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letter from the president



Greetings...

Now in the beginning stage of implementation, our strategic plan has become part of our daily work and lives. While it challenges us to continually transform ourselves and our institution by looking and thinking forward, we are living the plan with each decision, each project and with each student as our purpose.

One of the constants of the world of higher education and beyond is the promise of continual change. We have committed to forward thinking in the face of that constant change. Our commitments and decisions are to do what we do best – educate students in a way that prepares them for success in this world.

Our theme for this publication is “forward thinking, fast moving and forever transforming.” This summarizes our aim of turning the prospects of change into innovation to meet the needs of tomorrow’s learners – learners who will be engaged anywhere, anytime in the learning process.

You will read about the changes that set the stage for realizing our strategic goals – restructuring our academic divisions, moving to semesters with a J-term, designing new programs with international courses and adapting new technology, leading to greater mobility and interactive, “transformational learning.”

No matter the challenges that lie ahead, we are dedicated to fulfilling our Catholic Franciscan mission of service, caring and openness to all in an environment that is dedicated to teaching and learning. Rest assured, our mission is constant and continues to be our course for the future at Briar Cliff.

God’s Blessings,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bev".

Beverly A. Wharton
President

Our Mission

Briar Cliff University is a community committed to higher education within a liberal arts and Catholic perspective. In the Franciscan tradition of service, caring and openness to all, Briar Cliff emphasizes quality education for its students, combining a broad intellectual background with career development. The University challenges its members to grow in self-awareness and in their relationships to others and to God.

On the cover: Briar Cliff University's new academic division chairpersons (left to right): Dr. Ted Wilson, Dr. Richard Petersen, Dr. Sam Shanks, Anne Garreans and Dr. Sean Burton. Not pictured: Dr. Paul Olson.

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trustee feature

Mike Ellwanger

I was born in Minneapolis but grew up in Sioux City, where I attended Immaculate Conception Elementary School and Bishop Heelan Catholic High School. After graduating from Morningside College, I went to the University of Iowa, where I received a law degree.

After law school, I returned to Sioux City to join the Rawlings, Nieland Law Firm in 1975. I became a partner in 1977 and have been there ever since. I do trial work, have a subspecialty in defending medical malpractice cases and do general litigation. I also am a legal counsel for the Catholic Diocese of Sioux City.

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My wife of 32 years, Nan Ellwanger, passed away in 2004. I married Carolyn Zellmer in 2007. Carolyn and I like to ride motorcycles. Last summer a group of us rode out to Red Lodge, Mont., and this year we'll ride to North Carolina.

My primary outside interest is maintaining contact with my children and grandchildren. My community involvement includes serving on the Sioux City Symphony Board, Nativity Church Parish Council and Catholic Charities Board. I'm also a member of the Downtown Kiwanis Club and the Siouxland Y.

At Briar Cliff, I am impressed with the degree of dedication students have to the institution. I'm struck by how many new students chose BCU because of the loyalty and enthusiasm current students have for Briar Cliff.



Mike Ellwanger and his wife, Carolyn

new members to board of trustees



James Jensen

James Jensen and Robert Spears

A Briar Cliff graduate, James Jensen '78 is CEO of Great West Casualty Company in South Sioux City, Neb. He began his career as a part-time employee while he was a student at Briar Cliff. During his tenure, Jensen has had several leadership roles at Great West, including manager of Truckmen Underwriters, vice president of Underwriting and executive vice president of the Western Regional Office. He is the 2009 recipient of the distinguished Alumni Professional Award. He and his wife, Carla, have three children.

Robert Spears holds a bachelor's degree from Dartmouth College and master's degrees from Harvard University and the University of Southern California. He is president of Executive Advisory Services, LLC, Dakota Dunes, S.D. Previously, Spears was CEO of InMoTx, Inc. and COO and CFO of Sensorwave Technology, Inc. In addition, he held leadership positions at Gateway, Inc., including senior vice president of Americas and vice president of international operations. He and his wife, Christine, have three children.



Robert Spears



a history of success

Father Paul Hoelsing, STL, '94-'96

Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Omaha, Neb.

Briar Cliff was small enough to develop many friendships with faculty and students alike, but it was expansive enough to help me see that life was not about me. Academically and socially, I was challenged to lead and desire excellence.

