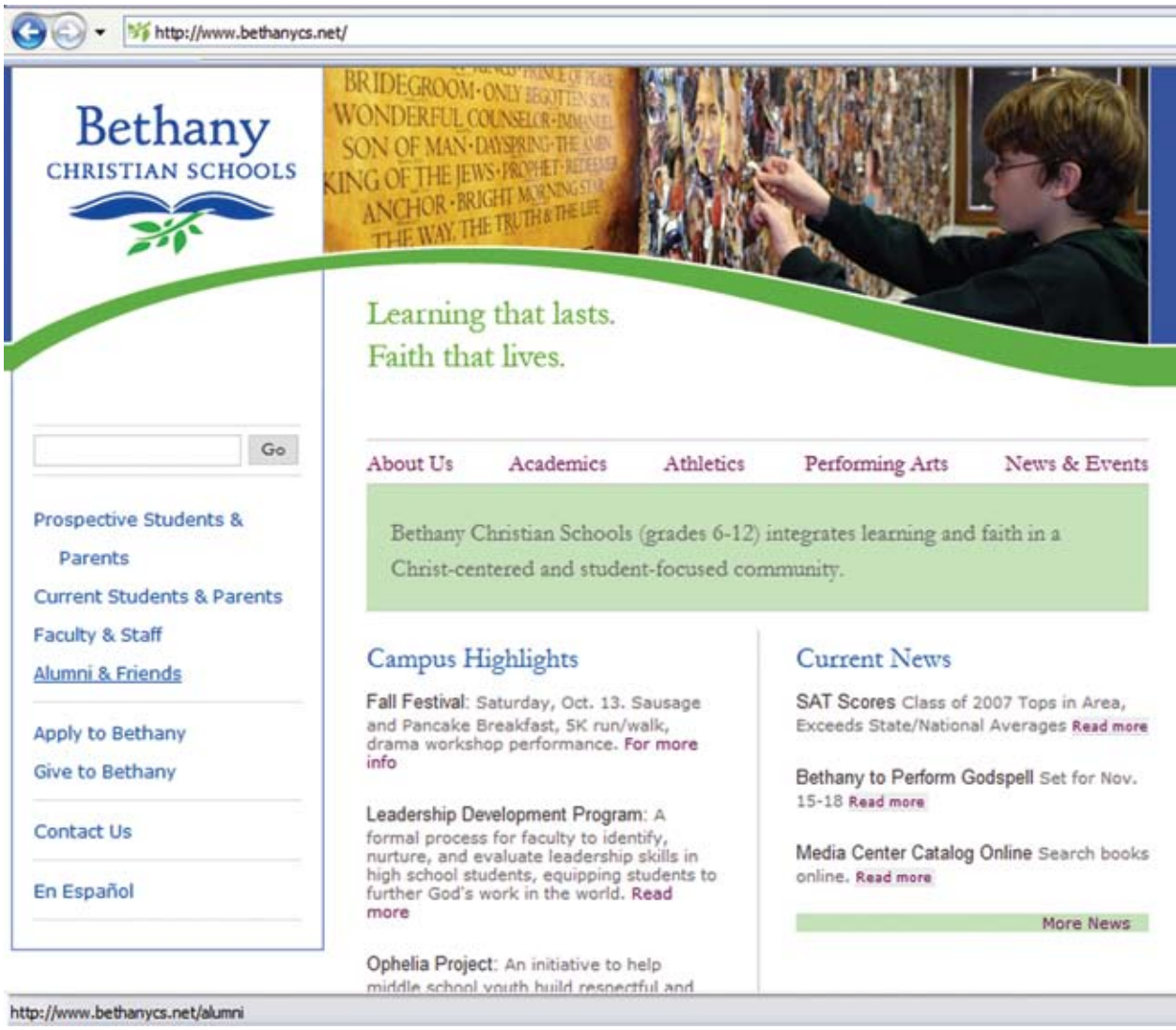
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New Personnel

Board

David Hawkins



David Hawkins, president and co-owner of Hawkins Water Tech Inc., would like to see Bethany become an option for more students by helping to determine ways of lowering financial barriers—real and perceived.

