Greetings,

Our strategic plan process began in 2010. Even as we finalized the plan document, we started implementing strategies and moving ahead with new ideas and possibilities. Today our plan continues to evolve and change while providing us with common goals, clarity and direction.

We are committed to making a difference through new, relevant, mission-driven initiatives, partnerships and programs. In this edition, we note and celebrate significant strategic strides in the development of the Center for Health Care Initiatives and the Center for Justice.

There is much happening at Briar Cliff. Our value proposition – the reason we come to work in the morning – is the authentic interest in each person. Every day is filled with and devoted to educating and keeping our promise to serve, support and teach our students.

You’ll see in these pages the extraordinary work of our students, faculty, staff and alumni in serving the University as well as our communities and beyond. We hope you’ll also enjoy, as we do, the many academic, athletic and personal achievements of our students as we strive to provide a rich, robust learning, working and living environment at Briar Cliff University.

Blessings,

Beverly A. Wharton, president

President Beverly A. Wharton, professors Dr. Paul Olson, left, and Dr. Ted Wilson, right, mark the official launch of BCU’s Centers for Justice and Health Care Initiatives.

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New Board Members Named

Briar Cliff University recently named Deborah Durham, Jim Roth and Charese Yanney to the BCU Board of Trustees.

Durham, Sioux City, is the director of the Iowa Economic Development Authority, a post she was named to by Iowa Governor Terry Branstad. Previously, she was president of the Siouxland Chamber of Commerce and director of the Miami Chamber of Commerce.

Durham has served on Boards of Directors for the Chamber Alliance, Siouxland Unidad Latino, Siouxland Heritage Foundation, Orpheum Theatre Preservation, Girls, Inc., among others. She is the recipient of the Key Way Award from the Downtown Rotary Club and a member of the Junior Achievement Hall of Fame.

Durham holds a bachelor’s degree in business administration, marketing and management from Missouri Southern State University, Joplin. She and her husband, Joel, have two children Beau and Jordan.

Roth, St. Anthony, Minn., is a 1985 graduate of Briar Cliff, where he majored in business administration. Currently, he is a Medicare marketing representative for UCare, an independent nonprofit health plan provider of health coverage and services to nearly 300,000 members in Minnesota and Western Wisconsin.

Roth’s career in health care insurance spans nearly three decades, including Mutual of Omaha, as a group health underwriter; National Benefits Resources, as a group health stop loss underwriter and PreferredOne, where he was director of PPO sales and service.

A native of Sheldon, Iowa, Roth is serving a second four-year term on the City Council for St. Anthony, Minn. He formerly served on the Board for the Minnesota Association of Health Underwriters.

Yanney, Sioux City, is a partner in Guarantee Roofing, Siding and Insulation Co., where she has helped operate the business for nearly 40 years. Yanney holds a bachelor’s degree from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln.

She serves on Boards for Vision Iowa, Iowa Department of Transportation and Siouxland Foundation. Previously, she served in leadership roles for Junior League, Siouxland Chamber of Commerce, Junior Achievement, Tax Research, United Way and Briar Cliff.

Yanney was appointed by Iowa Governor Terry Branstad to the Blue Ribbon Committee, Department of Economic Development, among other state posts. Yanney, her father, Jim, and mother Do (posthumously), received the 2010 Briar Cliff Medal. She was inducted into the Iowa Women’s Hall of Fame in 2010.
Forfeiting Comforts in Central America

Though this was the ninth mission trip BCU students made to Honduras, they continue to touch lives and leave a lasting impression.

“It was very impactful to see how fast relationships were built, not only among the students, but also with the people that we met,” said Rosa Marquez, a junior, who traveled with the Briar Cliff team to an impoverished village in Honduras.

“Even though the work at schools and homes was physically challenging, we realized it would make a difference,” noted Marquez.

While the Honduras group was dry-walling and landscaping, another BCU mission team was helping a needy family build a new home in Guatemala on Briar Cliff’s fourth mission trip to the Central American country.

