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On the cover: Leanne Hochstetler ('10), right, discusses the future of the church with other Spanish-speaking young adults at the Global Youth Summit that preceded Mennonite World Conference. They then wrote their thoughts on paper fruit that was posted for all Summit participants to read. See story on p. 4.

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Michael Yeakey

Michael teaches English 11 and 12. He holds a B.A. in English (University of Montana), an M.A. in social ethics and M.Div. in pastoral ministry (Pacific School of Religion), and studied at Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary. He has served as a pastor and taught junior high through college in Kansas, Colorado, and Indiana—most recently at Westview High School, where he taught AP English and developed a widely-respected speech and debate program.

Michael is married to Kathy Nofziger. They have four children: Lena (grade 7 at Bethany), Hannah (grade 5), Fiona (grade 3), and Aaron (grade 1). They attend North Goshen Mennonite Church, where he serves as an usher and on occasion as preacher or Sunday school teacher. Knowledgeable in bicycle repairs, he also helps out with a free repair clinic at the church.

Rachel Roth Sawatzky

Rachel serves as admissions director. Having spent her early childhood in California, she then lived several years with her family in a mission setting in Botswana. She graduated from Lancaster Mennonite High School (1994), attended Goshen College for three years, and completed a B.A. from Eastern Mennonite University (1998) with a major in biblical studies and theology and a minor in peace and justice.

Since college she has worked with youth groups and pastors as site coordinator for Mennonite Central Committee's SWAP Program in Harlan County, Kentucky, and then earned an M.A. in sociology of religion at Candler School of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta (2004).

She and her husband David have lived in Atlanta since 2002 during which time Rachel was co-owner and manager of their home renovation business. They attended Atlanta Mennonite Fellowship where she served as an elder, interim pastoral team member, children's Sunday school teacher, and worship committee chair. They have two sons: Silas (age 5) and Asher (age 3).

Kari Kern

With business manager Janice Eigsti Miller moving to part-time following the birth of her son last spring, Bethany has added the part-time position of assistant business manager to share in some business office duties. Filling that position is Kari Kern, a 1991 Goshen College accounting graduate who was recently employed as a corporate accountant at Biomet in Warsaw.

Kari and her husband Shaun have four children: Kory (age 9), Karina (age 7), Kollie (age 4) and Kendra (age 2). They attend Yellow Creek Mennonite Church where she teaches in the primary department.



New faculty: Rachel Roth Sawatzky, Michael Yeakey, Kari Kern.

Sharon Yoder

A former Mennonite Mission Network worker in Kenya and co-pastor of Olive Mennonite Church with her husband Kevin ('80), Sharon is eager to reflect with the board and administration on how the church's missional focus affects decisions about Mennonite education.



As a student in Mennonite schools from kindergarten through seminary (Lancaster Mennonite School, Eastern Mennonite University, and Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary), she treasures the life-shaping relationships she developed with teachers and desires that Bethany likewise will continue to "impact the spiritual formation of our youth while inviting them to grow emotionally, socially, and academically."

Sharon and Kevin have three children: Ana, Alita ('09), and Alena ('12).

John Troyer

John Troyer ('88), pastor of youth and young adults at Clinton Frame Mennonite Church, is Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference's representative on the Bethany board. He recently served on the conference's Transition Team and is currently on its Missional Leadership Team.



Following his graduation from Bethany he studied at Hesston and Goshen colleges and then earned an M.A. in theology and ethics from Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary.

He says, "I am grateful for a church school that supports the vision and values of its constituency. I also appreciate that at Bethany a *win* is to focus on the well-being of each student and athlete rather than just focusing on accumulating wins for a particular program."

John and his wife Sheila have one daughter, Mandy, who is in kindergarten.

Marsha Busenitz King

Marsha Busenitz King graduated from Goshen College (1987) with a degree in nursing and works as a territory manager for a Minnesota medical device company. She attends Yellow Creek Mennonite Church where she has held various leadership positions. She and her husband Tony ('82) have two children: Ana (age 7) and Reyna (age 5).



She says, "Our family has certainly been blessed by the effects and mission of Bethany. As a parent of young children, my concern is not only for the day-to-day function of the school, but its longterm thriving!"

