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WE HAVE A BELL CHIME, but no ivory tower at Manchester. Students here and across the nation found it harder to pay their tuition this fall. The lingering recession has diminished families’ savings and for some, has led to unemployment and underemployment. Some families’ mortgages are under water, their borrowing power weakened.

MU is not isolated from these challenges. Several who wanted to be in our first-year class this fall could not attend because even with substantial financial aid, they could not pay anything.

How are we responding? Our financial aid programs optimize support for students. The SALT program (of nonprofit American Student Assistance) provides our students with expert advice about loan consolidation, payment options, personal finance and more.

We are offering three sections of the Financial Responsibility course this fall, and they are all full. It is dismaying how many students never consider the difference between “needs” and “wants.” In my annual convocation about students’ finances, I encourage them to reflect their values in the ways they allocate their money.

After one such talk, a junior handed me her credit card – chopped into pieces. I have a stack of Get a Financial Life books, and students stop by to ask for one – for free, of course. After all, they are students!

Many of you have helped us with your monetary gifts to Manchester. Last year, we gave $17.5 million in financial support to students, with only $800,000 of that from earnings provided by endowed scholarships. Most came from our own allocations, student tuition and your gifts. Students’ needs always exceed what we can give them.

Manchester is not an ivy-covered sanctuary, protected from economic pressures. It is a place where we grapple with tough financial challenges and work together to find healthy solutions so our students can learn.

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BCA Study Abroad
A 50-year learning journey around the globe, with Manchester on board at first sail

IT WAS 1962.

That was when 25 students from the U.S. Brethren colleges headed for classes in Marburg, Germany. Brethren Colleges Abroad was embarking on a 50-year journey that would take 10,000 students to 27 study sites and countless side trips and adventures for a semester, a summer, a year.

Manchester and its students (eight that first sailing) have traveled every leg of the journey, as have several faculty members. Professor Allen Deeter ’53 and President A. Blair Helman are credited with helping to pull what now is called BCA Study Abroad from the brink of financial disaster in the mid-70s. Helga Zwerner ’72 Walsh was Deeter’s “right hand” for 22 years. Bev Sayers ’69 Eikenberry worked with Deeter in the ’90s, traveling from college to college to promote the program.

The BCA Study Abroad goal: to help students understand the complexities of the modern-day world by engaging them with “ideas that matter” around the globe. Academic excellence, global understanding, peace and justice thread the fabric of the program.
Through the years, many non-Brethren colleges and universities joined the ticket abroad. About 70 schools send students today. In the early years, Dean Earl Garver ’33 led administration of BCA. In 1978, Greg Hastings, MC education associate professor, opened the Cheltenham, England site for 45 students. Manchester religion Professor Kendall Rogers ’72 and German Professor Ingrid Rogers accompanied BCA students to China. Ed ’56 and Martha Showalter ’56 Miller traveled to Sapporo, Japan.

Different sites offer very different experiences, with students’ language skills and majors playing heavily in their destinations. Greece is ideal for business students, while Northern Ireland offers outstanding lessons in peace studies. Spanish majors lean toward Spain and Ecuador.

John Knarr ’64 was a member of Manchester’s “original eight” in 1962, spending 13 months in Europe, studying German literature and European history at Marburg University and the Free University of Berlin. “I hitchhiked through Germany and Switzerland; took trains to Paris, Italy and Sicily; traveled in Eastern Europe and through Russia; attended operas; visited museums, cathedrals and archeological sites. I was in Berlin when President Kennedy visited in 1963, and I have my own tape recording of his ‘Ich bin ein Berliner’ speech.”

This fall, 18 Manchester students are with BCA Study Abroad in Ireland, Ecuador, Spain, France, England, India, China and Germany, says Thelma Rohrer ’84, MU director of international studies and a 1982-83 BCA Marburg alumna. Their majors are diverse, too: biology, peace studies, education, psychology, accounting, marketing, religion, Spanish, chemistry, English, art and French.

The now extremely fluent Beth Allen ’03 DuBois says language played a huge role in her experience and in how her year in Marburg, Germany changed her life. “It’s incredibly humbling to lose your eloquence, to be heckled by the neighbor kids for your utter failure to speak as well as they do. It’s freeing, though, too, to shed the rules and expectations of your close-knit community and try on those of another culture for size.”

While abroad, Manchester BCAers often visit each other to share tourism of their countries and to see a familiar face, especially over the holidays.
Rooted in the values of peace and justice, BCA promotes international understanding, awareness of global citizenship and academic scholarship through educational exchange.

– MISSION STATEMENT of BCA Study Abroad

ABOVE: Keyana Fitzpatrick ’13, a social work major, receives an elephant blessing during her BCA studies in Chennai, India in spring 2012.

ABOVE LEFT: While studying with BCA in Ecuador, education major Kathryn Miller ’13 gathered experience teaching English to these students at a rural public school in Tumbaco, where she also did service in a soup kitchen. Her main assignment was at a private school in Quito.

Jagger ’03 visited Beth and Rose Burkholder ’04 Waichigo in Germany, for example.

“Studying in England gave me invaluable experience of not only being on my own, but being on my own in a place completely foreign to me,” says Carson McFadden ’13, an English major from Elgin, Ill.

“It was an incredible learning experience – in the classroom as well as through all of the people I met. I was learning even down to the simplest everyday things, like going to the grocery store, meeting with a teacher or going out to eat.

“Without study abroad being so accessible at Manchester, I’m not sure I would have ever had the chance to do something so incredible for five months.”

Although every destination offers a unique experience, each is a life-changer, agree BCA alumni. “This kind of approach develops an intellectual peripheral vision and a trans-disciplinary global education,” says Michael Monahan, president of BCA Study Abroad.

“I was able to draw upon the memorable BCA
BCA changes lives – take my word for it

AS THE DAUGHTER of a former travel agent and a well-traveled businessman, I caught a sense of global awareness early on. The opportunity to spend January abroad influenced my decision to come to Manchester. But after a January in Spain as a freshman and another in London and Paris as a sophomore, I wanted more.

A spring semester in BCA and Quito, Ecuador was the perfect solution. There, I could spend one weekend on the beach in Salinas, the next hiking around the mountain of Cotopaxi, and the following examining the biodiversity the Amazon Rainforest or the Galapagos Islands. I still sometimes think it was all a dream.

But really, my coursework was the focus of my time in Ecuador. Not only did my classes push me beyond my comfort zone, I experienced as an education major what educational systems are like in a very different culture.

My friendships with Ecuadorian students and other exchange students challenged me with perspectives difficult to discuss in small-town Indiana. Conversations with my host family had me analyzing my identity and culture from a different perspective.

I think that my head was spinning the entire semester. Probably, Ecuador has been one of the most challenging experiences of my life. I recognized that my education is not in my coursework but rather is the composite of my experiences.

BY KATHRYN MILLER ’13
**“I can hardly imagine my life apart from those BCA experiences.”**

MY FIRST ENCOUNTER with the larger world 32 years ago was as a Manchester BCA student in Germany, and that experience has had a profound and lasting effect on both my personal and my professional life, opening doors that at the time I didn’t even know existed.