Previously he has served Bethany as an Advisory Council member and in helping coordinate Fun Fest. A member at Clinton Frame Mennonite Church, David has served as Finance Committee chair, Oversight Board member, and a caring ministry leader. He and his wife Cindy (Bontrager '82) have four children: Allison ('06), Mitch ('08), Kevin ('13), and Abigail (grade 4).

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"I believe deeply that Christian education can significantly influence youth to be tuned to hear God's call to Christian vocations. I am witness to that in my own life. Our world is in need of competent people who are faithful followers of Jesus. Bethany Christian Schools has a wonderful opportunity to participate in the mission of God as each teacher integrates faith into the curriculum," says Rachel Lehman Stoltzfus, associate senior executive in Human Resources for Mennonite Mission Network.

Rachel is a member of Forks Mennonite Church, where her husband Eldon serves as pastor. Theyare the parents of three adult children: Dan ('92), Phil ('94), and Belinda.

Faculty-Staff

Elizabeth Martin



A 2003 Bethany grad, Elizabeth is part-time special needs tutor in the high school. She graduated with a B.A. in business in May 2007 from Goshen College and is now enrolled in the transition-to-teaching program. Elizabeth brings strength in mathematics and keen interest in relating to students. She has also coached middle school girls soccer at Bethany in recent years. A member at Olive Mennonite Church, she now attends LifeSpring Community Church, where she serves as a junior high youth leader.

Scott Richer



Scott Richer brings a blend of passionate commitment to Mennonite education and advancement experience to his role as advancement director.

Having grown up on a farm near Archbold, Ohio, Scott attended Hesston College for two years and then Bowling Green State University where he earned a B.Sc. in Business Administration in 1991, focusing on marketing and sales. After five years as joint owner of a cellular phone business, Scott received an invitation to join the Hesston College development office. Since he had come to believe passionately in Mennonite education while a student at Hesston, Scott experienced this invitation as a call to apply his business skills to further the cause of Mennonite education for the church. He served in that office for seven years, most recently as vice president of development.

Scott and his wife Michelle have three children: Laken ('13), Noah (grade 4), and Mason (grade 1). They have been active members of the Whitestone Mennonite Church in Hesston, where he served as an elder and Sunday school teacher.

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Barb Slagel



Barb Slagel, who has been part of the Bethany community as a parent and frequent accompanist for music groups, is the instrumental music teacher.

Holding a B.Sc. and M.B.A., Barb has worked primarily in business settings, most recently working in a managerial capacity at Mennonite Mutual Aid. However, she brings extensive background in music as an avocation—excelling at the French horn and piano—and has participated in and led choirs, instrumental ensembles, and worship teams in church settings. A number of years ago, Barb determined to prepare for teaching music and is well underway in a program at Goshen College towards earning a music major and licensure for teaching. Barb believes in the importance of Mennonite education and is excited at the prospect of teaching instrumental music at Bethany.

Barb is a member of East Goshen Mennonite Church, where her husband Steve serves as pastor. They have three children Carrie ('07), Luke ('09), and Andrew ('12).

Robin Yoder



Robin Yoder, who has been part of the Bethany community as a parent and board member (a position she has now relinquished), began in August as receptionist.

She and her husband Kevin are members of Pleasant View Mennonite Church, where she has served as lay ministry coordinator for the past six years—helping people discover their gifts and find a fulfilling place of ministry within the church. Robin brings organizational, computer, and office skills along with a strong commitment to the church and Christian education. All three of her children attend Bethany: Nicole ('08), Katie ('09), and Cody ('12).

Campus News

New Programs Developed

Bethany has implemented two new programs this year. The Leadership Development Program (bethanycs.net/leadership) is a formal process for faculty to identify, nurture, and evaluate leadership skills in high school students. The Ophelia Project (bethanycs.net/Ophelia_Project) is an initiative to help middle school youth build respectful and compassionate relationships as they figure out who they are and how they fit in with their peers.