“They had a rusty tin roof with holes, and I know all their belongings were getting wet when it rained,” said Natali Ramirez, a senior. “We hammered wood, installed sheet rock, mixed cement,” said junior Riley Colwell.

After some training, the group was able to build a new home in three days. “Once the house was complete, the family celebrated by dancing. It was pretty incredible!” said Colwell.

The BCU mission team also mentored and spent time with children at a local orphanage. “Within minutes of our arrival at the orphanage, the children were jumping into our arms and didn’t want us to put them down,” Colwell recalled.

Ramirez, one of several bilingual students who traveled to Honduras, quickly learned that being able to speak the language made a big difference in her group’s daily interactions.

The students said sharing their stories and living alongside their new friends was an inspiring experience. Some, like Ramirez, didn’t want to leave.

By the end of the mission trip, once again, the BCU mission team had shared much faith, hope and joy with many children and families.
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By Suzanne Fineran Strain ’95

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Celebrating Black History Month

Briar Cliff University celebrated Black History Month with “We Shall Overcome,” held on campus.

The annual event featured a presentation by Joanne Bland, co-founder and former director of the National Voting Rights Museum and Institute in Selma, Ala., and performances by the BCU Cliff Singers and Mount Zion Baptist Church Choir of Sioux City.

Readings by the BCU student winners of the University’s Annual Black History Month Poetry and Essay Contest also were featured: Troy Hooks, First Place for his poem “The Dream Chasers Advocate”; Rachel Mairose, Second Place for her poem “Bloody Sunday”; Natali Ramirez, Third Place for her poem “From the Heart of a Child”; Angelica Mercado, First Place for her essay “We Shall Overcome”; and Tsistas Yang, Second Place for his essay “Spark of a Flame.”

An instrumental participant in the Civil Rights Movement in the 1960s, Bland began her activism in 1961, attending a freedom and voters’ rights meeting led by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Bland also marched on Bloody Sunday and Turn Around Tuesday, where she witnessed shootings and beatings of activists by police and National Guard. She was the youngest person to have been jailed during any Civil Rights demonstration during that period.

Today, Bland remains active in several local and regional civil rights organizations and is a popular keynote speaker at conferences and workshops for the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. and throughout the U.S. An Army veteran, she holds a bachelor’s degree from the College of Staten Island.

Scouts Befriend Insects

When 15 Girl Scouts from Sioux City Troop 312 took a recent field trip to the Insect Zoo on the Briar Cliff campus, they entered with a certain amount of trepidation and left exuberant.

While visiting the Insect Zoo under the direction of Dr. Ted Wilson, associate professor of biology and Insect Zookeeper at BCU, the Scouts held tarantulas and millipedes, saw a hissing cockroach and a preserved horseshoe crab and learned many interesting facts about insects normally stigmatized as frightening.

“I want young people to appreciate these insects,” said Dr. Wilson. “I want them to understand if something seems really scary and unknown, it’s not necessarily dangerous.”

Throughout the year, Dr. Wilson exhibits the Insect Zoo to visiting groups on campus. He also takes the zoo on the road to schools, libraries and summer camps to teach people of all ages about insects. For more information, email ted.wilson@briarcliff.edu.
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Excellence in Health Care Education

BCU Offers First Doctoral Program

Briar Cliff University adds a new dimension to addressing health care needs by offering the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Program, recently approved by the Higher Learning Commission. The first doctoral program to be offered at Briar Cliff and in Western Iowa, Briar Cliff’s DNP will be offered in the fall of 2013. The program will prepare advanced practice nurses as expert clinicians and leaders to transform clinical practice.

“This new doctorate for nurse practitioners is an innovative and comprehensive way to prepare nurses as leaders, clinicians, policy advocates and educators in the 21st century,” said Richard A. Petersen, Ed.D., MSN, RN, chair and associate professor and MSN Program director. “As health care continues to become more complex and challenging, BCU’s DNP degree will give nurses the skills in leadership, information technology, population health, evidence-based practice and health policy,” Dr. Petersen explained. “Our DNP Program will prepare nurses to meet these challenges and to provide patient-centered, high quality care,” he added. “BCU's DNP is designed to prepare nurses for the highest level of leadership in practice and scientific inquiry.”

