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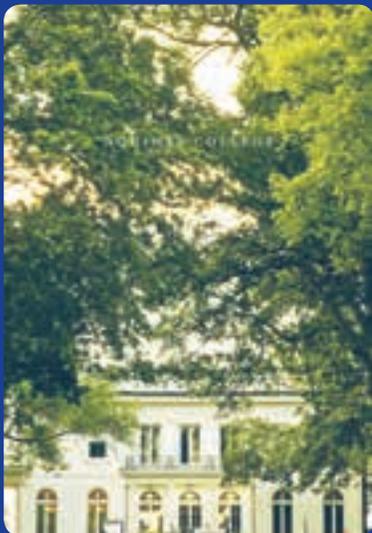
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Aquinas College is a four-year, private liberal arts Catholic college in vibrant Nashville, Tennessee. Through outstanding academic programs in nursing, business, education, and arts and sciences, we cultivate a community of students who encourage one another to grow academically and spiritually.

With this issue of the **Aquinas Magazine**, we are proud to announce an updated "look" for Aquinas College. While our mission and values are unwavering, we've refreshed the visual elements we use to better express the true attributes of Aquinas College: a combination of steadfast Catholic faith, outstanding academics and family-like atmosphere, all in the heart of Nashville. During the coming months, we will roll out many more materials that will cohesively capture and present the Aquinas spirit.



Cover for the new Aquinas viewbook.

Dear Friends of Aquinas College,

During the month of August approximately 18 million college students will begin classes across the United States. Of those 18 million, 1 million students will enter or return to a Catholic university. Of that million, less than 30,000 students will begin the fall semester at one of the twenty Newman Guide Colleges that form part of a consortium of colleges that promise to promote and defend faithful Catholic education. Newman Guide Schools represent a tiny fraction of the total population of higher education in America. It is a small but steadfast community that is committed to teaching natural and supernatural truths



with integrity and forming men and women to be intellectually, spiritually and socially prepared to meet the demands of their life's vocation. Aquinas College is privileged to be a part of the great work of shaping minds and hearts to be prepared to meet the challenges of the New Evangelization.

The Dominican imperative to go forth in all circumstances of state or society celebrates 800 years this year. Aquinas College's commitment to transforming lives through truth and charity is elicited from this legacy and the Fall 2015 issue of the *Aquinas Magazine* bears testimony that Aquinas College is on the move! The newly dedicated Castello Center provides the opportunity for nurses who are trained in the principles of ethical patient care to practice in a variety of settings, both clinical and residential. We are excited about this most recent partnership with St. Thomas West Hospital who has provided a place for our nursing students to attune their training to the needs of the patients they are preparing to serve. This past year the School of Education celebrated 20 years of service in providing excellent formation for future educators and announces a modified course offering in the Masters of Education in Teaching degree for working professionals. Mr. Joseph Pearce joined the Aquinas faculty in 2014 and in this issue he reflects on his first year as Director for the Center for Faith and Culture and writer-in-residence. The center has enriched the college culture with a wide variety of presenters who engaged the campus in a deeper conversation of the meeting of faith and culture in the public square. Also in this issue you will hear from our students who leave Aquinas with a clear understanding that they are to be a force for good in this world and are already having a positive effect in their respective vocations.

St. Thomas Aquinas reminds us that it is the nature of good to communicate itself. As you read through these pages, know of our gratitude for your goodness and support for Aquinas College, so that the good that begins here will be a force for good in the world. This entire issue is designed with our new brand guidelines, designed to instill the true virtues of Aquinas College through steadfast Catholic faith, outstanding academics, close-knit community, all in the heart of Nashville.

God bless you,

Sister Mary Sarah, O.P.

Sister Mary Sarah Galbraith, O.P., President of Aquinas College



AQUINAS OPENS EXPANSIVE NURSING SIMULATION LAB AT ST. THOMAS WEST HOSPITAL

SCHOOL OF NURSING

ON MONDAY, APRIL 13, THE AQUINAS COLLEGE SCHOOL OF NURSING FORMALLY BLESSED AND DEDICATED THE CASTELLO NURSING SIMULATION LEARNING CENTER AT ST. THOMAS WEST HOSPITAL.

The state-of-the-art nursing simulation laboratory, named after Blessed Margaret of Castello, O.P. (1287-1320), strengthens the decades-long clinical practice partnership between the two health care leaders.

The Castello Center consists of 24 simulated patient care settings, including critical care, neonatal care, residential care facilities, hospice and home health. The Center primarily serves to train students in Aquinas' new four-year, community population-centered Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.)

program, commencing in Fall 2015. The B.S.N. program and lab represent significant milestones in the College's *Vision 2020: Truth & Charity* strategic plan.

The great variety of settings and instruction opportunities will provide a unique and highly sought-after clinical experience long before students gain access to living patients. Brother Ignatius Perkins, O.P., former Dean of the School of Nursing, observed, "This partnership with Aquinas' adjacent hospital continues to offer opportunities that students cannot find anywhere else in the country. As a result, graduates will be competent and confident in providing safe care to patients wherever they may live."



Tiffany Lawrence takes vital signs in the Castello Center's home care room.

Marco Fernandez, Associate Chief Nursing Officer at Saint Thomas West Hospital and 1995 cum laude graduate of the Aquinas College Associate of Science in Nursing program, said, "Saint Thomas and Aquinas have a common mission to prepare nurses to practice in a way that fulfills the need to sustain Catholic healthcare for the community. We were pleased when Aquinas announced their new BSN program as this provides another opportunity for us to collaborate."

