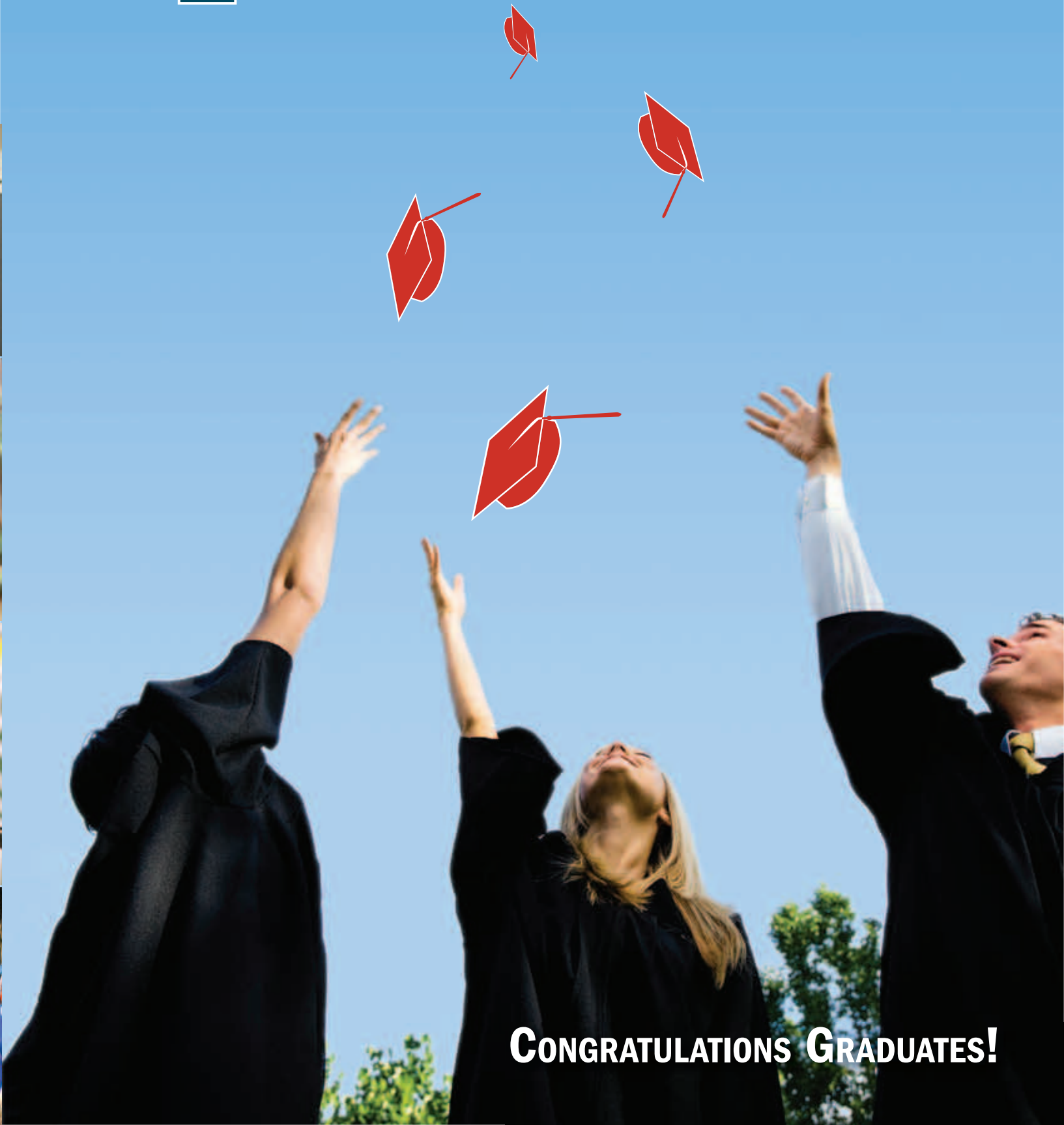


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**T**he group of alumni and staff that you will encounter in the pages of this issue of *Spirit* magazine employ their knowledge, talents, skill, and expertise to help improve the world around them. They come from a broad range of backgrounds and, as you'll find out when you read their stories, they have distinguished themselves on the paths they've chosen to follow in their lives. The magazine includes stories about a problem solver, a history maker, a Samaritan, a legalman, a guide, a soldier, and a farmer.



Each of the dynamic individuals highlighted shares your Saint Leo education, traditions, and values. Each profile tells a story of dedication and accomplishment. Problem solver Dr. Balbir Bal is the new associate dean in the School of Business. His story speaks of the breadth of Saint Leo's academic reach. Dolores Incremona '80 is a history maker. She is responsible for the university's first charitable gift annuity—an important milestone for Saint Leo. Class of 2009 graduate Lucas Trainer's story surely will inspire you. Alfredo Luhers '09 speaks to us of common principles and aspirations achieved through his Saint Leo education. The profile of Dr. Maribeth Durst describes one of our most valued and longest serving administrators and faculty members, a woman who guides the university's academic programs. Army Captain Gary Whittacre's story also will inspire you. Captain Whittacre '03 has been deployed to Iraq a total of five times. He recently was honored by the Alumni Association for his dedication to service. And finally, be sure to read the profile of Nataly Ko, a 2009 Saint Leo graduate. This story describes a multi-talented woman who once lived in Moscow and now is a Florida farmer with a promising future.

I predict that you will enjoy reading about each of these outstanding representatives of the Saint Leo community. Each in their own way reflects our mission, our values, our aspirations, and the special importance of what Saint Leo University does and the special way we do it.

Sincerely,

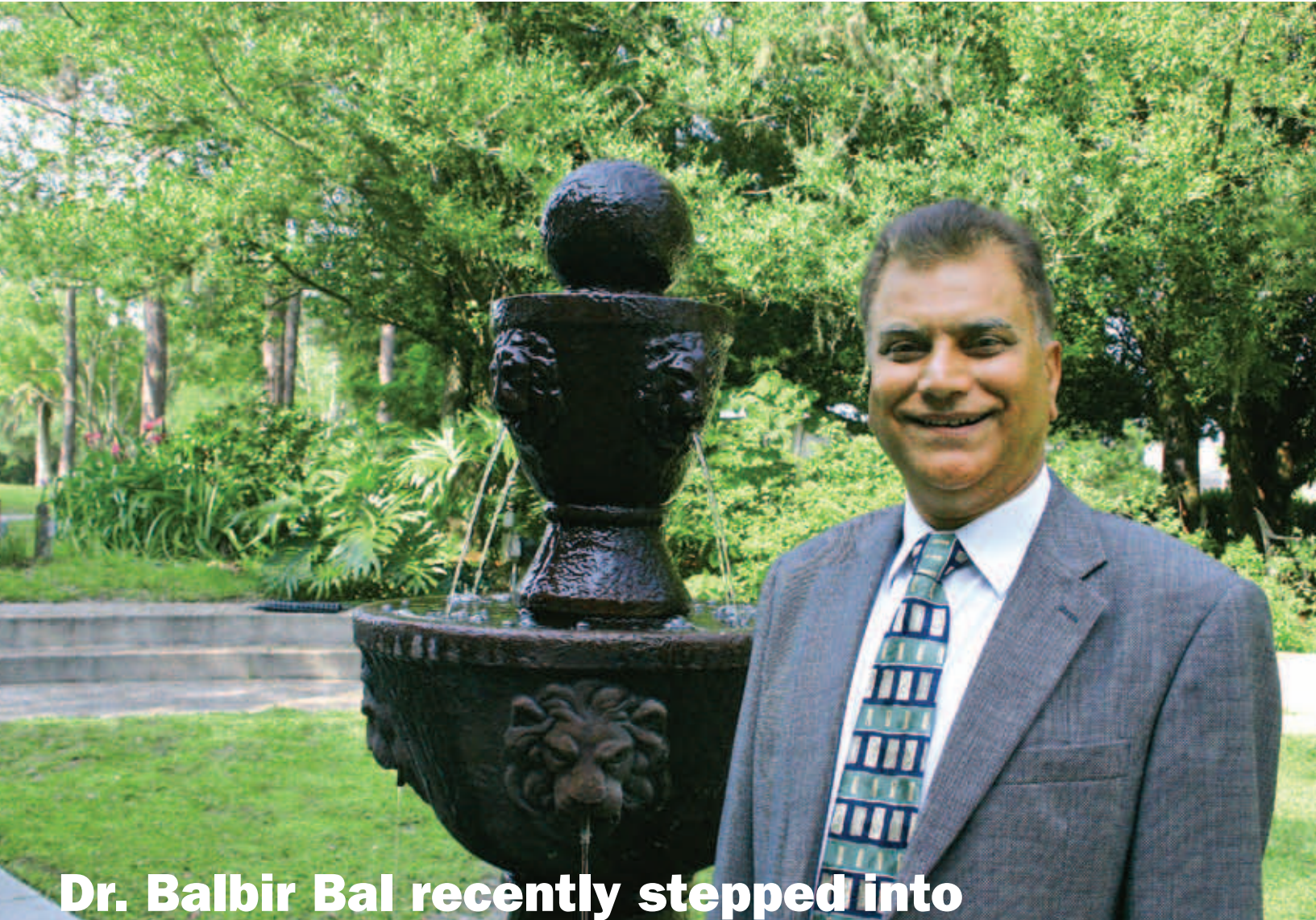
A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Arthur F. Kirk Jr." in a cursive, flowing script.

Arthur F. Kirk Jr.

President



# The Problem Solver



**Dr. Balbir Bal recently stepped into the role of associate dean of the School of Business.**

The administrative position requires Dr. Bal to oversee the operations of the school day-to-day, while reviewing the school's coursework to ensure the content is up-to-date, rigorous and reflective of Saint Leo's core values, and that teaching methods, from traditional classroom sessions to online curricula, are responsive to student needs. Additionally, he will continue to teach in the school's computer information systems department, as he has for the last 10 years.



This isn't the obvious career objective for someone who began his academic life in India, where he was born, by earning a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry with a minor in biochemistry. And yet, Dr. Bal's story follows a logical, if unusual, path.