I began to realize Jesus was calling me to seek the fullness of truth and life with Him. My Briar Cliff experience – my personal prayer, my growing love for the sacramental life of Mass and Reconciliation and my desire to grow in virtue and service – gave me enough courage to enter seminary. In 2002, I was

ordained a Diocesan priest.

As director of Vocations, I oversee Catholic Campus Ministry for the University of Nebraska and a summer catechetical program for youth. Each day I have opportunities to serve as a priest and spiritual father for seminarians, college students and young people who want to know more about God's call in their lives. God is blessing us with a heroic generation – young people responding to God's love in important new ways.



Cy Wakeman '91

CEO, Author, Keynote Speaker, Omaha, Neb.

Getting my degree at Briar Cliff was not just an education – it really shaped me. My professors knew my potential and called me up to greatness. Because of Briar Cliff, I was prepared, polished, confident and competent to pursue a master's degree and engage in a variety of leadership roles.

Now, I am CEO of my own company – Cy Wakeman, Inc. For the past 18 years, I have been working internationally – speaking, coaching and training with clients, such as the Society for Human Resource Management, Federal Reserve Bank, Verizon Wireless, among many

others. In my work, I challenge conventional wisdom in leadership and promote a new model of great leadership. My book *Reality Based Leadership – Ditch the Drama, Restore Sanity to the Workplace, & Turn Excuses Into Results* (Jossey-Bass) was published last year.

Laura Keane '08

Fire Technician, The Nature Conservancy

I started working for The Nature Conservancy (TNC) through the BCU Anna Beal Internship, which ignited my passion for environmental work.

Briar Cliff further guided my career path with experiential learning in South Dakota, Arkansas, Kansas, Texas and other amazing places.

Since graduation, I have worked on TNC jobs in North Carolina, where I felt very privileged to help restore the wilderness there. In Clear Lake, S.D., I was on a fire crew, and this spring, I was on a TNC job in Maryland.

It is a blessing to see new places, meet new people and make a positive impact by improving natural habitats. My work is very rewarding.



Kelly Jo McDonnell '92

TV producer/writer, Ron Schara Productions, Minneapolis, Minn.

The mass communication program at Briar Cliff prepared me for a larger media market.

I am a television producer and writer for several television shows that air nationally and locally. I like having my hand in a story from beginning to end and then watching it air on a network.

A highlight was assisting with the "MonsterQuest" shows that aired on

the History Channel. Sometimes it's fun to step in front of the camera, like the fly-fishing feature I did in Wisconsin with my father, Jim McDonnell, and a "Pheasants Forever" segment I did in my hometown, Royal, Iowa. In 2002, I was part of a Team Emmy for "Hunt of a Lifetime."

I also am a freelance writer for several publications and was recognized by the Lorian Hemingway Short Story Writing Contest in 2004.



Dan McCarty '84

COO, Orange City Area Health System, Orange City, Iowa



In my work, I am a member of the administration team that oversees the entire health system, including multiple clinics, a hospital, two nursing homes, a retirement community, home health care and Hospice.

The most rewarding aspects of my position are mentoring staff and pursuing improvements in customer satisfaction and patient care through the implementation of our mission, core values and making folks smile.

As an adjunct instructor for many years at BCU, I have enjoyed teaching business administration and human resource management courses.

The key milestones in my life are a closer walk with Christ; a 26-year marriage and friendship with my wife, Theresa (Kriens) '82, the kindest person I've ever known; and our two sons Michael and Ryan, who have been true blessings to us.

God has blessed me with much, much more than I will ever deserve.

Andrés Artunduaga '09

Graduate Student, University of Sioux Falls

I came to the U.S. on a soccer scholarship. After attending a community college in Western Nebraska, I transferred to BCU. I really loved playing soccer and being a part of the Briar Cliff community. I graduated with a bachelor's degree in business administration and human resource management.

BCU gave me all the tools to be successful in life. Because of my Briar Cliff education and my bilingual skills, I was hired upon

graduation in a retail position, where I was promoted to manager in three months.

Currently, I am pursuing my master's in business administration and management at the University of Sioux Falls, S.D.

I recently began doing international recruiting for Briar Cliff in my hometown in Ecuador. I hope to make a difference.



Textbook Rental Program Saves Students Money

This spring, the Roth Campus Bookstore launched "Rent, Use and Return," an innovative textbook rental program designed to lower the cost of textbooks for students.