Blessed Margaret of Castello was a Third Order Dominican who, having been born a blind, hunch-backed dwarf and abandoned by her family, dedicated her life to visiting prisoners, helping the sick, and comforting the dying. The dedication and blessing of the Castello Center occurred on Blessed Margaret's feast day in the Catholic calendar.

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Brother Ignatius Perkins, O.P., former Dean of the School of Nursing

Dr. Elizabeth Cooper Appointed Director of the B.S.N. Program



Dr. Cooper (center) works with nursing students.

ELIZABETH COOPER, R.N., D.N.P., ASSISTANT PROFESSOR IN THE SCHOOL OF NURSING, HAS BEEN PROMOTED TO DIRECTOR OF THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING PROGRAMS. She will succeed Brother Ignatius Perkins, O.P. in directing the R.N.-B.S.N. program and will assume the new role of directing the four-year Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Dr. Cooper has served in the A.S.N. and M.S.N. programs and was instrumental in the development of the B.S.N. and M.S.N. programs. Dr. Cooper previously served as an Adjunct Instructor at Cumberland University and has held nursing positions at Vanderbilt University Medical Center and St. Thomas Hospital. Prior to relocating to

Nashville, she served in patient care and charge nurse positions at Baylor University Medical Center, Seton Medical Center and Central Texas Medical Center in her native Texas. Dr. Cooper has also served in the United States Air Force and the United States Air National Guard, where she currently holds the rank of Major.

Dr. Cooper earned undergraduate graduate degrees in Accounting and Nursing (A.A.S. and B.S.N.) from Dallas County Community College and Texas Woman's University, respectively, and graduate degrees in Nursing (M.S.N. and D.N.P.) from Vanderbilt University. She also holds United States Air Force Flight Nurse Certification and United States Air Force Professional Development Certification.

Brother Ignatius Perkins Takes Top Health Care Position with Dominicans



THE DOMINICAN FRIARS OF THE PROVINCE OF ST. JOSEPH HAVE APPOINTED BROTHER IGNATIUS PERKINS, O.P., R.N., PH.D., F.A.A.N., A.N.E.F., FORMER DEAN OF THE SCHOOL OF NURSING AT AQUINAS COLLEGE and internationally acclaimed nurse educator, as Director of Health Services of the Province.

Brother Ignatius came to Aquinas in the spring of 2010 as the first Dean of the School of Nursing, bringing his extensive experience in nursing education and deep commitment to promoting human dignity in the Catholic moral tradition. During the 2011–2012 academic year, he implemented a comprehensive Code of Ethics for nursing students. The following year, Brother Ignatius helped establish graduate studies in the School of Nursing, focusing on preparing nursing educators with a Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.) and a Post-Master's Certificate in Nursing Education. He also led the development of a new four-year, community population-centered Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.) program which was granted initial approval by the Tennessee Board of Nursing in December 2014.

The B.S.N. program represents a critical component of the

Vision 2020: Truth & Charity strategic plan. President Sister Mary Sarah Galbraith, O.P. remarked that, “The *Vision 2020* strategic plan calls for Aquinas College to be a nationally recognized Catholic college known for its distinctly Dominican approach to higher education. Brother Ignatius positioned the School of Nursing to set the standard in preparing competent, skilled and ethical health care professionals. Aquinas College is grateful to Brother Ignatius for his tireless work in creating the new B.S.N. and M.S.N. degree programs, forming faculty and challenging students to be the best in their work of caring for others.”

In addition to his prior service with the Eastern Province of Dominicans, Brother Ignatius has served as Professor and Chair of the School of Nursing and Dean of the College of Health and Natural Sciences of Spalding University in Louisville, KY; Executive Vice President and Staff Ethicist of the National Catholic Bioethics Center in Boston (now in Philadelphia); and Chair of the Department of Nursing at the College of Mount St. Joseph in Cincinnati, Ohio.

As Director of Health Services, Brother Ignatius will serve the Dominican Friars Health Care Ministry of New York, which offers pastoral care to the communities of three world-renowned medical centers on New York's Upper East Side: Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, New York-Presbyterian Weill Cornell Medical Center and the Hospital for Special Surgery.



Brother Ignatius with nursing graduates.

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Sister Mary Sarah, O.P., President of Aquinas College

THE CENTER FOR FAITH & CULTURE: A WONDERFUL YEAR

by Joseph Pearce



Cast, speakers and guests of the Shakespeare & Christianity Celebration.

LAST SUMMER, WHEN I FIRST ARRIVED AT AQUINAS COLLEGE TO TAKE UP MY NEW POSITION AS DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER FOR FAITH AND CULTURE, I had high hopes and aspirations. Looking back over all the things we've done in the past academic year, I can say, without the slightest hesitation or fear of overstatement, that my experience has been even better than I'd dared hope.

It all began back in August when my own inaugural lecture, "The Evangelizing Power of Beauty," was attended by a packed house of around 200 people.

In October, the Center for Faith and Culture joined forces with the School of Arts and Sciences to co-sponsor the visit by Dr. Robert Royal, founder and president of the Faith &

Reason Institute in Washington, D.C., editor-in-chief of *The Catholic Thing*, and the author of many books, including *The God That Did Not Fail* (2006). Dr. Royal delivered a lecture, entitled, "The Threats of Secularism."

In November, the CFC hosted "An Evening with Francis Thompson," the Victorian poet greatly admired by Oscar Wilde, G.K. Chesterton and J. R. R. Tolkien. The event consisted of the showing of a documentary on Thompson's life, along with an animated film based upon "The Hound of Heaven," his best-known and most celebrated poem. Those who made the documentary and the animated adaptation gave short talks as well.