After earning his undergraduate degree, he was, he recalls "keen to go abroad" to Britain and start graduate work in the applied aspects of science and chemistry. Those aspirations eventually led him to the University of Wales, and into chemical engineering. He found himself drawn to working with scientific instruments, such as spectrometers and robots, and finding ways to link them with computer systems to advance experiments. "Slowly, I got interested in computing. I taught myself my first programming language (BASIC), and I got more and more interested."

Computing and chemistry have a common intellectual appeal, in his view. In laboratories, he explains, scientists solve problems through experiments and equations; in the field of information systems, programmers are expected to solve problems by writing code. "It's looking at problems and analyzing them," Dr. Bal says.

It is only fitting that a university of international consequence should count among its leaders someone with Dr. Balbir Bal's global perspective and interdisciplinary talents. He earned his doctorate in computer science in England, and by that time, had already started a career in teaching at the college level. "If I learn a skill," he says, "I want to share it rather than sell it."

He stayed in England with his wife, Jaspal, who is also Indian, and their two children, happily teaching and raising their family until 1999. By then, several members of the extended family had relocated from England to America, and the Bals traveled here often. They eventually decided to look for opportunities in the United States, where Dr. Bal discovered a faculty opening at Saint Leo. "I've landed in Florida, and never regretted it."

Saint Leo affords him the opportunity to teach, to talk about practical problems in the business world—such as the importance of maintaining integrity and keeping information secure for clients and employers—and to share the perspective gained from his international background with students who will be competing globally for jobs and customers. He is a motivated teacher, he says, and expects to see the same motivation and effort from his students. "If you work with them, you can get a lot out of them, and they respect you for that."

In his new role as associate dean, Dr. Bal will cut back on his own teaching load, but that will not diminish his drive to support excellent teaching. He will have the chance to work with other faculty to review and update the content of courses as needed, and consider new teaching approaches. And he will be talking to businesses that might want to take on Saint Leo interns or hire future graduates. "I see it as a big challenge—I'm excited about it." ■



**“I’ve landed in Florida, and never regretted it.”**



# The History Maker



**Dolores Incremona '80 made history this past year by making a gift to Saint Leo that established the university's first charitable gift annuity.**

It will provide Dolores with a quarterly income for her lifetime while at the same time making a very special gift to her alma mater.



“I wanted to do something for Saint Leo,” she says. “It was Saint Leo College that put me on the path of realizing my dream of higher education.”

After graduating from high school in Paterson, New Jersey, Dolores Incremona enrolled in college, attended classes for a year, was married, divorced, and then at the age of 21, enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. Dolores was sent to San Antonio, Texas, for basic training. Her first assignment was at Malmstrom Air Force Base in Great Falls, Montana. Her next was at MacDill Air Force Base, where she decided it was time to complete her college degree so she would be able to advance her career. She enrolled in her first Saint Leo College course and ultimately completed her degree while stationed at MacDill. She then returned to San Antonio for Officer Training School, was commissioned as a first lieutenant, and assigned to Plattsburgh Air Force Base in upstate New York. Next she was posted overseas in England, then to Wright Patterson Air Force Base

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in Ohio, and then back to MacDill where she was promoted to major and assigned to General Norman Schwarzkopf’s Central Command staff during Operation Desert Storm. “For me,” she says, “this was a very exciting time. I loved the constant action you experience by working as part of a team in the midst of such an historic time.”

As an Air Force major, Dolores carried out many critical assignments, displaying enthusiasm, a talent for organization, and cool decision-making skills. She has used these talents to serve her country and Saint Leo University.

Dolores earned her B.A. in Political Science from Saint Leo and M.S. in International Relations from Troy State University. These days she is an active member of MacDill’s Our Lady of the Bay Catholic community where she serves as a lector and Eucharistic minister. She is a contributor to the Bone Marrow Foundation, a member of the National Republican Congressional Committee Affiliate Republican Party of Florida, Disabled American Veterans, American Legion, MacDill AFB Air Force Association, the Military Officers Association, and PETA. She has been an active member of Saint Leo’s Alumni Association Board since 2003. “As a board member I saw the beautiful campus for the first time and [I] still revel in its beauty when I attend each meeting,” says Dolores. “I met students and parents at alumni events, and came to really appreciate all that Saint Leo offers.” ■





*Editor's Note: Lucas Trainer received a Bachelor of Science degree in computer information systems in May 2009, and was named the top student in his department. But those facts reveal only a small part of what makes this young man exceptional. The profile below, originally published in the May 1, 2009 edition of The Tampa (Pasco) Tribune, was written by Geoff Fox. It is reprinted here with permission.*

# The Samaritan



## Lucas Trainer was dead behind the wheel of his Buick Century.

That's what it looked like, anyway. His head was swollen to freakish proportions and his face was distorted by the impact of a semitrailer that broadsided his car. Then a bystander "saw the body take a breath," said Dana Kuhns, Trainer's mother.

"It was a friend of mine, and he didn't even recognize Lucas," she said. "They called BayFlite and they brought him back three times [on the helicopter flight to St. Joseph's Hospital]. When I got to the hospital, I could barely recognize him because his head was so swollen.

"They didn't expect him to live through the first 24 hours. When he did, they couldn't believe it because of his brain injuries. Then, they didn't know if he would walk or talk again.

"When they brought him out of the coma, he just started babbling like a crazy man."

On Saturday, Trainer, 21, will be one of about 775 students who will walk during commencement ceremonies at Saint Leo University. He will receive a degree in computer information systems.

In a couple of months he will begin a two-year fellowship with the prestigious Jessie Ball duPont Fund, a charitable trust designed to benefit institutions that received gifts from duPont in the early 1960s.

After the fellowship, Trainer plans to work in the Peace Corps for a couple of years before heading off to law school.

This week, Trainer sat behind a desk on the second floor of Saint Leo's Student Activities Center and said that the wreck on Feb. 24, 2004, "was one of the best things that could have happened to me."

"I was really fortunate," he said. "I have a whole new appreciation for everyone around me. Now I'm trying to enjoy life and make a difference" in others' lives.

That isn't just talk.

At Saint Leo, he works with the Students Engaged in Rewarding Volunteer Experiences program, through which students spend spring breaks doing charitable work in developing countries instead of partying on decadent beaches.

Trainer himself has taken trips to Mexico, where he planted crops and watered them, bucket by bucket, with water from a deep, old-fashioned well, and to Honduras, where this year he did inventory work at a Red Cross center and helped refurbish a private school for low-income students.

"He was always, from Day One, just a determined, independent, well-behaved, courteous and respectful child," Dana Kuhns said. "I was a single mother, and he never gave me any problems when

I was raising him. He has just always taken the right path through anything he's done and always excelled in anything he put his mind to."

Raised on a small farm outside Zephyrhills, where he still lives, Trainer attended Land O' Lakes High through the International Baccalaureate program for gifted students.

He was 17 and a junior when he endured the crash that nearly took his life but has instead helped define it.

"It was a horrendous time," Kuhns said. "I got the call and got to St. Joe's, and I didn't leave until he left. My friends brought me clothes to the hospital. We were there, and at Tampa General, for about two months."

The memories drew tears.

"He didn't know who I was for a couple of weeks and that broke my heart," she said. "He was evaluated for cognitive therapy and physical therapy and the whole bit. We also did a lot of outpatient work at home. He had to learn to walk again. His brain was functioning, telling him he could walk, he was just disoriented. When we came home we pulled in and he asked where his car was. He didn't remember the accident at all."

The wreck in front of the New River Branch Library on State Road 54 was "purely an accident," Kuhns said.

It was raining, the roads were slippery and, for some reason, Kuhns said, a Zephyrhills Water truck swerved and broadsided Trainer's Buick as he tried to leave the library just west of town.

"Nobody was charged. There were no lawsuits or anything like that," she said.

Despite the life-altering setback, Trainer completed his junior year at home, where he took courses over the telephone. Physically unable to sit through classroom lectures his senior year, he earned enough credits through the Florida Virtual School, which offers courses online, to graduate high school.

Administrators at Land O' Lakes High allowed him to walk with his graduating class and attend the prom.

Out of the blue one day, he received a call from Chip Mander, a Dade City lawyer whose daughter Trainer knew through Land O' Lakes High. Before the crash, Trainer had once asked the defense lawyer so many penetrating questions about legal processes that Mander asked him to work at the firm.

Mander wanted to know when Trainer was going to start work.

Trainer, who wants to be a U.S. Attorney for the Department of Justice, quickly showered and started that day.

Mander "really took him under his wing," said Kuhns, an accountant. "He's taken him to depositions and really taught him the ropes of the law firm."

One perk of the duPont Fund fellowship is that Trainer also will take a program on nonprofit certification at Georgetown University, where he hopes someday to study law.



Every couple of years, the duPont Fund selects two students from private universities across the Southeast for its fellowship, which pays \$30,000 the first year and \$32,000 the second.

Nominated by Saint Leo faculty, Trainer was one of 18 students to apply this year, said Sherry Magill, president of the Jacksonville-based fund.

"There were a lot of things about him that really stood out," she said. "His passion about social and economic justice issues, his commitment to social service, his involvement with the nonprofit sector.

"We'll teach him about philanthropy and nonprofits and their relationships with various organizations. ... He'll get to know a lot of the [more than 330] organizations that we fund."

"Today, there are no obvious signs that Trainer ever suffered a brain injury, but he does sometimes struggle with short-term memory issues.

"The first three years or so, I noticed that a lot," Kuhns said. "We would make notes for everything, hang Post-It notes everywhere. The first month, I had to physically sleep in the same room

with him because he would wake up not knowing where he was. Whenever he needed to walk somewhere, I had to help him. He didn't have the strength and stamina.

"He didn't know who anybody was for three weeks to a month. Then he figured out this is my mother, this is my home and this is my dog. I got him outside to feed the horses or cows. We worked back into the manual labor thing."

She is convinced that her son will succeed in whatever field he chooses.

"He's just one of those personalities that, if he sets his mind to something, he will get it done," she said. "He's just that type. He does nothing halfway; it's all or nothing.

