MOELLER MATH TEACHER Connie Ring. leader of Unified for UNIFAT (an organization dedicated to supporting UNIFAT Primary School in Northern Uganda), traveled to Uganda this past summer for the second consecutive year. Moeller teachers Doug Rosfeld and Paul Kindt as well as John Harbaugh '11 joined her, along with students from Taylor, Mount Notre Dame, Sycamore, Madeira, and Wyoming. They were on a mission to deliver the muchneeded textbooks they purchased through fundraising and to visit the 120 Ugandan children U4U supports.

Recently, the organization's members initiated a mentor program that will be responsible for overseeing the students U4U supports. "It was all the kids' idea," says Ring. "They wanted to ensure the funds we raised went to the children to provide tuition, shoes, uniforms, school lunches, and emergency medical services. They were also worried about the children themselves. Were they going to school every day? Were they healthy? Who's taking care of them? Wouldn't it be cool if we could have mentors watching over them?"

So Ring went to work. She began researching how other organizations handled mentor programs, which eventually led her to Erica Swisher who had recently worked in Washington, D.C., with the Little Lights Program. Swisher, niece of Michael Zimmer '67, agreed to help and spent two months in Gulu, Uganda, earlier this year working with the UNIFAT administration and teachers to create the new U4U Mentor Program. The program has now hired four mentors who are responsible for overseeing 30 students each. The mentors communicate with Ring and the U4U students via e-mail, and Swisher continues to serve as a consultant.

With the mentor program in place, Ring has another project in mind. "If we really want to make serious change, we've got to get (the Ugandan students) a high school education," says Ring. "Now when they graduate from UNIFAT (a primary school) they're going everywhere for high school, and there's an incredible drop-out rate. Only a small percentage make it through high school." Her answer? She wants to build a high school on UNIFAT grounds.

U4U members to do anvthing more than they're doing," says Ring. So her goal is to encourage the U4U chapters to continue taking care of sponsorships, while



she tries to search outside resources for construction and technology costs. Currently there are 17 chapters, with more on the way. Already the organization has an ambitious budget in mind. They plan to join in raising \$25K for technology, \$40K for construction, \$36K for student sponsorship, and \$8K for mentoring, for a grand total of \$109K. "The ultimate goal of Unified for

UNIFAT is to put ourselves out of business," says Ring. "With the construction of both a UNIFAT Secondary School as well as an Internet café, the children will be guaranteed a high school education and UNIFAT will be able to sustain themselves."

For more information or to support U4U's efforts, see www.unifiedforunifat.com.



# ASTATE TITLES HOW GREATNESS IS GROWN

In February Moeller's Swim Team finished with the best season in the school's history, capped by two individual state titles by Joe Albers '09. A few months later, the Moeller Volleyball Team defeated Elder to win their 6th state championship in the sport's 14-year history. Three weeks later, the school's baseball team members claimed their 5th state victory.\*

So, how does Moeller do it? Where does this extraordinary athletic success come from?

One clue may be found in the recently published book, *The Talent Code: Greatness Isn't Born. It's Grown. Here's How* (by Daniel Coyle, 2009).

\*For more information regarding the state championship teams, see www.Moeller.org (Athletics).

by Johanna Kremer and Contributing Writer Dick Beerman, Former Moeller Athletic Director



IT APPEARS THAT neuroscientists have recently discovered the Holy Grail of greatness — the secret to unlocking everyone's hidden potential. It's called "myelin," a microscopic neural substance that enhances speed and accuracy to any learned skill. Journalist Daniel Coyle's groundbreaking investigation into this cutting-edge neurology explains the three key factors in developing optimal performance: deep practice, ignition (motivation), and master coaching. When these elements converge, greatness grows. It's that simple. And that hard.

In his book, Coyle identifies nine hotbeds of world-class talent to illuminate what research has proven: Regular people can achieve greatness. This may explain why a mid-sized, all-male Catholic school in the Midwest has been able to cultivate an unparalleled record of achievement in the past 50 years. Moeller may just have the tapped into the "talent code."

## **KEY # 1: DEEP PRACTICE**

We all know practice is important. If you ask Moeller coaches why their teams have been successful, most would point to the extraordinary work ethic of their athletes. Take Moeller's swimming and diving program, for example. "Swimmers are a very special breed of athletes who swim up to 25 hours a week at times," says Mary Fischer, a Moeller parent of two swimmers. "They arrive at school heads wet and

smelling of chlorine, already putting in a two-hour practice. They finish classes only to return to the pool for another training session and then home for homework and study."

However, the neurological principle of "deep practice" is about working hard in the *right* way, which results in the development of myelin, a type of insulation that is produced when skills are being acquired by firing nerve circuits. The "right way" means targeted, mistake-focused training. "The best way to build a good circuit is to fire it, attend to mistakes, and then fire it again, over and over. Struggle is not an option; it's a biological requirement," says Coyle. (p. 34)

Moeller coaches seem to know this kind of intensity already. "Every sport in our program demands that our athletes work as hard as they can to be successful," says Barry Borman '64, the school's athletic director for the past 18 years.

But are Moeller coaches practicing in the *right* way? Although they may not call it "deep practice," most successful coaches know *exactly* what they want out of their athletes. As Head Volleyball Coach Greg Ulland says, "We have expectations that we will do things a certain way. They (the players) have to be efficient to do things well."

Coach Ulland also believes Moeller students understand the struggle that comes with working toward a goal. "Success starts with the parents who make a major sacrifice to send their kids to Moeller." he says. "From this you can assume that their sons have a head start toward understanding the effort that it takes to be great. They have skills that help them deal with the adversity and disappointment that comes with lofty goals, and these same skills help them learn greatly from their

failures and mistakes along the way.

Combine that with the tradition you have inside the walls of Moeller, and you get a culture that is set up to out work, out sacrifice, out smart, and out play most other young people. This is how they win."

### **KEY #2: IGNITION**

The second element of the talent code is motivational fuel—the sustained energy, passion, and commitment to go through the grueling aspects of "deep practice."



Coyle calls this process "ignition."

"Ignition and deep practice work together to produce skill in exactly the same way that a gas tank combines with an engine to produce velocity in an automobile," he explains. "Ignition supplies the energy, while deep practice translates that energy over time into forward progress, AKA wraps of myelin." (p. 97)

How does it work? "Where deep practice is a cool, conscious act, ignition is a hot, mysterious burst, an awakening," explains Coyle. "Where deep practice is an incremental wrapping, ignition

works through lightening flashes of images and emotion, evolution-built neural programs that tap into the mind's vast reserves of energy and attention. Where deep practice is all about staggering baby steps, ignition is about the set of signals and subconscious forces that create our

identity; the moments that lead us to say that is who I want to be."

When did that moment arrive among Moeller athletes? When did that spark first ignite the passion to become a Man of Moeller? While students' exact reasons will vary, the roots may be traced back to the Faust era when Moeller football finished with nine perfect seasons, five state championships, and four mythical titles. The phrase "Moeller Tradition of Excellence" began during those years and continues to this day. Borman believes this expectation seems to fuel the intensity in Moeller students as well. "When our students walk through the front door their first day at Moeller, there is a distinct feeling of the tradition of our school," he says. "Students know that this is a school that expects the very best — and that if they work hard, anything is possible."



## FOUR MORE STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS IN '09

Moeller added four state titles in 2009 to its already storied legacy.

**BASEBALL:** On June 6, the Crusader Baseball Team

clinched their 5th state championship, winning 5-2 over Pickerington. Head Coach Tim Held has only been at the helm for two years, and he now holds his first state title.

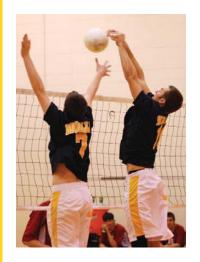
**VOLLEYBALL:** A few weeks earlier on May 15, the Crusader Volleyball Team defeated the Elder Panthers to win the state championship. Led by Coach Greg Ulland '97, the program has now earned six state titles in their 14-year history. Ulland was a senior when the three-year old program won its first state championship. Greg was the state tournament's MVP and selected to First Team All-State.

**SWIMMING:** On February 28, swimmer Joe Albers '09 became the state champion in the 200-yard individual medley and the 100-yard breaststroke and was named "Swimmer of the Year" by The Cincinnati Enquirer and the State of Ohio. This year's Crusader Swimming and Dive Team had the best season in the school's history of the sport, with six swimmers earning All-American recognition in 20 events and finishing third in the state finals. Coach Jay Frentsos led the team. While it was his first season at Moeller, Frentsos is a 20-year swim coach veteran.

**TRADITION:** Moeller's 50-year "Tradition of Excellence" (1960-2010) now includes 23 state team championships in five different sports: seven in football, six in volleyball, five in baseball, three in basketball, and two in lacrosse. In addition, the Crusaders have earned 13 state runner-up titles: four in football, three in wrestling, and two each in golf, lacrosse, and volleyball.

## **KEY #3: MASTER COACHING**

Coyle calls master coaches "talent whisperers." They are not always the charismatic type, like a Vince Lombardi. Instead, they were quiet, even reserved, he says. "They were mostly older; many had been teaching 30 or 40 years," he explains. "They possessed the same sort of gaze: steady, deep, unblinking. They listened far more than they talked. They seemed allergic to giving pep talks of inspiring speeches; they spent most of





their time offering small, targeted, highly specific adjustments. They had an extraordinary sensitivity to the person they were teaching, customizing each message to each student's personality. After meeting a dozen of these people, I started to suspect that they were all secretly related. They were talent whisperers." (p. 162)

Few would describe Moeller's legendary Gerry Faust as quiet or reserved, but there are innumerable stories about his wholehearted commitment to each of his players. \*\* "Coach Faust set the standard for our coaches with his complete commitment of himself and his players," says Borman. "As our coaches strive for the same success, they follow Gerry's example."