And now as a professor, I see this same effect on students who recently have been abroad. They return to Manchester more aware of themselves, more aware of what is possible in their lives, and often with a completely new set of aims and interests. These are typically among our very best students.

It’s hard to overstate the importance of these overseas experiences.

I had never been abroad before then. I signed up for the full year, the norm back then, for 1980-81. There were nearly 20 or so of us at Marburg, about half from Manchester – me, Joel McFadden ’81, Krista Hamer ’82 Schweer, Kay Spangler ’83x Ashcraft, Anna Snyder ’83, Bob Cooper ’82, Lisa Miller ’82 and all three Deeter boys (Michael ’80, Dan ’82, Dave ’84). Al ’53 and Joan George ’53 Deeter were the site directors.

Perhaps most significantly for me, Pam Higgins, a student at McPherson College, decided to study in Marburg that year. We fell in love, married two years later, had babies and returned to Marburg as often as our schedules allowed. (Ed. Note: Dr. Higgins has a family practice at Manchester Clinic, next door to MU.)

I stayed in Marburg for two years as a student, my second year as a normal university student.

I can hardly imagine my life apart from those BCA experiences. I would have become a very different person with an entirely different life. Marburg quickly became a second home to me, and now is something like a second home to our three children. I would not have developed the language and philosophical skills that got me into graduate studies at Notre Dame.

My entire professional career is premised on my having been there, where most of my Kant research began at the Kant Archive. Until you immerse yourself in someone else’s culture, you will have a hard time understanding your own, or even being aware of it.

BY STEVE NARAGON ’82, professor of philosophy
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“Sometimes, the more things change, the more they stay the same.”

IMAGINE you are Manchester University.

What kind of car would you drive?

• Ford
• Volkswagen
• BMW
• Subaru
• Smart Car
ABOVE: Balmy weather draws student collaborations on the North Manchester campus mall. From left: Kelsey Monce ’15, Ashlea Nash ’15 and Abbey Neff ’15.

ABOVE CENTER: Members of the Holl family enjoyed a tour of the Academic Center, the former Holl-Kintner Hall of Science. From left: John Holl ’60, Louise Holl ’48 Weldy, Carl Holl ’54 and Donna Holl.

ABOVE RIGHT: Pharmacy student Chandani Modh ’16, poses for a photo after the White Coat Ceremony, held on the North Manchester campus.

What kind of restaurant would you choose?
• someplace new
• an old favorite
• takeout
• where service is best
• an exotic cuisine

Responses to these questions, and scores of others, help Manchester’s marketing team tell the University’s story. The car of choice was a Smart Car: We’re green and people notice that.

The restaurant was a tie between new and exotic: We like to try new things and value global experiences.

The Big Takeaway from this survey of alumni, students and employees: Manchester University is conscientious, and environmentally and globally aware. And MU students have opportunities to learn those values.

But which Manchester? That one on the new Fort Wayne campus or the 124-year-old liberal arts school 45 minutes away? The College of memory or the more complex University of today? All of the above.

“We’re bigger but the same,” say MU administrators, and that’s true on many levels. Classes at the College of Pharmacy are small, just as they have been at Manchester for generations. Smallness in size means faculty and staff interact with the students, know their strengths and celebrate their achievements long after they graduate.

And service, of course – the Manchester legacy of its Church of the Brethren roots – stretching throughout both campuses. Service is a requirement of much of the coursework as MU demonstrates the wealth of ways individuals and teamwork can make a difference in the lives of others.
Manchester’s nationally acclaimed Center for Service Opportunities has identified more than 100 new sites for the Fort Wayne area, available for all students, faculty and staff. The latest Manchester volunteer guide that now serves both campuses has more than tripled in size, to 70 pages from 20.

Just like the Smart Car, “green” also is defining Manchester University. The transformed Holl-Kintner Science Hall that is now the Academic Center is more energy-efficient. As a result, other North Manchester campus buildings are greener, too.

Using the tunnel system under the mall, Manchester tied HVAC service not only to the Academic Center, but also to Cordier Auditorium, the Union and Science Center – all in one underground loop. A new “super high-efficiency boiler” and a heat recovery chiller installed in the Science Center augment three old-tech boilers. “The most energy-efficient source will always be the first to carry the heating and cooling loads,” explains Gary Heckman ’02, MU heat systems supervisor.

The Fort Wayne campus was designed “green,” right down to its 15 parking spaces restricted to energy-efficient vehicles.

The pharmacy program and Fort Wayne campus are so technologically advanced, MU is the envy of other Pharm.D. programs. Pharmacy students take their tests online, follow along with faculty lectures online and do all of their papers online. The Information Technology Service (ITS) team serves both campuses, ready to bring lessons and technology they have learned in Fort Wayne back to North Manchester.

It’s a sure thing that Manchester University will continue to become more complex, say its leaders. The WE ARE U continued on page 15
A more-complex institution; not just a name change

IT’S BEEN A BUSY summer and fall as Manchester adapts to its new complexity as a University with two campuses and a new professional doctoral program:

- Changed our name to University.
- Moved into a new $20 million Fort Wayne campus designed especially for pharmacy study and research, and for connecting with the northeast Indiana community.
- Embarked on a Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) professional degree program with a first class of 64 students.
- Welcomed Manchester’s largest student enrollment since the Vietnam Era (1,345).
- Moved 59 faculty offices across campus into a new $9.2 million Academic Center, and moved dozens of other offices into many of the newly vacated spaces.
- Increased the total raised for the Students First! campaign to $80,368,086.
- Dedicated two new buildings.
- Welcomed one of the largest crowds in recent history to Homecoming 2012.
non-residential Fort Wayne campus is designed especially for the more mature doctoral pharmacy student, and also for expansion. MU leaders are considering professional certifications, other graduate degrees and online programs that draw on the strengths of the Manchester curriculum, faculty and reputation.

“We made changes this year that affected many people – the name change, addition of a new campus, start of the Pharmacy program, implementation of a tobacco-free campus policy, addition of two new buildings, redesign of our parking, and much more,” President Jo Young ’69 Switzer told the Board of Trustees at its fall meeting.

“We challenges are not new at Manchester University, and our strengths are similar to the ones that helped Manchester at the turn into the 20th century.”

– PRESIDENT JO YOUNG ’69 SWITZER

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Challenges are not new at Manchester University, and our strengths are similar to the ones that helped Manchester at the turn into the 20th century. We still have a strong faculty, motivated students, and a sufficient, but not extravagant, campus,” President Switzer said.

“Sometimes, the more things change, the more they stay the same.”
“The pharmacy profession is watching. You will set the bar.”

KATHRYN SNYDER ‘16 is a northeast Indiana native who has worked as a pharmacy technician in both the retail and hospital settings. She has high expectations.

Hong Dao ’16 comes from a family of pharmacists and knows her way around the retail side of the profession. She thrives on multi-tasking.

Jacob D. Clendenen ’16 is older than most MU students, with nearly 15 years in community pharmacy and a family of his own. His sights are on pharmacy management that nurtures patient care.

Andrea Hopper ’16 is a product of Manchester’s pre-pharmacy undergraduate program. Her Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) degree in four years will set her on track for more study, residencies and research.
Manchester’s first 64 pharmacy students comprise the most-diverse class in its history. Many – as state and area economic development leaders hoped for – are Hoosiers. Yet 16 other states across the nation also are home to these students.