"He's an overachiever." ■

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# The Legalman



▶ To view a video of Alfredo Luhrs' Commencement speech, visit:  
[www.saintleo.edu/alfredo](http://www.saintleo.edu/alfredo)

**Alfredo Luhrs '09 jumped at the chance to speak at this year's commencement ceremony on behalf of Center for Online Learning graduates.**

"We should all be proud of the education we got here," he says. "I didn't know whether anyone else was going to stand up there and say it, so I wanted to take advantage of the opportunity to say it for everybody."





*The Luhers family pictured from left to right: Emory, Linda, A.J., Alfredo, Tatyana, Tahlia, Ebony, and Orion.*

Born in Elizabeth, New Jersey, Luhers has been deployed all over the world, including two deployments to Kuwait. Currently, he is a legalman at the Naval Technical Training Center in Meridian, Mississippi. His work advising senior officers on the procedural administration of military justice matters is similar to paralegal work in the civilian world.

He earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice with the idea of building on his Navy experience and continuing in the same field when he retires from the Navy in 2012. "The bachelor's degree is going to make the difference between having the experience, and having the education and the experience," he says. "I think that's going to give me the advantage that someone who just got out of college isn't going to have."

He first heard of Saint Leo when he was stationed in Norfolk, Virginia (back then, it was still Saint Leo College), but he could not attend classes because he was stationed on board a ship. But the institution had a good reputation among members of the military, so when Luhers found out that Saint Leo was offering classes online, he applied, was accepted, and worked diligently to finish his degree this past spring.

**I did my school work after 9:00 p.m., after I put the kids to bed.**

Luhers is not only dedicated to serving our country. He is the devoted father of six children ages two to 15 who, along with his wife, Linda, traveled from Mississippi to see their dad receive his diploma. Between his military service, raising his family, and

taking college classes, he often only slept five hours a night. "I did my school work after 9:00 p.m.," he says, "after I put the kids to bed." Without the flexibility of online classes, he says he would not have been able to finish his degree.

Impressed by the university's core values, Luhers says, "I wanted to be able to say that I belong to an institution that has a long tradition of education, that was founded on certain principles, and that I myself stand for those principles." And so, visiting Saint Leo's main campus was also important to Luhers so his eldest daughter could get a taste of campus life. "This is a perfect example of the type of environment I want her to be in."

The bachelor's degree is not the end of Luher's academic career. He has been accepted to Saint Leo's online MBA program and will study human resources. "I might go for a doctorate. It all depends," he says smiling. "I have some kids I have to go put through college, too." ■

# The Guide



**For a teacher, some of the most rewarding times are those “light bulb” moments when students grasp the idea at the heart of a lesson.**

Dr. Maribeth Durst knows that feeling of gratification well from her own days in the classroom. Now, as vice president of academic affairs, she has the pleasure of hearing Saint Leo faculty describe to her those “light bulb” moments in their teaching.



Dr. Durst has served as vice president of academic affairs, overseeing faculty and curriculum, since July 2005. “I’ve loved every minute of it. My goal is to improve consistently the academic quality and importance of this university. I want the faculty to be absolutely the best at teaching, and I want our curriculum to be of the highest standards.”

The mission sounds clear-cut. But reaching and maintaining those goals is a complex and delicate responsibility, in part because of Saint Leo’s profile. Today’s Saint Leo is an accredited Catholic university with students of all faiths and of differing age groups, studying on campus, on military bases, at civilian locations, online, and with physical addresses all over the nation, and even in other countries. Introducing new practices becomes an intricate task, but an important one that helps make our graduates potential leaders.

Consider the idea—generated from the faculty—of incorporating into the curriculum Saint Leo’s core (Benedictine) values of excellence, community, respect, integrity, responsible stewardship, and personal development. The concept started with a few teachers, Dr. Durst recalls, and then gained wider acceptance. Now values-based learning is the standard, and faculty must link the content to at least some of the six core values. “You have to embed it in the learning outcomes,” she says. “Students have to understand how values influence the academic discipline. With some subjects, it’s easier than others. For example, it doesn’t take a rocket scientist to understand you have to have integrity in accounting,” especially given the corporate scandals of recent years. “We want students to graduate and be able to say it wasn’t just the knowledge, it was the values we learned that made a difference.”



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In another advance in the academic year ahead, all faculty, including adjuncts at all locations, will be guided by a master syllabus for each course. The syllabus will list the core concepts to be covered, and articulate what students should learn. This should erase any discrepancies that may have cropped up between, say, a given history course on the main campus and the same course in Virginia or Georgia, or possibly online.

Procedural changes can be a challenge for such a broad population of full-time and part-time faculty to absorb, even when the changes are an improvement. Dr. Durst says she relies on persuasion and leadership by example to help guide her fellow academics through such transition periods. In doing so, she can draw on her own extensive studies of human dynamics. Before coming to Saint Leo to teach social sciences, Dr. Durst was inspired by a fascination with anthropology to earn a master’s degree and a doctorate in the field. After a few years here, she earned the Master of Social Work degree to work more effectively with individual students suffering personal problems. Both disciplines have proven useful in her role as vice president. “Anthropology helped me understand human behavior,” she explains, “and social work has helped me approach problems with, ‘How do we resolve this?’ ” ■



# The Soldier

*Captain Whittacre's catch at the First Annual Baghdad Fishing Tournament, which occurred during one of his earlier deployments.*



**U.S. Army Capt. Gary Whittacre '03,  
a Logistics Officer, has been  
deployed to Iraq not once, not  
twice, but five times.**

In all, he has spent more than five years in combat, serving and commanding in various units and locations.



During his deployments, he has missed birthdays, anniversaries, and almost every holiday, yet he remains vigilant in his service to our nation. He is currently based in Kuwait, assigned to a military logistics group. During his time in Iraq, in particular, Whittacre has lived through the horrific effects of war, but he is not jaded. Instead, he prefers to communicate an inspiring outlook to everyone he meets, and to look for opportunities to aid those who are suffering. “For every one person there who hates us, there are 1,000 who need us, and we see it,” says Whittacre, who graduated in 2003 after studying at the Fort Eustis Center. Consequently, he advises his soldiers to try—along with handling their assignments—to find ways to lend assistance to the people of Iraq. A soldier’s acts of concern and compassion can indeed make a difference for an individual

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or a family, Whittacre says, and, secondarily, give that soldier something positive to reflect on when he or she gets home.

He uses a dramatic example from one of his previous deployments, when he was working on the Iraqi-Jordanian border. While serving in the border area, Whittacre helped create a refugee camp to provide safety for Kurdish-Iraqi people who were displaced by the war. There were several pregnant women in the camp, and no obstetrician. Since Whittacre and his wife Ann have four children of their own, he drew from that experience and began helping deliver the camp’s babies. Older children would come and summon him when needed, he recalls. He still has a photo with a little girl whose birth he attended.

Captain Whittacre, who is now in line for promotion to major, was honored for his examples of discipline and service with a 2008 Saint Leo University Alumni Award for Military Service. He was not able to be present at the awards ceremony, but he visited the main campus with his wife in March of this year and accepted the award in person from President Arthur F. Kirk Jr. ■





# Counting Sheep



**Nataly Ko '09 didn't plan to become a sheep farmer when she came to the United States.**

Her story is modern-day twist on the 1960s television show *Green Acres*. Nataly was an urbanite—a self-professed city girl who had lived in Moscow and Seoul, South Korea, before moving to New York City. But, when she enrolled in Saint Leo University, Nataly and her husband, Leon Elt, moved to Alexandra Lake Farm in Dade City, Florida, and said good-bye to city life.





Nataly is Korean, but was born on Sakhalin Island (a Russian island just north of Japan), and earned her first college degree in electrical engineering in Moscow. In 1995, she moved to Seoul to work for a Korean construction company making use of her fluency in both her native languages. She and Leon (also a Russian native) met during a short business trip to St. Petersburg, Russia, where he was also visiting on business from New York City. After corresponding for two years, Nataly visited Leon in New York City and decided to stay. Their decision to move to central Florida was an easy one when Nataly earned a scholarship to study accounting at Saint Leo University.

It was only when Leon tired of mowing acres of lawn that he suggested raising sheep. “I thought he was crazy at first,” Nataly says, but then Leon explained that he had read about electric companies using flocks of grazing sheep to maintain easements, eliminating the danger of using mowing equipment near power lines. “I didn’t believe him,” she says, “but it worked. The sheep eat the grass. We don’t have to mow.”

With that decision, the couple embarked on a journey to sustainable farming.

By raising sheep instead of mowing grass, Leon says, “We are working with nature, not against it.” They use movable electric fencing and frequently move the sheep to a new area of pasture after one section has been thoroughly grazed. This practice, known as management intensive grazing or MIG, is a sustainable method of feeding livestock that gives pastures time to recover and reduces the threat of diseases and pests associated with animal waste. The waste, in turn, fertilizes the new grass in the old pasture.

Of course, sheep farming is a lot more work than mowing pastures, but it offers greater rewards. With the sheep, the couple has their own supply of organic mutton. “We know where our meat comes from and we know that the sheep are raised humanely,” Nataly says.

Building on the idea of working with nature, the couple has invested in chickens and is building a mobile coop that will move with the sheep from field to field. The chickens will feed on worms that could possibly infect the sheep. Plus, Nataly and Leon will have the chickens’ eggs to eat or sell.

Next, Nataly and Leon plan to raise tilapia in the pond on their property. They also hope to build a hydroponic vegetable garden that will use nutrients that drain from the fields into the pond. The vegetable plants will, in effect, filter the water, which will be returned clean to the pond to accept more nutrients.

The couple has faced some challenges in their life as new farmers. Once, Nataly had to move the sheep to a new pasture while Leon was away on business. “We use food as a treat and run ahead of the sheep and they follow. But Leon has much longer legs and arms and can run faster than I can,” Nataly says. Raising the bait in the air as high as she could and running through the high grass of the new field in her tall rubber boots, the sheep overtook her, she tumbled, and the animals got the snack before making it into the new field.