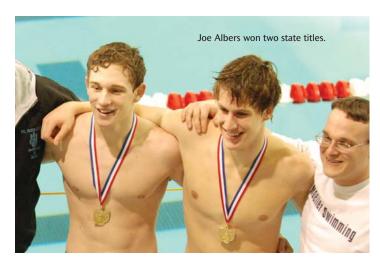
While Coach Faust would be the exception to Covle's description of most "talent whisperers," his definition would apply to most of Moeller's coaching staff, says former Athletic Director Dick Beerman. "There have been many Moeller coaches - both head coaches and assistants who have incorporated the qualities Coyle refers to," he says. "It is also a common feature of many of these men that they possess a special dynamic for human relationships. The Moeller Hall of Fame honors our 'master coaches.' and the list continues to grow."

And Moeller's coaches have been recognized for their extraordinary achievements. Collectively they have earned 81 "Coach of the Year" honors in 11 different

So, have the Crusaders discovered the "Holy Grail" of success through their commitment to hard work, passion for excellence, and talented leadership? You be the judge. But the message is clear: the potential for greatness is available to everyone. M

\* For more information regarding the state championship teams, see www.Moeller.org (Athletics).

\*\* Many of the stories about Faust's commitment to his team and his players can be found in Gerry Faust: Notre Dame's Man in Motion by Denny Dressman.



## **MOELLER COACHES SET** THE STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE

## **TIM HELD: HEAD BASEBALL COACH**

- Head varsity baseball coach: 2008 & 2009
- Current record: 50-12 (.807)
- Two appearances in the final four of the baseball state championships
- Won the Ohio state championship in 2009; team ranked 12th in the nation in the final poll
- Won GCL, regional, district, and sectional championships in both 2008 & 2009
- Moeller Faculty member since 1996: current chairman of the Math Department
- · Served as assistant coach in the baseball and basketball programs
- Graduated from Defiance College

### JAY FRENTSOS: HEAD SWIMMING COACH

- Head varsity swimming coach for one season: 2008-09
- All-American swimmer for Roger Bacon
- Swam for University of Missouri
- · Actively involved in the amateur swimming scene in the Southwest Ohio
- 2008-09 team achievements:
- Earned 349 points in the GCL championship, the highest total ever by a runner-up
- Became sectional champions with a record 417 points; the school's fourth district runner-up with a record 279 points; and placed third in the state championships with 202 points
- Collective performances earned its members 20 All-American certificates
- Earned the distinction of being the finest swim team in Moeller's history

## **GREG ULLAND '97: HEAD VOLLEYBALL COACH**

- Head varsity volleyball coach since 2002 season
- Current record: 196-27 (.879)
- During his eight-year coaching tenure, his teams have won or shared five GCL championships, been state runner-up twice, and won four state championships
- Coached Mount Notre Dame High School's volleyball team to win three state championships: 1998, 1999 & 2000
- In his senior year at Moeller, led the third-year volleyball team to the school's first-ever state title; the 1997 team finished with a 32-3 record, winning the GCL, district, regional, and state
- Selected First Team All-GCL, GCL Player of the Year, and First Team All-State
- Inducted into the Moeller Athletic Hall of Fame

## **MOELLER HALL OF FAME COACHES**

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Higgins, James M. Hurley, Randall Kennedy, Thomas J. Klonne, Stephen D. Kremer, Carl N. Smith, Paul A. Sussli, Michael G. Ulland, Greg









## Oelelialing,



## 1972-73

sophomore Dave
Schipper wins the
state 50-yard
freestyle. He
would later
become the
state runnerup in this event
as a junior and
then repeat as a
state champion in
his senior season.



## 1975-76

records its fifth undefeated, untied regular season, wins GCL, regional, and the first of its seven state championships.



## 1971-72

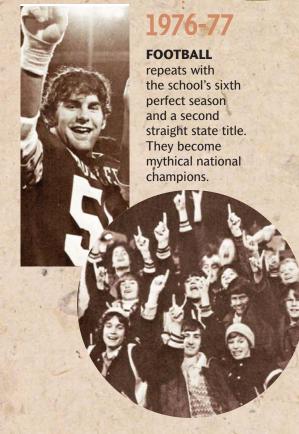
**BASEBALL** wins the first of its five state championships. They would win again in 1989,1993, 2004, and 2009.





1973-74

**TRACK** senior Harry Woebkenberg wins the state in the shot put.



by Dick Beerman, Former Moeller Athletic Director

# MOELLER'S GOLDEN LEGACY

1980-81

This would be the final season for Gerry Faust as the head coach of Moeller **FOOTBALL**. All three levels were undefeated and GCL

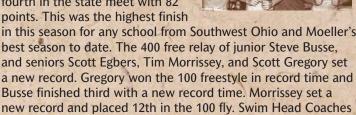
champions. The varsity made it nine perfect seasons. The team won their fifth state title in six years and a fourth mythical national title.



1987-88

Coaches of the Year."

**SWIMMING & DIVING** finished fourth in the state meet with 82 points. This was the highest finish



Lynn Marggrander and Anne Schoenberger were named "City's



## 1982-83

posted the 11th undefeated, untied season. This team was GCL, city, regional, state, and national champion. Head Coach Steve Klonne was named "National High School Coach of

the Year."

## 1990-91

**WRESTLER** Scott Ostholthoff, a junior, was named "GCL Wrestler of the Year." Scott, junior Clint Whalen, and sophomore Tom Zinkan qualified to state. Zinkan won the first state championship ever in this sport. Moeller scored 25.5 points to earn a 16th place. This was the first top-twenty finish by a Moeller wrestling team. Zinkan would be a state runnerup his junior year and a

repeat state

champion as a senior. Ostholthoff would be the state champion (189 lb.) in 1992.



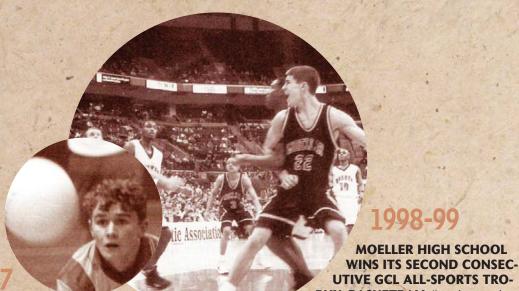
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won both the Midwest and state championships. Head Coach Tom Kennedy was named "Coach of the Year" in the State of Ohio for the second time. He was also named "Midwest Coach of the Year." Junior Jim Kennedy was the first Moeller athlete to be selected as an All-American.





**TENNIS** doubles team Jeff Munafo '94 / Dave Necessary '95 become the only Moeller athletes in this sport to appear in the state championships.



**VOLLEYBALL** was in the third season of its existence when the team won the state championship. Senior Greg Ulland was a First Team All-State selection and state tournament MVP. Senior Clint McCabe was named to the Second Team, Ulland, McCabe, and junior Todd Fitz were all named to the All-State

**MOELLER HIGH SCHOOL** 

**UTIVE GCL ALL-SPORTS TRO-**PHY. BASKETBALL "got hot at the right time." After ending the regular sea-

son 14-6, the team went on a 7-0 streak, winning the sectional, district, regional, and the school's first state championship. Senior Mike Monserez was honored as GCL Co-Player of the Year, an All-State selection, and was named the "Div. 1 Tournament MVP Player of the Year" in the Cincinnati area. Seniors Brad Hutzel, Chris Welsch and sophomore Matt Sylvester joined Mike on the All-Tournament Team. Coach Carl

Kremer was named "Coach of the Year" in the local area.

## 1994-95

**SOCCER** season is best in Moeller history. The team was undefeated, untied GCL Champions, city champions. and ranked #3 in the final state poll. They were the first district champions in history. Junior Greg Ruebusch was named "GCL Player of the Year," and



Coach Randy Hurley was named "GCL Coach of the Year" and "State Coach of the Year" for parochial schools.



1997-98

**MOELLER WINS** ITS FIRST GCL **ALL-SPORTS** TROPHY. FOOT-**BALL** finished as GCL, city, and regional champs, and state runnerup. They were #1 in the final Harbin Poll and the 18th team to qualify to the state playoffs. **GOLF** won the GCL title and senior Dan Dunlap was named a GCL All-Star for the third time. The team placed 2nd in both the sectional and district and qualified to state. Coach Rick Bohne was named "Coach of the Year."

1999-00

**CROSS COUNTRY** becomes a regional and state team qualifier. Seniors Ken Dunbar and Pat Sullivan, junior Zac Lewis, sophomores Brent Van Orsdel and Kevin Schwarz, and freshman Brad Neumann were the first Crusaders to compete in the team competition in the state meet. They scored 216 points and placed 10th in the 16-team field. Individually, Dunbar placed 30th. WRESTLING won the GCL, sectional, and district championships. Ten wrestlers qualified to state; six of them placed in the top six: junior Nick Lukens, state champion (171 lb.); junior Joe Zinkan, state runnerup (140 lb.); senior Bobby Lyons, state runner-up (145 lb.); sophomore Mike Baria, 4th (135 lb.); Brian Zinkan, 5th (130 lb.); and David Blanks, 6th (152 lb.). The team finished as state runner-up with 92 points. This is still the best state team placement ever in Southwest Ohio. They would repeat this achievement in 2001. **BASEBALL** was sectional, district and regional champions. TRACK senior Rob Paffe was named the "GCL Field Athlete of the Year." He set a new school and GCL record in winning the long jump (22' 1 3/4"). Sophomore Brent Walter (pole vault) and senior Mike Munoz (shot put) were also GCL champions. In the regional championships. Paffe took first with a new Moeller leap of 22' 7". The 4x800m relay of senior Ken Dunbar, freshman Brad Neumann, senior Pat Sullivan, and junior Brian Ehlers set a school record (8:05.2) as they qualified to state. Dunbar set yet another school record in placing 4th in the 3200m with a time of 9:18.8. The 2nd and 4th place finishes of Munoz (discus) and Brent Walter (pole vault) gave Moeller seven state qualifiers.