- 44 percent are Asian, African-American, Latino or Pacific Islander
- 20 to 41 is their age range, averaging a mature (or swiftly maturing) 25
- 56 percent are women
- 71 percent have degrees already (two have master’s degrees)
- 7 are former Manchester University students

“As the first pharmacy class at Manchester, you will set the bar,” Indiana Sen. Ron Grooms, a registered pharmacist and former drugstore owner, challenged MU’s first pharmacy students at an August ceremony that set them on their four-year path to a Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) degree.

“The pharmacy profession is watching,” Sen. Grooms said. “Employers, graduate schools and residency programs will compare the first Manchester graduates to graduates from Butler, Purdue and other colleges of pharmacy across the country.”

Jacob Clendenen faces the challenge with the confidence of experience in the field. He is a pharmacy tech trainer for CVS. “I am looking forward to being and setting an example for future classes in the role of pharmacy,” says the Fort Wayne resident, who with his wife is raising a 6½-year-old and a 5-year-old.

Right now, the students spend most of their school day in the classroom or lab on the new Fort Wayne campus – learning the basics, getting comfortable with their faculty mentors and study teams, and learning how to study at the graduate level.

They are intense, very intense.

“I spend all my free time studying. It has taken over my life,” says Class President Kathryn Snyder. But don’t think for a minute that she is complaining. “Everything I learn is relevant to patient care. To be a competent pharmacist, it’s important to learn and retain as much information as I can.”

Classes in pharmaceutics, communications in pharmacy practice, biomedical sciences, drug information and labs fill this semester. Later curriculums cover patient safety, gastrointestinal care, nutrition and much more.

Gradually, their lessons will become more personal, with interactions and experiences with patients.

“Experientials” is what pharmacy students and faculty call these very structured internships under the guidance of scores and scores of area pharmacy practitioners.

They’ll begin in the community pharmacy setting this winter, but throughout their MU careers, they’ll also have opportunities in managed care, marketing, distribution, research, poison control and toxicology.

“We’re ahead of pace on applications. We are confident we will fill our next class of 70 students.”

- GREG HETRICK ’05, director of student services
“I JUST WANTED TO SHARE the good news with you, that I had the research from my graduate work recently accepted for publication …”

It’s a common thread in e-mails at the College of Pharmacy: this one from Mary Kiersma, director of assessment. Her peer-reviewed article, “A Graduate Student Mentoring Program to Develop Interest in Research,” recently was published in American Journal of Pharmaceutical Education.

The journal Neurotoxicology plans to publish a research article of Swati Betharia, assistant professor of pharmaceutical sciences. She wrote to her MU colleagues: “I’d like to thank you for your encouragement and support to all our research faculty. Hopefully, in the near future we will be able to produce many more publications based directly on research here ...”

That’s the plan, and why Manchester designed great research facilities into its pharmacy campus.

“We have ample and significant laboratory space to conduct basic and applied biomedical science research with the potential to serve as a major hub for pharmacy education in the entire region,” says MU toxicology specialist Sidhartha Ray, who has 28 years of academic experience and national awards in pharmacy research and teaching.

Ahmed Abdelmageed, associate director of experiential education, created a webinar, “Islam and Caring for the Muslim Patient,” for the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy.

The August issue of Pharmacotherapy contains research by Trent Towne, associate professor of pharmacy practice (infectious diseases).

Rob Beckett, who manages the MU Drug Information Center, co-authored research calling for pharmacist oversight in managing inpatient medications. The article appeared in The Annals of Pharmacotherapy.

The Drug Information Center fields research requests about patient medication and drugs from northeast Indiana health care practices. Its primary users are MU College of Pharmacy faculty and students.
organizations, government agencies, home infusion, administration, radiopharmaceuticals, and, of course, academia.

“Our graduates are going to have real-life experiences,” says Tracy Brooks, assistant professor of pharmacy practice whose expertise (and clinical practice) is in hospice and palliative care. “They will be learning how to talk with patients, how to interact with patients.”

That’s important in this new age of pharmacy. In “real life,” Brooks, for example, uses her pharmaceutical expertise to manage the challenging symptoms of end-of-life: the nausea, the depression, the insomnia, the pain, the anorexia, the anxiety.

Her day begins with 7 a.m. rounds at Parkview Regional Medical Center, visible from the College of Pharmacy. She serves on palliative care teams that set goals for care. She has conversations with patients and their families about “where do we go from here,” and assists them with their decisions.

Then, she’s on the MU campus, teaching cultural communication, non-verbal communication, and that “you can make a difference not only in how people live, but in how they die. Here’s how.”

“We are learning in a format that has patient care at the center,” says Snyder, who has retail and hospital pharmacy technician experience and is “leaning toward” intensive care practice. “We are learning now information that would be reserved for the second or third years in other (Pharm.D.) programs. We are building our skills from the beginning.”

“I am most excited for next year, when we will be in a hospital setting. That is where I probably will end up after pharmacy school,” says Hopper, but she’s keeping an open mind. She likes the process: “I think it helps expose me to other atmospheres that a pharmacist can be a part of, and who knows, maybe I will just fall in love with something else!”

While students are adapting to the intensity and rigor of professional doctoral-level study, their teachers are facing daunting challenges, too: a new generation of technically advanced – and demanding – students.

And, much smaller classrooms and lecture halls than these faculty members studied in at their alma maters.
Manchester’s pharmacy program is designed for an optimum class of 70 students, with its largest lecture hall totaling 140 seats. “At Purdue, we had 700 students in our pre-pharmacy class,” recalls Brooks.

“This building has already proven to be an exceptional working and learning environment,” says Whitney Caudill, associate dean for administration and finance who also teaches pharmacy law and ethics. “The building design gives our students classrooms designed specifically for integrated and collaborative learning, study and working together on projects in teams.”

Dao is a big fan of MU’s pharmacy technology on the Fort Wayne campus. “It is the most efficient way to learn,” she says. “We submit our papers online and take our exams on our laptops.” And really great: “We get to find out how we did on an exam right away.”

“These students are different from many undergraduate students,” says Greg Hetrick ’05, director of student services. “Most are extremely driven. They have lots of deadlines, assessments. We have a lot of leaders. They have lots of opportunities to get involved.”

Dao is a great example. “The majority of the time, what I’m doing is pharmacy study, eat, sleep and repeat. On the other hand, the weekend is when I get to practice my pharmacy skills. The weekend is when I go to work at a retail pharmacy.”

She’s also a leader. Every Friday, she sends out “weekly academic updates,” reminding her classmates of what assignments are due when.

MU Pharmacy faculty members are just as intense as their students about their expectations and intentions. They are focused on making sure their students are:

- tested and proven in pharmacy practice
- exhibiting strong values and ethics
- envisioning opportunities in the pharmacy profession
- prepared to assess and improve pharmacy systems
- passionate about helping people be healthier
- ready to deal with diversities
- committed to service
While the current students, faculty and staff are settling in, recruiting is well under way to build the next class of Pharm.D. students, says Hetrick. The task is dramatically different for the next class, as are the applicants. “For the current class, we were recruiting without students, without a building, without accreditation.”