A more dangerous and costly challenge are the coyotes. In the first few weeks of owning the sheep, coyotes killed two of the ewes. On another occasion, their Jack Russell terrier Cupcake was attacked by a coyote on his way back from a neighbor’s property. Cupcake

survived and no longer ventures out for a midnight rendezvous. To deter the coyotes, Nataly and Leon adopted Volk (Russian for wolf), a German shepherd who might like to eat the sheep as much as the coyotes do, but whose presence on the property keeps the coyotes at bay.

Farm life means that the two don’t have to leave home for weeks at a time, save a trip or two to their local home improvement store. But, Nataly is looking for a job where she can use her accounting skills to do more than count sheep. “My goal is to pass the CPA exam within two years,” she says, and then pursue a master’s degree. ■

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## Recognizing exemplary service to Saint Leo

Saint Leo University's Board of Trustees is made up of 37 volunteers who exemplify the university's six core values. Six trustees recently completed their terms of service to the university. They are:



### **SISTER GERMAINE BEVANS, O.S.B.,**

who served as a trustee from 1986 until 1998 and again from 2000 until 2009, has honored the university with her thoughtful involvement and dedication. Sister Germaine's love for the Benedictine life and her loyalty to the university are unparalleled.



### **JAMES MAIOLO SR.**

who has served as a trustee since 2000, leads by example and action. While on the board, he and his family funded the James Maiolo Scholarship Fund to assist a full-time, first time student majoring in environmental science.

### **CINDY BRANNEN '92**

has served on the Board of Trustees since the year 2000, as a member of both the Academic Affairs and the University Advancement committees. Mrs. Brannen is both an alumna and the parent of a Saint Leo graduate. She received her B.A. degree in English Literature with highest honors in 1992 through the university's Weekend and Evening Program.



### When **JANET DENLINGER'S**

good friend Glen Greenfelder '61, '63 asked her to join the university's Board of Trustees, she brought with her intelligence, insight, enthusiasm, and loyalty. Dr. Denlinger has served Saint Leo with dedication for the past nine years. Dr. Denlinger's Saint Leo story is one of dedication and friendship. The Boardroom in the Student Community Center bears the names Denlinger and Greenfelder in recognition of Glen and Janet's many contributions to the university.



### **MARY SPOTO**

has been a faithful and committed trustee representing the university's faculty since 2007. Dr. Spoto leaves the board to assume a new Saint Leo role as dean of the School of Arts and Sciences.



**SHELIA M. MCDEVITT '60** has served as a university trustee for 11 years. She served as board chair and vice chair, as chair of the University Advancement Committee, and as a member of virtually every other board committee. Her leadership and vision were instrumental in the successful completion of the campaign to build the beautiful Student Community Center complex. She has led by example and influence, contributing to the campaign while urging others to lend their support as well.



# Get Involved! Be a Volunteer.

There are many ways YOU can get involved as a Saint Leo alumnus or alumna.

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- Help plan homecoming and regional events.
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- Help find “lost” classmates.

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- Meet and greet prospective students and parents in your region.
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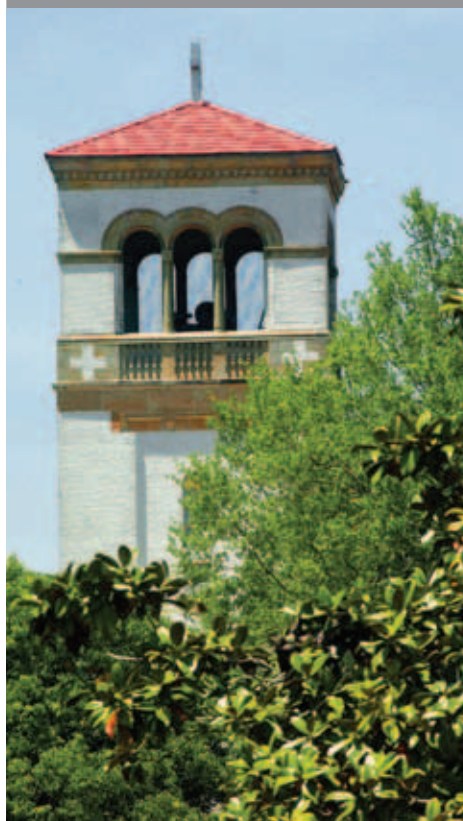


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## SAINT LEO ABBEY celebrates anniversary

120<sup>th</sup>

On Saturday, June 13, Abbot Isaac Comacho and the Monks of Saint Leo Abbey celebrated a special Mass in the Church of the Holy Cross commemorating 120 years of prayer and service in central Florida. The anniversary celebration provided the perfect opportunity for the Monks to showcase the beautifully renovated church.



## University Speaker Series, Spring 2009



### Speaking “off-limits”

The fact that some words are taboo has fascinated author and college professor Timothy Jay since he was a college student enrolled in a course on language and thought. Jay began his February presentation by sharing his research on words that are considered off-limits, who uses them, under what circumstances and how frequently.

### Tales of an under-sea mission

In March the university welcomed Tampa resident and scientist Stewart B. Nelson, Ph.D., author of *Sabotage in the Arctic: Fate of the Submarine Nautilus*. Nelson spoke about the life of one of the world’s first Arctic explorers, Sir Hubert Wilkins. Wilkins was an early aviator and adventurer, the first to fly successfully over the Arctic Ocean in 1928, from Alaska to Norway.



### Looking back after three tours and a return trip

Retired Marine Corps Brigadier General Thomas Draude spoke about his Vietnam experiences at University Campus in April. The general, a member of the Marine Corps for more than 30 years, served three tours of duty in Vietnam and later served in Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm. He has received 10 personal awards for combat, including two Silver Star medals and the Purple Heart.

### Tampa’s mayor addresses the Bay area’s economic challenges

Tampa Mayor Pam Iorio attracted a full house during a special guest lecture at the main campus in April. University President Arthur F. Kirk Jr. introduced the mayor, who addressed the economy and the role of local government in addressing the current global financial crisis.







## SLU President featured

Saint Leo President Arthur F. Kirk Jr. recently was featured in more than a handful of publications, including *The Greentree Gazette*, *American Executive* magazine, *The National Catholic Register*, and *Inside Higher Education*.



## CCJS awards Eternal Light Award to Amy-Jill Levine

Distinguished New Testament scholar Amy-Jill Levine, Ph.D., was honored with the Center for Catholic-Jewish Studies' 2009 Eternal Light Award at a gala dinner on March 8.

## SLU student wins national legal research award

Meaghan Miller '09 was honored with the National Undergraduate Legal Research Award by the Sport and Recreation Law Association at its national conference in San Antonio, Texas. Meaghan earned the award for her research into whether disabled athletes should be allowed to play in standard competition.



## Leadership in turbulent times

Tom E. O'Brien, president and CEO of AAA Auto Club South, visited with students at an MBA Lunch and Learn program at University Campus. O'Brien focused on management fundamentals for difficult economic times. "Leadership is about inspiring others to act," he told students. "Seeking input by walking around gains respect and builds a level of trust for times when less popular and difficult decision have to be made."



## Business students visit Puerto Rico

International Hospitality and Tourism Management program students crisscrossed the island of Puerto Rico while visiting major attractions and meeting with senior management at H.I. Development Corporation and InterContinental Hotels Group. Students also networked with senior executives from some of the island's other top corporations.



## Hear my song!

The university's drama ministry program presented an Easter-season musical revue with songs reflecting themes of faith, hope, and love. These were interspersed with original prayers that were written by the student cast members.

## New academic programs announced

The university continues to grow its enrollment and degree programs. Five new undergraduate programs and seven new graduate programs were announced recently, along with many new course offerings.

### Undergraduate programs

- Bachelor of Applied Science: Major in Criminal Justice
- Bachelor of Arts: Major in Business Administration with a Specialization in Logistics
- Bachelor of Arts: Major in English with a Specialization in Professional Writing
- Bachelor of Arts: Major in Liberal Studies
- Bachelor of Science: Major in Psychology

### Graduate programs

- Certificate in Health Care Management
- Certificate in Marketing
- Forensic Science Specialization in the Master of Science Criminal Justice Program
- Higher Education Leadership Specialization in Education Specialist Program
- Marketing Specialization in the MBA Program
- Master of Science in Critical Incident Management
- Master of Social Work: Advanced Clinical Practice or Management Specializations



### Distinguished Catholic journalist visits campus

Distinguished author and journalist Robert Blair Kaiser visited University Campus in January to speak with religion and theology students on governance issues within the Catholic Church. Kaiser is a former member of the Jesuit Order who left to become a journalist. He has covered Church politics since 1962 when he was assigned by *Time* magazine to report on the Second Vatican Council in Rome.

## SLU RECOGNIZED AS A GREAT PLACE TO WORK

Saint Leo University has been honored as one of 2009's "Best Places to Work" by the Pasco Hernando (Fla.) Workforce Board. The agency noted Saint Leo has built "a culture committed to service by recognizing those who treat their customers with care."





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## Spring Fling

Each year University Campus students celebrate the arrival of spring with a festival and concert. This year's crowd enjoyed a performance by the band Everclear.



## Faculty Accomplishments

### 1 **Kenneth A. Gonzalez, M.B.A.,** director of

Saint Leo University's MacDill Education Center, has been elected to leadership positions in two statewide associations. Gonzalez recently was re-elected treasurer of the Florida Advisory Council on Military Education. His responsibilities include leading an initiative to offer academic scholarships to military service members and to spouses of service members. He also was elected vice president/president-elect of the Florida Association of Branch College Administrators.

### 2 **Stephen L. Baglione, Ph.D.,** professor of

marketing and quantitative methods, co-authored the article "An Analytic Process for Improving Success in the Introduction of New-Technology-Based Products: Barriers, Pitfalls and Landmines," with Thomas W. Zimmerer, Ph.D. The article was accepted for publication in the *Journal of Applied Management and Entrepreneurship*.

### 3 **Charles Englehardt, D.B.A.,** assistant professor

of management, was awarded the Pearson eCollege Excellence in Online Teaching Award in April. The award recognizes exceptional work in course development and instruction.

### 4 **Barbara J. Caldwell, Ph.D.,** assistant professor

of economics, presented the paper "Certificate of Need Regulation in the Nursing Home Industry: Has it Outlived its Usefulness?" before the Gulf Coast Economic Association's Annual Economics Teaching Conference.