## 2002-03

BASKETBALL won the GCL, sectional, district, regional, and state championships. Junior Josh Duncan was named "GCL Player of the Year." Coach Carl Kremer won the Dick Berning Coach of the Year award for the sixth time in 11 vears. Duncan was selected as MVP of the state tournament. He was joined on the All-Tournament Team by juniors Andrew Brackman and Bubba Walther. **BOWLING** senior captain Craig Tokarsky rolled a perfect 300 game, the first in the history of the league. **SWIMMING** senior Rob Magnus won the GCL championship in the 100 breaststroke for a fourth time, a rare if not singular achievement.

## 2006-07

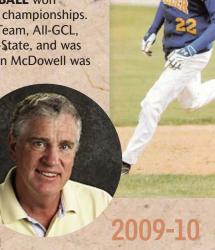
MOELLER WINS THE THIRD GCL ALL SPORTS
CHAMPIONSHIP IN ITS HISTORY. BASKETBALL won

the GCL, sectional, district, regional, and state championships. Senior Captain Troy Tabler was selected First Team, All-GCL, All-City, All-Southwest Ohio, Second Team All-State, and was named "Div. 1 Tournament MVP." Junior Quinn McDowell was

First Team All-GCL and All-City. He received Third Team All-District honors and was named to the First Team All-Tournament squad. The team was ranked #16 in the nation in the final poll. **BASEBALL** won the GCL, sectional, and district championships. Three seniors, Tom Belza, Dan Burkhart and Alex Wimmers, were named to the All-Ohio,

All-GCL, All-City, and All-District First
Teams. Belza was named the "GCL Player
of the Year." Coach Mike Cameron was named

"Coach of the Year" at every level, including state. The 2007 team was #1 in the state in the final baseball coaches' poll. However, the "big news" came about one week later when, after a 39-year career as the head coach of the Moeller program, Mike Cameron announced his decision to step down, leaving as the "winningest" coach of all time in Ohio Div. 1 history with 767 wins. Approximately two weeks later, Assistant Coach Tim Held was named to succeed Cameron.



THE BEST IS YET TO COME...

## 2004-05

**GOLF** won the sectional, placed third in the district, and finished as state runner-up with 633 (314/319) strokes. This was the highest finish ever for a Moeller team. **BASKETBALL** won the GCL, sectional, district, and regional championships. **ICE HOCKEY** became the first Moeller Ice Hockey team to reach the state final four.



## 2007-08

**BASKETBALL** won the GCL for the fifth time in the last six years. The league record of (14-0) was only the second time that a Crusader five had swept all of its league opponents. The regular season record of 19-1 was the best ever in the 46-year history of Moeller varsity basketball. An amazing sidebar to this accomplishment was the team lost its leading scorer and assist leader with

eight games to
play in the regular
season. Seniors
Michael Davenport
and Quinn
McDowell were
selected to
the All-Ohio
All-Star
Team.

## 2008-09

SWIMMING & DIVING finished with best season in the history of the sport. After an outstanding dual meets record of 13-0, the Crusaders were runners-up in the Southwest Classic, runners-up in the GCL, champions of the sectional, runners-up in the district, and finished third in the state championships. Six swimmers earned All-American recognition, in 20 events. BASEBALL collected a GCL, district, regional, and their fifth state championship, proving that a final city poll finish of #2 and a final ranking of #6 in the state coaches' poll meant very little. RUGBY'S first-year program

on the Moeller scene proved to be a total success, posting an undefeated (6-0) regular season and a final overall record of 9-2. They placed fifth in the state tournament. **VOLLEYBALL** achieved its sixth state title in its

14-year history.



## Social Justice Advocates Change Lives

"MY NAME IS MICHAEL TURNER," he began. "I am 26 years old. I am currently unemployed, and I have four children to support. I come from a family where both of my parents were addicted to drugs. I lived in an environment that did not encourage personal responsibility and growth. I had no male mentors or role models in my life. The combination of these factors led me to believe that this was the real world. As a result, I ended up in prison, twice. I knew if I did not make some changes, I was going to jail for a long time. I knew I needed help. It was at this point I went to Choices."

Turner turned to Choices Café, a new community advocacy center in Cincinnati's Over-the-Rhine that's offering hope and changing lives. The center evolved out of Moeller students' OTR housing rehab work and the leadership of two men. "Almost two years ago Mike Rogers and I were standing outside a warehouse on Pleasant Street talking about what was missing in OTR," said Mike Moroski, Moeller English teacher and moderator of MACH 1 (Moeller

Advocates for a Common Hope). "Mike quickly responded that a coffee shop was conspicuously not present. The idea of this coffee shop immediately turned into a discussion of a resource center where young men and women looking for different life choices could come and seek help and find relationships. After this five-minute conversation, we decided to open up a café. The name was right in front of us, and it has been called 'Choices' since that first conversation." Mike Rogers is now executive director of Choices Café.

Since the Café's grand opening in February 2008, it has evolved into a multifaceted operation. "Choices Café has changed so much in such a short amount of time. As people came to us looking for assistance, we decided to change the name to 'Choices, Inc.,' a name that encompasses the vast array of who we are and what we do," said Moroski. "More than handing out blankets or serving coffee on a cold day, Choices, Inc. is dedicated to taking that extra step that

induces real life-long change."

Marianist Brother Mike Murphy, president of Choices, Inc., currently works with more than 150 young men in OTR, serving as a mentor and advocate and helping them become employed. "A primary focus in our community is to provide an environment that emphasizes education for service, justice, and peace, one of the five characteristics of a Marianist education," he said. "Choices is the focal point that addresses systemic issues of chronic poverty, low educational achievements, cycles of criminal activities, drug addiction and homelessness, while seeking to empower individuals to change the course of their lives through a laundry list of services. I must also add that Choices is changing the lives of those who offer service through Choices."

Choices, Inc. is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization, so all donations are tax deductable. Contributions can be sent directly to Choices, Inc. at 1506 Elm Street, Cincinnation OH 45202. For more information, e-mail Mike Moroski at MMoroski@Moeller.org or call Mike Rogers at (513) 381-3368.

## Main Event Celebrates Silver Anniversary

THE MAIN EVENT'S Silver
Anniversary is in full swing,
and it's fiesta time! Parent
House Captains are hosting
gift gathering events galore
with fun-filled themes.
Quiroga House
kicked off the season with

Zaragoza held its own

a "Fiesta in the Park."

"Silverfest," followed by the "Tailgate Party" for Zehler House. Pillar House celebrated "Tailgate Extravaganza" and "Friday the 13th" was the fear-fest sponsored by Eveslage House. Trinity House will cap off the House party social season on January 23. Sports teams are also joining in the festivities, and Senior Moms recently relished their social at Maggiano's Little Italy. If you want to join in the fun, contact Main Event Coordinator Marcia Lechner at (513) 791-1680, ext. 1304, or e-mail her at MLechner@Moeller.org.

Since the Main Event's debut in 1986 with "A Spring Fantasy," Moeller's charity auction has raised more than two million dollars. Last year's gala netted \$243,000, which supports all Moeller students by supplementing the school's student services and tuition assistance programs.

The Silver Anniversary of the Main Event will be celebrated on Saturday, April 17, 2010, at the Savannah Center in West Chester. The event begins at 4:30 PM with Mass, followed by an open bar, hors d'oeuvres, raffles, the Silent Auction, Best of Everything, and more. The formal dinner and Live Auction will be from 7:30-10 PM. There will also be the Preview Party the night before from 7:30-9:30 PM at the Savannah Center. Contact Marcia Lechner to make your reservation (MLechner@Moeller.org).

"We are currently seeking donations for the Live and Silent Auctions, as well as for MOEbay and for our baskets," says Lechner. "Please consider supporting the Men of Moeller with a donation or sponsorship." For more information about sponsorships or to donate, see www.Moeller.org (click the "Support Moeller" tab, then "Main Event").



## moellerwired ...for service

## **Moeller Seniors Work** IN THE MARIANIST TRADITION of work-

tasks.

ing for "service, justice, and peace," more than 70 Moeller students traveled across the country to work in different communities. For the first time. Moeller students went to Bethlehem Farm to work in the Appalachian Mountains, pairing with students from Maryland and



New Jersey to put on two new roofs, make a wheelchair ramp, clean houses, and assist with other housing renovation

Moeller again partnered with Matthew 25 Ministries in Kenwood to travel to Philippi, WV, to work at the poorest grade school in all of West Virginia. Students renovated and cleaned around the school, as well as worked with the day camp.

Several seniors experienced the "Urban Plunge" in Over-the-Rhine (OTR). Using the Elm Street Choices Café\* as a home base, the students tutored children involved with the Boys and Girls Club. They also worked at the Drop Inn Center and on home renovation with OTR Community Housing. "The week downtown gave the students a chance to reflect on their own lives and how they can make Cincinnati a better place by building bridges with one of the poorest



communities in the United States," said Gilronan.

In addition to these trips, students worked with Catholic Charities in New Orleans, LA; traveled to a spiritual retreat at Nazareth Farm, WV; worked on home repair in Solsberry and Martinsville, IN; and saw the face of poverty around the Cincinnati area on the TACKLE Archdiocesan retreat. Next year the Moeller Summer Service Program will expand to include trips to Peru and Mexico, as well as other sites around the United States.

\* For more information on Choices Café, see page 14, "Moeller Social Justice Advocates Change Lives through 'Choices.' "



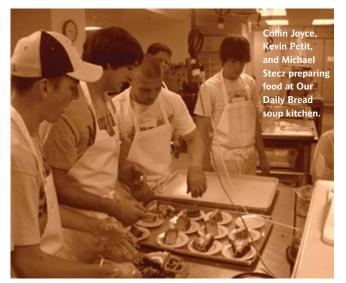
Pictured, from top: Andrew Asgian '10 works on Bethlehem Farm projects.; St. Peter's Prep, NJ, student and Michael Collins stop working on a roof to take a picture.; Moeller and Loyola Blakefield students enjoy their last few hours together at the Farm.; Nearly the entire school at Philipi got a fresh coat of paint, and Michael Wanner added his touch.