Calendar

October

26 Fish Fry, 4:30-8 p.m.

November

6 GC Fall Choir Festival, 7:30 p.m.

15-18 HS Musical: ***Godspell*** (see page 4)

December

7 HS Christmas Concert, 7:30 p.m., GC Sauder Concert Hall

11 MS Christmas Concert, 7 p.m.

January

5 Alumni Night

Admissions Calendar

Visit Day for prospective students: Monday, Nov. 12

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Campus News

News Online

Check current news and campus highlights at bethanycs.net.

See also:

Spanish Summer Language Trip photo and stories available at bethanycs.net/academics/spanish_trip.

Girls Soccer Shines at Cross Country Meet: a story of respect and sportsmanship at bethanycs.net/node/15321.

SAT Scores Impressive

SAT average scores for Bethany's class of 2007 easily surpassed averages for state, national, and local area schools. Bethany's average score of 1,724 was 237 points higher than the state average and 213 points higher than the national average. "What really makes these scores impressive," says guidance counselor Jim Buller, "is the high percentage of our students who take the SAT each year. These averages reflect a wide spectrum of learning abilities: from the academically gifted to the academically challenged." See bethanycs.net/SAT_2007.

Godspell

An ensemble cast performs this lively and creative retelling of the teachings of Christ based on the Gospel of Matthew.

Four Performances
November 15-18, 2007

Tickets
$8 for adults • $6 for students
Reservations begin Oct. 29
Call 574 534-2567

Alumni Revise Website

Thanks primarily to the efforts of two alumni, Tim Nafziger ('99) and Eric Meyer ('00), Bethany has a newly-designed website: bethanycs.net. In addition to a new look, the site was designed for easier navigation, in part through the use of drop-down menus.

Specific audiences such as alumni or prospective students can access information that pertains to them through portal links on the home page. For example, in the **Alumni and Friends portal**, alumni can find information on class reunions, donate online, and request transcripts online through Indiana etranscript (class of '98 and following). David Glick ('03) modified the alumni locater, which will allow alumni to register in the locater and search for other alumni.

"It was fun to help an organization that helped me get where I am. I know the mission, the brand, and the community quite well, so it felt like a good fit." —Eric Meyer ('00)



Students and families interested in exploring Bethany can learn about Bethany in the **Prospective Students portal** and find information regarding a campus visit, tuition and financial assistance, and key dates in the application process. Students can fill out an online application. Application and general information on the school are also available online in Spanish.



"It was exciting to work with Bethany to create a new website that enables them to more effectively share their vision for education." —Tim Nafziger ('99)

New features in the **Current Students and Parents portal** provide additional useful tools for parents and students and enhance school-home communication. In early September the media center's online catalog of its main collection was completed and now can be searched online. While parents and students already can access grades online through a secure login, plans are to implement eClasses, which will integrate additional class information and provide exciting new ways for communication among teachers, parents, and students. In October parents should be able to access their student's meal account online to make secure deposits and view all transactions. Parents and students may continue to access daily announcements and lunch menus and download key documents such as handbooks and exam schedules.

Births

Darla (Schumm '83) and Jonathan **Harris**, Roanoke, Va., son Henry Elisha, June 24.

Laura (Yoder '92) and Jason **Moshier**, Indianapolis, Ind., son Landon Peter, June 5.

Julie (Landis '95) and Marc **Smith**, Loveland, Colo., daughter Adria Emerson, June 4.

Monica (Reinford '95) and Shawn Stutzman, Goshen, son David Matthew, June 21. Lorraine (Sommers '69) Reinford is grandmother.

Nick ('98) and Jennifer **Clark**, Elkhart, son Brayden Jarrell-Michael, June 8.

Josh ('04) and Elyse **Graber**, Middlebury, Ind., daughter Lucia Isabel, June 14. Grandmother is Cathy (Miller '77) Graber and great-grandmother is Eunice (Troyer Miller '59) Chupp.

Ryan (F'00-02) and Nisha **Springer**, Elkhart, Ind., daughter Anika Dipti, June 21.

Deaths

Mildred (Bontrager '46) Wideman, Parkhill, Ont., Aug. 26. She is survived by her husband David.

Marriages

Jon Yoder ('70) and Leanna Bontrager, Goshen, July 28. They both work at Mennonite Mutual Aid.