### 5 **Michael Nastanksi, D.B.A.,** dean of the

School of Business, presented "Dealing with Change: Creating a Common Body of Knowledge for Business Students" at the 2009 Annual Conference of the International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education (IACBE) in Louisville, Kentucky.

### 6 **Linda B. Nelsestuen, Ph.D.,** associate professor

of accounting, wrote "Tax Relief for Individuals and Families under Subtitle A of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Tax Act of 2009." It was accepted for publication in *Practical Tax Strategies*.

### 7 **Patricia (Trish) A. Parrish, Ph.D.,**

associate professor of education, was named the Saint Leo University accreditation liaison to the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Separately, Dr. Parrish was named secretary of the Association of Independent Liberal Arts Colleges for Teacher Education. And notably, Dr. Parrish was selected to receive the Professional Achievement Award from the Flagler College Alumni Board of Directors for 2009. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Flagler.

### 8 **Vera K. Swade, Ed.D.,** **Carol G. Walker, Ph.D.,** and **Trish A. Parrish, Ph.D.,** all from the

School of Education and Social Services, presented: "Electronic Assessment: Impact on Teaching and Learning" at the

SoTL Commons: A Conference for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning in March in Statesboro, Georgia. Dr. Swade is an assistant professor of education, Dr. Walker is dean of the school, and Dr. Parrish is an associate professor of education.

### 10 **Barry W. Glover, M.A.,**

associate professor of criminal justice, wrote "Homeland Security Abroad: Learning from Israel's Experience," for the February/March issue of *The Counter Terrorist*, a professional publication. The magazine article recounts a special one-week course on homeland security operations Saint Leo offered with the aid of industry partner Security Solutions International. Another training session on homeland security, again based in Israel, will be offered in November. Students can earn a certificate of completion, undergraduate, or graduate credit for the course.

### 11 **Kurt Wilt, Ph.D.,**

professor of English, again served as editor-in-chief of *Sandhill Review*, the literary and visual arts magazine published annually by students and faculty of the Department of English, Fine Arts, and Humanities.

### 12 **Patrick J. Crerand, Ph.D.,** an assistant

professor of English, served as prose editor.

### 13 **B. Lee Hobbs, Ph.D.,**

assistant professor of English, was graphics editor and created the cover illustration.

### 14 **Valerie Kasper, M.A.,**

instructor of English, wrote a chapter for the new history text *Florida in the Popular Imagination: Essays on the Cultural Landscape of the Sunshine State*. She explains how the American television viewing audience has come to know Florida through TV shows. Her chapter, "Sunsets, Sunglasses, and Celebrities on the Small Screen," begins with programs dating back to the 1950s and concludes with shows airing currently.

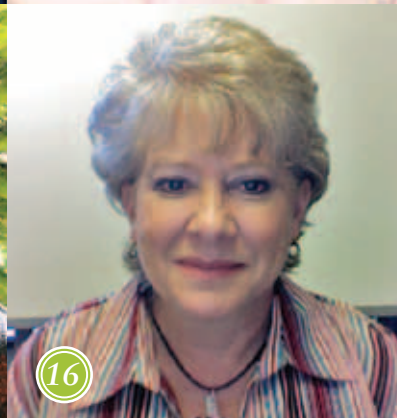
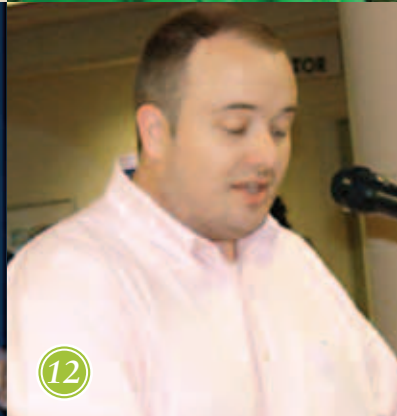
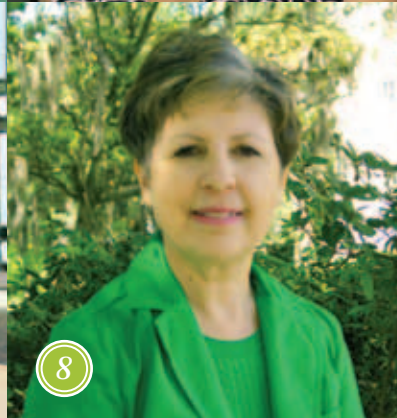
### 15 **Father Stephan Brown, S.V.D., M.Div.,**

director for campus ministry, participated in an international conference in Rome entitled "Gospel and Culture for a New Humanism." The conference was held in March. Participants included clergy, religious, lay professors and administrators of Catholic universities who are engaged in the education and formation of students worldwide.

### 16 **Susan Garrett, Ph.D.,**

associate vice president of professional development, is leading the university's newly launched Institute for Professional Development. The institute markets its services to customers beyond the university, specifically offering training, professional development and non-academic certification programs to workplaces, alumni, and professional groups.





## Continuing Education Center News



### South Carolina locations attract Catholic welcome

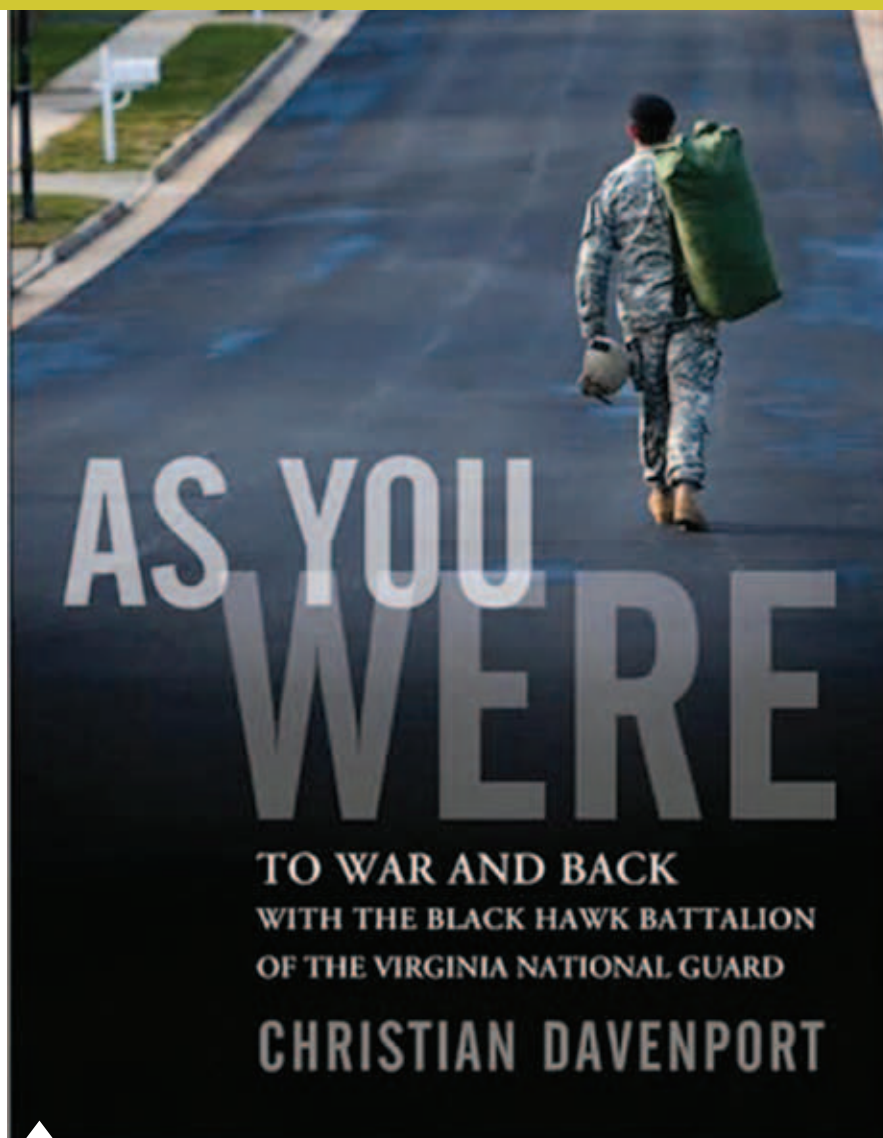
Saint Leo University's teaching locations at Shaw Air Force Base and its new location at Naval Weapons Air Station Charleston were featured in a recent article in the Charleston diocesan newspaper, *The Catholic Miscellany*. Shaw/Charleston Director Frank Osage was interviewed for the story, which brought Saint Leo's local educational offerings to the attention of Catholic readers in the area. And in an added bit of news, Bishop Robert E. Guglielmone has already accepted an invitation to be the guest speaker for the Shaw/Charleston commencement on May 15, 2010. The Most Rev. Guglielmone was installed as the 13<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Charleston in March of this year.

### Saint Leo University shares the spotlight

Gainesville (Fla.) Center Director Dawn McElveen worked with Saint Leo's local host location, Santa Fe College, in March to create "Saint Leo University Day." The promotion brought local staff and teachers together with administrators and faculty from the main campus to help educate Santa Fe students (typically earning the associate degree), staff, faculty and members of the greater Gainesville community about the educational options Saint Leo offers, both locally and online. Saint Leo University has been at Santa Fe College since 1994.







## From Savannah to Virginia to Iraq

A new non-fiction book by a *Washington Post* military affairs reporter prominently features alumnus Ray Johnson, a retired chief warrant officer and pilot with the Virginia Army National Guard. The book, *As You Were: To War and Back with the Black Hawk Battalion of the Virginia National Guard*, was written by Christian Davenport, who was embedded with the unit. The story sheds light on how soldiers' lives are disrupted when they are called up to serve, time and again. In this case, the regiment was called in 2006 for a year-long tour of duty in Iraq. Ray, a Vietnam Vet, was 58 when the call came for the Iraq deployment. Both Ray and his wife praised the book, and were glad to hear the responses of those who read it. "A lot of my friends and co-workers said the book is great, and they did not realize the sacrifices our citizen soldiers have to make, even if it is for a short time," he said. Ray attended Saint Leo at the Hunter Army Airfield location in Savannah and received his degree in 1980.