The CFC's calendar for the spring 2015 semester commenced

with “An Evening with G. K. Chesterton,” featuring actor Chuck Chalberg’s one-man show as the great English writer. With the employment of a little imagination and the willing suspension of disbelief, it was very easy to imagine that one had been transported back to the 1920s to a real-life lecture by Chesterton on one of his U.S. tours. A delightful scenario!

In March, the great Russian artist Igor Babailov, painter of the official portraits of the last three popes, St. John Paul II, Benedict XVI and Francis, presented “The Challenge of Realism,” a documentary about the 20th Century Italian master, Pietro Annigoni. After the documentary, Babailov and I fielded questions on realism in art and philosophy. It was truly an invigorating evening, aesthetically and philosophically!

Also in March, we opened an exhibition on the faith and philosophy of the celebrated Southern writer Walker Percy which consisted of 30 panels. The exhibition opened on St. Joseph’s Day (March 19) and ran until Mother’s Day (May 10), the 25th anniversary of Percy’s death.

The climax to the first year of events was our inaugural Shakespeare and Christianity Celebration, featuring a whole day of talks and performances. I opened proceedings with a talk, “Shakespeare: The Man and His Faith,” which presented the evidence for Shakespeare’s Catholicism. The second talk was given by the internationally acclaimed composer Michael Kurek on his ballet of *Macbeth*. In the afternoon, Denice Hicks and Brian Russell of the Nashville Shakespeare Festival offered the hugely entertaining “Shakespeare Sampler.” This was followed by a dramatic lecture presentation, “The Conversion of Hamlet,” which I gave with actors from Kevin O’Brien’s Theatre of the Word Incorporated.

In the midst of our Shakespeare Celebration, we presented the inaugural Shakespeare and Christianity Essay Award for high school students to Lydia Martin, a home-schooled senior from Texas.

Having experienced the excitement and exhilaration of my first action-packed year as Director of the Center for Faith and Culture, I can’t wait to embark on the calendar of events we have planned for next year. One event I’m particularly excited about is our inaugural Tolkien and Lewis Celebration in September, featuring Dale Ahlquist, EWTN presenter and president of the American Chesterton Society and Kevin O’Brien, another EWTN presenter and founder of the Theatre of the Word. The day-long celebration will also include the presentation of the first Aquinas Award for Fiction.

After the Tolkien and Lewis Celebration raises the curtain on next year’s calendar, the following months will feature talks and presentations by such eminenti as former U.S. Ambassador Michael Novak and papal artist Igor Babailov. In the spring, we’ll be presenting *Sarab’s Secret*, a powerful and moving pro-



Chuck Chalberg as G.K. Chesterton.



Joseph Pearce addresses a reception before his inaugural lecture in August 2014 on “The Evangelizing Power of Beauty.”



Joseph Pearce poses with Lydia Martin, winner of the inaugural Shakespeare and Christianity High School Essay Contest, and her parents.

life play, and “Dramatizing Chesterton” in which the directors of the Blackbird Theater in Nashville will show how they are adapting one of Chesterton’s novels for the stage.

As if all the foregoing were not enough, we will also be offering guided tours of the Michelangelo exhibition at the Frist Center in Nashville and architectural tours of the best of Nashville’s churches, led by art historian Fay Renardson.

As you will have no doubt noted, I am awash with enthusiasm for the work we’re doing to evangelize our beleaguered culture with the power of beauty. If you would like to help me in this noble endeavor, please contact me directly at pearcej@aquinascollege.edu.



Dr. Devin Brown displays his collection of Francis Thompson memorabilia before the Center’s discussion on the poet’s “Hound of Heaven.”



Joseph Pearce, Director of the Center for Faith and Culture and Writer-in-Residence.

SAVE THE DATE
The Center for Faith & Culture’s inaugural
TOLKIEN & LEWIS CELEBRATION
Saturday, September 19, 2015



An all-day event of talks and performances related to the work of the 20th Century’s greatest Christian literary figures, J.R.R. Tolkien and C.S. Lewis.

SPEAKERS INCLUDE

Dale Ahlquist

Joseph Pearce

Kevin O’Brien

Devin Brown

DETAILS AND SCHEDULE AT: www.aquinascollege.edu/faith-and-culture

RECENT GRAD TRACY JENKINS, M.S.N.

SCHOOL OF
NURSING

Comfort Zones, Open Doors and the Aquinas Experience



When Tracy Jenkins decided to enroll in Aquinas College's new Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.) in Nursing Education program, she was nervous.

"I was afraid of the cost and the time it would require," she said. "Sometimes, you just have to step out of your comfort zone and do what God wants you to do."

Tracy graduated in May as part of the M.S.N. program's inaugural class, and within days, she was offered a position as a nursing instructor. She recently shared some of her thoughts about her time at Aquinas:

What made you choose Aquinas College?

I truly feel the Lord placed me at Aquinas College. I live in Bowling Green, KY, and took a nursing job in Nashville. While there, I met a member of the Aquinas nursing faculty, Tina Rosetti, who encouraged me to come on board as an adjunct instructor with Aquinas. I fell in love with teaching nursing students, and I felt the Lord opening doors for me to continue my education.

Was a Catholic nursing program important to you?

At first, I didn't give it much thought as I identify mostly with the Baptist faith. But Aquinas is open to all faiths and encourages you to learn more about God and how you can serve Him. There is a peace in knowing the Sisters are praying for you each day. The teachers emphasize caring and dignity of each human soul, and I know I am more compassionate now because of that.

Why did you decide to return to school to get your master's?

At first, I was worried about the cost and the time it would require. However, after the first class, I knew this was something I really needed to do to pursue my passion for teaching.

What are the greatest benefits of an Aquinas nursing education?

You know that the teachers care about you as a person. It is not an easy education; they truly challenge you to critically think for yourself. I have made friendships that will last a lifetime, and prayer in the classroom helps me focus on why I'm there. When you graduate, you can be confident that you have been fully prepared to do your job.