2009-10 Board of Directors

Jim Alvarez (Berkey Avenue)	2009-12
Randy Christophel, chair (Silverwood)	2003-11
Dave Hawkins, treasurer (Clinton Frame)	2007-10
Kathy Hollenberg, secretary (College)	2004-10
Marsha Busenitz King (Yellow Creek)	2009-11
Linford Martin, asst. chair (First of Middlebury)	2004-11
Jeff Shenk (Belmont)	2008-11
Barb Smucker (Berkey Avenue)	2008-11
Rachel Lehman Stoltzfus (Forks)	2007-10
John Troyer (Clinton Frame), conf. rep	2009-10
Orville Yoder (Benton)	2006-12
Sharon Yoder (Olive)	2009-12

Jim Alvarez

Jim Alvarez, senior vice president at Mennonite Mutual Aid, values Christian education for "helping youth grow into successful servants and community members." As a product of Christian education (Goshen College 1984), he finds it fulfilling to help sustain Bethany and to encourage others to benefit from this experience.



Jim and his wife Diane Beam, along with daughters Sara ('08) and Corine ('10), attend Berkey Avenue Mennonite Fellowship, where he is chair of the Stewardship and Finance Committee.

Hochstetler ('10) Values Crosscultural Connections

“Being part of multicultural worship and learning to know other young adult Christians from around the world was amazing,” said Bethany senior Leanne Hochstetler, who was one of more than 700 young adults who joined together for the second Mennonite World Conference Global Youth Summit in Asunción, Paraguay, July 10-12. Also attending from the class of 2009 were Luke Hostetter, Jared Schwartztruber, and Alita Yoder, while Luis Lopez, a Bethany senior from Asunción served as a volunteer worker.

Leanne first considered attending the conference when Sarah Thompson ('02), a member of the Summit planning group, spoke in chapel last year. When Bethany took up Thompson's challenge to financially assist in sending a participant, Leanne applied for that opportunity. She says, “I had never been to a Mennonite convention of any sort before, and since I was going to be in Paraguay for a school language trip, I thought this made a lot of sense. Plus I enjoy learning to know people from different cultures.”

Indeed that has been the case here at home. At Bethany Leanne has interacted daily with friends of different ethnic and cultural backgrounds (25% of students have a different ethnicity than she—more than one-third of those a different nationality). Additionally, her church, True Vine Tabernacle, has a diverse socio-economic and cultural makeup as well as a non-traditional approach to worship. Though these connections sparked her interest and helped prepare her for the crosscultural gathering, the Summit still surpassed her expectations.

At the Summit Leanne experienced a rich diversity of worship expressions as each morning and evening

different continental groups led worship on the theme: “Service—Live the Difference!” During an afternoon workshop on different kinds of worship, she heard young adults from various cultures share what they find meaningful in worship. Leanne says, “After participating in that workshop I realized how much culture can impact worship styles.”

Leanne also values the relationships she formed with other young adults as she socialized in free time or in breakout activity groups during the worship sessions. She says, “I found it fulfilling to be able to both encourage others in their faith and be encouraged by them.” Through email and Facebook she still maintains contact with some of the new friends she met there.

The Summit also provided a way for Leanne to continue improving her Spanish. After two weeks of traveling as part of Bethany's summer language trip in Brazil and Paraguay (see p. 5), she spent the next two weeks living with her host family in Asunción until the conference began. She realized how much her Spanish had improved over the previous month when she was able to participate in a worship activity group at the Summit in which everyone spoke Spanish! She says, “I am much more confident in speaking Spanish and am deeply thankful to everyone who helped give me these opportunities.”

Thompson ('02) Helps Plan Summit

Sarah Thompson ('02) was excited that Bethany sent a student to participate in the Global Youth Summit and honored to help plan the event, which brought young people from all over the world together to worship, debate, and enlarge their understanding of living a life of service. She says, “To contemplate what discipleship means in a cross-cultural context necessitates taking into account our interconnectedness on this planet in crisis. The spiritual, financial, and mental connection of young people from the Global North and Global South is a crucial aspect for the church to flourish in the 21st century.”

Mennonite World Conference

Bethany principal **Allan Dueck** attended Mennonite World Conference to dialogue with Mennonite educators from around the world (see p. 10).