## Moms have an advocate in Savannah

Carolyn Wilkerson '02, an academic advisor and adjunct faculty member at the Savannah Center, was honored recently by the non-profit organization A Working Woman in Need (AWWIN Inc.) as one the Top 10 Outstanding Women in her community. AWWIN's mission is to assist single mothers and their children. The honorees are chosen from categories such as government and medicine, and in this case, education.

## FORT LEE CENTER recognized in Virginia newspaper

The history of Saint Leo University's presence at Fort Lee was highlighted in a feature in the Richmond (Va.) Times-Dispatch. The facility dates back to 1974, and Saint Leo has served the U.S. Army at the center ever since. Center Director Bud Hayes explained the campus now has a 60/40 split between military (or veterans) and civilians.

## MacDill, Ingleside business students place admirably in global competition

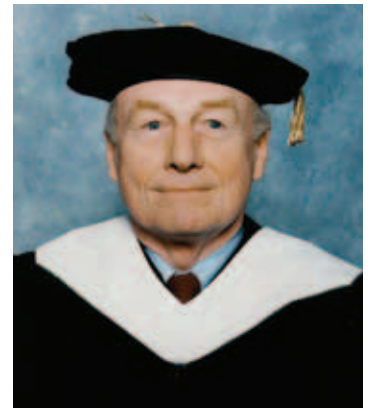
For the second consecutive year, a team of Saint Leo students competing in a business-game simulation earned a Top 100 ranking, literally outpacing teams from hundreds of other colleges and universities worldwide. Eric Boardman and Soonner Xiong teamed up as co-managers of the fictional EBig Shoe Bailout Company to compete in one of the 2009 meets of the Business Strategy Game. The Internet-based game is a requirement of the capstone business course taught by MacDill Center Director Kenneth Gonzalez. The competition takes place over several weeks, and teams wrestle with some of the many problems that can bedevil publicly traded companies. Boardman and Xiong ranked 78 in overall performance globally for the week of May 18 through May 24, 2009. They earned even higher rankings in the categories for stock price (25 worldwide) and earnings per share (22 worldwide). The savvy business majors have now graduated with Bachelor of Arts degrees. In 2008, Gonzalez also had a team of two students who broke into the top rankings. Earlier this year, one of our students at Ingleside, William Allen tied for first place in an overall ranking.



## South Hampton Roads scholarship updates

Each year, the South Hampton Roads Center offers two named scholarships to deserving continuing education students. This year's Dr. Jack Callan Scholarship, named in honor of the late U.S. Navy officer and regional administrator in Virginia for Saint Leo, went to Mary Rose Cruz. As the scholarship terms stipulate, she is the spouse of an active-duty Navy member. Employed full-time while attending school, Mary Rose is working toward a career goal of becoming a certified public accountant.

The other named scholarship from the center, the Father George Paulson scholarship, is offered annually to a religion major. The 2008 recipient, Alfie Lopez, went on to be named in the 2009 *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities*. Also named to the prestigious directory was Hollie Jack, who was awarded the 2008 Callan scholarship.



Dr. Jack Callan



Father George Paulson



# The Greatest Generation's Legacy of Learning

by David Boisselle

Ed DeLong is a member of both the “The Greatest Generation” of World War II veterans and the growing family of Saint Leo alumni. He was a Navy sailor at age 15, and a college student much later, when he was also a husband and father. He chronicled his life’s adventures in his memoir, *Navy Mustang: From Seaman to Officer, A Quarter Century in the United States Navy* (iUniverse, 2008). Ed and his wife are now retired in Virginia Beach, Virginia. He granted this interview, which has been edited for length.

## Tell us about your time in the U. S. Navy.

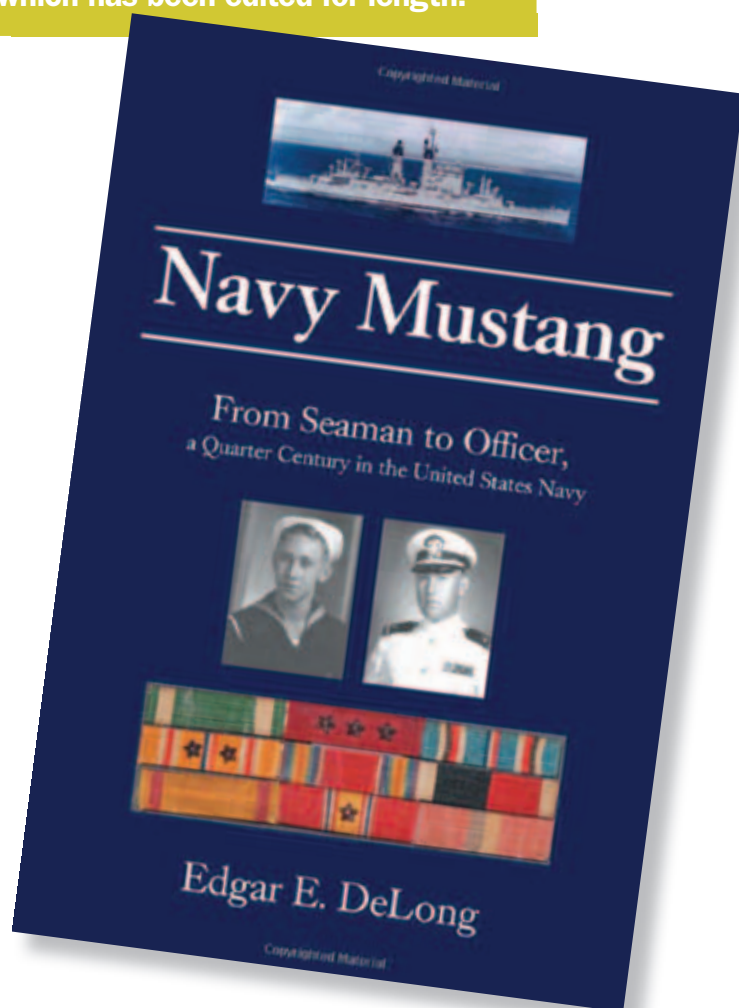
By the time I was 15, World War II was going hot and heavy and I wanted to help. Recruiters needed bodies and I had a phony birth certificate. After boot camp at San Diego and radio school at Texas A&M, I went to sea on a communications ship. When I volunteered to be a part of a joint landing force, I ended up on the beach at Iwo Jima and Okinawa. The A-bomb tests at Bikini atoll ended my first Navy experience.

I took a year off to sail as a radio officer in the merchant marine before re-enlisting. I became an East Coast sailor. I loved to travel and learn about other people. The Navy really made that possible. Duty in the Mediterranean and later in Germany, Italy, and other great European countries provided an insight into the rest of the world. I found that languages came easily to me. All that was missing was formal education.

When I retired from the Navy in 1969, I went to work for a company whose mission was to attempt to solve socio-economic problems with modern technology. Along the way I had married and become the father of three children. I knew that to advance in the competitive world that I was becoming a part of, I had to get that degree.

## Why did you choose Saint Leo?

During my active duty career I had managed to get a GED and a two-year college level GED that the Armed Forces Institute offered at that time. I needed about two more years of formal education from a recognized institution. That was the key, “a recognized institution.” At the time, I was umpiring youth baseball games and one of the team coaches was a professor at the local Saint Leo facility at Naval Amphibious Base Little Creek in Norfolk, Virginia. We talked often about Saint Leo and I liked what he said. A visit to the school’s office on the base and a study of the catalog persuaded me that this was the school. I could attend classes four hours a night for two nights a week, and if I carefully planned my courses, I could end up with a degree in business administration in a little less than two years. On June 4, 1979, I got that degree, with a summa cum laude patch on it too! My wife and kids were proud of me.



## What advice do you have for sailors today?

Read, write, and study another language. Above all, I tell them to READ! Not just the technical manuals you have to read, but everything else too: newspapers, fiction, non-fiction, how-to books—whatever you are interested in. Practice your writing. It is important to your career.

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## An Icon Leaves the Tennis Court

by Walt Riddle

Recently, a fellow professor, upon learning of how long Tim Crosby '67 has been coaching tennis at Saint Leo University, asked him in today's world how could he remain at one place for so many years to coach a sport. Crosby smiled and replied: "Being flexible to change without compromising my values."



That in a nutshell tells the story of Crosby, who announced June 15 he would retire as men's tennis coach after 39 years and women's tennis coach after 37 years at Saint Leo. The St. Petersburg, Fla., native will remain at the Division II University as an associate professor of Physical Education. "I truly need to spend more time with my wife of 40 years Maria, my three children and seven grandchildren," said Crosby.

Director of Athletics Francis X. Reidy said he will begin a national search immediately for a new coach.

"They simply do not make them like Tim Crosby anymore," said Reidy. "He's a gentleman, an educator, coach, professional and dedicated family man. There have been many outstanding people in the various versions of Saint Leo over the last century, but a very select few have been as valuable in such a variety of roles as Tim. We will miss him as a coach, but feel extremely fortunate to still have him as a valued faculty member in the Saint Leo family."

Crosby, who is a member of the Saint Leo Hall of Fame, said during the summer when he was 12 years of age his mother would give him a dollar to take his sister and walk to the recreation center near their home so they could learn how to play tennis. "I never played tennis in high school or college, because I was fortunate enough to be a good baseball player," Crosby reflected. "And of course both were played at the same time in school."

Crosby is a 1965 graduate of St. Petersburg Junior College where he was an All-America baseball player. He was a member of the first graduating class of Saint Leo as a four-year school in 1967 with a bachelor's degree in Physical Education. He excelled in baseball during his junior and senior years. "Coach (Dr. Norm) Kaye was athletic director at the time, and he offered me a position as assistant baseball coach where I served for three years," Crosby said.

Opportunity knocked in 1969 as Dr. Kaye was looking for a men's tennis coach. "He asked me to play a set with him to find out if I could also play the game," Crosby remembers. "I beat him 6-1. He told me the job was mine." Two years later he took on the added responsibility as women's coach. "I also served as Dean of Men here from 1969-1971 before I turned to just teaching and coaching.