"Renting textbooks is guaranteed to save students money on the cost of new books," said Nancy Watson, manager, Roth Campus Bookstore. "For example, a book that sells for \$141 rents for \$49. Another book that sells for \$69 rents for \$31," Watson explained. "There are no shipping fees and there is no waiting when renting textbooks. Plus,

reusing textbooks is environmentally friendly and promotes our efforts to go green on campus."

Adam McAlpine, a senior business administration major from Sioux Center, Iowa, said he's excited about the savings. "When I rented a textbook, I saved more than 50 percent," McAlpine said. "I think it's a great way to help us save money on the books we need."



Adam McAlpine, senior, business administration



SIFE Team Ranks No. 1 in Regional Contest

BCU's Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) took First Place in the SIFE Regional Competition, held recently in Minneapolis, Minn. Competing against colleges and universities from the Upper Midwest, BCU earned top honors for innovative projects, service to others and scholarships and grants for Tanzanians. SIFE also received the 4.0 Service Award for demonstrating overall excellence in projects, commitment to the University, sustainability and financial performance. In May, BCU will advance to the National SIFE Competition in Minneapolis.



Just for Kids – Easter Fun and Games

Painting fun bunny faces, watching animal balloons in the making and creating colorful Easter baskets were the prelude to hunting for Easter eggs in the Stark Student Center in April. Student Jayna Specht, Yankton, S.D., paints the face of Megan Wilcoxon, age 9.



forward thinking... fast moving...

Looking forward to the year 2015, we are wasting no time launching the future at BCU. Our 2015 Strategic Plan has the driving goal to be Catholic Franciscan, demonstrably high quality, agile, sustainable and transformed in product, place and people...



With our eyes and minds on the future, BCU is thinking, moving and transforming with a single purpose – serving the learner of tomorrow. Our plan shows faculty and students working side by side to create, share and ultimately prepare for a different world – a very global, diverse and dynamic world.

The very core of the Briar Cliff experience requires **defining**, **developing** and **delivering** academic programs distinguished by rigor, reputation and success. Our process begins this fall when the Franciscan core becomes part of every new student's experience. Students and faculty will engage in internships, practicums or clinical research to ensure an experiential learning component in all areas of study.

“Given the dynamics of higher education, making the entire world our classroom is critical to the long-term success of our students,” said Dr. Paul Olson, associate professor of sociology, division chairperson of social and behavioral sciences.

Students returning to campus this fall will engage in interdisciplinary experiences, explore creative learning opportunities and benefit from the recent **reshaping** of the BCU organizational structure. Seven new academic divisions promise agility, flexibility and collaboration.

By **fostering** a culture of excellence, Briar Cliff will respond to the changing nature of the workplace. With a focus on experiential learning, program development and assessing for excellence, Briar Cliff students will learn differently.

BCU is committed to **transforming** our campus facilities and infrastructure. We plan to begin with Heelan Hall and move forward with wireless networking to ensure “classrooms without walls” and continued interactive collaborative experiences.

You need only recall our core values to understand our plans, and you need only understand our mission to share in our commitment.



teaching and learning



Art student **Amanda Cruise**, Wesley, Iowa, leaves Venice on a BCU Art Study Tour to Italy last May. Students and Nan Wilson, assistant professor of art, also visited Florence, Assisi, Rome, Pompeii, Sorrento and the Island Capri.

Transforming Teaching and Learning

Beginning this fall, Briar Cliff will be on a semester system with a January term (J-term) and May term. Making the transition from a trimester to a semester academic calendar affords our students many innovative and dynamic learning opportunities, including a greater variety of experiences, new courses, increased flexibility and more time.

“With semesters students will have more concentrated time to digest course content, to complete internships and practicums, giving them more realistic learning and work experiences,” said Anne Garreans, assistant professor and division chairperson of business administration.



Students will travel on the wildlife and ecology study tour to the Galápagos Islands, Ecuador, where they will observe some of the 11 sub-species of endangered Galápagos tortoises. Students also will catch a glimpse of the blue-footed booby, known for its comical look. Spaniards called them “bobos” (clowns).

Out-of-the-Ordinary J-term Experiences

One example of the many ways semesters expand the BCU experience is through J-term, which allows time between semesters for enriched learning experiences, including international study tours and cultural immersions.