Pictured above, Collin Joyce '11 worked at the LeBlond Boys & Girls Club.; Pictured below from left: Patrick Crace, Collin Joyce, Zach Sand, Mike Rogers (Exec. Dir. Choices, Inc.), Alex Hider, Michael Stecz, and Kevin Carroll standing outside of Choices Café.





The Moeller guys definitely came to work at Philipi. After the third day, they had accomplished the entire list that had been planned for the week! Putting their heads together with the M25 and local contacts, they came up with several more projects to tackle, such as Michael Wanner, Ryan Lechner, DJ Rein, and Mark Doyon working on improving the exterior grounds.



## MOELLER'S 50th



## Connecting with you ...

Preparations are now underway to make next year's once-in-a-lifetime 50th Anniversary celebration extraordinary! This is an exciting process, and we are chronicling our journey in many ways, working hard to connect with you...for your involvement is what will make next year worthy of the legacy we're commemorating.

• 50th ANNIVERSARY BLOG: We recently initiated this "journal" to share this celebration process with you and to encourage your feedback and ideas. This blog invites you to have a conversation with us about the past 50 years. What are your stories? Your memories? In other words, talk to us! We want your involvement during this extraordinary occasion.

• 50th ANNIVERSARY TWITTER: If you "Twitter" (or even if you don't!), you can get 50th Anniversary breaking news, planning sessions, and other ways to get involved. We're now sending out "tweets," so become a follower! It's easy, we promise. http://twitter.com/MoellerHS50th

• 50th ANNIVERSARY FACEBOOK: You can now reach us on Facebook, too! New English faculty member Matt McLaughlin '05 is in charge of this site. You can also use this to connect with us and other members of the Moeller Family. http://www.facebook.com/pages/Moeller-High-School-

- 50th ANNIVERSARY E-MAIL: If you prefer e-mail, contact us directly with your stories and feedback at Moe50Ann@gmail.com.
- 50th ANNIVERSARY WEBSITE: In January 2010, we will launch a 50th Anniversary website dedicated to commemorating Moeller's past and providing frequent updates on our schedule of events and activities. Moeller parent and communications professional Peg Ashbrock is leading this effort. Check us out!
- W-MOE RADIO: MOELLER STORIES: Last year the journalism program initiated an online radio program called W-MOE. Senior Neil Frederickson and several journalism students are in the process of compiling Moeller stories by interviewing alums and sharing their stories online. Currently they are focusing on alumni faculty and staff members (Moeller has 25!), whose well-end of the work of the

We are doing are very best to connect with you and make you an important part of this celebration process, so contact us!

Looking forward to hearing from you,

Bruce A. Buckley '67

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Anniversary Yearbook'

CELEBRATING A GOLDEN LEGACY: MOELLER'S 50TH YEARBOOK: You may remember that when Moeller turned 40, this magazine (then called "Windows on Moeller"), celebrated our past with four issues chronicling Moeller's history. Each provided a "snapshot" of every year, along with a theme that defined that particular decade. In the spring/summer edition of Moeller Magazine, we will complete that series and offer an opportunity to purchase a limited edition of all five issues in a commemorative "yearbook." You can pre-order this book on our 50th Anniversary website or Facebook page.

## ANN VERSERS Jegacy January-April 2010: Alumni Speaker Series July 24, 2010: 50th Anniversary Kick-off Celebration with the Cincinnati Pops Orchestra May 2011: Closing Dedication Mass at Good Shepherd April 2011: Church 50th Anniversary Main Event Gala rober 8-9, 2010: ecoming's 50th Celebration

Join the Games as a 'Fan' or 'Follower

1. The Moeller sport that has produced the most All-Americans?

4. The year the Crusader in front of the school was purchased?

2. Other than band, the two classes that girls attended Moeller to take? 3. At what seven stadiums has Moeller played its "home" football games?

How many did you guess correctly? (See answers to right.) Even if you didn't get them all, join in our weekly Moeller trivia contests and other

games by becoming a 50th Facebook fan or blog follower. Plus, you

will receive a special 50th Anniversary gift just by signing up!

So "get Moeller educated" and join in the fun!

Reading, Lockland, Sycamore, St. X; 4, 2002; 5, 1999

**MOELLER** 

TRIVIA ANSWERS 1. Swimming/Diving 2. Calculus Reading Lockland, Svcamore, St. X. 4, 2002; 5, 1999

DO YOU KNOW...

Weekend

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## MOELLER'S 2009 DISTINGUSHED ALUMNI AWARDEES

### **JOHN BOEHNER '68**

House Minority Leader and U.S. Representative of the 8th Congressional District

## **DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD**

This award is presented to an alumnus who has given outstanding service to his community and who has distinguished himself as a Moeller alumnus. "As we all know, John has represented our country with great passion over the years," says Alumni &

Development Director Jim Stofko '85. "Last year he was elected to serve his 10th term as a member of Congress, and his achievements as a political leader are well known throughout the Moeller community. But people may not know what a vocal supporter of Moeller he has been during his time in public office. For example, he was interviewed recently on Fox News and only agreed to appear if host Bill Hemmer (Elder '83) wore a Moeller tie (which he did, by the way). He even mentioned Moeller at the end of the interview! For so many reasons, it is our honor to be able to commend his continued service to our country at this time." (The Fox News clip can be access on Moeller's website: www.Moeller.org, click "Support Moeller," then "Alumni Association.")

## PHIL KREINER '76 BROTHER LAWRENCE EVESLAGE AWARD

This is presented to an individual who through years of tireless

effort has made significant contributions to the growth of Moeller High School in the spirit of Moeller's first principal, Brother Lawrence

Eveslage, S.M. "Phil has given endless hours of service to Moeller," says Alumni President Rob Winterman '80. "For the last 10 years, he has served on the executive committee of the Alumni Association. The last five years he has served as chairman of the Sports Stag, as well as the Crusader Classic Golf Outing, which are the two largest fundraising events for the association. Phil was the driving force behind bringing the Monday night football films back on campus and has also contributed generously to Annual Fund and Capital Campaign."

## BRIAN VONDERHAAR '09 GOLD SHIELD AWARD

The Alumni Association presents this award to a member of the graduating class who exemplifies good character, a solid spiritual life, academic excellence, a willingness to serve, and participates in various school activities. "Brian Vonderhaar is an outstanding choice

by the Alumni Association," says Principal Blane Collison. "Brian was a School Vice Captain in the House System, a member of the National Honor Society, a Kairos Retreat Leader, a mentor in the Little Buddies program at Corryville Catholic, just to name a few." In addition, Vonderhaar was a guard on Moeller's 20-3 Varsity Basketball Team, and a First Team member of the All-Greater Cincinnati League Basketball Team. Channel Nine honored him as a Student of the Week. A video clip of Channel Nine's interview with him is available on their website:

http://www.wcpo.com/content/news/localshows/studentoftheweek/default.aspx.

## Alums Raise Funds to Honor Grads Lost in Plane Crash

by John Widmeyer '68

IN NOVEMBER OF 1970, when most were worried about college or the Vietnam War, Moeller lost three graduates in the Marshall University football team plane crash in West Virginia. Bob Harris, Jack Repasy, and Mark Andrews, Moeller

Class of '68, were juniors at Marshall and key members of the team. At Moeller, they had also made significant contributions in academics, spirit, and faith. Inspired by them and the recent movie, *We Are Marshall*, former classmates, teachers, and friends decided to do something in their memory to raise money for the Moeller Scholarship Fund. They held the first annual Moeller Marshall Memorial Golf Outing on October 17 at Hickory Woods Golf Course in Loveland, OH.

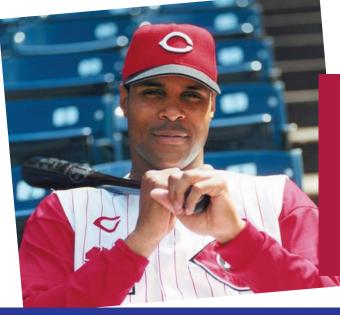
While the weather was brisk, the competition was brisker! The men's winners, led by Mike Giblin '68 and his team of Leo



Scherman '68, Bill Schaffer, and Bill Beck (Purcell grad) edged out Jerry Vanden Eynden's '68 group of John Boehner '68, Denny Sullivan '68, and Larry Kuhlman '81 by one stroke!

Women's team winners led by Bonnie Hacker included, Angela Nesbit, Joan Deno, and Debbie Brooks. Additional winners were Longest Drive Men: Paul Branco; Longest Drive Women: Erin Widmeyer Elsbernd; Closest to the Pin Men: Phil Gigliotti (*Phil also recorded a birdie on the par 3 11th hole with his tee shot stopping six inches away from a hole in one!*); Closest to the Pin Women: Jeanette Widmeyer; and Closest to the Pin for Split the Pot: Bill Beck.

## crusaderconnection



# MOELLER SUPPORTS Crusader Barry Larkin '82 for election to the Baseball Hall of Fame!

## MOELLER'S 2009 SPORTS HALL OF FAME AWARDEES



KEVIN ARTHUR '83
Football & Track

Kevin Arthur was named "GCL Runner of the Year" for three consecutive years and was the GCL 200m, 400m, and relay champion in those three years. He was also district champion in the 200m and 400m as a junior. As a senior at districts, Arthur won the 200m and was on the winning 4X100m team. As a junior in the state meet, he placed third in the 400m, setting a current Moeller record (48.72). His senior year at the state meet, he placed fourth in the 200m and was on the champion 4X100m relay, which earned All-American honors. Arthur was named Moeller's "Most **Outstanding Track** Athlete" in 1982 and 1983 and was a three-time All-City honoree. He received a football/track scholarship to Georgia Tech.



VADA MURRAY '86
Football & Basketball

Vada Murray was a rare three-year player for the football program, holding school records for interceptions in a game (4), interceptions in a season (13), and career interceptions (21). During his career, Murray was named All-American (1985), All-Ohio (1985), and All-City (1984 & 1985). In his two years as a varsity basketball player (sophomore and junior), he ranks 14th in career scoring (719), 11th in career field goals (307), and 12th in single season field goals (159). Had he participated as a senior and produced at the average of his previous two seasons. he would have finished in the top five performers in the history of Moeller basketball.