Among the many Bethany alumni who attended the conference, several serve in leadership roles for MWC, including **Larry Miller ('67)**, general secretary; **Karen Martin Schiedel ('96)**, director of finance and administration; and **Sarah Thompson ('02)**, North American representative on the Youth and Young Adult Executive Committee. For more on their work see the Fall 2008 *BCS Bulletin* or www.bethanycs.net/mwc_2008.

Learning from Other Cultures

by Mattie Lehman ('11)

This summer, eight girls (including me), one boy, two teachers, a mother, and a young toddler took a 12-hour flight to South America, where we were immersed in a language and culture foreign to us. We laughed, we learned, and we made mistakes, all of which were part of the cultural experience.

Upon our arrival in Asunción, Paraguay, we met our host families. Some were rich, some poor, but all were willing to open their homes to us. And despite the fact that it was finals week for their students, they were gracious hosts. They fed us delicious food, took time to entertain us, and sent us off with generous gifts.

We participated in all our hosts' activities. Some of us were lucky to attend a Quinceañera—a girl's fifteenth birthday party, which is an important rite of passage in Paraguay. Heather Schwartz ('11), who attended one such party, said, "We had a dance and sang karaoke in Spanish." Every night *felt* like a party. New experiences filled our time.

On a day trip to an impoverished neighborhood, our group witnessed another side of Asunción. We visited an elementary school, Sotero Colmán, where we were greeted by excited chatter in each classroom we visited. The students were especially excited when they learned that we were from the United States. Our group donated \$6,000 to the school, which we had raised over a period of six months through coat-checks at school basketball games, a sloppy joe supper, and donations.

After spending time in the "big city," we headed to the Chaco, a rural region where we drove for hours seeing only desert scrub. However, upon closer examination, the area is home to unique plants, animals, and groups of people. Indigenous tribes reside in the Chaco alongside German Mennonite colonies. While staying in one of these colonies, Filadelfia, we experienced a culture unlike that of Asunción.

Hearing Spanish day-in and day-out may have been challenging and disorienting at times but easy in comparison to listening to Portuguese. At one point during our stay in Brazil we went shopping in a local mall without Marcelo (our Portuguese-speaking teacher), which made communicating next to impossible. We learned the art of pointing and arm motions that day.

We learned a great deal from our cross-cultural experience, including not to mix up the Spanish word for embarrassed (*embarrados*) with the word for pregnant (*embarazadas*) and not to wear shorts in the Mennonite colonies.

However, the most significant thing we learned is that Paraguayan people were willing to understand and forgive our ignorance of their culture.



Juniors Emily Shenk (center) and Marla zumFelde (top right) interact with students from Sotero Colmán, located in one of the most impoverished neighborhoods of Asunción, Paraguay. Prior to their trip, the students raised \$6,000, part of which will be used to build a wall to help the school combat vandalism. Previous Bethany groups raised money to create a library and to construct adequate restroom facilities.

French Exchange

For three weeks this summer, five students (Josh Helmuth, William Schrock, Blake Shetler, Grace Whiteford, and Alena Yoder) hosted youth from *Joie et Vie* (Joy and Life), a French Mennonite association working in conjunction with Mennonite Mission Network. They introduced their guests to Mennonite culture in the U.S. as they socialized together, attended church and youth events, toured Bethany and other Mennonite institutions, and served at Amigo Centre and the Boys and Girls Club in Goshen. Alena and Grace both keep in contact with their new French friends and hope to participate in next summer's exchange when *Joie et Vie* will host youth from the U.S.



Campus News

The Curious Savage

Nov. 20-22

An ensemble cast performs a classic comedy appropriate for all ages.

Ticket reservations begin Oct. 30

\$8 for adults

\$6 for students

Call 574 534-2567

www.bethanycs.net/curious_savage

News at bethanycs.net

SAT Scores Impressive: Bethany's class of 2009 average SAT score of 1702 exceeds state and national averages by 200 points. See [/SAT_2009](#).

Senior Selected to State Leadership Post: Senior **Jesse Ramer** was selected to the IHSAA Student Advisory Committee for a second year and is assisting athletic director Bryan Kehr in starting a student advisory council at Bethany. See [/IHSAA-SAC_2009](#).