- Galápagos Islands Wildlife and Ecology in Ecuador • biology
- Social Media Marketing • business administration
- Grimm’s Fairy Tales • English
- Franciscan Life in Italy • Franciscan core
- Total Fitness • HPER
- Vietnam Experience • history
- Study Franciscan Missions in California • Franciscan core
- Study Abroad in Guatemala • social work/Spanish
- NYC Theatre and Art Experience • theatre
- Mission and Discipleship in Honduras • theology



Alyssa Keller, an art/education major, Humphrey, Neb., captures the interior dome of Saint Peter’s Basilica, Rome. Keller was on the BCU Art Study Tour to Italy last May.

Graduate Management Certificate Program

The new Graduate Management Certificate is an offering for adult learners. With the goal of leading to a master’s degree in management, the Graduate Management Certificate is for individuals with bachelor degrees who aspire to be leaders in the workplace. The program is flexible, accommodating and affordable.

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Theology Major

Increased flexibility is built into each theology track within the redesigned theology major. Students can focus on aspects of theology that best fit their future plans. New courses include the Church in the World, Christian Spirituality and Prayer, Christian Anthropology, God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and several Scripture courses that focus on particular books and themes in the Bible. In all theology courses, students will explore theological topics by reading important Patristic, Medieval and contemporary theological treatises.





“Our new academic divisions are responsive to the academic issues of the day, and division chairpersons will help build support for our programs among our alumni and friends.”
 – William T. Mangan, Ph.D.,
 Dean of Academic Affairs



As a part of the University's 2010-2015 strategic plan, Briar Cliff has created new academic divisions.

Arts and Humanities

Dr. Sean Burton, chairperson

- Art
- Mass Communications
- Modern Languages
- Music
- Theatre
- Theology, Philosophy

Business Administration

Anne Garreans, chairperson

- Business
- Accounting
- Marketing
- Human Resource Management

Education

Chairperson to be announced

General Education

Dr. Sam Shanks, chairperson

- Franciscan Core
- Honors Program

Natural and Mathematical Sciences

Dr. Ted Wilson, chairperson

- Biology, Environmental Science
- Chemistry, Physics
- Mathematics, Computer Science

Nursing and Health Sciences

Dr. Richard Petersen, chairperson

- Nursing
- Health, Physical Education, Recreation
- Other health-related programs

Social and Behavioral Sciences

Dr. Paul Olson, chairperson

- History, Political Science
- Psychology
- Sociology, Criminal Justice
- Social Work

BCU's Apple iPad Program – Student-focused, Future-driven



Sara Thompson, reference and instructional librarian at BCU, shows incoming Briar Cliff freshmen one of many apps on the iPad.

Briar Cliff University will revolutionize the way students learn and communicate by providing Apple iPad tablets to all freshmen, beginning in fall 2011.

“Briar Cliff University is about innovation and excellence in living, learning and working,” said Steve Janowiak, vice president for Student Development. “Tablet technology adds dynamic new dimensions and interactions to our learning community,” Janowiak noted. With the iPad program, students will use the newest and best technology available, enabling them to become agile, knowledgeable and enterprising leaders.

“This is so cool,” said Erica LoVan, a North High senior, while playing a solar system app in 3-D on an iPad. “I won’t have to borrow my mom’s iPad anymore,” added LoVan, who will be a freshman at Briar Cliff this fall.





Dr. Richard Steinbach, professor of music, performed several concerts with violist Brett Deubner in the Glenn Ridge Series, New Jersey, the Sioux City Chamber Music Series, the Sioux City Art Center and the Crescendo Concert Series.

Dr. Casimir Stroik, assistant professor of theology, attended the 2010 Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature in Atlanta, Ga.

Kenneth Berg, associate professor of education, attended the Fall Conference of the Iowa Association of Colleges for Teacher Education in Ames.

Dr. Maria O'Malley, assistant professor of English, presented a paper titled "Leonora Sansay and the Haitian Revolution" at the Midwest Modern Language Association Conference in Chicago.



Sheridan Wigginton, associate professor of Spanish, presented a paper titled "The 'Great Men' of La Trinitaria: Portrayals of Juan Pablo Duarte, Ramón Matías Mella and Francisco del Rosario Sánchez in Dominican Schoolbooks" at the Eighth Biennial International Conference of the Afro-Latin/American Research Association in Lima, Peru.

Dr. Wigginton also presented "The 'Other' Side of Politics: Joaquín Balaguer, José Francisco Peña Gómez and the Anti-Haitian Nation" at the Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies at University of North Carolina, Wilmington. Currently, she is



completing the manuscript for her book *Learning to Be Dominican: Nation, Identity and the Haitian Other in Dominican Schoolbooks*, University of Alabama Press.