Tony Hartman ('98) and **Tara Plank ('02)**, Goshen, Aug. 4.

Kara Westerbeek ('98) and Kevin Zook, Richmond, Va., May 12.

Sara Lederach ('99) and Cassady Feasby, Nashville, Tenn, July 28.

Bess Steury ('99) and Joel Daly, Charlottesville, Va., July 21.

Erin Wentorf ('99) and Eric Lance, Denver, Colo., July 21.

Jennifer Gingrich ('01) and Kevin Myers, Indianapolis, Ind., Aug. 18.

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Alumni Entering Service

Landon Yoder ('99), Saint Lucia (Caribbean), Peace Corps, integrated community development.

Jeff Bauman ('03), LaJara, Colo., Mennonite Voluntary Service (MVS) program of Mennontie Mission Network (MMN), small business advisor.

Kristine Bowman ('03), Tucson, Ariz., MVS, home repair worker serving low-income households.

Julia Gingrich ('03), Egypt, Serving and Learning Together (SALT) program of Mennonite Central Committee (MCC), living and working in a Coptic Orthodox retreat center in a desert region northwest of Cairo.

David Glick ('03), Seattle, Wash., MVS, helping environmental groups meet their technological needs.

Mimi Hollinger-Janzen ('05), Swaziland, SALT, working with two AIDS education and outreach programs. Read about her experience at swazimimi.blogspot.com.

Anthony Fizer ('07), Elkhart, Ind., Envirocorps.

Hans Hess ('07), Albany, Ore. Service Adventure (MMN), working with Habitat for Humanity.

Stephanie Hollenberg ('07), Reaching and Discipling (MMN) team to Sweden and Northern Ireland.

Nathan Hostetter ('07), Johnstown, Pa., Service Adventure, maintenance and dining services.

Rebecca Martin ('07), Germany, Intermenno Trainee Program (MCC).

Kirsten Miller ('07), Venezuela, Youth Evangelism Service (Eastern Mennonite Missions).

Carrie Slagel ('07), Albuquerque, N.M., Service Adventure, homeless shelter worker.

Matthew Thomas ('07), Anchorage, Alaska, Service Adventure, Bureau of Land Management worker.



Bethany continues to provide opportunities for students to learn the value of serving others as they grow in and express their faith. Above, Margaret Plank ('10) participates in a MCC environmental learning tour as part of a Bethany Interterm group in April 2007. Students talk about their experience in an MCC podcast at bethanycs.net/interterm/appalachia.

Serving at Amigo Centre

Eleven Bethany students or alumni served as summer staff at Amigo Centre, Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference's camp and retreat center:

Maggie Baldridge ('07)
Ben Barwick ('05)
Jonna Buller ('06)
Charity Grimes ('05)
Bryan Kauffman ('04)
Maya Kehr ('06)
Kelsie Miller ('06)
Darin Schwartzentruber ('06)
Carrie Slagel ('07)
Luke Slagel ('09)
Alisha Snyder ('09).

Additionally, **Tara (Plank '02) Hartman** completed more than one year of voluntary service as outdoor/environmental education and program assistant, and **Erin Bontrager ('00)** works as marketing and events coordinator.

Alumni News

Ministry Inquiry

Six alumni pursued ministry interests by participating in summer inquiry programs of Goshen College and Mennonite Church USA.

Serving congregations were **Sara Becker-Hoover ('05)**, College Mennonite, Goshen; **Jessica Buller ('04)**, Menonita del Cordero, Brownsville, Tex.; **Nathan Grieser ('05)**, East Goshen Mennonite; and **Peter Koontz ('04)**, Oxford Circle Mennonite, Philadelphia, Pa.

Serving in outdoor ministry settings were **Paul Boers ('05)**, Silver Lake Mennonite Camp, Hepworth, Ont., and **Charity Grimes ('05)**, Amigo Centre, Sturgis, Mich. Read about Jessica's experiences at www.goshen.edu/b/l/mip-jessica and Charity's experience at www.goshen.edu/b/l/cip-charity.

Marriages continued from page 5

Becci Steury ('01) and Matthew Anderson, Tampa, Fla., Sept. 2.

Crystal Wentorf ('01) and Mike Schmucker, Goshen, June 23.