National Merit: One of the four semifinalists from Elkhart County is senior **Tony Miller**, son of Lyle and Bonnie Miller. See [/Merit_Semifinalist_2009](#).

AP Calculus: Six students earned the highest score on the 2009 Advanced Placement Calculus exam! See [/Calculus_scores_09](#).

Gift of Tuition: Bethany's PTO has organized a creative grassroots approach to raise additional funds for tuition assistance. See [/Gift_of_Tuition_2009](#)

Calendar

October

- 11 Concert choir and string ensemble with Evergreen Singers, 4 p.m.
- 27 Fall Instrumental Concert, 7 p.m.
- 30 Fish Fry, 4:30-8:00 p.m.

November

- 2 Hacienda Day
- 16 Visit Day for prospective students
- 20 Associates Dinner, 5:45 p.m.

December

- 3 Ten Thousand Villages Shopping Day
- 11 HS Christmas Concert, 7:30 p.m. at Sauder Concert Hall
- 12 Alumni Day (see p. 7)
Community Chili Supper, 5:00-6:30
- 15 MS Christmas Concert, 7 p.m.

Stanley Clark School Information Night

6-7 p.m. Oct. 1 at Bethany

for private education prior to Bethany
see www.stanleyclark.org

Births

Larry ('85) and Kendra **Guengerich**, East Petersburg, Pa., son Hudson James Peifer, Aug. 31.

Michael ('92) and Jodi **Bodiker**, Warsaw, Ind., daughter Maya Renee, Aug. 4. Grandparents are Dan (F'64-) and Diane Bodiker.

Shelly (Heatwole '92) and Brad **Kirkendall**, Indianapolis, Ind., daughter Caroline Paige, July 17. Grandparents are Sharon (Yoder '68) and Eldon (B'97-06) Heatwole.

Terah (Yoder '95) and John **Goerzen**, Goessel, Kan., son Oliver Matthew, July 9. Warren Yoder ('71) is a grandfather.

Rachel (Yoder '96) and Gary **Moscript**, Denton, Texas, son Trenton Andrew, May 1.

Amy (Sommers '96ng) and Brian **Biedenbach**, Ft. Wayne, son Asher Dean, June 27. Grandparents are Darrel ('64) and Karen Sommers.

Josh ('96) and Jeanne **Sohar**, Goshen, twin daughters Maci and Mia, Sept. 3.

Brandi (Schroeder '00) and Brad ('00) **Gingerich**, Goshen, daughter Selah Faith, July 6. Grandparents are Deb (Hochstedler '77) and Dale Hershberger and Mark ('74) and Georgia Gingerich; great-grandparents are Lewis ('55) and Marilyn Hochstedler.

Jen (Gingrich '01) and Kevin **Myers**, Indianapolis, Ind., son Nolan Keith, Sept. 2.

Mary ('01ng) and Eric **Honderich**, Goshen, daughter Heajen, Aug. 7. Grandparents are Carol (Helmuth '68) and Martin ('68) Honderich.

Megan (Pletcher '03) and Keith **Paul**, Middlebury, Ind., son Malachi Elric, June 29.

Lauren (Pletcher '04) and Sylvain **Ngouen**, Middlebury, Ind., daughter Mayli Victoria, June 29.

Addie (Miller '05) and Jared **Leaman**, Middlebury Ind., daughter Sophia Marie, Sept. 9.

Let people know about

Bethany Christian Schools

Share your experiences of Bethany with others and encourage youth you know to consider attending Bethany.

Refer a student: send their name and contact information to Rachel Roth Sawatzky at admissions@bethanycs.net or 2904 S. Main. St., Goshen, IN 46526.

Thank you!



Deaths

Mary (Kauffman '65) Hershberger, Murfreesboro, Tenn., Aug. 5.

Marsha Hooley Miller ('66, B'01-04), Elkhart, Ind., July 27.

Lowell Richard Hoover ('69), Goshen, Aug. 14.

Catherine Miller (S'57-58), Oakland, Md., Sept. 12, 2008. Children include Maurice ('58) and John ('68).

Marriages

Becky Wenger ('91) and Roger Weaver, Lititz, Pa., June 13.

Jason Miller ('96) and Jennifer Souder, Philadelphia, Pa., July 18. He is a social worker at Bethesda Project.