Dr. Samuel Shanks, division chairperson for general education, assistant professor of theatre, presented "Armageddon in the Abstract" at the Annual Conference of the American Society for Theatre Research in Seattle, Wash.

Dr. Jeremy Owens, assistant professor of music, performed the works of Haydn, Chopin, Mendelssohn, Schumann and Gottschalk at BCU and Cowley College in Arkansas City, Kan.



Dr. Linda Harrington '96, assistant professor of theology, had her article titled "Auschwitz Carmel: Introducing Students to the Complexities of Interreligious Dialogue" published in *Learn Teach Prevent, Holocaust Education in the 21st Century* by Seton Hill University Press.

Heather Craig-Oldsen, associate professor of social work, presented "Ethical Practice During Tough Economic Times" at the University of Iowa in Iowa City.

For more faculty reviews, please visit the news section at www.briarcliff.edu.

George P. Frangedakis

A Tribute to Our Colleague, Mentor and Friend

It was with great sadness that the Briar Cliff community mourned the loss of longtime professor George Frangedakis '74, who passed away on Feb. 5, 2011.

To honor his life and legacy, the BCU community gathered for a memorial prayer service in the Chapel of Our Lady of Grace on Feb. 8. On Feb. 10, nearly 300 family, faculty, staff and students attended a funeral Mass also in the Chapel of Our Lady of Grace.

For more than 30 years, George taught economics and finance at Briar Cliff. For much of that time, he served as chairperson of the Department of Business Administration.

"We have lost a colleague, professor, mentor and friend," said President Beverly A. Wharton. "George's dedication and commitment to Briar Cliff is now a legacy we honor with much respect and gratitude."

During his tenure, George directed curriculum development, implemented technology and led the online Elluminate technology. In 2006, he was recognized with the Distinguished Faculty Scholar Award.

Memorial gifts may be directed to the George and Beth Frangedakis Endowed Scholarship at Briar Cliff.



In Memoriam Larry Harrington



Longtime Briar Cliff employee Larry Harrington, 59, Laurel, Neb., passed away on March 5, 2011. A Resurrection Mass in honor of Larry was held on March 11 in the Chapel of Our Lady of Grace on campus.

Larry was born on Jan. 4, 1952, in Sioux City. He graduated from Laurel-Concord High School in 1970 and Universal Technical Institute, Omaha, in 1998. He was in the U.S. Army from 1972-1975 and served in Vietnam. He enjoyed woodworking and spending time with family and friends. He will be greatly missed at Briar Cliff.

Update Your Information

Visit www.briarcliff.edu, select "Alumni & Friends" and click "Update Your Information." Or call Jessica Murano, director of Alumni Relations, at 712-279-1705.

1940's
Patricia (LaVelle) Duffy '48 and her husband, James, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Nov. 23, 2010.

1960's
Charlene (Sharrah) Sokolowski '69 and her husband, Leonard, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Dec. 28, 2010.

1970's
Dr. Richard Hettinger '74 was named the Sioux City Noon Sertoma Club's Sertoman of the Year for 2010.

Carole (George) Parrinello '76, and her husband, Joseph, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on April 8, 2011.

1980's
Terri (Beaumont) Askelson '84, Sioux City, received the Women Pursuing Truth Award on March 22, 2011, at the Women of Excellence Banquet in Sioux City.

1990's
Connie (Oberreuter) Barrett '92, Sioux City, received the Women Striving to Improve the Quality of Life Award on March 22, 2011, at the Women of Excellence Banquet in Sioux City.

2000's
Jerry W. Conover II '02 and Rosalina Valle were married on Sept. 7, 2010. The couple resides in Las Vegas, Nev.

Amanda (Stidfole) Worden '03 and Bobby Worden were married on July 10, 2010.

Alex Kazos '04 and Jessica (Pinney) Kazos were married on Aug. 14, 2010. The couple resides in Dakota Dunes, S.D.

Alison (Henderson) Balliet '05 and **Aaron Balliet '03** were married on June 5, 2010. The couple resides in Sergeant Bluff, Iowa.

Jayna (Berens) Baczwaski '07 and John Baczwaski were married on Sept. 18, 2010. The couple resides in Omaha, Neb.

William Darwin, Jr. '08 was named director of choral activities and professor of music at Western Iowa Tech Community College, Sioux City.