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**Innovative Health Care Programs**

When people think of Briar Cliff, they think of high quality health science programs, including BCU’s nursing program, known throughout the region.

“Nursing has always been a big component of living our mission,” said Dr. Richard Petersen, associate professor of nursing and department chair. “It is one of our strengths.” Briar Cliff began the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) in 1980. Today, Briar Cliff has expanded to an online RN-to-BSN, a Master of Science in Nursing-Nurse Educator and the newest offering, the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program.

“BCU has a long history and tradition of educating nurses and helping students fulfill their vocations,” said Dr. William Mangan, Briar Cliff’s academic dean. “The newest addition, our DNP Program, is a natural fit for Briar Cliff, not only academically but from a mission perspective,” “We know we can make noticeable differences to ease shortages and prepare our graduates who are distinctively well-qualified,” Dr. Mangan added.

**New Master’s Degree**

The Briar Cliff University online Master of Arts in Management (MAM) with a specialization in Health Care Administration (HCA) is for health care professionals aspiring to reach a level of excellence in health care service. The program prepares health care professionals to advance and pursue work in public service, health care administration or delivery, private consulting or other career advancement opportunities.

**State-of-the-Art Classrooms, Labs**

BCU’s strategic plan mobilized the transformation of Heelan Hall, adding digitally equipped classrooms and top-of-the-line nursing, biology and chemistry laboratories, including a state-of-the-art molecular biology teaching laboratory.

With the help of the Roy J. Carver Charitable Trust grant BCU’s new molecular biology teaching lab will provide the latest equipment and tools to address current scientific questions and problems.

“The lab will enable biology majors to acquire relevant biomedical research skills, preparing them for medical school and careers in health care,” said Dr. Kelly Eder, assistant professor of biology at BCU. “As an additional benefit, research I’m doing in the lab will focus on how infection affects maternal and fetal health, which could lead to improved pregnancy outcomes,” added Dr. Eder, who prior to joining BCU was a research fellow at St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.

As a part of Briar Cliff’s Vision 2020, the Roy J. Carver Charitable Trust grant represents one of the building blocks in our ambitious plan to reimagine health science education.
Center for Justice

Center Impacts Lives
BCU’s new Center for Justice is dedicated to addressing justice-related social problems to assist underrepresented individuals in the region.

One of many initiatives of the Center for Justice is the new graduate program in Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) to prepare professionals to work in schools, private centers and government agencies.

The focus of the new ABA program is on autism spectrum disorders and leads to a Master of Arts in Education (MAE) with a specialization in ABA or a graduate certificate in ABA.

“As a parent of a severely autistic child, I’m grateful for this program,” said Janet Wolfe, Sioux City, whose son is completely non-verbal and uses behaviors to communicate. “My son has been taught by the only board certified behavior analyst in Sioux City,” Wolfe noted. “I had no idea what a huge difference the analyst would make in his life.”

A newly formed partnership between Briar Cliff and the Pier Center for Autism, Sioux City, will strengthen services for children on the autism spectrum and their families by bringing together these two powerful entities.

“Through our partnership with the Pier Center, faculty and students in the ABA program will help provide services to individuals on the autism spectrum and their families,” said Dr. Paul Olson, associate professor of sociology and director of BCU’s Center for Justice.

Briar Cliff faculty and students also will conduct research and assess practices in treatment to children with autism spectrum disorders.

Education and Research
Under the direction of Dr. Todd Knealing, associate professor of psychology, students and faculty in Briar Cliff’s psychology, criminal justice and behavior analysis programs will conduct research on drug use and abuse in the region.

“This would give Briar Cliff University students valuable hands-on experience in preparation for careers in criminal justice and behavior analysis,” Dr. Knealing explained.