Rebekah Yoder ('98) and **Chris Westerbeck ('00)**, St. Joseph, Mich., Aug. 22. Parents are **Marisa (F'83-04)** and **Tim Yoder**.

Theo McFarlane ('02) and Leslie Brown, Torrance, Calif., July 15, 2008. They helped lead the fall 2008 Goshen SST unit to Jamaica with his mother Pat. In 2007 he released *Soundtrack*, a reggae album that reflects issues such as social consciousness and peace.

Dori Hartzler ('03) and Tim Sassaman, Goshen, June 20.

Jenna Liechty ('03) and Peter Martin, Richmond, Ind., Apr. 25. Jenna works at Friends Fellowship Community, a continuing care retirement community.

Bryan Kauffman ('04) and Ingrid Vendrely, Middlebury, Ind., July 25. Bryan's parents are Barry ('78) and Lisa Kauffman and grandparents are Steve ('58) and Nila Kauffman.

Joshua Nunez ('04) and Danielle Gilbert, Columbus, Ohio, June 20. He is an IT analyst at Nationwide Insurance.

Destiny Peshina ('04) and Chris Higdon, Macon, Ga., June 6.

Leah Roth ('05) and Peter Miller, Goshen, July 5.

Michael Martin ('05) and **Leslee Smucker ('05)**, Middlebury, Ind., May 24.

Abby Steury ('05) and **Seth Troyer ('05)**, Goshen, Aug. 7. Parents are Doug ('75) and LuAnn Steury.

Florentina Migliaro (ng'07) and Craig McFarland, South Bend, Ind., Aug. 21.

Kylara Hoade ('09) and **John Leatherman ('09)**, Goshen, Sept. 6. John is the son of Lee ('82) and Donna (Parcell '82) Leatherman.

Missing Alumni

If you have contact information on the following alumni, please notify Scott Richer in the Advancement Office at saricher@bethanycs.net. Your help is appreciated as we keep alumni informed of news via the *BCS Bulletin* and in touch with classmates for reunion planning.

'55 Mary Jean Yoder Carlin

'58 Kit Thompson Heard

'59 Mary K. Miller

'60 Margaret Woods
Jonathan A. Yoder

'61 Loren E. Miller
Lewis (Yoder) Robinson
Carl Ropp
Linda Stevens Hugel

'62 Ray Marks

Richard Slabaugh

'64 Barbara Birkey
Eileen Yoder Miller
Karen Ventura

'65 Larry Austin
Clair Byler
Raymond Johnson
G. Anthony Yoder

'66 Dennis Roth
Malinda Yoder

'67 Philip Burkey
Julie Kersting Parcell
Janet Swartzendruber Reid
Jerry O. Yoder