Katrina Gingerich ('02) and Joseph Williams, Goshen, Aug. 4

Gabe Baker ('03) and **Bethany Bauman ('03)**, Goshen, June 16.

Annerose Leichty ('03) and **Joel Lederman ('04)**, Middlebury, Ind., June 16.

Sarah Roth ('03) and Luke Mullet, Harrisonburg, Va., Aug. 11. She works at James Madison University.

Rachael Yoder ('98) and Matt Jarvis, Leland, N.C., June 16.

Breanna Baldridge ('05) and Mike Sauerwein, Goshen, Aug. 5.

Kurt Evans ('05) and Lana Hartman, Elkhart, Ind., June 23.

Joy Houser (F'05-) and Ben Metcalf, Goshen, June 23.

Notes

Elmer ('58) and **Mary (Mullett '60) Stutzman** sold their plumbing and heating business in Goshen and moved to Sarasota, Fla., where Mary bought a massage therapy business—she has practiced since 1986.

Dana ('62) and **Donna (Troyer '60) Sommers**, Sturgis, Mich., have retired from 29 years of serving in church camps. Dana now works at MennoHof and Donna volunteers in a kindergarten class.

Roger Gingerich ('70), Steinbach, Man., is executive director of the Christian Medical and Dental Society.

Randy Stutzman ('70), president of Stutzman Motor Sales in Goshen, was selected Indiana's 2007 Quality Dealer of the Year. As a member of CARS, he allows mechanics to use company facilities and equipment to repair cars for lower-income motorists.

Elaine (Helmuth '75) Jarvis, Goshen, became a Benedictine oblate in May.



The **class of '72** met Aug. 11 at the Old Bag Factory in Goshen: (front) Max Beck, Joan (Bennett) Yoder, Connie (Beall) Graber, Gail (Kaufman) Brumbaugh, Maribeth (Diener) Friesen, Karen Stichter, Rose (Stutzman) Baldridge, Barb Nelson Gingerich, Glenda (Myers) Ascencio; (middle) Howard Friesen, Ernie Christner, Miriam Miller, Beth Snyder, Cecelia (Hooley) Wyse, Darlene (Bontrager) Fanning, Liz (Bender) Buhl, Sandy (Troyer) Clark, Jeff Chupp, Judy (Davidhizar) Holmes, Lynn Miller; (back) Paul Sudermann, Arlen King, Mike Stutzman, Phil Shenk, Lavern Beachy, Cliff Brubaker, Dave Bauman, Don Mishler, Ron Gingerich, Richard Harder.



The **class of '77** met Aug. 11 at Eby Pines Restaurant, Bristol, Ind.: (front) Deb Hershberger, Marcella Hershberger, Anna Mast, Betts (Helmuth) McFarren; (middle) Wes Bontreger, Brian Nunemaker, Gloria (Steiner) Hood, Teresa (Chupp) Cripe, Judy (Hollinger) Bontrager, Mable (Bontrager) Mendoza, Rich Yoder, Anita Martin, Becky (Maust) Schwartzentruber, Dave Schwartzentruber; (back) Mike Metzler, Marlin Lambright, Don Bontrager, Paul Hochstetler, Kevin Hochstetler, Philip Metzler, Keith Miller, Grant Maust, Mike Slabaugh.

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Anita (Graber '77) Miller, Boyne City, Mich., is pursuing a master's degree in counseling.

Bob Kehr ('77), Davis, Calif., is now director of technology for the local school district.

Carmela Reyes ('77) moved from Chicago to Middlebury, Ind. two years ago and has purchased The Loop, a consignment shop.

Gary Chupp ('87) was selected in June as men's basketball coach at Goshen College. Previously, he coached at Bethel College, North Newton, Kan., where his teams won conference championships in 1999 and 2003 and he was named coach-of-the-year.

Judy Clemens ('87), Bluffton, Ohio, has published *The Day Will Come*, her fourth book in the Stella Crown mystery series.

Thomas Shenk ('87), Newark, N.J, has worked as a consultant in Pricewaterhouse Coopers Investigations practice since 1997. In his spare time he enjoys carpentry, ceramics, soccer and travel—and attended the 2006 World Cup in Germany.