Kendall (Junge) Klippenstein '08 and **Adam Klippenstein '08** were married Oct. 3, 2010. The couple resides in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Amy (Ebsen) Shepard '09 and **David Shepard '11** were married on Dec. 28, 2010. The couple resides in University Place, Wash.

Ryan Prather '09 and **Ciarra (Sperry) Prather** were married on June 26, 2010. The couple resides in Sioux City.

Friends of Briar Cliff
Virginia "Ginny" Peterson, Briar Cliff University Trustee, received the Marilyn Murphy Lifetime Achievement Award on March 22, 2011, at the Women of Excellence Banquet, Sioux City.

Future Chargers
Brook Bulkeley '91 Centerville, Utah, a girl, Piper Quinn Sterns-Bulkeley, born Sept. 23, 2010.

Rosa (Portz) Peterson '94 and Andy Peterson, Jackson, Minn., a boy, Jacob David, born Nov. 15, 2010. He joins Mathew, 8, and Nicholas, 4.

Jill (Rosenmeyer) Bodammer '01 and **Jared Bodammer '98** Sioux City, twin boys, Tristan Myles and Landon Dean, born Nov. 26, 2010.

In Memoriam
Robert Crayne, Okoboji, Iowa, passed away Dec. 23, 2010. Robert served on the Briar Cliff University Board of Trustees from 1994 to 1999.

Professor George Frangedakis '74, Sioux City, passed away Feb. 5, 2011. For more than 30 years, George was professor of business administration at Briar Cliff.

Helen Gleeson, Sioux City, passed away on Dec. 25, 2010. Helen served on the Briar Cliff University Board of Trustees from 1981 to 1987.

Larry Harrington, Laurel, Neb., passed away on March 5, 2011. Larry was a longtime facilities employee at Briar Cliff.

1940's
Mary Ellen (Neitge) How '40, Mankato, Minn., passed away on March 6, 2011.

Mary Catherine (Gleason) Diehl '42, Waukee, Iowa, passed away on Jan. 28, 2011.

1950's
Margaret "Peggy" (Feyder) Brousard '51, Mission Viejo, Calif., passed away on Dec. 25, 2010.

Sister Regina (Edwin) Collins, OSF, '55, Dubuque, Iowa, passed away on Dec. 27, 2010. Sister Regina was the campus nurse at Briar Cliff from 1963 to 1968 and professor of biology from 1973 to 1985.

Clayton Nemmers, husband of Jeannie (Yoerger) Nemmers '56, Le Mars, Iowa, passed away on Nov. 9, 2010.

Colleen (Coughlon) Maguire '57, Iowa Falls, Iowa, passed away on Nov. 9, 2010.

M. Marguerite (Minton) Rainey '59, Sioux City, passed away on Nov. 16, 2010.

Thomas M. Rochford, husband of Jeanne (Heying) Rochford '55, passed away on Feb. 2, 2011.

1960's
Lauren Fornia, husband of Mary (Dennison) Fornia '66, Jefferson, S.D., passed away on Dec. 12, 2010.

Paul V. Meloy '66, Sioux City, passed away on March 5, 2011.

Sister Mary Helen Seivert, OSF '62, Dubuque, Iowa, passed away on March 10, 2011.

1970's
David Fry, husband of Karen (Rodgers) Fry '74, Sioux City, passed away on Dec. 30, 2010.

Marilyn Katherine (Motz) Davidson '75, Tuscola, Ill., passed away on March 27, 2011.

1980's
Pamela (McManigal) Davis, wife of Brian Davis '81, Dakota City, Neb., passed away on Feb. 25, 2011.

Debra (Nemitz) Sexton, wife of Mick Sexton '81, Danbury, Iowa, passed away on Dec. 25, 2010.

Roger Herum, husband of Amy (Templeton) Herum '85, Estherville, Iowa, passed away on Nov. 5, 2010.

Laurel (Demarest) Shever '86, Sioux City, passed away on March 4, 2011.

Robert Kauspedas '88, Minneapolis, Minn., passed away on Nov. 10, 2010.

Rick Wyant '89, Council Bluff, Iowa, passed away on Feb. 2, 2011.

2000's
Steven Foster, husband of Nancy (Gabelmann) Foster '00, Mansfield, Iowa, passed away on Nov. 15, 2010.

Catherine (Scott) Anderson '01, Sioux City, passed away on Nov. 27, 2010.



annual scholarships

Donations Inspire Tomorrow's Leaders

Donations to the Annual Scholarship Fund help make it possible for 99 percent of Briar Cliff students to receive financial aid annually, including Jessica Heeren, a junior from Le Mars, Iowa.