With a new $20 million building designed for pharmacy study, a full class of students (many are recruiting ambassadors) and classes in session, applicants don’t need to imagine an MU College of Pharmacy like the Class of 2016 did.

All is changed, and it shows. “We’re ahead of pace on applications,” says Hetrick. Faculty members are evaluating the applications, with the first interview evaluations to begin this month. “We are confident we will fill our next class of 70 students,” says Hetrick, who cut his enrollment incisors recruiting students for the Manchester undergraduate program.

Qualified Manchester pre-pharmacy students get a guaranteed interview with the College of Pharmacy enrollment team. While 11 percent of this Pharm.D. class is from MU, that percentage may increase.

Currently, about 75 students are enrolled in or have indicated plans to enroll in pre-pharmacy undergraduate study at Manchester’s North Manchester campus, says Registrar Lila VanLue ’79 Hammer.

While MU’s program receives considerable attention in northeast Indiana health care circles and media, faculty members are making new friends and connections.

This fall, the College of Pharmacy hosted a diabetes and blood pressure awareness “brown bag,” one of several health care events for the local community, supported by a grant from the Edward D. and Ione Auer Foundation, says Ahmed Abdelmageed, associate director of experiential education. “We conducted our first event at the Universal Education Foundation, a local nonprofit organization that caters to a variety of ethnic backgrounds that practice the Islamic faith.”

Seven students participated, mentored by pharmacy practice faculty Dustin Linn, who also is on the critical care team of Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, and Tom Smith, a psychiatric pharmacist on the Parkview Behavioral Health team.

Pharmacy faculty members also are serving on community teams. Özlem Ersin and Tracy Brooks, for example, co-chair an Allen County Health Department subcommittee focused on helping to curb prescription drug abuse in the county.

Many are “on call” as media sources about pharmacy—from helping TV viewers understand the significance of recent Opana narcotics robberies to appearances on a popular NPR affiliate about health issues.

“Our science and clinical faculty are doing research with faculty at other institutions in the region and with clinical practitioners at regional hospitals and medical groups,” says Dave McFadden ’82, executive vice president and dean of the College of Pharmacy. “We are connecting with programs and care providers that serve needy populations.”

“You can make a difference not only in how people live, but in how they die. Here’s how.”

– TRACY BROOKS, assistant professor of pharmacy practice, whose expertise is in pharmacy hospice and palliative care.
Editor’s note: These excerpts of an interview with Pharmacy Dean Dave McFadden display what the northeast Indiana business community is learning about the College of Pharmacy and its leadership. It ran in the Aug. 10-16 Greater Fort Wayne Business Weekly, by reporter Rick Farrant.

What are some of the things you’ve learned organizationally in establishing the school and what have you learned about pharmacy?

Launching a new program and building a new campus involve thousands of logistical details. We’ve spent countless hours getting things just right with contractors, colleagues in North Manchester and new partners in northeast Indiana.

As important as those details are, though, infusing everything with Manchester’s mission has been equally important. We aim to graduate persons of ability and conviction – skilled at what they do and committed to making a difference as health care professionals – and we have to be as intentional about weaving our mission into everything we do as we are about getting the outlets in the right place in our new building.

I’ve learned some great organizational lessons from new partners in Fort Wayne. Mike Packnett, CEO of Parkview Health, has talked with me about having a compulsion to bring things to closure – getting things done. And Joe Dorko, CEO of Lutheran Health Network, emphasized the value of balancing “heads down” and “heads up” work – excelling at day-to-day tasks without losing sight of strategic and long-term vision.

The most important thing I’ve learned about pharmacists is that they play an essential role in delivering exceptional health care. Their contributions are often invisible to patients, and they are involved in many more ways than behind the counter in a local pharmacy. Our job as educators is to turn out pharmacists who are ready to step up and contribute immediately.

As a Manchester graduate and then longtime administrator at the institution, you must really like the university. What attributes appeal to you?

Manchester is part of my family. My grandfather earned his way through Manchester cutting hair and teaching handwriting. My parents met here. I fell in love with my wife the first day of student orientation in 1976. And my kids earned their degrees here. It’s not a stretch to say I am who I am because of Manchester.

What most appeals to me? I’m glad that the people I work with are also my friends. I appreciate that we are good stewards of what we’ve been given. I love hearing the chime play when I walk onto the North Manchester campus, and I love the expanse of the atrium when I walk into our building in Fort Wayne. And I’m grateful that Manchester puts our students first in everything we do.

Many years ago, I was introduced to the idea that vocation is the place where your deep joy meets the world’s great needs. Manchester is that intersection point for me. Manchester’s mission focuses on both head and heart, something I try to do in my own life. My work fills and sustains all of me, and that hasn’t been true anywhere else I’ve ever worked.
Manchester’s Drug Information Center fields inquiries from area health care providers, particularly those who will provide experiential rotations, says Rob Beckett, drug information specialist and clinical assistant professor of pharmacy. The queries are right up his alley: A local chain retailer wants to know the effects of different dosages of the same kind of medication and hospitals are asking the Center to review patient medications.

While students use the Center now for their own studies and fledgling research, in time they will partner in the drug research with Beckett or another faculty member.

“I wanted to be part of the first class,” says Snyder. “It gave me a chance to build more personal relationships with staff and faculty. There are more resources available when only 64 students are in a building. It also gives me a chance to have an input in my education, because we are constantly evaluating our program and we get to see the change we ask for. It’s not a program that is set in its ways. It will adapt to meet the needs of students,” she says.

“Plus, because this is a new program, everyone has high expectations. I rise to the occasion when expectations are higher.”

BY JERI KORNEGAY

“We are learning in a format that has patient care at the center – learning information that would be reserved for the second or third years in other programs. We are building our skills from the beginning.”

– KATHRYN SNYDER ’16, class president, above with faculty mentor Dusin Linn
CLOCKWISE: Asha Suryanarayanan, assistant professor of physiology and pharmacology, uses the MU lab to conduct research; Thuy Pham ’16 of Falls Church, Va., consults with Ningning Yang, assistant professor of pharmaceutics; Dennis Brown, assistant professor of medicinal chemistry, discusses his research related to new cancer drugs with research colleagues Swati Betharia, assistant professor of physiology and pharmacology, and Suryanarayanan.

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Warning to parents: Scary story

MU students get (and give) lessons about managing their college debt now and after graduation

CUT UP YOUR CREDIT CARDS, shun shopping malls like the plague, take the bus and live with your parents for three years after college.

Bet THAT makes our alumni parents shiver in their boots.

Some students in Associate Professor Frank Olive’s Financial Responsibility class last January presented the “parent solution” for their final project. Living off your parents, taking the bus to work and forgoing travel for three years will clear your college debt, they surmised.

Frankly, students in the class also were shuddering.