Yet another component of the Center for Justice is BCU’s Siouxland Research Center (SRC), recently expanded to broaden its reach. Under the direction of Dr. Regan Murray, the SRC offers evaluation and research services to area non-profit and governmental agencies.

“Through education, partnerships and research, we believe we can truly bring about lasting systematic changes in society and ultimately improve the quality of life for many people in Siouxland and beyond,” Dr. Olson added.

For more on BCU’s progress, visit www.briarcliff.edu/justice or email justice@briarcliff.edu.
New Undergraduate Biochemistry Degree

The new Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry is a strong addition to the array of academic majors at BCU. Both the Biology and Chemistry Departments have a long history of educating students who ultimately work in health care fields and research laboratories. Students majoring in biochemistry study the composition of living organisms at the molecular level and the chemical reactions that regulate life. The biochemistry major integrates the fields of chemistry, cell biology, genetics, physics and related disciplines preparing students for careers in rapidly expanding areas of science and health care. Biochemistry majors also will benefit from the hands-on experiences using extensive state-of-the art instrumentation in the new molecular/cell biology lab on campus.

Operations Management Major Now Online

Agility is one of the benefits of being a small private college. Understanding the marketplace is equally as beneficial. Armed with these strengths, BCU added a Bachelor of Arts in Operations Management to the online degree completion offerings.

“Our marketplace wants managers who understand continuous improvement, efficiency and accuracy and who also have a complete understanding of business and production operations,” says Mark Rossi, associate professor of business administration and department chair. “We believe this is a great addition to our array of online degree programs.”

Adult students who choose Operations Management will have the opportunity to expand their career paths in project management, material resource planning, quality control, inventory and logistics management, purchasing and production and more.

BCU-Inspired Medical Clinic Goes Further

When Carol Lewallen, BSN ’98 and MSFNP ’11, wanted to open a health clinic in Spencer, Iowa, she wasn’t sure what would come of it. Spencer has plenty of medical specialists, a busy family practice and a hospital with an emergency room and same-day surgery. But the call to go further continued to nudge the Briar Cliff graduate.

“After I earned my master’s degree in family nurse practice at Briar Cliff, I continued working at the Spencer Hospital. That’s when I realized the only place in Spencer for people to get medical treatment during off hours was the ER.”

Carol and her husband, John, developed a business plan for a medical clinic with flexible hours and weekend coverage and 18 months later the couple opened Spencer Convenient Healthcare. Today, Carol and her staff are providing the only urgent care with flexible hours within a 100-mile radius of Spencer.

“Our clinic is helping patients protect their Medicare and Medicaid dollars by giving them a less costly alternative than ER,” noted Carol, who said following her instincts was a leap of faith for which her years of nursing experience and Briar Cliff education prepared her well. “As Briar Cliff nursing graduates, we are expected to take our expert nursing knowledge as far as we can to do the most good.”
For the 10th consecutive year, Briar Cliff University’s Enactus team was victorious in the U.S. Regional Championship, held recently in Chicago. As Regional Champion, Briar Cliff has advanced to nationals in Kansas City, Mo., in May.

This year, the BCU team designed and organized Entrepalooza, an annual weeklong schedule of events for local entrepreneurs; received $35,000 in grant funding to promote environmental sustainability through recycling, education and technology; and created the “be Somebody” anti-bullying video contest for area middle school and high school students.

Internationally this year, the team partnered with Siouxland Tanzania Educational Medical Ministries (STEMM) to provide 16 college scholarships and 21 laptops to promote education in Zidisha, Tanzania.

One of more than 500 Enactus programs in the U.S., Briar Cliff has a winning legacy extending to the national stage. In 2010, the team placed second nationally and was among the top 40 teams overall. That year, BCU also took second place nationally for collaborative projects with STEMM.

Since the group began in 2003, Enactus has taken on many ambitious projects, such as Swimming With the Sharks, a business competition for new business ideas; Camp PYLOT, a summer leadership camp for middle schools students; an entrepreneurship camp for high school students; campus and community recycling programs; and CliffShop, an online retail shop model for BCU merchandise.