From your own experience, what do you see as the biggest differences between a private college and public college education?

Definitely the inclusion of God and His purpose for your life and the focus on caring and the dignity of the human soul. You can express your faith without fear. Also, the class size is much smaller, allowing for more personalized attention. I know I am not a number – I am a person.

What do you plan to do with your degree now that you've graduated?

I just accepted a position with Western Kentucky University as a full-time Med/Surg I Instructor, and I'm excited to teach nursing students and share the love of Jesus Christ. I am looking forward to the fall semester.

Any advice for nurses considering returning to school for a master's?

Just jump in and do it! Will it be hard? Yes. Will it be worth it? Absolutely! Does it go by fast? You bet!

The M.S.N. in Nursing Education, which began in 2012, forms registered nurses for the specialty role of nurse educator for faculty positions in nursing schools and as clinical educators in health care facilities, in community settings and in other health care organizations. For more information call (615) 297-7545 ext. 460 or (800) 649-9956 (out of state), or email admissions@aquinascollege.edu.

NEWS FROM AQUINAS



Nearly One-Fifth of Student Body Marched for Life

Aquinas College once again had a visible presence at the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C., in January with one-fifth of the student body participating. The winner of our student essay contest, Corey Maynard, won a free trip to the March, the largest pro-life event in the world. The students joined hundreds of thousands of other marchers.

Visit www.aquinascollege.edu/marchforlife for the full story.

Aquinas students at the March for Life at the Capitol Mall in Washington, D.C.

#AprilatAquinas Social Media Contest

The #AprilatAquinas Social Media Contest engaged students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends with one topic each day of the month. Participants posted text and pictures on topics across Instagram, Facebook and other social media channels, ranging from “favorite teacher” and “a day in the life” to “how I observe Holy Week.” The student winners were Stephanie Garrett, Corey Maynard, Jessica Herron, Olivia Casbarro and Veronica Kitzhaber. To see all of the posts, visit www.aquinascollege.edu/aprilataquinas.



A sampling of the #AprilatAquinas social media contest posts.



Helen Alvaré at the St. Thomas Aquinas Forum.

St. Thomas Aquinas Forum Affirms the Importance of Family

Just months before the bishops meet with the Holy Father in Rome for the Synod on the Family, the Ninth Annual St. Thomas Aquinas Forum examined this same theme on Feb. 13-14. The Forum featured talks by **Monsignor Albin J. Grous**, Pastor of St. Andrew the Apostle Parish in Drexel Hill, PA, and former Official for the Congregation for Catholic Education at the Vatican; **Helen Alvaré**, Professor at George Mason University School of Law; **John Garvey**, President of the Catholic University of America; **Katrina Zeno**, John Paul II Resource Center for Theology of the Body and Culture; **Sister Terese Auer, O.P.**, Theology Teacher at John Paul the Great High School; and **Dr. Richard Bulzacchelli**, Associate Professor of Theology at Aquinas College.

For photos and audio of the Forum, visit www.aquinascollege.edu/forum.



(Left to Right) Annie Segebarth, Abbey Staub, Wil Bernhard, and Danny Ligowski talk to students at Frassati Catholic High School.

Students Lead Retreat at Frassati Catholic High School in Texas

Aquinas students Annie Segebarth, Abbey Staub, Wil Bernhard and Danny Ligowski led a retreat for high school students at Frassati Catholic High School, located north of Houston in Spring, Texas. Run by the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia, the school opened just two years ago. The Aquinas group led talks and activities and witnessed to their relationship with God. Sister Mary Cecilia, O.P., Vice President for Student Life, hopes that this is the first of many impactful student-led retreats at Catholic high schools.

Successful Crowdfunding Project Raises \$30K

Aquinas College engaged the entire College community in its first-ever crowdfunding campaign, #AquinasGives, from Nov. 17–Dec. 2, 2014, with two college-wide projects and one for each of the four schools. The campaign surpassed the total funding goal, raising \$30,000. Each project is now underway.

For the full story and a list of projects funded, visit www.aquinascollege.edu/crowdfunding.



Convivium Features Country Star, Raises Thousands



The second annual Convivium took place on the evening of Saturday, Feb. 28, at the Musicians Hall of Fame in downtown Nashville. After a few songs from opening act, Campus Chaplain Father Kevin McGoldrick and friends, country music star Collin Raye took the stage. With 16 No. 1 hits and more than 8 million albums sold, Raye uses his success and celebrity to support numerous philanthropic and Catholic social causes. “Everybody’s here for the right reasons,” Raye said from the stage. “They’re here to raise money for a wonderful school. If I get to feel like I’m a small member of that family for a few hours, then that’s a blessing for me.” From the expansive silent auction, live auction and ticket sales to 220 attendees, the Convivium raised \$12,000 to benefit Aquinas College students. Watch the recap video at aquinascollege.edu/convivium.



BACCALAUREATE MASS AND COMMENCEMENT 2015

Aquinas College held its 53rd annual Commencement exercises on Saturday, May 16. The Most Reverend David R. Choby, Bishop of the Diocese of Nashville, presided at the Baccalaureate Mass at St. Henry's Catholic Church.

Nearly 100 students received diplomas at the War Memorial Auditorium in downtown Nashville at the School of Nursing Commencement. The inaugural Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.) and Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.) students received their diplomas at the ceremony.

Joseph Pearce, Aquinas' Director of the Center for Faith and Culture and Writer-in-Residence, addressed the graduates. Visit aquinascollege.edu/graduation-roundup for full audio of the address.