'68 Edna Yoder

'69 Steve Valtierra

'70 Marilyn Nisley
David Schrock
Alvin Yoder

'72 Steve Ball
Jocelyn Yeater Kauffman

Murphy Lucas

Gary Weaver

Derrise L. White

'73 Atsuko Endo

Fideles Ongoa

'74 Bonnie Regier Donnelly

Janet Miller Kauffman

Patricia Taylor

Lamortto Wofford

'75 Gene Gamber

Reinhard Wolff

'76 Valerie Davis Daw

Eliza Salvadore

'77 Narda Calbemente

Teresa Chupp Cripe

'78 Yvonne Ortiz

Keith Yoder

'79 Loren Hostetter

Carl Miller

Nele Schmidt

Michelle Smith

Rick Weaver

'80 Dunja Moeller

Outi Sarsa

Marc Zimmerman

'81 Carlos Gonzales

Tyrone Hunt

'82 Ed Crowder

Tony Davila

Beulah Perkins Fugate

'83 Tony Torrejon

'84 Johannes Licht

Jay Little

'85 Romelia Luna

'86 Caterina Martinez

Maria Shenk

Jeff Smith

Allan Yoder

'87 Alex Luna Montelonge

'88 Lisa Kaiser Klingshirn

Kerwin Miller

Tony Norris

Matthew Thompson

'89 Jered Liechty

'90 Karla Miller Shepard

'91 Tricia Blosser

Jay Kauffman

Brandon Miller

'92 Daniel Chuen

Julie Golden Feathers

Ross Miller

'93 Steve Kaufman

Andrea Slegel Pressler

Renee Brooks Stuckman

'94 Kyro Morales

Matthew Weaver

'96 Andre Brito

Juan Camacho

Damaris Rodriguez Diaz

Kathy Morales Fisher

'97 Mike Cross

'98 April Nofziger Eash

Kim Kaufman

Daniel L. Mast

'99 Miyuki Aoki

Zacary Boughner

Dan Charles

'00 Jason Bryant

Christopher Clark

Joel Fath

'01 Stephanie Cox

Anna Newburn Parker

Anthony Slabaugh

'02 Sarah Dick

Katrina Maust

'03 Nolin Chatterjee

Russ Coy

Elisa Marroquin

Seth P. Ramser

Gary L. Surface

Alumni Saturdays

Sept. 26: Class reunions (1959, 1964, 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989, 2004) with catered meal, children's activities, and complimentary admission (for all alumni) to girls soccer game vs. Westview at 6:30. For more information, see bethanycs.net/reunions.

Dec. 12: Alumni will receive complimentary admission to the home basketball games: girls vs. Canterbury at 1 p.m. and boys vs. Lakeland at 6 p.m. Drawings for door prizes available for those who register.

Alumni are also invited to join the Bethany community for the community chili supper in the school cafeteria, 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Notes

Eldon Miller ('65) has taught Spanish at Christopher Dock Mennonite High School for 37 years.

Paul Meyer Reimer ('79) is an associate professor of physics at Goshen College. He created the college's first website in 1994, working as an adjunct professor and web developer for the past 16 years.

Ray Helmuth ('80, F'93-00), Elkhart, Ind., was named state Conservation Educator of the Year for developing an outdoor classroom at the Goshen elementary school where he serves as principal. Bethany's Environmental Science class assisted with the project (see [/Prairie_View_wetlands_2009](#)).

Doug Kaufman ('85), Goshen, serves Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference as part-time interim conference minister for leadership transitions.

Judy Clemens ('87), Ottawa, Ohio, has published *Different Paths*, her fifth novel in the Stella Crown Series, which apparently includes a veiled reference to her former phys ed teacher Dan Bodiker (F'64-)!

David Hockman-Wert ('87) is moderator of Pacific Northwest Mennonite Conference.

Jennifer (Helmuth '89) Shenk played the lead role in Elkhart Civic Theater's comedy *Perfect Wedding*.

Joe Berry ('90) is an adjunct faculty member at the University of Colorado campus in Boulder and does research in photovoltaics (solar energy) at the National Renewal Energy Lab.

Kristine Detweiler ('91), Kampala, Uganda, is choir program coordinator for African Children's Choir.

Malinda Berry ('92), Richmond, Ind., joined Bethany Theological Seminary as instructor in theological studies. She is a Ph.D. candidate at Union Theological Seminary in New York.

Todd Christophel ('92), Brunnerville, Pa., runs a HUD program through the state health department.

Anne Berry ('94) joined the Goshen College faculty as an assistant professor of art.

Alumni Entering/Extending Service

Gabe ('03) and Bethany ('03) Bauman Baker, Albuquerque, N.M., MMN Service Adventure group leaders.

Bruce Campbell-Janz ('84), Akron, Pa., MCC area director for Africa.

Jared Christophel ('09), Phillipi, W.V., MMN Service Adventure, World Vision storehouse.

Jonathan ('01) and Julie Fridley, Albany, Ore., MMN Service Adventure group leaders.

Julia Gingrich ('03), Elkhart, Ind., MVS, client advocate for Church Community Services and hospice worker.

Judy (Zimmerman '70) Herr, Kenya, MCC associate director for East Africa.

Anna Ruth Hershberger ('00), Elkhart, Ind., MVS, development associate at Church Community Services.

Ben Martin ('05), Madison, Wis., MVS, community builder.

Mary Jo Martin ('03), La Jara, Colo., MVS, community organizer.

Luke Penner ('04), Guatemala, MCC Service and Learning Together, library and English assistant.

Ben Shenk ('05), La Jara, Colo., MVS, Habitat for Humanity project coordinator.