"There are three years during my time here that stand out above everything else," said Crosby, who is an accomplished softball player. "One was 1969 when the head coaching position was offered, the second was 1997. Things have been on the upswing since Dr. Kirk (current Saint Leo University President Arthur F. Kirk Jr.) and Coach Reidy increased scholarship allocations at that time. And of course the third was in February of 2006 when our new tennis complex became a reality. We now have the best courts in the conference with a covered pavilion. Before I leave Saint Leo



permanently, I plan to help with fundraising to have permanent scoreboards, benches, umpire chairs and rest rooms.”

Stephanie Harris, a 2000 Saint Leo graduate and a member of the Hall of Fame, was the No. 1 singles and No. 1 doubles player during her four-year career under Crosby. “It’s hard to put into words what Coach Crosby did for me as a student-athlete and alumna,” Harris said. “I will always be grateful to him for encouraging me to look at Saint Leo as an athlete, and allowing me to grow as a person as I explored all of the opportunities the university had to offer.

“His love of Saint Leo was evident in his coaching and teaching, and he shares that passion with every student on campus. In between drills during tennis practice, he would teach us about the history of the school and athletic programs, instilling in us the same pride in the university.”

Crosby has coached close to 300 young men and women during his coaching career. “Having recruited student-athletes for both teams over the years, you always hope to see them finish as players and graduating, which is the ultimate for all of us. Only a handful of mine didn’t graduate.”

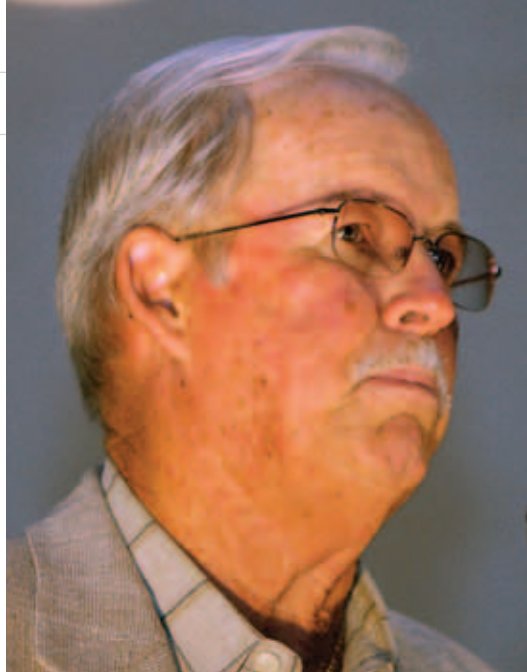
Crosby, who has served as the departmental historian, said he has seen many changes over the years in his sport. “During the late 1970s through the ’80s, all Sunshine State Conference (SCC) members were on the same playing field without scholarships,” he said. “We were able to play and defeat everyone but Rollins College. We had four men and two women invited to play for the national championship during this time.”

Although it’s difficult to pick out the top teams he coached, the veteran mentor pointed to the 1983 men’s team that went 15-5 and was ranked 15th nationally and the 2008 women’s team that was ranked 29th nationally and were invited to the NCAA regional tournament.

Iskra Sbraccia played for Crosby for two years and has been his assistant coach the past three years. “Iskra is just the best,” said Crosby. “She goes above and beyond. Not only with coaching, but with helping our men and women with their daily needs.”

Around the SSC Crosby has a strong reputation for recruiting student-athletes who excel in the classroom. A majority of his players have received academic awards here, while most of the members of his teams have been named to the SSC Commissioner’s Honor Roll.

Crosby, who is the dean of coaches at Saint Leo and the conference, is highly respected around the conference. So much so, when Crosby speaks at coaches’ meetings, people focus on what he thinks on the subject currently before the group.



**“It really goes without saying, tennis is a much better game because of Tim Crosby.”**

“Tim Crosby’s name is synonymous with tennis and the SSC,” said Rollins women’s Coach Bev Buckley, who has been in charge of the Tars’ program for 22 years, and was an All-America at the Winter Park, Fla., college prior to that. “Tim has always been the consummate gentleman and professional both on and off the court, in victory, or in defeat. It is obvious he demands the same attitude from his players as they continually displayed sportsmanship and respect for their opponents. Tim will be missed on the court and in our conference.”

Dr. George Samuel, who has coached the men and women tennis players at Barry University for 18 years, is a close ally of Crosby. “There are not many around that have put in the kind of time and dedication to college tennis as Tim has,” said Samuel. “I will miss seeing him for many reasons.

First, Tim always had a relaxed demeanor about him. There are so many coaches who are so anxious, hyper and over-competitive in our sport.

“I can honestly say our many matches competing against one another were always in a competitive but great sportsmanship like fashion. Tim has made a big impact in the SSC over the many years he coached. His consistency with his teams, his friendships with opposing team coaches; his input in many SSC coaches meetings that prompted many good changes for the tennis program, and his willingness for change when needed is what Tim Crosby is all about. I feel Tim has made Saint Leo tennis a nationwide known program. He has set the standard and expectations for it to continue on and even make greater strides and achievements.”

In baseball circles Hall of Famer Ernie Banks, formerly of the Chicago Cubs, coined the phrase: “It’s such a beautiful day, let’s play two.” In tennis, when two players would greet each other, a lot would comment: “Tennis, anyone.”

In Tim Crosby’s world, it’s ‘tennis, everyone.’

It really goes without saying, tennis is a much better game because of Tim Crosby.

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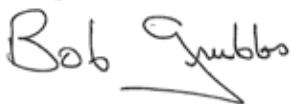
Dear Fellow Alumni,

On July 1, I began my term as president of the Saint Leo University Alumni Association. As a 1968 graduate of Saint Leo College, I look forward to representing you, the past students of Saint Leo College Preparatory School, Holy Name Academy, Saint Leo College and Saint Leo University. As we are all aware, the near future presents a challenging environment and I will do my best to keep you informed about the goals, activities, and achievements of your association.

The association board and its various committees are planning a broad range of programs and activities over the next year. We hope that each will provide a mutually beneficial experience to you and to the university. Your participation and satisfaction with your association are very important and I hope that you will be in touch to share your comments and suggestions.

You can contact the alumni office at [alumni.relations@saintleo.edu](mailto:alumni.relations@saintleo.edu) to share your updated contact information or just to let us know how we can better serve you. You can also reach me directly through the Saint Leo online community. Access the community at [www.saintleo.edu](http://www.saintleo.edu), click on the "Alumni" tab, and then click the "Join Now" button.

Keep in touch,



Bob Grubbs '68  
President  
Saint Leo University Alumni Association





Dear Fellow Alumni,

Well, my time as president is at its end, and I have enjoyed every moment. It was an honor to have had the opportunity to lead the Alumni Board for the past two years. I had the pleasure of serving with the good counsel of former Alumni Association President John View '72, who always maintained the highest level of professionalism and dedication that every organization officer is relieved to follow when taking his place as a new leader.

For the past 23 months, the Alumni Association's Board of Directors has taken huge leaps and bounds toward achieving many of the goals it had identified for improving our association as a whole. One of the main issues we struggled with—and will likely continue to struggle with—is how to actively communicate with our alumni and how to best reach out to the diverse group of individuals who start off as Saint Leo students and leave as Saint Leo alumni.

It has been a great pleasure to have the opportunity to work with so many dedicated people—on the Alumni Board, in the Division of University Advancement, in the Alumni Relations Office, in the President's office, and on the University's Board of Trustees—to address the needs and interests of our alumni.

Robert Grubbs '68 took over the reins in July, and this is yet another positive turn in the history of our Alumni Association. I am confident in Mr. Grubb's ability to lead this organization forward, and I wish him and the members of the Board of Directors a great, successful term.

I will be serving on the Board's Executive Committee for one more year and, at that point, will have met the Board's mandatory term limits. It has been a deep personal honor to serve as your president, and I thank you for the wonderful memories.

Sincerely,



Thamir Kaddouri  
(tkaddouri@tampalaw.org)



## Alumni Events Schedule

### JULY

- **Alumni Association Board Meeting**  
July 31, 2009  
University Campus

### AUGUST

- **Savannah Sand Gnats vs. Bowling Green Hot Rods**  
Baseball Game and Reception  
August 3, 2009  
Savannah, Georgia
- **Fort Myers Miracle vs. Sarasota Reds**  
Baseball Game and Reception  
August 14, 2009  
Fort Myers, Florida
- **Norfolk Tides vs. Gwinnett Braves**  
(Navy Appreciation Night)  
Baseball Game and Reception  
August 21, 2009  
Norfolk, Virginia
- **Langley, Fort Lee, and Fort Eustis Alumni Event**  
August 22, 2009  
Yorktown, Virginia

### SEPTEMBER

- **Chicago White Sox vs. Kansas City Royals**  
Baseball Game and Reception  
September 18, 2009  
Chicago, Illinois



### OCTOBER

- **Tampa Bay Rays vs. NY Yankees**  
Baseball Game and Reception  
October 3, 2009  
Tampa, Florida
- **Prep and Holy Name Reunion**  
(Alumni Association Board Meeting)  
October 16-17, 2009  
University Campus

### NOVEMBER

- **SLU vs. University of Florida**  
Men's Basketball Game and Reception  
November 3, 2009  
Gainesville, Florida
- **SLU and Santa Fe Community College 15th Anniversary Celebration**  
November 13, 2009  
Gainesville, Florida

### APRIL

- **Homecoming Weekend**  
April 8 – 11, 2010  
University Campus
- **Annual Alumni Association Meeting**  
April 10, 2010  
University Campus



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# Alumni News

## SAVANNAH CENTER ALUMNI TAKE PART IN MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. WALK

Alumni, current students, and staff from Saint Leo's Savannah, Georgia Center gathered for the "Martin Luther King, Jr. Walk" on January 19, 2009. The Savannah Alumni Networking Group has planned a variety of activities and programs to engage the local community and promote the university's commitment to offering an excellent education to working adults.