GREG RUEBUSCH '96 Soccer

Greg Ruebusch was a four-year varsity starter and four-time GCL All-Star. He led the team in points four years and in goals three years. He is Moeller's career leader in points (129), goals (49), and games played (77). Ruebusch was a twotime GCL Player of the Year and three-time All-City First Team. As a senior, he was Player of the Year in the city, First Team All-State, and Second Team All-Midwest.



JOSH JANSON '97
Wrestling

Team captain his senior vear. Josh Janson was Moeller's first-ever four-time state qualifier and first-ever four-time GCL champion — both feats have only been accomplished one other time. Janson was a state runner-up his junior year and placed third as a senior. He holds several Moeller records: thirdmost total pins in a career (77); third-most pins in a career (77); second-best winning percentage for a career (739.5); and sixth-most pins in a season (28). Upon graduation, he accepted a wrestling scholarship to Ohio State, where he was a three-time letter winner and two-time NCAA qualifier.



JIM HIGGINS
Coach & Teacher

Jim Higgins taught religion and coached the offensive line for the Crusaders over two separate time spans: 1974-1980 and 1987-1998. He was highly instrumental in the development of some of the finest line units in the history of Ohio high school football. Testimony to his success may be found in the fact that nine men he coached were named All-Americans, and 17 were selected to the All-Ohio teams. Higgins coached in eight of Moeller's 11 state championship games.

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## Bro. Charlie Creates New 'Moments in Time'

IF YOU WERE STUDENT anytime between 1964 and 2005, you knew Bro. Charlie Wanda, S.M. He came to Moeller to teach studio art, but he was also renowned as the school's art director for both the theater productions and the Main Event extravaganzas. Before he retired and moved to Dayton, he designed the Marianist Charism glass etch-

ings that grace the main floor before exiting into Moeller's

"Mary" courtyard. The etchings symbolically depict each of the five Characteristics of a Marianist Education and serve as an architectural reminder of Moeller's mission as well as an aesthetic legacy of one of Moeller's beloved faculty members.

Now Bro. Charlie is focusing on his passion as an artist. "Since moving into the studio at Mount St. John in Beavercreek I have been doing watercolor and oil paintings," he says. "My works include realistic landscapes, creative landscapes, abstract oils, and realistic illustrations." Seven of his illustrations appear in a booklet entitled

"Woman of Courage" published by the Marianists.

He was recently commissioned by the University of Dayton to design glass-etched windows for the chapel in the recently renovated Marycrest residence hall. Another commission by the university was to design a new ceremonial mace for graduations

and other academic convocations. His design was created in walnut by former student Bill Wiehe. Class of '78.

His latest exhibition, "Moments in Time," was recently on display at the Gallery Saint John and the South Park United Methodist Church Gallery.

Bro. Charlie continues to serve as a Marianist by mentoring aspirants (young men preparing for entry into the Marianists).

While he's firmly established in his new community, he welcomes his Moeller Family anytime. "If you are visiting Bergamo (Kairos) or UD, feel free to stop in the gallery," he says. "Let me know, though, so I can make arrangements to show you around."

wandachp@notes.udayton.edu

\*Bro. Charlie's exhibit can be found online at the Gallery Saint John's website: www.dayton-gallery-saintjohn.org (select "Artists," then "Charles Wanda, S.M.").

## Catino Delivers Heartfelt Speech

AS THE ADVANCEMENT OFFICE kicked off its "Growing the Moeller Tradition" Annual Fund campaign, Ted Catino '79, a 2005 recipient of Moeller's Distinguished Alumni Award, was asked to say a few words to the parents during Meet the Teacher Night. His speech was so heartfelt and moving that we've included a few portions below. The entire text can be found at www.Moeller.org (select the Support Moeller tab, then choose Alumni Association).

"I am here tonight because my parents provided me with the gift of a Moeller education. The gift that keeps on giving... The decision to come to Moeller has forever changed my life and to this day continues to influence, enrich, and comfort me. Let me share a few stories with you about my experiences that illustrate how the Moeller community continues to be such a significant part of my life.

"In October 2008, I was riding dirt bikes at a friend's farm with my sons, nephews and brother-in-law, all Men of Moeller. My nephew Joe had an accident and severely fractured his tibia and crushed his knee. It was Saturday afternoon in Bracken County, KY. In the hours it took to get him out of the woods, to a hospital, and evaluated, it became apparent this was a severe injury, and we needed an orthopedic surgeon quickly. Fortunately for us, I had Doc Kremchek's (Moeller's team doctor) cell phone number. (For the record, for every injury we have ever had while at Moeller, all we ever had to say is, "This is a Moeller player, and Dr. Kremchek would see us that day.") I called Doc, but there was no answer on his cell. Things were not good, and we needed someone right away. So I called Mike Rohlfs, a Moeller grad, dad, and great chiropractor who works in the same office as Dr. Kremchek. I explained the situation, and Mike said he would make some calls to see if he could track down Doc and have him call us."

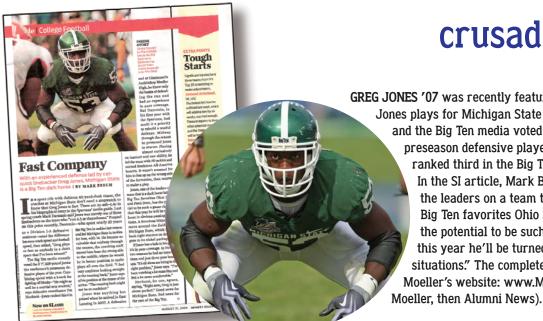
Catino's Moeller connections eventually resulted in surgery for Joe. He has made a full recovery.

"I can't begin to tell you what it meant to have Moeller people like that to call on," said Catino.

"(At Moeller), we send young men out into the world with faith in Christ, values, knowledge, and wisdom to build a meaningful life and make their permanent mark on our world. We stay with them throughout their life, watching over them, cheering them on, and encouraging their success, and if hardship or tragedy should come to pass, we are there for them, with a shoulder, a hand, a sympathetic word or gesture. We are there with love. For me, I have found no worthier cause.

"For every parent here tonight, I speak with great confidence, on behalf of the Moeller community... When you can not be there to take care of your son, we will."

"Whenever I address an audience," says Catino,
"I am inspired by two men who taught me, both were excellent speakers, Dan Ledford and Gerry Faust...
I can only wish to communicate with Dan's wit and intellect and Gerry's energy and passion."



## crusaderclippings

GREG JONES '07 was recently featured in Sports Illustrated. Jones plays for Michigan State as a middle linebacker and the Big Ten media voted him the conference's preseason defensive player of the year and was

ranked third in the Big Ten in tackles last season. In the SI article, Mark Beech says, "Jones, one of the leaders on a team that is a dark horse behind Big Ten favorites Ohio State and Penn State, has the potential to be such a game changer that this year he'll be turned loose in obvious passing situations." The complete article can be found on Moeller's website: www.Moeller.org (see Support



GREG HUDSON '85 arrived in 2005 at East Carolina University to work with the football program as defensive coordinator and turned the program into one of the best in Conference USA. ECU stunned the nation and earned a No. 14 ranking after beating West Virginia in 2008 by a score of 24-3. He was recently featured in the Washington Daily News, "Pirates in Good Hands with Hudson." The article is available on Moeller's website.

FRANK BROGAN '71 was recently appointed chancellor of the State University System of Florida. From 1999-03, Brogan was Lt. Governor of the State of

Florida. In 2003,

he became pres-

ident of Florida

University. In

2001, Moeller

honored him

honor, the

with its highest

Distinguished

Alumni Award.

**Atlantic** 



**CHIP CUTTER** 

'04 recently graduated from Indiana State University with a degree in journalism, and he's now working in New Your City as an Associated

Press business writer.

**ROB CHAPPELL '05** became the first University of Dayton golfer to win the Atlantic 10 Conference Individual Championship, and he was named the Conference Player of the Year. He tied an A-10 record with a 64 in the first round. The Flyers also finished second to UNC-Charlotte, the fifth ranked team in the country. This was UD's highest finish in the A-10.

Generation gap tells a tale of

two recessions

JEFF NIEMAN '05 finished as the overall golf champion on the NCAC and was named Player of the Year in the conference. His Ohio Wesleyan Golf Team won the conference and qualified for the NCAA championships.

## TOM BELZA '07.

another Moeller stand-out baseball player who was also named to the All-



Ohio, All-GCL, All-City, and All-District First Teams and "GCL Player of the Year," now plays for Oklahoma State Cowboys. During last year's season, he earned second-team honors

## **DAN BURKHART '07 & ALEX WIMMERS**

'07 were named to the All-Ohio, All-GCL, All-City, and All-District First Teams in baseball as seniors. They both are now sophomores starting for the Ohio State Buckeye Baseball Team. In May, Wimmers made OSU history by completing the university's first 9-inning no-hitter. His OSU catcher was Burkhart, who has played baseball with him since they were nine years old. A video of this historic moment is available on Moeller's website.

**WIMMERS** win over Pittsburgh earned him numerous recognitions, including "Louisville Slugger" National Player of the Week (for the



second time that season); National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association Pro-Line Athletic National Pitcher of the Week; Big Ten Conference Pitcher of the Week (for the fourth time this season); College Baseball Foundation & Hall of Fame's National All-Star Lineup (for the third time); and USA Baseball's Golden Spikes Spotlight Player of the Week. In addition, he was named the 2009 Big Ten Conference Co-Pitcher of the Year, one of 15 national semifinalists for the College Baseball Foundation's National Pitcher of the Year Award, one of 30 semifinalists for the 2009 USA Baseball Golden Spikes Award (GSA), and on the list of players who are under consideration as the nation's premier amateur baseball player.



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1960s

Richard Deiters Jr. ('64) and his wife, Janice, have two children: Richard III and Matthew. After a 20-year career, he retired in 1985 from the Marine Corp. He retired from his second career in 2006.