Rebekah Shenk ('04), Elkhart, Ind., MVS, program assistant at YWCA bicycle repair co-op.

MMN=Mennonite Mission Network, MVS=Mennonite Voluntary Service, MCC=Mennonite Central Committee

Summer Inquiry

Four alumni developed leadership skills in summer camping, ministry, and service inquiry programs through their college:

Laura Schlabach ('06), Goshen College (GC) communication and environmental science double major, camping at Drift Creek Camp, Ore.; **Maya Kehr ('06)**, Bethel College, ministry at Belmont Mennonite Church, Elkhart; **Deanna Cender ('07)**, GC collegiate studies major, service at Yellow Creek Daycare in Goshen; and **Andrea Kraybill ('06)**, GC art major, service at Round Chapel in London, England.

Serving at Amigo Centre

Ten Bethany students or alumni served as 2009 summer staff at Amigo Centre, Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference's camp and retreat center:

Maggie Baldrige ('07)
Daniel Buschert ('09)
Robby Heydon ('10)
Elias Kehr ('09)
Addie (Miller '05) Leaman
Danae Miller ('10)
Jonny Shenk ('09)
Luke Slagel ('09)
Alisha Snyder ('09)
Jen Snyder ('08).

Melissa Fisher Fast ('96), Elkhart, was ordained as pastor at Sunnyside Mennonite Church.

Ben ('97) and Rachel (Hershberger '95) Hartman, Goshen, cultivate a two-acre organic farm, selling their produce through Community Supported Agriculture. See www.etruth.com/Know/News/Story.aspx?id=482776.

Carl Meyer (ng'98) is an adjunct professor of communication at Goshen College, teaching web design.

Kyle Miller ('98), South Bend, is a press agent for the Indianapolis Colts. In November he will join the development team at the University of Notre Dame.

Ben Gerig ('99), Denver, Colo., studies communication at the University of Colorado in Denver and serves as a youth sponsor at First Mennonite Church.

Eric Saner ('00), Goshen, is an administrative assistant in Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary's Church Leadership Center. He recently completed three years as director of Chain Reaction, which offers fair wage work and increased access to bicycles for people with low income. Its Goshen Re-Cycles program provides bicycle-powered recycling pick up service and Community CycleWorks stocks donated bikes, parts, and tools for customers to purchase or earn by working at the shop.

Austin Scharf ('02), Cambridge, Mass., is a teaching fellow and doctoral student in chemistry at Harvard University.

Rebecca ('02 Selman) Zuck, Philadelphia, Pa., graduated in May from Neumann College with a doctor of physical therapy degree.

Eric Bixler ('03), a law student at Case Western Reserve University, completed the prestigious 2009 Indiana Secretary of State Internship Program.

Adie Gerig ('06) and Sara Alvarez ('08) participants in Goshen College's Maple Scholars summer research program: Adie researched the effects of deer herbivory on tall grass prairie forbs; Sara the education needs and assets of the Latino community in northeastern Indiana.

Class of 2009

Post-high school plans

Matthew Amstutz, Goshen College
Colin Baldrige, Purdue University
Daniel Barwick, Goshen College
Daniel Buschert, Goshen College
Lewis Caskey, Goshen College
Jared Christophel, Service Adventure
Mark DeLeeuw, Goshen College
Taylor Eby, Vincennes University
Tim Gautsche, Eastern Mennonite University
Sierra Germeyan, Williams College
Justin Greger, Hesston College
Hannah Grieser, Goshen College
Si Gustafson-Zook, Goshen College
Nick Handrich, Goshen College
Erin Helmuth, Goshen College
Ky Hoade, work
Luke Hostetter, Messiah College
Johnny Kauffman, Earlham University
Elias Kehr, Eastern Mennonite University
Lydia Kim, Univ. of the Sciences, Philadelphia
Juanita Klassen, Hesston College
John Leatherman, work
Sarah Lederman, Hesston College
Jon Mark, Goshen College