Award Winners

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA AWARD (SCHOOL OF NURSING - A.S.N.): *Christopher M. Duff*

ST. MARTIN DE PORRES AWARD (SCHOOL OF NURSING - R.N., B.S.N.):
Treva Powers

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER AWARD (SCHOOL OF BUSINESS): *Maria Price*

ST. DOMINIC TEACHER OF TRUTH AWARD (SCHOOL OF EDUCATION): *Rose Diauto*

ST. AUGUSTINE AWARD (SCHOOL OF ARTS & SCIENCES): *Stephen Lanham*

The inaugural graduates of the Master of Science in Nursing program.



Joseph Pearce, Aquinas' Director of the Center for Faith and Culture and Writer-in-Residence delivered the commencement address.



Dr. Bennett adjusts his regalia and entertains student sisters.

The inaugural graduates of the Master of Arts in Teaching program.



Christopher Duff received the St. Catherine of Siena Award.



Brother Ignatius Perkins, O.P., former Dean of the School of Nursing, receives the Faculty of the Year Award from Sister Mary Bendyna, O.P., Provost and Vice President of Academics



School of Education graduate Brandon Bell with his family.



A.S.N. graduates Mary Weadon, Mary Foltz and Therese Youso celebrate after receiving their nursing pins.

NEW M.Ed. IN TEACHING AND LEARNING SCHEDULE BUILT WITH WORKING TEACHERS IN MIND

AQUINAS COLLEGE IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT OUR MASTER OF EDUCATION IN TEACHING AND LEARNING DEGREE will now accommodate teachers who want to maintain their current teaching positions, yet still wish to further their education without relocating or taking time off to do so. Our new, more adaptive schedule will make it possible for more students to encounter teaching and learning in the Dominican tradition, benefit from the experience and expertise of the faculty in the School of Education at Aquinas College and collaborate with other professional educators striving to enhance learning for the students in their classrooms.



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To complete the program, Master of Education students will choose from an expanded number of course offerings on the Aquinas campus during June and July for two consecutive summers, with some courses offered during the academic year in a directed study format. During those times, students will come to campus one weekend each semester of the Fall and Spring for two consecutive years.

Throughout the academic year, studies, research and practical application of theories and skills learned will be completed under the direction of a designated Aquinas professor. The program is a total of 33 credit hours and will begin with a new cohort each summer. Courses will be delivered in a sequence that builds one upon the other.

The entire program is designed with the working teacher in mind. Education from the Dominican perspective helps educators see the complexity of the teacher's influence on the students they teach, the colleagues with whom they work and the families of their students. According to Catholic tradition, the dignity of the human person and the salvation of souls are at the heart of a teacher's work. Educators in our program experience this, and from their experience, learn to implement it in their own classrooms.

The second core principle of the complementarity of faith and reason is also realized in the experience of graduate studies in

Education. In the Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis states, "When certain categories of reason and the sciences are taken up into the proclamation of the message, these categories then become tools of evangelization; water is changed into wine. Whatever is taken up is not just redeemed, but becomes an instrument of the Spirit for enlightening and renewing the world" (#132). This is experienced in classes such as Data Driven Decisions, where the focus on the numbers is for the good of individual students.

The prudent stewardship of God's individual and communal gifts is realized more fully and embodied in the motto of the School of Education at Aquinas College, "Teaching: Gift and Mission." Educators have been called and entrusted with a gift for others by embodying the words of St. Thomas Aquinas, "The life that comes from the fullness of contemplation, such as teaching and preaching, is more excellent than simply contemplating God. Just as it is better to enlighten others than merely to shine, it is better to give the fruits of our contemplation to others than merely to contemplate" (*St. Thomas Aquinas, ST II-II, 188, 6*).

We receive the great mandate of Jesus to go into the whole world and teach. Is teaching your passion, too? Aquinas will prepare you like no other program in the country!

ST. AUGUSTINE AWARD WINNER



Stephen Lanham receiving the St. Augustine Award on May 16.

Stephen Lanham is a native of New Egypt, N.J., and received his B.A. in English with a minor in Philosophy at Aquinas College in May 2015. Since completing his degree, he has returned to a career in secondary education and is making plans to pursue graduate studies in literature. He and his wife, Jennifer, have three children — Sophia, Vincent, and Cecilia — and live in Mount Juliet. The following essay was his award-winning submission for the School of Arts & Sciences' St. Augustine Award.

STUDYING ENGLISH at Aquinas College has formed in me so many bonds with so many great books. Nearly everything I have read as a student has made its mark on me. But, considering the personal predicament I was in when I first enrolled at Aquinas, perhaps no book made a deeper impression on me than *Beowulf*.

My first couple of years at Aquinas were spent desperately trying to form an identity following my recent discharge from the Marine Corps. Over the past eight years I had come to know myself as a rank, and the transition from “Sergeant” to “Stephen” proved more difficult than I had imagined. I was having great trouble distinguishing the characteristics of a Marine that would fit in well with civilian life apart from the characteristics that should be shed with the uniform. Thus, I tried to start fresh, to focus on forming “Stephen” as if “Sergeant Lanham” had never existed, which only led to further frustration. *Beowulf* was instrumental in helping me weld the warrior ethos with the ideals of an ambitious young husband, father, and student.

Beowulf lands in Denmark as a gentleman. He pays due respect to everyone he meets, and pledges to defeat the evil Grendel with a sense of dedication so often found in the warrior (ll. 229-851). He is tactful in his speech, even when he rebuffs Unferth’s disrespectful chiding (ll. 491-606). Beowulf returns to Geatland a devoted subject to the crown, and when he inherits the throne, he remains a devoted servant to his people (ll. 1914-2210). These were characteristics I was familiar with; though, of course, not at such an epic scale.