## GAINESVILLE ALUMNI SUPPORT THEIR COMMUNITY AT FIVE POINTS OF LIFE RACE

Alumni, students, and staff from the Gainesville, Florida Center gathered for the community's Five Points of Life Race on February 21, 2009. The Gainesville Networking Group hosts events in support of the local community.

## OCALA CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE

On April 17, 2009, Saint Leo University and Central Florida Community College (CFCC) alumni, faculty, staff, and friends gathered to celebrate their 15 years of partnership. The event took place at the CFCC's Webber Center in Ocala, Florida.

The two schools began an educational partnership in 1994 and have since awarded college

degrees to more 1,600 adults in three counties. A commitment to educational excellence reaches the many children in area elementary and middle schools. Twenty-nine percent of Marion County school teachers earned their degrees through the partnership. Saint Leo University and CFCC also work closely with the Marion County Sheriff's Office and Police Department to educate the men and women who serve our communities.

## SAVANNAH DINNER CRUISE

Alumni, faculty, staff, and friends gathered on *The Georgia Queen* riverboat for dinner, entertainment, and an unforgettable view of Savannah on April 18, 2009. Dr. Julius "Boo" Hornstein and Dr. James "Richard" Cabbage, along with dedicated faculty and staff of the Savannah Center, were honored for their service.

## CLASS OF 1959 REUNION

Saint Leo Prep and Holy Name Academy class of '59 members, along with their Dade City and San Antonio friends, celebrated the classes' 50-year reunion on April 24-26, 2009. Cocktail receptions, dinners, and campus tours kept the group together all weekend long. Gordon Winslow, along with other classmates, helped organize this reunion. The next Prep and Holy Name reunion will take place October 16-18, 2009.

## Homecoming 2009

More than 250 alumni gathered at the main campus for Homecoming Weekend 2009 in late March. Weekend highlights included a Friday night tailgate party and baseball game, special reunion lunches on Saturday afternoon, and a dinner dance and awards ceremony on Saturday evening.

### ALUMNI HONORED

Each year, the Alumni Association honors alumni for their personal and professional accomplishments, for their contributions to their communities, and for their continued commitment and support of Saint Leo University. The 2009 alumni awards were presented at the Homecoming Dinner Dance and Awards Ceremony on March 28.

#### Distinguished Alumna

- Shannon (Schambeau) Patterson '03, '05

#### Military Service

- Philip Watson '05
- Kevin Jones '08

#### Service to Community

- Jarrod Brent Shivers '06 (posthumous)
- Raymond John Denny '98
- Ulysses "Butch" Valdes '92

#### Church Service

- Sr. Dorothy Neuhofer O.S.B. '49

#### Service to Saint Leo University

- Edward Dadez '02
- Gordon Winslow '59
- Dominick Filipponi '96

#### Professional Achievement

- Maureen Cruz '85

Planning for next year's Homecoming celebration is now underway, so if your class year ends in a 0 or a 5, it's time for you and your classmates to start making plans for your milestone reunion in 2010! For more information please contact the Alumni Relations Office at (352) 588-8667 or send an email to [alumni.relations@saintleo.edu](mailto:alumni.relations@saintleo.edu)



Kappa Alpha Sigma fraternity

## Class Notes

### ACHIEVEMENTS



**Edmund Maruszewski '68** retired in June and is looking ahead to a peaceful retirement and lots of travel. A teacher for 41 years, Edmund also coached cross-country and track and field 30 years. (Pictured back row, L-R: daughter Alison, son Paul, and wife Sharon. Front row: son-in-law Andrew, daughter Anne, and Edmund.)

**Robert Wallace '68** (FACHE), an administrator of Outreach Services for Saint Anthony Hospitals in Denver Colorado, has been elected to the board of directors for Seniors' Resource Center. Robert is a member of the Medical Group Management Association. He became interested in the health care field after serving as a hospital corpsman in the U.S. Marines.

After retiring as commander of the Investigations Division of the Lake Wales, Florida Police Department in 2001, **Ernest Stoudemire '78** recently returned to the department as a part-time community liaison. His goal is to bridge the gap between the community and the police department. Captain Stoudemire has served as a minister within the community for the past 15 years.

**George Donald Thomson '81** has been named 2009 Volunteer of the Year by the Bonita Springs YMCA. He currently serves as a Florida Supreme Court certified circuit mediator and is managing attorney at Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt, P.A.

**Todd Jenard '85** has been appointed director of Latin American sales for Aviation Excellence, a division of Global Aviation.

**Michael E. Hamerly '87** has been appointed president of VSE Corporation's International Group. VSE is ranked among the top 100 defense contractors in the nation.

**Edward (Eddie) Saint-Ivan '87**, author of "The Black Knight's God" says, "I am a published author because of Saint Leo College."



**Brian Gonsalves '88** has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and Commanding Officer of the Bermuda Regiment. Lt. Col. Gonsalves joined the Bermuda Regiment in 1988 and was commissioned in 1989 after passing out of The Royal Military Academy Sandhurst.

**Stephen Guth '90** is vice president of vendor and legal services for the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) and is an adjunct professor with the University of Maryland University College's Graduate School of Management and Technology. He serves on the Professional Standards and Ethics Committee of the National Contract Management Association Board of Directors and on the Hilton Hotel Corporation's Sales Advisory Board.

**Courtney Sutherland-Petti '91** was honored by the Sportsmen of Westport (Connecticut) at the 48th Annual Dinner of Champions in May 2009 in Norwalk.

**Toni-Ann Noyes '92, '01** has been named principal of Nature Coast Technical High School in Hernando County, Florida.

**Ken Bowman '95** is the new economic development director for Pittsylvania County, Virginia.

**Craig Burkhard '95** has been promoted to executive vice president and CEO of Elevations Credit Union in Boulder, Colorado.

**Robyn Hamilton '95** recently was honored as the 2009 Small Business Association of North Carolina Minority Small Business Champion of the Year. Robyn is the president and CEO of the Carolinas Minority Development Councils, Inc.



**Tonya Moore '96** published her first book, *Understanding the Supervisor Role in Elements*. She is currently associate campus dean at Strayer University in North Carolina and CEO of Moore Enterprises.

**Mary Ann Blanchard '96** has been named Polk County Nursing Consortium's Nurse of the Year in the manager category for the Watson Clinic and Center for Cancer Care and Research in Lakeland, Florida.

**Laurie Muffley '97** is an adjunct instructor in American history at the Tampa campus of Hillsborough Community College. In addition to her teaching schedule, she is an adjunct night reference librarian.

**Thomas Trawick '97** has been appointed chief investigator of the Chatham County Georgia District Attorney's staff.

**David Taylor '97** is the new director of Extended Learning at West Virginia Wesleyan College.

**Johnny Gonzalez '99** was included in Cambridge Publishing's *Who's Who* in recognition for leadership in outsourcing management. He is a deputy account manager for Affiliated Computer Services, Inc. in Tallahassee, Florida.



**Ralph Ingerto '01** earned the Project Management Institute's global credential: the Project Management Professional title. He is employed as an IT project leader for New Jersey's Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency.



**Patricia Beasley '01** has been promoted to associate at Hankins and Anderson, Inc., a Richmond, Virginia consulting engineering firm. Patricia has been with the firm's Human Resources Department for one year.



**Catherine Hopkins '03** is the new director of the Louisiana State University Women's Center. She currently is pursuing her doctoral degree in higher education.

**Kimberly Michaud '03** received the Tilton, New Hampshire Veterans Home "Above and Beyond" Award for June 2009 where she is a social work consultant.

**Charlotte Edwardson '05**, personnel chief for FRC-East, was named the county's service person of the quarter.

**Lori Fuller '05** has been appointed principal of Riverdale Elementary School in Virginia. She is a doctoral candidate in education administration and policy studies at George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

**Master Sergeant Philip Watson '05** was awarded the Annual AFSPC Chaplain Corps Award.

**Elizabeth Dantism '06** received her J.D. from Charlotte School of Law in May 2009. She plans to practice in the Charlotte, North Carolina area after passing the bar exam.

**Charles G. Smith '06** recently graduated from the Air Force Noncommissioned Officer Academy at Tyndall Air Force Base in Panama City, Florida.

**Brian Ebanks '07** was promoted to deputy resort manager at the Cayman Islands' Reef Resort in fall 2008.

**Richard (Brad) Schultz '07** was selected as Marion County, Florida's Rookie Teacher of the Year. He is a kindergarten teacher at Dunnellon Elementary School.

**Carl Ashton '08** opened a new accounting firm, Service Business Solutions, in Naples, Florida.

**Jennifer Correa '08** landed a front office position at the Fairmont Battery Wharf on Boston's waterfront.

**Kenny Lancaster '08** has been named colonel of the South Carolina Highway Patrol. He is a 20-year highway patrol veteran and a graduate of the FBI National Academy.



*Danielle Westbrook and Christopher Oleson*

## WEDDINGS

**Mario Jose Paysse '01 and Stephanie Ann Slivanik** were united in marriage November 15, 2008 in Saint Hugh Catholic Church, Coconut Grove, Florida.

**Heather Renee Jones '04 and Marcus Wade Timpner** were married in June at Key West, Florida.

**Danny Oliver '05 and Jennifer Lewis** were married on May 2, 2009.

**Danielle Westbrook '06, '08 and Christopher Oleson '04, '08** were married at Saint Leo Abbey Church on February 21, 2009.

**Benjamin Wright '07 and Danielle Sullivan** were married June 20, 2009 in Nokomis, Florida.

**Damian Fedele '09 and Rebecca Hosick** were married on June 27, 2009 at Saint John's Catholic Church in Tidioute, Pennsylvania.

## IN MEMORIAM

**LaMarcus C. Hawes, Jr. '39**  
May 8, 2009

**Francis J. Bargar '47**  
December 26, 2008

**Leo Rock '56**  
March 7, 2009

**Russell H. Bayne '64**  
October 2, 2008

**Angela M. Rayer '92**  
April 15, 2009

**Ralph S. Brower, III '96**  
February 22, 2009

**Adam M. Palma '96**  
April 21, 2009

**Karen K. Myers '01**  
March 22, 2008

**Michelle L. Peterson '08**  
March 26, 2009



2009

## Commencement











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