Micah Miller, Ball State University
Elyse Morgan, Butler University
Chelsea Noble, Indiana University
Derek Plaster, Ivy Tech
Mary Roth, Goshen College
Jenae Rupp, Goshen College
Jared Schwartzentruber, Purdue University
Jen Sharkey, Indiana State University
Andrew Shenk, Goshen College
Jonny Shenk, Eastern University
Luke Slagel, Goshen College
Alisha Snyder, Goshen College
Casey Snyder, Taylor University
Jodi Stutzman, Hesston College
Joshua Tanjung, returned to Indonesia
Hope Thomas, Goshen College
Jeremy Thomas, Indiana University
Will Troyer, Goshen College
Matt Vander Werf, Indiana Univ. at South Bend
Jordan Weaver, Goshen College
Alita Yoder, Goshen College
Katie Yoder, Manchester College
Lynelle Yoder, Goshen College

Newest
Alumni

Journalism Awards

The following Goshen College students earned state communication awards: **Paul Boers ('05)** two first-place awards for best sports feature; **Mike Honderich ('04)** first place for *Matchmakers*, a video entertainment feature; **Trisha Handrich ('07)** second place for radio air personality; **Kevin Kleptz ('06)** third for video newscast; and **Marlys Weaver ('06)** third in sports news story and news feature.



Class of 2009: (front) Sierra Germeyan, Jenae Rupp, Jodi Stutzman, Alita Yoder, Jen Sharkey, Juanita Klassen, Elyse Morgan, Katie Yoder, class sponsor John Mast; (row 2) Sarah Lederman, Matt Vander Werf, Alisha Snyder, Lydia Kim, Lynelle Yoder, Casey Snyder, Erin Helmuth, Hannah Grieser, Chelsea Noble, Mary Roth, class sponsor Krysten Parson; (row 3) Elias Kehr, Joshua Tanjung, Johnny Kauffman, Luke Hostetter, Daniel Buschert, Micah Miller, Daniel Barwick, Colin Baldrige, Jeremy Thomas, Justin Greger, Lewis Caskey, Hope Thomas, Luke Slagel; (row 4) Matthew Amstutz, Taylor Eby, Andrew Shenk (hidden), Will Troyer, Derek Plaster, Mark DeLeeuw, Jordan Weaver, Jared Schwartzentruber, Si Gustafson-Zook, John Leatherman, Ky Hoade, Nick Handrich, Jared Christophel, Tim Gautsche, Jonny Shenk, Jon Mark.

From
the
Principal
Allan Dueck



Given the Christian understanding that God created and loves all people, we Christians value relating to and learning from people of other cultures. At Bethany this year we are thankful for the growing diversity of our student body that enriches our community: fully 25% of our students are from diverse ethnic backgrounds, the highest in Bethany's history. This Bulletin highlights three summer events—the Spanish language trip, Global Youth Summit, and a French Mennonite exchange—that provided opportunities for students to grow in their cross-cultural understanding and global awareness.

I too had such an opportunity this summer. On July 16 about 150 Mennonite educators from many countries gathered in Paraguay for a congress on Mennonite education. As a member of Mennonite Schools Council's Executive Committee, which proposed such a congress in conjunction with Mennonite World Conference's *Assembly 15*, I was privileged to attend. It was indeed a memorable gathering—one which left me with some strong impressions and new insights, several of which I'd like to share.

- Mennonites in North America are not alone in the commitment to church schooling. In fact the scale of Mennonite schooling is much larger in some other countries than here in the U.S. For instance, while our own Mennonite Schools Council has 37

schools and about 12,000 students, Mennonites in Paraguay operate more than 80 schools as well as a teachers' college, professional development center, and practical arts school for agriculture and home economics. The biggest Mennonite school system is in the Congo where Mennonites operate 338 schools with about 60,000 students.

- Mennonite schools everywhere deal with the challenges of acculturation and accommodation. For example, Eugen Friesen of Paraguay observed that increasing secularization, individualism, and political engagement are ramping up the importance of teaching Anabaptist-Mennonite values such as service and peacemaking.

- Academic quality is an emphasis most Mennonite schools share. But what unites Mennonite schools in vastly different settings across the globe is the commitment to integrate faith with education, to empower young people to follow Jesus Christ.

In meeting Mennonite educators from many countries, I felt profound kinship in our shared commitment to provide excellent education that places faith at the center. Indeed, in most places where Mennonites live, they operate church schools that help to shape, renew, and grow the church by equipping young people with the vision to follow Christ in daily life and the tools to be his hands and feet in serving others.



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