Watch www.briarcliff.edu for BCU results in the national competition.
Augustus “Raheem” Cowan’s story might have been improbable if it were not for his father and a long legacy of successful track runners in his family. Cowan, a BCU sophomore from Hartwell, Ga., made Briar Cliff history at 2013 NAIA Indoor Track and Field Championships by winning the triple-jump title, entering the NAIA event as the No. 1 seed. Cowan is only the third Charger in the history of Briar Cliff to ever claim a national title in any sport.

But he didn’t always run track. While at Hart County High School, Cowan’s classmates were playing football and basketball. However, his dad, Augustus, encouraged him to do something different. So Cowan played t-ball, volleyball and was in gymnastics.

In seventh grade, he tried track, but on his first triple jump attempt barely made it to the pit and swore against the sport. However, track runs in his family, since his mother and many of his relatives are members of Hart County track royalty, earning numerous school and state records.

Cowan competed in eighth grade track and took his freshman year off. When he went out again as a sophomore, he never looked back. A three-time triple-jump state placer for the Bulldogs of Hart County, he was the top jumper in the State of Georgia as a senior in high school.

Despite other offers, Cowan decided on Briar Cliff, where he could major in psychology, criminal justice and sociology and be a dual sport athlete in soccer and track. “I felt comfortable here and fell in love with the small size,” he said.

“Raheem has natural strength and crazy talent,” said Briar Cliff head track coach Nate Treinen. “He has the desire and determination to be the best and brings his best each and every time he competes.”

While Cowan is always thinking of what’s ahead, he remains in the moment. “I’m a Charger and proud of it.

BCU Places at Nationals

The Briar Cliff dance team captured a fifth-place finish at this year’s 2013 NCA/NDA National Collegiate Cheer and Dance Championships held in Daytona Beach, Fla.

The Blue and Gold rolled through preliminary competition, earning one of only six coveted spots on the final stage. The program, under the direction of head coach Alisha Knowler, hopes to use this success as a springboard.

“I am beyond proud of our team and proud of what we were able to accomplish in our first year as a competitive program,” said Knowler. “Hard work pays off and with a young team we will continue improving and building on our success.”
Graduate Applies BCU Values

While BCU graduate Joanne Sweeney ’10 has been studying law at the University of Wyoming, she argued an appeal before the Wyoming Supreme Court, which is Wyoming’s highest court.

As student director of the Wyoming Defender Aid Program, she was assigned to a case involving a 15-year-old juvenile who was sentenced to life without the possibility of parole for felony murder.

“It was the most terrifying and exhilarating 30 minutes of my life,” said Sweeney, who majored in history and political science. “My goal is to work in the juvenile justice system to help young people who don’t have an advocate.”

“While in law school, I took to heart Briar Cliff’s emphasis on service work and giving,” Sweeney noted. “I want to help people because of the values I was taught at BCU. Everyone deserves a fair, just trial, even if they are guilty.” Joanne will graduate from law school in May.

Easter Traditions

Children of Briar Cliff families joined in the fun at the Annual Easter Egg Hunt held in March on campus. At the event, youngsters ages two to nine crafted handmade baskets, competed in egg races, played egg toss and had their faces painted. “The kids love getting their faces painted with little Easter eggs and Easter bunnies,” said Jayna Specht, junior, one of several Briar Cliff students who volunteered to help with the event.

Students Raise Funds

Waiting tables just got a lot more lucrative for Briar Cliff University student-athletes, who helped raise thousands of dollars and 40-percent more than last year during “Lunch with the Chargers.” All proceeds from the fundraiser, held at Texas Roadhouse in Sioux City, will benefit BCU’s Annual Scholarship Fund.

“We are grateful to all who contributed to and participated in this annual fundraiser,” said Lorna Daugherty, activities, events and e-media coordinator for University Relations at Briar Cliff. “As always, we are thrilled with the outpouring of support for Briar Cliff.”