Life lessons in personal finance fill the Manchester experience ... from financial aid counseling to the packed Financial Responsibility classes to students lobbying legislators for state aid to annual spring lectures by President Jo Young ’69 Switzer, who doesn’t sugarcoat:

ABOVE: Morgan Yoder ’15, exercise and fitness major, talks about college financing with Kimberly Carey, student account specialist.
“Regardless of your major and your career, big or small paycheck, every single one of you will need to manage your finances. Be clear about the difference between your wants and your needs. We don’t need everything we want. Ever thought about that? A big house, the latest in skinny jeans, fancy foods and drinks, a new car – are wants. We need protein. We want steaks. We need water. We want Pepsi. We need a way to travel. We want our own cars …”

Switzer’s lecture – always to a packed room – is filled with solutions for managing student debt. Nowadays, she even hands out free books on personal finance. One time, a student was waiting at the stage afterward, handing the president her credit cards, cut up in little pieces. An instant convert.

“There are several ways that ‘the Smiths’ can immediately help themselves and get out of debt faster than the rate that they are currently getting there,” explained Brittany Thomas ’15, Quentin Muehlich ’15x and Matthew Gray ’14 in their class presentation for Professor Olive last January. Consolidating debt was key in their report, which included detailed spreadsheets for a fictitious couple. They also offered lots of suggestions echoed by President Switzer: Cut entertainment, dining, recreation and travel expenses dramatically. Reduce the wants.

Each year, about 170 MU students create models of debt management for FIN 204, a three-credit-hour Financial Responsibility course taught by Olive and Jen Lutz, associate professor of accounting and business; and Dave Haist ’73, lecturer. The class is part of MU’s CORE curriculum of responsible citizenship that teaches the importance of establishing credit, managing and reducing debt, budgeting and long-term money management.

“These students, acting as a team of ‘financial advisors,’ have produced a detailed analysis of a realistic financial situation facing a married couple, recently graduated from college,” says Olive. “They have developed a set of solid recommendations that can enable their ‘clients’ to eliminate or greatly reduce their debts and move forward to meet their long-term goals.”

The students showed how “the Smiths” could quickly climb into the black within a couple of years while saving for the future. (Their solution did not include living with their parents.) “I learned that it is wiser to live off less money than is made, and to focus on things needed and not things wanted,” says Gray, a communication studies major from Anderson, Ind.

Devin Jenkins ’14 is among hundreds of students who have learned financial responsibility by handling their own money during their time at Manchester. An accounting major, personal money management may come easier to Jenkins than others. She works for the MU Office of Student Financial Services and has completed an internship with Crowe Horwath LLP, which was so impressed, it offered her a job – three semesters before she takes her CPA exam.

Scholarships are vital to financial aid packages for Manchester students. In addition to letters, students thank their scholarship donors at an annual philanthropy dinner.

LEFT: Environmental studies major Peter Bauson ’15 poses with Calvin Eichenauer ’64, who with his wife Carolyn Hanawalt ’62 Eichenauer provide The Rev. Joseph and Mrs. Mildred Hanawalt Memorial Endowed Scholarship Fund.

RIGHT: Sociology major Kristen Hoffman ’14, biology-chemistry major Lucas Lebbin ’15 and Deanna Becker ’15 pose with Esther Rupel ’47 and Annabel Rupel ’41, who support The J.O. and Edith Rupel Memorial Scholarship Fund and The Esther Rupel and Annabel Rupel Endowed Scholarship; and Joe and Dorothea Fry Winger ’48 Mason, who support The J.O. Winger Memorial Scholarship Fund.
Jenkins credits Manchester’s scholarships, financial advising and two campus jobs for making her money management less stressful. “MU provided me with the chance to take a Personal Finance class, which helped me learn more about the different types of student loans, credit cards, mortgages and investment opportunities after graduation,” she says.

“The SALT program helped me manage the status of my student loans and provided me with a portal to learning more about different types of debt as well as options for repayment.” (See Page 24.)

A recipient of Trustee, Gilbert Memorial, and McGadrey and Pullen Fund scholarships, Jenkins lightened her expenses by fulfilling some of Manchester’s highest academic standards when she enrolled. But she knows she will have some debt after graduation.

Every Manchester undergraduate student receives financial aid from a variety of sources. Indeed, Manchester consistently receives high praise from popular guides for college-bound students as a “Great College, Great Price” or “Best Value.” MU students graduate with about $5,000 less debt than the average private college graduate.

Without any aid or scholarships, Manchester’s undergraduate tuition, room, board and fees total about $36,250 this academic year. Books are another $1,000, but can cost more, depending on the major.

Last year, the average need-based financial aid package totaled more than $24,000, including more than $4 million in scholarships funded by generous donors. (The Students First! campaign seeks $15 million for endowed scholarships to increase opportunities for students to attend MU.) Federal and state aid round out the package the University’s financial aid counselors create for students.

In addition to part-time jobs on and off campus (400 students are on the MU payroll), students turn to their grandparents and proud aunts and uncles, troll for corporate and service club scholarships, and ask their parents to take out loans. Savings rarely are sufficient.

For Jenkins, her Manchester degree is priceless. “Manchester is worth the money because it is known for producing well-rounded and educated young business professionals. When I talk to professionals in the accounting and finance industries, one of the first things they say when they find out I attend Manchester is ‘Great choice!’”

Three years ago, psychology major Andrew Kirts ’13 chose Manchester partly because of the financial aid package. “I earned the Trustee Scholarship as a first-year student and then received an additional endowed scholarship and other awards in the following years. Manchester worked with me to give me the aid I needed.”

Kirts’ stellar academic career at Manchester paid off – he will graduate this spring debt free.

BY CHAZ BELLMAN ’13
The Bottom Line

Manchester has a legacy of affordable higher education, recognized by the leading guides for college-bound students as a “Great College, Great Price” and “Best Value.” Here’s why:

Scholarships, a Manchester tradition
Every year, MU awards more than $4 million in academic scholarships. In tough financial times a couple years ago, department leaders cut their budgets so Manchester would not have to cut aid to students. Endowed scholarships help make Manchester affordable.

MU speaks up
“Education is an investment in the future. It is worth saving for. It is worth borrowing for. Today, nearly all motivated students can find a way to afford college if they are willing to make sacrifices,” President Switzer wrote in one of several opinion pieces about financing higher education published in major Midwest newspapers. Every budget year, MU students lead the charge to the Indiana Statehouse, where they explain what state aid means to their families and what they plan to do with their Manchester degree.

SALT
Manchester inaugurated this high-tech service of American Student Assistance that puts students in the financial driver’s seat. Students manage their loans and practice for the “real world” with online scenarios on consolidating their debt, planning financial success and even finding jobs. And, it’s free.

Fast Forward and Triple Guarantee
Qualified, motivated MU students can get their degree in three years, saving tuition, room and board and entering the job market (and pay) a year early. Manchester also guarantees aid for every student, graduation within four years and a job within six months of graduation.
Connections for Life

1930s

C. Evan Kinsley ‘34 of North Manchester celebrated his 100th birthday Aug. 27 at Timbercrest Senior Living Community. The longtime Illinois schools educator and his late wife, Lucile Buck ‘34 Kinsley, received the 1997 Alumni Honor Award. He served on the Board of Trustees from 1954 to 1966. He died Oct. 11, 2012.

1950s


1960s

Robert Johansen ‘62 of Granger, Ind., has retired as professor of political science and peace studies at the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame. Widely published, Dr. Johansen continues his research on enhancing U.N. peacekeeping and the role of non-governmental organizations in promoting compliance with international humanitarian law. He served as the Institute’s director of doctoral studies 2008-2010.