John Dietz ('64) and his wife, Cynthia, have two children: Jason and Jenna. He went to Purdue University and earned a M.S. in physics. In 2003, he retired from the Defense Information Systems Agency, where he was the deputy director for technical applications. John managed systems engineering projects for the National Military Command Center at the Pentagon, the National Emergency Airborne Command Post, the National Missile Defense System, and the Continuity of Government Program. He is currently writing a novel.

Michael Hennessey ('64) has lived in OH, PA, Puerto Rico, and TX. He and his wife, Carmen, have four children: Michael, Brian, Cherith, and Karen. He is retired and currently living in Lorena, Texas.

John Koegel ('64) is married to Cheryl and has three children: Justin, Bradon, and Kiden. John and his family now live in Longwood, FL, following his retirement from a career in banking and law.

Robert Osner ('64) and his wife, Myrna, have three children (Heather, Bob, and Krista) and four grandchildren. Bob worked as a die maker and retired from General Motors.

Ronald Piepmeyer ('64) earned a B.A. in history from Xavier University. He was drafted into the Army in 1969 and served two years active duty in the Military Police. Upon his return from South Korea, he earned his M.A. in history at Xavier and did postgraduate work at Lehigh University. Ronald worked in business, then taught high school (MND, Mother of Mercy, and St. X), and did some freelance

writing. He was ordained a deacon in 1996 and a priest in 1997, receiving a master's of divinity degree. After serving at St. Martin of Tours, Immaculate Heart of Mary, St. Boniface-Piqua, and St. Cecilia, he was appointed pastor of St. Philip the Apostle Parish in Morrow in 2003.

Thomas Topmiller ('64) was drafted by the Army and served in Korea from 1966 to 1968. He graduated from UC in 1974 with a B.B.A. in accounting. He worked as a controller with various companies and made several job related moves, living in Louisville, Tulsa, and Chicago. He retired in 2004 and moved back to Cincinnati. A widower, Tom married Tricia in 2007.

Bro. Bernie Ploeger ('66) has been named the new president of Chaminade University of Honolulu. He has served as their executive vice president and provost since 2001. Bro. Ploeger was vice president/senior vice president for administration at the University of Dayton from 1986 to 2001.

Dan Rivers ('66) retired in 2 003 from teaching history and government in the Cincinnati Public School district. He then moved to Canada and taught at Kingston College. In 2007 Dan moved to Virginia Beach, VA, where he owns a bed and breakfast. Dan volunteers at ARE (Association for Research and Enlightenment), conducting dream interpretation and analysis in conjunction with Atlantic University.

Jerry Busemeyer ('69) and his wife, Meijuan, have three children: Brian, Jim, and Sheng. Jerry is a professor of cognitive science at Indiana University.

Drew Einspanier ('69) graduated from Miami University, where he also played rugby. Drew has two children, Andrew and Zach, and in 1990 became the owner of Delta Lodge in Wisconsin. www.Delta-Lodge.com

## weddings

Moeller extends its best wishes to the following graduates and faculty who have/will "tie the knot":



Michelle Schindler and Michael Currin ('99) married November 8, 2008.

Sherry Neckers and Rob Quatkemeyer ('00) married April 25, 2009.

Alison and David Candy ('02) were married December 6, 2008.

Laura Lupia and Robert Hundemer ('02) married December 20, 2008.

Jenna Moulton and Justin Barton ('05) were married May, 22, 2009. (See picture to right.)



## births





Congratulations to the following couples:

Paula and **Dave Seeger ('88)**, daughter, Leah Ann, December 15, 2008.

Alina and Eric Henry ('89), son, Dylan Thomas, July 8, 2008.



Gina and Jon Bowling ('98), daughter, Brooke Ashley, February 12, 2009. Brooke

is the granddaughter of faculty member Britt Raymond. (See picture to left.)



Meg and Siu Fung (Will) Chan ('99), son, Sean Vincent Chan, November 9.

2008. (See picture to left.)



Michelle and Brian
Asbrock
('00), daughter, Taylor
Marie,
October 16,

2008. (See picture to left.)

Libby and Justin Greiwe ('00), son, Cameron Tate Greiwe, September 29, 2008. (See picture to right.)



## **Faculty Births**

Brook Lee Jamieson, January 26, 2009, 7 lbs. and 13 oz., the daughter of Martha and Ed Jamieson.

Mara Elizabeth Kindt, November 3, 2008, 6 lbs. and 9 oz., the daughter of **Beth and Paul Kindt ('90)**. (See picture to right.)



Kelsey Jean Naumann, July 31, 2009, 8 lbs. and 11 oz., the daughter of Leah & Todd Naumann ('91).

Blake Michael Sams, April 26, 2009, son of faculty member Lori and Michael Sams. (See picture to right.)



Adam and Aaron Smith, August 15, 2009, sons of Marie and Mike Smith ('96). Grandsons of faculty member Paul Smith.

## tracking



Michael Maloney ('69) and his wife, Kathy, have two girls, Sara and Samantha. He recently retired after working at Ford Motor Co. for 35 years. He now owns his own business, Trick Vinyl Graphics, where he customizes cars, boats, race cars, banners, signs, etc. (See picture above.)

Ernie Rummler ('69) married Karen Arlinghaus in 1975. They have three children: Emily, Adam ('99), and Michael ('06). Ernie worked for AK Steel for 30 years, retired, and returned to Moeller for four years as a substitute teacher and a volunteer with the football program. Ernie returned to the steel industry in Mobile, AL, and is currently the director of Thyssen Krupp Steel USA. Ernie became a grandpa this past year.

Philip Sicker ('69) earned a Ph.D in 1977 and is a professor of English at Fordham University. He published his first book in 1980, married Diane in 1983, and had a son, Benjamin, in 1991. Philip has enjoyed Fulbright teaching stints in Europe in 1986 and 1992.

Larry Smith ('69) owns a custom home building company in Raleigh, NC. He and his wife, Ellyn, have three children: Katey, Colleen, and Emilie. Larry also plays competitive USTA tennis.

Daniel Vonderhaar ('69) and his wife, Connie, have been married for 36 years. They have six children: Jason, Nicole, Justin, Sarah, Kyle, and Michael ('06); and two grandchildren. Dan has worked for American Financial Group since he graduated from UC in 1973. He is a senior vice president/ investment analyst. (See picture to right.)

Kenneth Ware ('69) is engaged to Adhanet Habte. He has three children: Jason, Brandon, and Ashley. In 1980 he became the first American to win three events in an international kung-fu competition. He was inducted into the Int'l Martial Arts Hall of Fame in 1989 and in 2000 received the Chinese Kuoshu Medal B (only 290 worldwide).

Gary Woebkenberg ('69) joined the Navy in 1969, serving as an electrician's mate on the aircraft carrier, *USS Hancock*. Gary graduated from UC and Miami University and has worked at Hoxworth Blood Center for 30 years; he is currently a donor recruiter. He and his wife, Maureen, have two daughters: Annie and Katie.

1970s

Martin "Rusty" Nagle ('70) was made commander of the Strategic Weapons Facility, Atlantic, the new Fleet Ballistic Missile (FBM) program at the naval submarine base in Kings Bay, GA.

Kevin J. Donovan ('74) and his wife, Pam, have been married for 25 years. They have two children: Ryan and Patrick. Kevin played varsity soccer while at Bowling Green State University.

John George ('74) is the proud grandfather of a healthy baby girl, Elizabeth Ann Cundall, daughter of Anissa and Richard Cundall. Elizabeth was delivered by Jim Wendell '74. Not only was Jim a classmate of John's, they served together in student government as vice president and president.

John Metz ('74) has been married for 22 years to Mary. They have three children: Benjamin, Patrick, and Joseph. John studied in Heidelberg, Germany, 1976-1977, and is a Heidelberg College Alumni Council Member. He graduated from Xavier University with an M.B.A. in 1984. John is a controller for J.W. Express, Inc.

Russ Huesman ('78) was hired as the 22nd head football coach for his alma mater, the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. As a student, he started all four years as a defensive back and was a two-sport athlete. Russ has coached at Memphis, William and Mary, and the University of Richmond, where he earned the school's first national title. Russ and his wife, Amy, have four children: Jacob, Natalie, Emily, and Levi.

Allan Acheson ('79) and his wife, Patti, have three boys: Eddie, Alex, and Eric. Allan graduated from Bowling Green State University with a B.S. in health care. He resides in Guilford, IN, and is the chief financial officer for the Health Care Management Group.

Gerald Budde ('79) graduated from the University of Dayton with a B.S. in accounting. He and his wife, Karen, have four children: Emily, Ellen, Michael, and Megan. He is the chief financial officer for Neace Lukens.

Phillip Helgeson ('79) and his wife, Courtney, have twin daughters, Lauren and Lindsey. He graduated from the Cincinnati Art Academy with a bachelor's of fine arts. Phillip ran his own printing company for 18 years and continues to paint today, represented by Clossons Art Gallery. He is a team leader at Sam's Club.

Kevin Stenger ('79) and his wife, Patricia, have three children: Brian, Stacey, and Scott. Kevin attended Ohio State and was in the National Guard. Following officer candidate school, he was commissioned in June 1982. Kevin completed 30 years of service in the National Guard/Reserves and is currently a Lieutenant Colonel in the Army Reserves. In February 2009, he was notified he would be going to Iraq after training in July/August.

1980 S Steve Beerman ('84) and his wife, Beth, have two children: Katie (5) and Mary (3). Steve graduated with a B.S. from Notre Dame in 1988 and his M.D. from UC in 1992. After an internal medicine residency, Steve worked in private practice from 1995-2003. He is now an internal medicine hospitalist at Good Samaritan Hospital. Steve was named in Cincinnati Magazine as one of the areas "Top Docs" in 2008.

Kent Brockman ('84) graduated from UC with a degree in biology and a minor in business. He works in the power industry, recently becoming a partner with Industrial/Utility Sales, Inc. He and his wife, Nancy, have two children: Claire and Erin.

Greg Bruening ('84) and his wife, Coleen, live in Tipp City with their two children: Christopher and Megan. Greg is a senior propulsion analyst at Wright-Patterson AFB.