"Today's students will be tomorrow's leaders," said Heeren, a saxophone player in the BCU Jazz Ensemble. "So every donation benefits all of us."

A student assistant in the Office of Institutional Advancement, Heeren promotes the value of donating to the fund by personally writing letters and making phone calls to alumni. "The Annual Scholarship Fund

transforms individual acts of generosity into a community of assistance for the next generation of leaders," said Heeren, who holds a 4.0 grade point average.

To become a part of our community of donors who are working together to inspire futures, make a gift to the Annual Scholarship Fund at www.briarcliff.edu/alumni or by mailing a donation to the Briar Cliff Office of Institutional Advancement, 3303 Rebecca Street, Sioux City, Iowa, 51104.



Jessica Heeren, Le Mars, Iowa

Lunch with the Chargers!

Scholarship Lunch

More than 200 alumni, students, employees, fans and friends helped raise nearly \$12,800 at the Sixth Annual Lunch with the Chargers scholarship fundraiser in February at Texas Roadhouse in Sioux City.

Proceeds from the lunch, which was served by BCU coaches and student-athletes, will benefit BCU's Annual Scholarship Fund.

"This is one of many fun ways we bring people together for a good cause," said Jeff LaFavor,

vice president for Institutional Advancement. "We are grateful to everyone who contributed to this year's event."

The 2011 Lunch with the Chargers was sponsored by FiberComm of Sioux City and Texas Roadhouse.



BCU Freshman *Erin Frank* serves salads at Lunch with the Chargers. Erin is a setter on the Charger volleyball team.



BCU Chargers *Brenton Brown, Michael Collison and Jake Shipley*



Chargers Go National

Every year, Charger winter athletes have a serious habit of competing in the nationals, and this year was no different. The women's basketball team qualified for its second-straight NAIA Division II National Championship. They were ranked third in the U.S. in total scoring offense and first in steals with 17.1 per contest.

Making their 18th national tournament appearance, the men's basketball team finished the year with a 23-9 record. The Chargers were ranked in the NAIA Top 25 all season long and climbed as high as No. 4.

Competing in the national wrestling tournament were All-American senior Josh Rogers, who finished the year with a 17-14 record and senior Zack Mullins and sophomore Matt Solomon. Mullins was BCU's second four-time national qualifier and finished the year with a program-best 26-7 record. Mullins won the 157-pound title at GPAC Championships, becoming the second Charger in history to win a conference title. Sophomore heavyweight Matt Solomon also qualified for nationals.



Nic Nelson, newly named head coach, BCU men's basketball



For more on Charger athletics, visit www.bcuchargers.com.

Briar Cliff track and field competed in the NAIA Indoor Track and Field Championships, where senior Erik Lindsay and junior All-American Sam Acheampong earned All-American honors. Also competing at nationals were senior Ashley Sparks, junior Liz Benjamin, sophomores Tara Cockerill, Maddie Borer and Katie Beldt and freshmen Gabbi Kates and Jayna Specht.



Coach Todd Barry announced his retirement at the end of the 2010-11 men's basketball season.

Coach Barry Retires

When the 2010-11 men's basketball season ended, head coach Todd Barry announced his retirement. During his tenure at BCU, Coach Barry led the Chargers to a seven-year record of 139-80 and two national tournament berths.

During the 2008-09 season, he led the Chargers to a 23-8 record, a season-long NAIA national ranking and a spot in the NAIA Division II Men's Basketball National Championship. In 2009, he was named Coach of the Year by the Great Plains Athletic Conference.

Finishing his seventh and final season with the Chargers, Barry holds an impressive list of previous coaching honors, including NIAC Coach of the Year, NAIA District 15 Coach of the Year, Siouxland Coach of the Year and Iowa Small College Coach of the Year, among others. Assistant coach Nic Nelson, who has been with the program for four years, was named head coach.



upcoming events

May 5-8

"110 in the Shade"
Musical Theatre

May 12

Honors Convocation

May 20

Baccalaureate Mass

May 21

Commencement

May 23-28

The Black Hills Experience

May 23-June 8

Europe History Tour

May 24-June 3

Paris and Amsterdam
Art Tour

June 7-25

Natural History of Hawaii

June 11-12

Freshmen Orientation

July 8-9

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