Ruthann Knechel ‘64 Johansen of Granger, Ind., will retire as president of Bethany Theological Seminary on July 1, 2013. She began her tenure as the ninth president of the Seminary in 2007, and has served as a professor of interdisciplinary studies and literature, and as a faculty fellow of the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies at the University of Notre Dame.

Dr. Dean Grove ‘67 of Bellevue, Wash., received the Meritorious Service Award of the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine for his long-term service to the association and its Board of Directors and countless hours furthering the goals of the association and the profession. The organization represents more than 4,500 physicians and health care specialists.

Wayne Madden ‘68 of Auburn, Ind., is 2012-13 president of Lions Clubs International, elected at the 95th convention, held in Busan, Korea. Madden is an insurance agent and former educator who spoke of his Manchester roots in an introductory video sent to all Lions clubs.

Gene E. Likens ‘57 of Clinton Corners, N.Y., was the graduation convocation keynote speaker for the College of Science and Mathematics at Montclair State University on May 12. Likens, a pioneer in the discovery and study of acid rain in North America, also received an honorary Doctor of Science degree from the New Jersey college.


Alumni News & Notes

1970s

Steve Keim ’70 of Fort Wayne, Ind., volunteer project director for Brethren Disaster Ministries, is 2012 Volunteer of the Year of National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster. He also received the President’s Volunteer Service Award of the Corporation for National and Community Service.

Dean Genth ’71 of Mason City, Iowa, served as an Iowa delegate to the Democratic National Convention in Charlotte, N.C., in September. He was invited by President Barack Obama to the White House in June for the Annual LGBT Pride Month Reception. Genth is the president of the Coalition of Iowa PFLAG chapters and serves on the board of directors of One Iowa, the state’s leading equality organization.

Giving invests in liberal arts education

For Phil Orpurt ’48, the best part of teaching biology at Manchester was watching students learn how to learn. Problem-solving skills are at the core of a liberal arts education and the reason the professor emeritus and his wife Mary Orpurt ’50x support MU with charitable gift annuities.

“Although I enjoyed research, my satisfaction came from teaching,” says Orpurt, who taught at Manchester from 1954 to 1986. “It was always a thrill to see students discover something new in their learning, and the breadth of a liberal arts education lends itself to this type of student experience.” Mary, a registered nurse, and Phil met at the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

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PROFILES OF ABILITY AND CONVINCION

An Africa journey to algae, productively, compassionately

SOME PEOPLE LOOK at algae and see pond scum. Dr. Jerry Brand ’63 sees renewable energy.

Brand is professor of molecular cell and developmental biology at the University of Texas, where he is in charge of the world’s largest and most diverse culture collection of algae. The collection may hold a key to our energy future. Simply: Some algae convert solar energy into an oily material that can be processed into biofuel. Brand is seeking algae that produce oil fast in hopes that large-scale production of this biofuel will benefit the environment and reduce our dependence on foreign oil.

He remembers fondly the Manchester science faculty – especially Emerson Niswander, Bill Eberly ’48 and Phil Orpurt ’48. “My academic preparation was excellent,” he says. Equally important was the perspective he learned at Manchester: “Service is important and rewarding.”

Brand recalls mandatory attendance at chapel three times a week, where inspirational speakers opened up a new world of helping others. He enlisted in Teachers for West Africa, funded by the Hershey Corp. When he arrived in a small town in Nigeria, “I had to survive on my own,” he says. “I told myself, you either do it or you die.” He soon thrived on his African experience, resolving to use his intellect for good. Next, Brand earned his Ph.D. at Purdue University, where he met his wife, Mary Lee, in a laboratory. He did post-doctoral work in botany at Indiana University.

Last spring, Dr. Jerry Brand received the 2012 Alumni Honor Award for using his education to lead a principled, productive and compassionate life that improves the human condition.

BY MELINDA LANTZ ’81

Steve Bowne ’74 of Sharpsville, Ind., has performed in two community plays, portraying General Waverly in Kokomo Community Theatre’s production of White Christmas and as Franklin Delano Roosevelt in Tipton Community Theatre’s production of Annie. He is a credit recovery coordinator for Taylor High School in Kokomo.
Jim Colon ’74 of Palos Verdes Peninsula, Calif., serves on the board of the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation. The vice president of product communications for Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc., serves on numerous boards, including California State University; Los Angeles’ Friends of Engineering, Computer Science and Technology; The Black Star Project; and The First Tee of South Los Angeles. He is also a member of The United Negro College Fund Los Angeles Leadership Council.

1980s

Stephan Viehweg ’82 of Greenfield, Ind., is interim director for the Center for Translating Research Into Practice at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis. Translational research uses meaningful, evidence-based information to address complex social, health, governmental, cultural and relational issues.

Amy Gall ’86 Ritchie of Richmond, Ind., earned a Doctor of Ministry degree, with an emphasis in Christian spirituality, from Columbia Theological Seminary on May 12. She is director of student development for Bethany Theological Seminary, with an additional practice in spiritual direction.

1990s

Shanna Dutton ’91, of Tulsa, Okla., is a finance and accounting executive for ClearRidge Capital, a leading Oklahoma investment banking, restructuring and mergers and acquisitions firm.

Sara Steiner ’96 Larco and Charles Hundt ’96 ’97ma, both of the Indianapolis area, appeared on CNBC, the national business television network, ringing the opening bell for NASDAQ when Angie’s List Inc. went public on Nov. 17, 2011. Hundt is controller and Larco is director of financial reporting for Angie’s List, a website of verified consumer reviews of service providers.

X: ATTENDED, DID NOT GRADUATE  N: NORMAL EDUCATION  A: ASSOCIATE’S DEGREE  M: MASTER’S DEGREE
Connections for Life

Jared Beasley ‘98 of Middlebury, Ind., is vice president of clinical and diagnostic services for Indiana University Health LaPorte Hospital and Starke Hospital. He previously directed the Emergency Department for IU Health Goshen.

Brenna Metzger ‘98 Crozier of North Manchester was featured in the Teacher Honor Roll of The Journal Gazette in Fort Wayne on June 3. For the article, the math teacher at Portage Middle School in Fort Wayne Community Schools recalled Karen Beery ‘66 Doudt, associate professor of education, as her favorite Manchester teacher.

Robyn Boettner ‘99 of Milwaukee, Wisc., earned a Master of Social Work degree in May from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. She is a program coordinator for the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center.


Madalyn Metzger ‘99 of Bristol, Ind., is marketing communication manager for Everence Financial (formerly MMA and Mennonite Financial), a faith-based insurance and financial services company in Goshen.

2000s

Kris Brownlee ‘00 of Bristol, Ind., recently signed a record deal with Megawave Records. Collaborating with legendary guitarist Freddie Fox and Grammy producer Michael Broening, Kris often plays multiple instruments. He has three albums to his credit, the latest, Sincerely Yours, is set for release this fall.


Julie Schwier ‘01 Markiewicz of South Bend, Ind., and husband Mike welcomed Austin James, born Aug. 25, 2011.