Aaron Sawatzky-Kingsley ('92), Goshen, educates school groups and city residents about environmental issues and the importance of trees as city forester.

Jim Strouse ('95) won the Waldo Salt screenwriting award for "Grace is Gone" at the 2007 Sundance Film Festival Awards.

Joel Bontrager ('01) and **Seth Yoder ('01)** are joint owner-operators of Crystal Valley Computers, a new business they started in Middlebury, Ind.

Jonny Meyer ('04) interned this summer with the Mennonite Central Committee Liaison to the United Nations in New York City. Meyer and classmate **Peter Koontz ('04)** are co-recipients of the 2007-08 Willard and Verna Smith U.S. History Scholarship.

Alumni Reunions

The **class of '62** met Aug. 11-12 at the Farmstead Inn, Shipshewana, Ind., for an informal time of sharing and remembering.

The **class of '97** met Aug. 3 at Il Forno Restaurant, Goshen. Twenty class members (and seven children) attended this time of informal sharing and rekindling of friendships.



The **class of '82** met Aug. 10 at Bethany and Aug. 11 at Cindy (Bontrager) Hawkins' home: (front) Stacy (Haines) Krahn, Carmen Hopkins, Linda (Dintaman) Martin, Jenny (Miller) Hooley, Cindy (Bontrager) Hawkins; (middle) Lee Leatherman, Donna (Parcell) Leatherman, Susan (Graber) Detweiler, Cheryl (Miller) Beachey, Ron Schmucker, Joann (McElmurry) Elder; (back) Tony King, Mark Beachy, Doug Bontrager, Carey Miller, Sherwyn Smeltzer.



The **class of '87** met Aug. 11 at Bethany for a school tour, games, and socializing: (front) Marlis (Farmwald) Chupp, Lois Hochstetler, Doug Friesen, Thomas Shenk; (middle) Julie Hochstetler, Todd Miller, Teresa (Troyer) Eby, Gail (Eash) Schrock, Phil Lapp; (back) Dan Diener, Jeremy Kropf, Dave Wert, Lynda Nyce, Brian Kilmer.

From the Principal

Allan Dueck



In March of this year, as part of Bethany's two-year self-study and strategic planning process, some 55 representatives of the school community gathered for eight hours of visioning. The goal was to discern the essential ingredients of Bethany's *foundation documents*—mission statement, core values, graduate profile, and parameters.

Quite appropriately, the language of these documents sounds a little different in that it reflects today's way of speaking. Nevertheless, the understandings that shaped Bethany's identity and mission during the school's first fifty years remain central. Of the four core values, the first is *Christ-centered education*: "Integrating faith and learning from a Mennonite perspective that highlights discipleship, peaceable living, and service, we invite each student to engage in a personal faith journey."

As this issue of the *Bulletin* richly illustrates, this core value is alive and well at Bethany now, early in the 21st century. Of the 48 seniors who graduated from Bethany in May of this year, eight are entering directly into a service assignment. One is serving with *Reaching and Discipling (RAD)*, one with *Intermenno*, one with *Envirocorp*, one with *Youth Evangelism Service (YES)*, and four with *Service Adventure*. Notably, most of these students do very well academically, are planning to attend college in a year or two, and in fact are deferring scholarship dollars until then to make time for Christian service.

As you see on the alumni pages, quite a number of recent Bethany alumni are preparing to serve the church and/or already serving—six participated in summer Ministry Inquiry programs of Mennonite Church USA, eleven served as summer camp staff at Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference's Amigo Centre, and six are engaged in Christian service assignments in national and international settings.

Grounded in Mennonite values, Bethany equips students for discipleship and service in places of need—in the name of Christ. In chapels and Bible classes and from teachers' first-hand experiences, students hear and read about others who have chosen service as an important expression of their faith. School-wide service days, class-related service opportunities, and *Interterm* offerings inspire students with the value and joy of serving others.

Indeed, the commitments of the many current students and alumni whom we celebrate in this issue underscore Bethany's significant role in enabling young people to own a vision for following Christ that places priority on serving those in need.

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