Chris Hartman ('84) attended the University of Michigan and earned a B.A. in economics. He served in the Navy (Lieutenant) on the USS Chancellorsville. He married Jill Wieneke in 1990 and has three daughters: Claire (11), Caroline (9), and Eleanor (7). Chris received his M.B.A. in 1996 from Northwestern University Kellogg School of Management. He is vice president/sales with Boston Scientific Corp. and lives in Winnetka, IL.



Shawn Kappner ('84) and his wife of 19 years, Johanna, have two children: Louis (15) and Alaina (14). He is an auditor with Cincinnati Financial and received his pilot's license in 2007. (See picture above.)

Nicholas Dopp ('87) and his wife, Emily, and children, Nichole (4) and Louis (2), recently moved to the Washington, D.C., area. Nicholas accepted a position with Cardinal Health CareFusion® Products as director of technical services. He recently retired from the Army National Guard as a captain after serving for 21 years. Nicholas spent four years active



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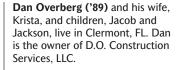
duty (enlisted) as an aircraft avionics mechanic. He attended OCS and received his commission as a Second Lieutenant in 1997. Nicholas is a Persian Gulf War veteran and was deployed to Kosovo in 2005. In his spare time he enjoys flying as a pilot, volunteering, and spending time with his family.

Chad Brisben ('89) and his wife, Jenn, have four children: Elena, Sarah, Emily, and Mary. Chad works in real estate as owner of CRB Management.



Eric Henry ('89) and his wife, Alina, have two children: Carly and Dylan. Eric worked in landscaping for about 15 years. He was grounds superintendent for John Schnatter "Papa John" at his personal estate until he switched careers in 2004. Eric now works as a physical therapist's assistant in Louisville, KY. (See picture above.)

David Horwitz ('89) and his wife, Traci, have two children: Avery and Noah. David owns AJ Hardwood Flooring. After graduating from the Army's Field Artillery Basic Course, he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant.





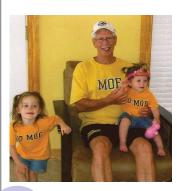
Jim Perry ('89) and his wife, Lynn, have three children: Lauren (11), Nick (8), and Olivia (4). Jim graduated from the University of Evansville with a degree in mechanical engineering and also played football there. After living in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and Minnesota, Jim and his family now live near Buffalo, NY. (See picture above.)

Todd Peters ('89) and Natasha have been married for 13 years and have three children: Nicholas, Logan, and Lucas. Todd graduated from the Lindner School of Business at the University of Cincinnati. He is the vice president of marketing for Well Point. Inc.

Kevin Sand ('89) and his wife, Jen, married in 2004. Their son Aidan was born in 2006. Kevin attended Thomas More College and worked in HVAC for 15 years before becoming a service manager with Craftsman Electric in 2006.

David Schnittger ('89) and his wife, Stephanie, married in 1997. They have three daughters: Ella, Kayla, and Julia, who were born 03/03/03, 03/04/05, and 04/05/06! David is the deputy chief of staff for Minority House Leader John Boehner. (See picture to left.)

Matt Smith ('89) and his wife, Mary Pat, have five children: Meghan, Katie, Liam, Nora, and Ryan. Matt graduated from Marquette University in 1993, married in 1995, and had twins in 2002 and triplets in 2005. He works as a project manager for Tran Systems and became a high school basketball official in 2007.



1990 S
Jason Williams ('91)
and his wife, Amy, live in
Colorado Springs. They
have two daughters,
Keira and Audra. They
are pictured with grandpa,
current faculty member
Skeeter Williams.
(See picture above.)

Dave Wirth ('93) is the head football coach for Covington Catholic. He coached for five seasons at Badin, where he was named Enquirer Coach of the Year in 2008.

Michael Green ('94) is a graduate of Miami University. He and his wife, Maria, married in 2006 and their son Payton was born in Nov. 2008. Michael is vice president at American Century Investments and lives in Avon Lake, OH.

Dan Hounchell ('94) started his own health care consulting company and still has part ownership in it. He recently went back to school, earning a law degree from UD. Dan and his wife, Melanie, have two girls: Katrina and Addison.

John Merritt ('94) has been married to Jennifer for 12 years. They have four children: John (11), Caleb (8), Bryson (7), and Addisyn (4). The family has lived in Powell, TN, since May 1995. John is a manager for Enrichment Federal Credit Union.

**Jeff Munafo ('94)** lives in Union City, NJ, and is the vice president of operations for MHI, Inc.

Will Chan ('99) earned a bachelor's in advanced medical imaging technologies (nuclear medicine and MRI) from UC. After working a few years, he entered UC's medical school and graduated May 2009.

Rob Clifford ('99) is an associate with Rubin & Rudman LLP. Rob graduated from Xavier University in 2003, received his M.B.A. from Union University in 2005, and earned his J.D. from New England Boston in 2009.

Dan Dorff ('99) earned a bachelor's of music in percussion performance from CCM and a master's of music in jazz from the University of Louisville. He has performed with Stomp! in London and was part of a house jazz trio in Casablanca for six months. Dan is now a freelance musician in the Chicago area.



Eddie Meiners ('99) is a '03 graduate of Miami University, with a degree in human resources management. He began in the family business in 2003, Meiners Enterprises Inc. (doing business as LaRosa's), and is currently a regional general manager. Eddie married in 2004. He and his wife, Jenny, have a son, Benjamin, born September 2008. (See picture above.)

Nick Prala ('99) graduated from Ohio University with a bachelor's and a master's of fine arts. He spent one year in Charlotte, NC, and four years in New York, NY.



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He is a trader for Bank of America. He and his wife, Amy, were married June 6, 2009, and they live in Hoboken, NJ.

Paul Ramstetter III ('99) works as a project manager for Prestige A/V & Creative Services, an audio/video rental company. He spends most of his time traveling around North America managing live productions.

## 2000s

Christopher LaMond ('01), owner of LaMond Landscaping, won a gold medal award for his "Grand Marquis" display at the 2008 Cincinnati Flower Show. He also received the Royal Horticultural Society's Silver Flora Medal for his "Living River" display. Christopher earned a bachelor's degree in horticulture from Virginia Tech.

Mike Rudd ('01) and Tony Rudd ('03) were surprised when they came off a Colorado trail in June and found the Moeller vehicles at the Wild Basin trailhead in Rocky Mountain National Park. They had passed a group of boys who were on the way up as they were hiking down, but assumed they were local campers. The boys were, in fact, Moeller students taking a hands-on biology course. The Rudds have a family cabin in Estes Park, CO, and Mike and Tony have been hiking those trails their entire lives.

Chris Imhoff ('02) is traveling with the show The Wizard of Oz, playing trumpet in the pit orchestra. Chris earned his master's degree in trumpet performance from Indiana University in 2008.

Jeffrey Newell ('03) is stationed in Boston with the Navy as a guide on the USS Constitution ("Old Ironsides"). Joe Kimener '03 recently met up with Jeffrey while touring the ship. (See picture to right.)

Michael O'Brien ('03) first volunteered with Christian Appalachia Project (CAP) in 2006 as part of the Appalachia Culture and Spirituality class. As a course requirement, students travel to eastern Kentucky and spend a week repairing substandard housing and learning about the culture and values of the region. After witnessing the poverty in the area, Mike returned that summer to volunteer at one of CAP's summer camps for children from low-income families. Even as a college sophomore, Mike knew that a postgraduate volunteer commitment with CAP could be in his future.
"I felt called to be here as an expression of my faith,' Mike says. But Mike wasn't satisfied with just one MSJ grad at CAP. Two years later, after another spring break trip and summer at camp, Mike encouraged his friend Chris to take Dr. Trokan's course. After witnessing the need in Appalachia himself, Chris says his faith played an influential role in his decision to volunteer. Besides service, CAP volunteers are committed to intentional community and spirituality. The project is committed to serving people in need in Appalachia by providing physical, spiritual, and emotional support through a wide variety of programs and services. The volunteer program offers summer, long-term, and group opportunities for volunteers of all ages. Visit www.christianapp.org for more information.

(See picture to right.)



Eric Scherzinger ('03) graduated from the University of Kentucky with a bachelor's degree in agricultural economics. While at UK, he was president of Sigma Nu and worked in the entomology lab assisting with research on bed bugs.

Brad Albrecht ('04) attended the Ohio University College of Business and played lacrosse. He studied abroad for three months in France and interned in Chicago with ESPN. Following graduation, Brad moved to Chicago to work as an associate for Grant Thornton LLP.

Adam Behm ('04) graduated from UD in 2008 and works in the development department of the Children's Home of Cincinnati.

Ben Hunter ('04) was an All-American baseball player (pitcher) at Wake Forest University from 2005 to 2008. He is now a scholarship student at Emory University School of Medicine.

Joe Lynch ('04) studied business and graduated from the University of Michigan. He now lives in Columbus and is a sales rep for Coca Cola.

**Greg Mauntel ('04)** attended Xavier University, majoring in psychology and criminal justice and graduating with honors in 2008. He has since moved to Louisville, KY, where he is working toward his doctorate in psychology at Spalding University.

Matt Meyers ('04) is currently teaching in Malawi, Africa, at Chaminade Boys' School.

Gary Motz ('04) graduated with honors from the University of Dayton in May 2008 with a degree in biology/geology. Gary worked as a park ranger at Guadalupe Mountains National Park in West Texas before grad school. He is currently a graduate teaching assistant at the University of Akron, and his research has allowed him to travel to 25 states and to countries on four different continents.

**Luke Sedacca ('04)** graduated from Eastern Kentucky University with a degree in history.

Trevor Snider ('04) graduated from the University of Dayton in May 2008 with a degree in finance and a minor in marketing. He played three years of club volleyball at UD. Trevor is a homeowners' assistance counselor with Fifth Third Bank.

Peter Suszkiw ('04) has lived in NYC modeling for Major Model Management and acting with Innovative Artists, which has taken him all over the world. Peter flipped houses for a year prior to co-founding Blackbook Experience Management Group, a rapidly growing business. He earned a degree in finance at UC's College of Business.