Carrie Miller ‘01,’02ma Minnich of Fort Wayne, Ind., received the Clients’ Choice Award at the Fort Wayne Women’s Business Bureau Mentor Reception. Minnich, a CPA, is a manager specializing in audit and nonprofit services for Dulin, Ward & DeWald Inc.
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Matt ‘01 and Teri Getts ‘01 Seitz of Fort Wayne, Ind., welcomed Landon Matthew, on Sept. 20, 2011.

Jessica Taylor ‘02 Hooley and Chris Hooley ‘02x of Charleston, S.C., welcomed a daughter, Morgan McCrady, on Oct. 6, 2011. Jessica is controller for Hall’s Chophouse in Charleston.

Scot Croner ‘03 of Albany, Ind., is instructional coordinator for Marion (Ind.) Community Schools, coordinating the K-12 curriculum and professional development while overseeing the Title I, Title II and Title III budgets. Scot and wife Bobbi Lynn welcomed Caroline Lynn on June 7, 2012.

Amber Chance ‘04 of Indianapolis is accounting manager for Park Tudor School, an independent school for children age 3 through grade 12. She and husband Alex Markov welcomed Gwendolyn Maxine, on March 12, 2012.

Regina Khan ‘04 Lortie of Syracuse, Ind., is marketing coordinator for Indiana University Health, Goshen, and oversees seminars on gastroesophageal reflux. She received an associate’s degree in medical assisting from Ivy Tech Community College.

Leadership through hard work, integrity and respect

IN A WORLD WHERE TITANS of industry and commerce may flaunt their success, Charles “Chuck” Chaffee ’64 is an anomaly, modest about his accomplishments, deflecting praise onto his employees.

Chaffee is chief executive officer of BRC Rubber & Plastics Inc., headquartered in Churubusco, Ind. The company designs, develops and manufactures rubber and plastic parts for Ford, General Motors, Chrysler, Caterpillar and other companies.

Chuck and his brother Cliff founded BRC in 1973, frugally keeping their “day jobs,” plowing their profits back into the business. Today, the company owned by Chuck, Cliff and Chuck’s wife, Karen, has hundreds of employees at production plants in Churubusco, Bluffton, Ligonier, Montpelier and Hartford City, and a sales and engineering office in suburban Detroit. Chuck was 2010 Rubber Industry Executive of the Year.

“One man doesn’t do everything,” Chuck told The Journal Gazette in Fort Wayne. “It takes a team of dedicated people.” At BRC, that team is “family.” Many have worked there for 20 or 30 years. “That’s success – when you have a workplace where people want to work,” Chuck told an industry publication. “It’s not about how big we are. BRC is the people. We all share together.”

Rather than consolidate, Chuck prefers retaining plants in multiple communities. He says it’s easier to find workers that way and it gives employees a greater sense of ownership.

Chuck Chaffee received Manchester’s 2012 Alumni Honor Award for recognizing the infinite worth of his employees, and for leading them with hard work, integrity and respect.

BY MELINDA LANTZ ’81

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Homecoming:
We had a ball!

Alumni had full plates for the 2012 Homecoming in mid-October. They dedicated the new Academic Center and a new plaque in the Gladdys Muir Peace Garden, honored high school basketball Coach *Allen Mack ’86* and inducted five former Spartans into the Athletic Hall of Fame. Environmental Studies and the Accounting and Business programs also reunited and celebrated their alumni.

Alumni celebrated the 10-year anniversary of the Intercultural Center, posed for class photos, held a football reunion, listened to an awesome Chime concert, practiced saying “Manchester University,” and watched the cross-country team weave triumphantly through campus, soccer victories and a huge gridiron Spartan victory over Earlham College.

Want to see what you missed? Want to see those friends and faces again? Check out photos, a nifty video and game news at manchester.edu. Or quicker, scan this QR code with your phone or computer pad.

Mark your calendars!

2013 Alumni Days  May 29-30
Visionary higher education leader looks back to Manchester

DING-JO HSIA was born in Taiwan. When she was 15, her parents sent Ding-Jo and her sister to attend high school in Dayton, Ohio, home of a family friend. A teacher helped the teen learn English and adjust to American culture. When she asked how she could repay her teacher, he told her something she never forgot: “Pay it forward. Choose to help others.”

Ding-Jo Hsia ’75 Currie is internationally recognized as a visionary leader and unity builder in education:

- As the first Asian-American woman CEO in higher education, as president of Coastline Community College
- As founder of China’s Higher Education Foundation, promoting collaborations between East and West
- As former chair of the 1,200-member Association of American Community Colleges, when, motivated by her generous Manchester scholarships, she advocated passionately for increased Pell Grant funding
- As former chancellor of Coast Community College District in California, the seventh-largest community college district in the United States

She recalls her days at Manchester, where personable yet persistent faculty and staff helped her develop leadership skills with rigorous coursework and opportunities. She also found a global perspective and an inspiring spiritual foundation.

Her Manchester degree in mathematics and psychology well-prepared her for a master’s degree in counseling at Wright State University and a Ph.D. in international/intercultural education at the University of Southern California. Today, Dr. Currie is a member of the research faculty team of California State University-Fullerton’s doctoral educational leadership program. She also serves on the MU Alumni Board.

For her leadership in higher education and for paying it forward to help others, Manchester presented Dr. Currie with a 2012 Alumni Honor Award.

BY MELINDA LANTZ ’81
Tai Cerney ‘07 Cripe of Fort Wayne, Ind., is an internal auditor for Agri Stats Inc., a Fort Wayne-based statistical research and analysis firm serving agribusiness companies domestically and internationally.

Nicolas Kauffman ‘09 of Richmond, Ind., is an area director for Earlham College. He earned a master’s degree in theology from Bethany Theological Seminary and married Rebekah Houff last summer.

Nathan Hodges ‘10 of St. Petersburg, Fla., is studying for a Ph.D. in communication studies at the University of Southern Florida. He received his master’s degree in communication studies from Central Michigan University last spring.

Nicolas Kauffman ‘09 of Richmond, Ind., is an area director for Earlham College. He earned a master’s degree in theology from Bethany Theological Seminary and married Rebekah Houff last summer.

Tiffany Berkebile ‘10 of Bay City, Mich., is a technical writer for environment, health and safety websites for AVI-SPL, a communications contractor for The Dow Chemical Co. in Midland, Mich.

Nathan Hodges ‘10 of St. Petersburg, Fla., is studying for a Ph.D. in communication studies at the University of Southern Florida. He received his master’s degree in communication studies from Central Michigan University last spring.


Rebecca Creath ‘12 of Fort Wayne, Ind., is the Peace Studies coordinator for Manchester University.

Tiffany Berkebile ‘10 of Bay City, Mich., is a technical writer for environment, health and safety websites for AVI-SPL, a communications contractor for The Dow Chemical Co. in Midland, Mich.

Cassie Davis ‘12 of Tampa, Fla., served as deputy field organizer for the 2012 Obama Campaign following an internship with the Democratic Party in Chicago.

William Kallas ‘12 of Brookline, Mass., is studying for a Master of Divinity degree at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology in Brookline.

John Lash ‘12 of Durham, N.C., is studying for a Ph.D. in chemistry at Duke University.