The Marine Corps always stresses the importance of gentlemanly behavior; respect and dedication are crucial to the formation of a good Marine. One memory of my service seems to combine these traits into one simple action: ordering the chow line from lowest rank to highest. Perhaps it seems silly or even foolish for me to compare a line of people awaiting a meal to the epic characteristics of Beowulf, but for me this comparison identified an act so natural for Marines, it was rarely—if ever—recognized as honorable behavior. The notion of taking care of the young warrior over and above one’s own needs is a paternal act of respect and dedication, and this was a trait to cling to.

Of course, Beowulf is not a perfect role model. He is a man of great hubris, the mark of a poor leader and a deadly poison to the mind (ll. 2515-2817). This too reminded me of an often unspoken law among Marines: no battle should be fought alone, and heroes are only formed by reacting in accord with what is best for the other, not for the self. Beowulf’s often-foolhardy engagement with adversity was a clear reminder that most battles are best fought alongside fellow warriors, just as most personal struggles are best resolved with the aid of true friends.

Beowulf provided me with prime examples of a warrior’s traits that should endure beyond the battlefield. Respect and dedication are traits that should be woven into each judgment that leads to action, each and every decision a person makes. Pride should always be checked. And of course, should these lessons from *Beowulf* ever fail to resonate, perhaps it will be helpful to consider an equally profound lesson from *Don Quixote*: don’t take yourself too seriously.

WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR AQUINAS?

Gifts of All Sizes Make a Big Impact! *by Andrew Shafer, Vice President for Advancement*



WHEN WE SAY, "EVERY GIFT MATTERS AT AQUINAS," WE MEAN IT. It truly takes participation among all levels of giving, from annual gifts to principal investment, to keep our school performing and growing. While it's true that the big multimillion dollar gifts make the national headlines and result in donors' names in lights, we rely even more heavily on regular, annual giving support to provide the backbone of the college. While many organizations host very aggressive annual giving campaigns at least two or three times a year, Aquinas has historically taken a much more passive approach, concentrating our efforts on a small number of large gifts instead. In 2015, that's all about to change.

The inception of **IGNITE: The Campaign for Aquinas College** in 2014 marks a shift in our approach to fundraising and private gift support to better support the needs of our faculty, students and campus. If we want to grow according to our *Vision 2020* plan, we simply can't leave private annual gift support to chance any longer. Rather, we want to provide opportunities in many different shapes and sizes that allow people to pitch in at all levels, whether Aquinas is officially your alma mater or simply close to your heart for the role it plays in the Church and our community.

It might surprise you to know that while more than \$335 billion per year is given philanthropically in the United States, most of those dollars do not come from the "top 1-percent" but rather from the masses. The most impactful support comes from the collective gifts of hard-working, passionate individuals who understand the value of philanthropic giving and in our case, the value of a high quality higher education in the Catholic tradition.

That's why in 2015, you'll start seeing new opportunities and more ways to support Aquinas College. We'll repeat the successful **AquinasGives crowdfunding campaign** from fall 2014, an initiative that achieved 103-percent of our goal in the first year. Our 2014 *AquinasGives* projects are currently under way, and we're setting the stage for an even bigger and better crowdfunding campaign for the fall. We'll also introduce a new initiative known as *Advance Aquinas*, designed to help you leave your own stamp on our exciting growth over the next several years.

Every new giving opportunity is a part of our purposeful and strategic approach toward the completion of IGNITE, our ambitious campaign to bring *VISION 2020: Truth & Charity* to fruition professionally, in totality, and ahead of schedule.

Thank you in advance for your ongoing consideration and for walking with us as we cultivate annual giving support for Aquinas. In the coming year, you'll have several new opportunities to find your place as part of the growing base of donors who provide the true backbone of support for Aquinas College. Your annual gift not only helps relieve the tuition burden from students and parents, but also provides the critical support that keeps the College running effectively, operating efficiently and positioned for growth. Your support truly does make all the difference!

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AQUINAS FACULTY AND STAFF IN THE NEWS



Aquinas' President **Sister Mary Sarah Galbraith, O.P.**, spoke on "The Counsel of Obedience and Consecrated Life" at St. Agnes Parish in St. Paul, Minn. in January and delivered the commencement address at St. Thomas More Academy in Raleigh, N.C. in May. And along with **Sister Mary Anne Zuberbueler, O.P.**, (pictured) Dean of the School of

Education, she spoke at the San Antonio Chapter of Legatus on "Make No Little Plans: The Contributions of Consecrated Religious to the Catholic Church in America" in February.

The School of Education's **Sister Matthew Marie Cummings, O.P.** and **Sister Elizabeth Anne Allen, O.P.** spoke at the National Catholic Educational Association's annual convention on "The Difference We Make: Teachers as Witnesses to Faith" in April in Orlando.



Sister Mary Angelica Neenan, O.P., Associate Professor of Theology and Director of the AquinasAbroad program, authored a book entitled *The Nature of the Human Soul and its Faculties: Philosophical and Anthropological Background for Moral Theology*, to be published by Editrice Teresianum in Rome.



Richard H. Bulzacchelli, S.T.D., Associate Professor of Theology and Senior Fellow at the St. Paul Institute for Biblical Theology, delivered numerous talks: "*Serpent and Sacrifice: Pasch, Promise, and Parousia*" at the Society for Catholic Liturgy Annual Conference in Colorado Springs; "The Sweetest Fruits of *Aeterni Patris* and the Leonine Revival" at the inaugural Colloquium

on the Thought of St. Thomas Aquinas at Aquinas College; "Creation Theology and Christian Marriage: Why the Church's Teachings on Sex and Matrimony Can't Be Changed" at the St. Thomas Aquinas Forum at Aquinas College; "Four

Things Every Catholic Should Know About the Virgin Mary" at St. Philip Church in Franklin, Tenn.; and "The Marriage of Mary and Joseph in Relation to the Conjugal Life: Anomaly or Exemplar?" at the Meeting of the Mariological Society of America in Hickory, N.C.