Bryan Wernery ('04) graduated from The Ohio State University with a marketing degree. He now lives in Columbus and works as a sourcing assistant at the Abercrombie & Fitch home office.

Luke Beuerlein ('05) became the first male Xavier University qualifier for the A-10 Championships for the NCAA Track & Field Regional Meet in the 3000 Steeple Chase.

> Joe Carlo ('05) completed his bachelor of music in trumpet performance at Ohio University this past June.



**Tyler Corcoran ('05)** graduated from Walsh University and now works full-time for the university as an admission counselor for the southwest area of Ohio and Kentucky.

tcorcoran@walsh.edu

Chip Cutter ('05) recently finished an internship at the Associated Press and was offered a full-time position as a business news reporter on the "money and markets" team based in New York City. He'll be covering personal finance, the economy, and the markets.

Andy Thierauf ('05) earned his bachelor's in percussion performance from CCM and is now pursuing his master's in music at The Ohio State University. Andy has worked with the Moeller percussion students the past few years.



Jonathan Hogan ('07) is majoring in saxophone performance with a jazz concentration at the University of Louisville. Jonathan has spent the past several summers playing on cruise ships.

Jarrett Gronauer ('08) was named the President Athletic Conference Golfer of the Week in April 2009. At the time, Jarrett was a freshman at Thomas More College and the number one golfer for the Saints. Andy Lehn ('08) is majoring in trombone and music education at Ohio University.

Nick Fisher ('08), in his first year at the Air Force Academy, is part of the video staff for the football program. He stopped by the football practice facility one day and was overheard talking to the head video man by one of the football coaches. When the coach heard that Nick was from Moeller and experienced with "video stuff." he was made an instant member of the video staff. The coach gave him an assignment that first day, a full box of recruitment videos for him to edit and get to all the coaches on DVD. He now reports for practice each day and edits the film that is shot that day. He also enjoys the football games from the third floor of the air conditioned press box.



Timothy Michael Martin ('09) recently completed Cadet Basic Training (CBT) at the U.S. Military Academy. Also referred to as "Beast Barracks," CBT is one of the most challenging events a cadet will encounter over the course of their four years at the academy. He plans to graduate from West Point in 2013 and be commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army. (See picture above.)

We apologize for any omissions. If there is anyone who has passed away or who needs to be remembered in our next issue of Moeller Magazine, please contact Ginny Bauer, (513) 791-1680, ext. 1300, or e-mail GBauer@Moeller.org.



Vincent DiGennaro ('07) recently graduated summa cum laude from Drexel University's Accelerated Honors Program, completing his B.S. in management of information systems (MIS) and business administration in three years. During his years at Drexel, Vincent was the university's first president of the MIS organization, a peer leader of The Drexel Experience, a leader for the MIS fall retreat, and a teaching assistant. He was also named Drexel's Student Ambassador of the Year. His parents, Bob and Dorina, write, "We can attribute a lot of his success to the great allaround culture that Moeller provided over his four-year high school experience. (See picture above.)

in memoriam

We express our condolences and deepest sympathies to the families and friends of these and other members of the Moeller Family who have passed on:

Bauer, Ray Behan, Thomas Bischof, Bruce Brougher, John D. ('92) Brown, Lloyd D. Brown, Scott ('88) Cloran, James H. Compton, Harold DeNoma, Delia Desfosses, Yvon Dever, Dorothy Dolle, Donald E. Donnellon, James C. Doyle, Brian '66 Duffy, Hugh "Chick" Ehrhard, Thomas J. ('64) Elias, John Feld, Doug ('87) Gaucher, Jay ('72) Galvin, John Robert Gutzwiller, Mildred Heath, James ('80) Henderson, Keith ('71) Hock, Joan Hoopingarner, Betty Jansen, James R. Kelly, James P. Kroger, Joseph

Lacaputo, Margo

Le, Kevin Leesemann, Paul Levesay, Thomas ('65) Luksic, George McDermott, James Sr. McLaughlin, Betty C. Merland, Bro. Paul Newport, Mary Jo Nolte, Robert ('64) Novello, Mary Claylene "Kay" Pennock, Michael (past faculty) Piening, Margaret Rozzi, Jeanette Scanlan, Karl Schickel, William Schlueter, Margaret Mary Schnicke, Marilyn Schuh, Fr. Daniel Schwarz, Eugene J. Smith, Robert E. Sovik, Kathryn Giba Stoneberger, Rob Strottman, Beatrice Tuke, Fred H. Jr Weber, Mary Weil, Ben ('94) Wilken, Elnora Zimmer, Vicki

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## 2009-10 MOELLER EVENTS



## 2009 Musical Arts

- Band and Chorus Christmas Concert: Sunday, Dec. 13, at 3 PM in the Moeller Auditorium. Reserved seating: Adults \$5, Students \$3.
- Guitar 1, Percussion 1, Freshman Chorus Concert: Monday, Dec. 14, 7 PM in the Moeller Auditorium. Free Admission.

## 2010 Theater Arts

- ANNUAL IMPROV: Jan. 22-24, 2010
- ANNUAL SPRING MUSICAL: May 6-9, 2010

## 2010 Alumni

• ANNUAL FATHER-SON MASS & BREAKFAST: Sunday, March 14, 2010

## Winter Sports — Home Events\*

## **VARSITY BASKETBALL HOME GAMES AT 7:30 PM**

Sat., Dec.12, 2009 vs. Withrow Fri., Dec. 18, 2009 vs. St. Xavier Tues., Dec. 22, 2009 vs. Woodward Tues., Jan. 5, 2010 vs. Purcell Marian Fri., Jan. 22, 2010 vs. Elder Tues., Jan. 26, 2010 vs. McNicholas Fri., Jan. 29, 2010 vs. LaSalle Fri., Feb. 12, 2010 vs. Fenwick

**2010 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE:** 

Sectionals: February 22-March 6 District: March 8-13

Regional: March 16-20 State: March 25-27

## **VARSITY WRESTLING HOME MEETS**

Sat., Dec. 5, 2009: Moeller Super Duals @ 10 AM Sat. Jan. 30, 2010: vs. St. Xavier HS @ 7 PM – Senior Night Sat., Feb. 22, 2010: Sectional Tournament @ 9 AM



## Moeller's 50th Anniversary: Celebrating a Golden Legacy

You're invited to help us plan this celebration!

## **50th ANNIVERSARY PLANNING MEETINGS:**

MOELLER BOARD ROOM, 7-8:30 PM

Tuesdays: December 8, 2009;

2010 Schedule: January 12, February 9, and March 9

Monday, April 12

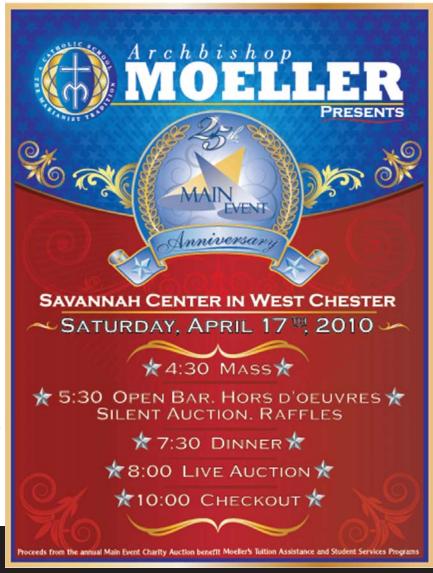
Tuesdays: May 11, June 8, and July 13

## • 50th ANNIVERSARY KICK-OFF EVENT WITH THE CINCINNATI POPS ORCHESTRA

Saturday, July 24, 2010: Mark your calendars now!

 HOMECOMING: 50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION WEEKEND

October 8 and 9



## Moeller Celebrating 50th Anniversary in 2010

BRUCE BUCKLEY '67 CHOSEN CHAIR

IN THE FALL OF 1960, 196 freshmen became the first students to begin their four-year journey to become the "Men of Moeller." Now, more than 10,000 graduates later, Moeller is embarking on its own journey to celebrate 50 years.

To prepare for this milestone in Moeller's history, the school leadership has selected Bruce Buckley, Class of 1967, to chair the 50th Anniversary celebrations. Bruce and his wife Pat are the parents of six Moeller graduates (Dan '91, Joe '96, John '98, Kevin '02, Mike '04, and Tim '06) and two St. Ursula Academy graduates (Beth '93 and Clare '94). Bruce is one of the founders of the Moeller Alumni Association, and he chaired the Moeller Sports Stag for 12 years. He has been a member of many of Moeller's leadership

boards, including the Education Commission and the Principal's Advisory Cabinet, and he chaired the Athletic Advisory Cabinet from 2006-2008. Bruce has also been co-chair twice of the school's primary fundraiser — the Main Event Charity Auction. For his invaluable service to the Moeller community, the school honored him with the Bro. Lawrence Eveslage Award in 1987.

"I'm honored to have been asked to chair the 50th anniversary," says Buckley. "Our hope is to offer several events and venues during the course of the celebration to allow our alums and friends of Moeller to re-connect with this great school. Alums may have used a slide rule instead of a laptop when they attended Moeller, but some of the unique characteristics of Moeller remain unchanged. My lifelong best friends are classmates from Moeller, and Pat and I have met many wonderful people over the years we are proud to call our Moeller friends. Moeller is truly a special place, and we hope to have as many people share in this celebration as possible."

The 50th celebration will officially kick off on Saturday, July 24, 2010, featuring a concert by the Cincinnati Pops on Moeller's back field! See inside for more details.

For more information about Moeller's 50th Anniversary celebration or to get involved, please contact Moeller Advancement Director Debbie Geiger at DGeiger@Moeller.org. In preparation for next year's activities, Moeller is collecting school stories and memorabilia for the 50th celebration. If you have a Moeller memory to share or memorabilia to donate for the celebration, please contact Johanna Kremer, communications director, at (513) 791-1680, ext. 1330, or e-mail JKremer@Moeller.org.





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