Rebecca Pendergrass ‘12 of Fort Wayne, Ind., is public relations and marketing specialist for Panoramic Corp., which manufactures and distributes X-ray machines for dentists and doctors.

Jay Sheets ‘12 of Goshen, Ind., teaches third grade for Wakarusa Elementary School and coaches junior varsity baseball for NorthWood High School in Nappanee.
Connections for Life

DEATHS

Erma Kerr '29 (Mount Morris College) Petry of North Manchester, July 15, 2012

Ralph Wieand '31x of Wheaton, Ill., Feb. 13, 2012

Sybil Galbreath '32n Jennings of South Bend, Ind., July 9, 2012


Grace Patterson '35n Gibbs of Danville, Ind., June 20, 2012

Edith Vance '36x Fuller of Argos, Ind., June 4, 2012

Sara Berkebile '38n Conine of Holland, Mich., April 29, 2011

Alberta Wieand '38x Dusing of Lombard, Ill., April 15, 2012

Dorothy Duncan '39x Bartow of Pueblo, Colo., April 24, 2012

Alden Leslie '39x of Montpelier, Ohio, July 7, 2012

Luise "Barbara" Germann '40 Pook of South Whitley, Ind., Jan. 27, 2012

Phyllis Martz '42 Schuller of Corunna, Ind., June 27, 2012

John Klingler '43 of Lima, Ohio, April 21, 2012

Ollie Gorrill '43 Lightner of Brookville, Ohio, July 16, 2012

Maxine Heitz '43x Mulligan of North Manchester, May 2, 2012

C. Virgil St. John '43 of West Lafayette, Ind., July 4, 2012

Ruth Bendsen '47n Rowe of North Manchester, May 13, 2012

Harold Blickenstaff '48 of Nevada City, Calif., May 21, 2012

Mary Miller '48 Coe of North Manchester, July 14, 2012

Richard Durnbaugh '49 of Holly, Mich., July 5, 2012

Hubert Stackhouse '49 of Auburn, Ind., March 8, 2012

Shirley Stayrook '49 Strobridge of Cedarville, Ohio, July 7, 2012

Arlie Waggy '49 of Goshen, Ind., July 9, 2012

Jacqueline Drake '50x Murphy of Columbus, Ind., June 21, 2012

C. VIRGIL ST. JOHN '43
of West Lafayette, Ind., a former member of the Board of Trustees and recipient of an honorary Doctor of Science degree, the Alumni Honor Award and Philanthropy Award. The chemistry major received a Distinguished Service Award from the Atomic Energy Commission for his work on the Manhattan Project. He worked for Eli Lilly and Company for 42 years and carried the 1996 Olympic Torch. He leaves his wife of 65 years, Ruth Wilson '46x St. John. He was 89.

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Manchester fast friends for 50 years

Friends for 50


THE MANCHESTER FRIENDS first gathered on Sunday, Aug. 30, 1964, to welcome Herbert ’62 and Diane Hand ’62 Eveland home from Brethren Volunteer Service (BVS) in Germany. Hosts for the day in Berne, Ind., were Kenneth ’62 and Linda Barkman ’62 Fuller.

They had such a great time, they decided to reunite annually in summertime (many were teachers), rotating hosting. In the beginning, members were the core group of friends from the Manchester College classes of 1961 and 1962, but through the years, they adopted friends from other colleges. Two have died.

Families grew, and the annual event became a family affair. In the beginning, the hosts set the table. Today, they “eat out” or use a caterer, leaving more time for everybody to enjoy their time together.

They gather for one, two or three days in the hosts’ cities in Indiana, Ohio and Michigan, where the old friends tour local attractions. They’ve steadfastly met, through the troughs and the triumphs.

Every family made it to celebrate their 25th reunion in 1987 with a weekend in Michigan. In 1992, at Wagon Wheel Playhouse in Warsaw, Ind., they sat in seats the theatre acquired from the Old Auditorium at Manchester College. (Those also were the Chapel seats in the 1950s and 1960s.)

Fifteen returned in July 2012 to celebrate the 50th gathering of The Manchester Friends. They checked out the coed dorms, recalled dress codes, 10 p.m. curfews and sign-out sheets of their school days. No dancing on campus then. They had plenty of observations, all proud of their Manchester roots.

“It’s a privilege” to be a Manchester grad, said Daniel McRoberts ’62x of Caledonia, Mich.

“Every tall oak tree comes from a small nut,” cracked Dale Wenger ’61 of Upland, Ind. He probably wasn’t talking about trees.

BY CHAZ BELLMAN ’13
“Mrs. Pfeiffer is the type of teacher people write textbooks about”

KACINA PETERS ’06 PFEIFFER
of Theodore Potter Elementary School 74 in Indianapolis Public Schools is the 2012 Warren K. and Helen J. Garner Alumni Teacher of the Year.

“Mrs. Pfeiffer is the type of teacher people write textbooks about,” says Principal Timothy Clevenger, who nominated the sixth-grade teacher.

In just her second year at the Spanish immersion magnet school, Pfeiffer’s colleagues voted her Teacher of the Year. Some even suggested that she write a book about the teaching strategy of her Writer’s Workshop. The award-winning Theodore Potter School provides a total language experience for students to become proficient in English and Spanish by the time they complete sixth grade.

Even at Manchester, faculty and colleagues knew Pfeiffer was well-suited to the teaching profession. She served as president of the Student Education Association and was active with ARC of Wabash, Partners in Learning and a local day care while serving on the Manchester Activities Council.

“Teaching children has always been my passion,” says Pfeiffer. “I wholeheartedly believe that Manchester provides the best foundation for sending teachers into the world. To be recognized by the very institution that gave me that foundation is surreal.”

Kacina and Jason Pfeiffer ’05 of Noblesville, Ind., are parents of two young daughters – both attend Theodore Potter School.

A fund created by Warren ’50 and Helen Yeager ’50 Garner (pictured with her), both long-time educators, enables the Education Department to annually recognize an Alumni Teacher of the Year.

BY KATHRYN MILLER ’13
This is a story about a headless skeleton, old pictures and a theory

This photo is of a biology class about 98 years ago. Or, maybe it was 117 years ago. That’s when the class met in Bumgardner Hall, what now is the west end of the Administration Building. Or, maybe this photograph was taken in 1915, when Manchester dedicated its Science Hall – what later became the Library, and then the Communications Building.

A 1914 photograph of a biology room depicts a skeleton (with its head) just like the one on the left edge of this photo. The head in this photo is atop a filing cabinet. To date the photograph, MU Archivist Jeanine M. Wine ’76 turned to MU physical plant sleuths for help.

“It appears to be Room 310 in the Ad Building,” says Chris Garber ’77, director of MU operations, who used telltale signs – molding on the doors and the configuration of the doors – to identify what now is a tired, empty classroom of tiered seating. “That back door was filled in and covered with a bulletin board,” he adds.

“This was fun, kinda like a scavenger hunt,” says Garber. Archivist Wine agrees.
The columns and gardens of Parque Guell in Barcelona, Spain were the perfect classroom for the January 2012 classes in “Art in Context” and “Living the Spanish Language.” From left, Christina Gonzalez ’14, Kathleen Barnes ’13, Edward Shei ’12 and Mallory Sims ’14.