Katherine Haynes, Ph.D., Associate Professor of English, will publish a chapter in the Modern Language Association's second edition of *Approaches to Teaching Dante's Divine Comedy*. The title of Dr. Haynes' contributing chapter is "Scaffolding Scholarly Research for a Senior-Level Course on Dante in Translation." Dr. Haynes is scheduled to teach

the ENG 412 Dante course at Aquinas again this fall. Dr. Haynes also contributed two book reviews – on Shakespeare and Dante – for *The Sixteenth Century Journal*. In October, Dr. Haynes presented the paper, "Herbert's Appropriation and Promulgation of Baconian Methodology" at the George Herbert Society at their annual conference meeting in Phoenix, Ariz.

School of Education adjunct instructor **Frank Cronin** published two articles in the *National Catholic Register*, "Atheist Arguments Devalue Reason and Science" and "Faith is a Matter of Fact."

Sister Mary Rose Bingham, O.P., of the Office of Catechetics, delivered numerous talks, presentations and classes on Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, visiting locations from North Carolina and Ohio to Idaho and Vancouver, British Columbia.

Since January, **Sister Elizabeth Anne Allen, O.P.**, Director of the Center for Catholic Education, delivered numerous talks to Catholic teachers and principals at conferences and schools in Michigan, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, Tennessee and Florida.

Andrew Shafer, Vice President for Advancement, will publish a chapter, "Effective Approaches in Higher Education Development: A Survey in Fundraising Best Practices," in the new textbook *Facilitating Higher Education Growth through Fundraising and Philanthropy*.

RECENT GRADUATE PAIGE ANDERSON

Internships, Impact and Real-World Success

A sixth generation Nashvillian, Paige Anderson came to Aquinas in the Fall of 2008 to pursue a career in nursing. Instead, she pursued a Bachelor of Business Administration in the School of Business, landing a plum internship with the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce that led to full-time employment upon graduation a year later. We caught up with Paige after three years as Events Coordinator with the chamber.



What led you to Aquinas? Why did you choose the business program?

I started college out of state, but following the loss of my Dad, I returned home and transferred to a closer school. I chose Aquinas College initially for their reputable Nursing program but realized my true passions were elsewhere, and I chose to enter the Business program.

Tell us about your internship with the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce.

An unpaid internship with a minimum of 100 hours is required for graduation from the business program at Aquinas. I applied for the Member and Business Development internship at the chamber, and was told during the interview that there were more than 100 applicants for the internship. The next day, I was offered the position.

What was your internship like with the chamber?

My internship provided me a broad overview of Nashville's business community and the economic success of the region. Through exposure to each department in the organization, I learned so much about the extensive work the chamber does. When a position opened during my senior year, my internship mentor urged me to apply quickly because the job posting had received more than 75 applicants in less than 24 hours. I received the job offer the week of final exams.

How did Aquinas prepare you for your job at the chamber? What kind of impact did Aquinas have on your future plans?

Aquinas provided me a strong foundation in ethics, critical thinking and leadership. Beyond simply learning from a textbook, professors at Aquinas taught from their work experiences, which put the course work into real-life context.

In what ways did you flourish at Aquinas that you wouldn't have at another school?

I was able to get to know my professors on a one-on-one basis, which provided more collaboration and a deeper understanding of the material and concepts.

What one class or instructor influenced you more than any other?

Mr. Watson. With his vast business experience and his incredible sense of humor, he wasn't afraid to let his students make mistakes. He always challenged me to think critically and gave real-world business examples in every class.

What would you tell a student who was considering Aquinas for a Business degree?

Aquinas College will truly prepare you to be a productive member of the business community. The professors have the unique ability to connect textbook material to real-life business applications.

ALUMNI CLASS NOTES

Claire Karas, B.S.N. '05 is a clinical analyst at Healthcare IQ in Palmetto, Fla. and a subject matter expert on United Nations Standard Product and Service Code and proprietary classification taxonomies.

Sharen (Morris) Ramer, A.B.M. '04, B.S.B.A. '07 moved to Gallatin, Tenn., where she is raising her 8-year-old grandson with her husband.

Sarah (Beach) Herod, B.S.I.S. '08 welcomed her fifth baby, Finnian Matthew, on April 20, 2015.

Yolanda (Carter) Howard, B.S.B.A. '08 gave birth to a girl, Leah Morgan, in 2010. She also has a 15-year-old son, Jordan. She has been married for 10 years and has been at Ford Credit for 19 years. She is a floral designer and event planner and owns her own business, Bloom & Blossom Designs.

Marilyn Watts, A.S.N. '09 started her nursing career on the post-operative floor, then soon moved to an ICU float nurse position, traveling between two hospitals. After receiving an opportunity to help with a computerized physician order entry implementation project, she entered the information technology and services field with HCA. She credits Aquinas College with equipping her for this felicitous career change.

Alicia (Hill) Guill, A.S.N. '08, B.S.N. '11 is a hospice nurse and is the proud aunt of two nephews and a niece. She married the love of her life last year, a United States Marine stationed in Yuma, Ariz. where the couple lives.

Leslie (Wallace) Congdon, A.S.N. '12 and her husband, Emil, welcomed their fourth child, Wallace Ehrenberg, in September 2014, joining siblings Porter, Virginia and Boone. In March, Leslie and Emil expanded their leather goods shop, Emil Erwin, to include production and retail space at 904 Buchanan St. in Nashville. Everything is still designed and produced in Nashville by the Congdons.

Alice Stewart, A.S.N. '13 quickly obtained her nursing license after graduation and has worked for Trevecca Health & Rehab and Skyline Medical Center as a Cardiac nurse. She recently founded a service organization called Nurses of Action. She is pursuing a nursing license to be a travel nurse in the United Kingdom during the summer. Her son just finished his first year of kindergarten. She thanks Aquinas for the foundation to the life she always dreamed of.



Alice Stewart



Alice Guill and her husband

In Memoriam



Marcus Piggee, M.I.S. '06 (1972-2015)

James C. Dickens, father of Aquinas staff member Linda Moore, on Feb. 4.

Monsignor Philip F. Thoni, friend of the campus, on March 19.

Eugene N. Bulso, grandfather of current student Tim Bulso, on April 28.

Marcus Piggee, M.I.S. '06, age 42, passed away on April 2. He is survived by his wife of five years, Jessica Piggee, a son, Austin Michael Piggee, and his parents, Larry and Juanita Piggee.

Mary Dolores "Dody" Hyman Davis, mother of Philip J. Davis '90 and current staff member Sister Philip Joseph Davis, O.P., on May 14.

James Monroe Carell, friend of the campus, on May 18.

Gerald T. "Jerry" Carden, friend of the campus, on May 24.

Janet K. "Jan" Carell, friend of the campus, on May 26.

Fr. James B. Murray, friend of the campus, on June 7.

Stephanie Elaine Aylor, '70, on July 1.

George Mongon, friend of the College, on July 28.

Christine Asbury, former Aquinas staff member, on August 1.

NEW PROGRAMS AND OPPORTUNITIES COMING TO THE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

by Dr. Dan Donnelly,
Dean, School of Business

In the coming academic year, the School of Business will add a Marketing major to its Bachelor of Business Administration (B.B.A.) degree program. The new major will complement existing majors in Management and Finance and help Aquinas better serve its students with a competitive program that will prepare them for real-world opportunities.

More than 25-percent of U.S. college students major in business; many choose a focus in marketing. The field attracts a broad array of personality types and interests, ranging from the highly quantitative (e.g., market research) to the very qualitative (e.g., advertising). A review of job search websites indicates that marketing-related roles account for about a quarter of the business and management jobs posted. By adding a Marketing major, Aquinas will provide its students with the knowledge and skills to compete for these opportunities after graduation.

is set to launch quickly, with a course in Advertising added to the spring 2016 semester, courses in Consumer Behavior and Digital Marketing following in the fall 2016 semester and Marketing Strategy offered in the spring 2017 semester.

The Aquinas College School of Arts and Sciences also received Board of Director approval to seek accreditation for a new B.A. in Psychology, which is of great interest to the School of Business. To complement the new major, Aquinas would also offer a Psychology minor, consisting of courses such as Organizational Psychology, Motivation, and Group Dynamics. Psychology courses are extremely relevant for all B.B.A. students, helping prepare candidates for professional life and make them more attractive to employers. A minor in Psychology taught in the Dominican tradition will help Business program graduates succeed on all fronts in their vocations as Catholic business leaders.

The Aquinas College School of Business is unique in that it strives to instill within its students the motivation and desire to follow sound moral judgment in personal and professional roles.

Within the Marketing major, students will understand the principles of marketing within the framework of Christian business ethics and Catholic social teaching. The curriculum is designed to not only prepare students for job opportunities after graduation, but also to strengthen their business judgment by building capacity for critical thinking, creative problem solving and innovative decision-making in an organizational setting. The Aquinas Marketing major will be unlike any other program, teaching students to use the art and science of marketing to fulfill existing needs, rather than promote on-demand creation and consumerism. In their formation, students will learn to balance profitability with the interests of customers.

Marketing majors will follow the same Liberal Arts Foundation and Business Core course path as other majors within the School of Business. The Business Core already includes an introductory Principles of Marketing course, as well as courses in Product Management and Marketing Research. To complete the Marketing major, students will complete five of six available 400-level marketing courses. The program

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COURSES INCLUDE:

Advertising/Marketing (Spring 2016)
Consumer Behavior (Fall 2016)
Digital Marketing (Fall 2016)
Marketing Strategy (Spring 2017)

Per *Vision 2020*, Aquinas College continues to seek new opportunities for degree programs.

Mark your Calendar for Upcoming Alumni Events!

MADE IN NASHVILLE FESTIVAL

SEPT. 12, 11 A.M. - 7 P.M.

CENTENNIAL PARK

Stop by our booth and say "hello" as we participate to benefit the Epilepsy Foundation.

SECOND ANNUAL CATHOLIC CHARITIES

YOUNG PROFESSIONAL WINE SOCIAL

SEPT. 26, 7 P.M.

WHITE HOUSE AT AQUINAS

Catholic Charities of Tennessee and Aquinas are joining forces again to bring together young professionals for a wine and sushi mixer.

NASHVILLE PREDATORS VS. CAROLINA HURRICANES

OCTOBER 8, 6 P.M.

BRIDGESTONE ARENA

Join us for the season opener! Meet an hour before the game in a private club room for dinner and updates from Sister Mary Sarah.

TRUNK-OR-TREAT

OCTOBER 30, 2:30 - 4:30 P.M.

WHITE HOUSE AT AQUINAS

Join us for trunk-or-treating at 2:30 and pumpkin painting at 4.

Find more events and information on staying connected to Aquinas at www.aquinascollege.edu/alumni.



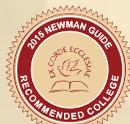
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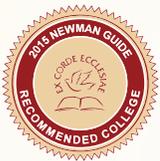


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