“Lunch with the Chargers” was served by Briar Cliff coaches, staff and student-athletes. FiberComm and Texas Roadhouse of Sioux City were presenting sponsors of the event.

“This is an excellent opportunity to enjoy a great meal and contribute to scholarships for Briar Cliff students,” Daugherty added. “We invite everyone to join in the fun next year.”

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1980's
Jeannette Louisch '83, Chickasha, Okla., has been promoted to associate professor of biology and granted tenure at the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma. She also was named Regent's Outstanding Teacher. Jeannette continues to promote cancer awareness and women in science. She serves on the Board of Directors for Chickasha Community Theatre.

Jill Knapp Dwyer '88, Pflugerville, Texas, is in human resources at Yodle, an Internet marketing company in Austin, Texas.

1990's
Jamie Rodriguez '95, Puyallup, Wash., is an RN, BSN, CCRN and CSC for the Department of Veteran Affairs in Seattle, Wash.

2000's
Ryan Fuger '00 and his wife, Amy (Hatch) Fuger, reside in Kansas City, Mo., where Ryan is a teacher in the Advancement Via Individual Determination program at North Kansas City High School.

Amy (Jones) Benson '06 and Trevor Benson '09 were married on Aug. 2008. Amy is head girls’ soccer coach at Glenwood (Iowa) Community High School.

2010's
Tricia Rogers '10 was hired as an admissions representative for Briar Cliff University.

Kay Ross '11, Denison, Iowa, is a social worker, bereavement and volunteer coordinator at Crawford County Home Health, Hospice and Public Health in Denison, Iowa.

Kaila Antisdel '12 is a sales manager for the TV Store in Atlantic, Iowa.

Matt Collins '12, Sioux City, is an Internet sales and leasing specialist at Rick Collins Toyota in Sioux City.

Maddie Essig ’12 is the social media specialist at Wells Enterprises, Inc. in Le Mars, Iowa.

Rob LaTourelle '12 is a sales consultant at Rick Collins Toyota in Sioux City.

Dusty Pick ’12 is the teller supervisor for Great Southern Bank in Sioux City.

In Memoriam
LaVerna B. (Olson) Soiset ’31, Matthews, N.C., passed away, Nov. 10, 2012.

Royal Wentworth ’81, Mason City, Iowa, passed away, Sept. 10, 2012.

Joyce Klein Oyen ’70, passed away on April 16, 2013, in Liberty, Mo.

Future Chargers

Joshua “Bubba” Malenosky ’08 and Megan (McMillen) Malenosky ’08 recently moved to Rock Valley, Iowa, where Megan teaches second grade and is head volleyball coach at Boyden-Hull. Bubba holds a master’s in special education and is a special education teacher and head baseball coach also at Boyden-Hull.

Samantha (Kube) Kurth ’09, Omaha, Neb., graduated from University of Nebraska Medical Center’s Physician’s Assistant (PA) Program and is a PA at Lakeside Orthopedic, Omaha.

Lyndsie (Holmes) Carlson ’11 and Austin Carlson ’11, Quimby, Iowa, were married on April 14, 2012.

Dr. Kathy Knipper, OSF, associate professor of education, conducted a professional development in-service training for teachers at Bishop Heelan Catholic Schools, Sioux City. Pictured, l-r: Jennifer Kueny ’03, Julee Wendte ’79, Tara Koob ’05, Dr. Knipper, Gina Mullins, Luann Freidel and Karen Fry ’74.

Dr. Sean Burton, associate professor of music, and Shannon Salyards-Burton, adjunct instructor-voice, Sioux City, a boy, Samuel Emery, born on March 15, 2013.

President Beverly Wharton and Jim Wharton’s granddaughter, Hazel Elizabeth Giese, born to Bob and Laura (Wharton) Giese on March 15, 2013.
Celebrating Jubilees

This year, seven women religious who have been or are affiliated with Briar Cliff are celebrating milestones as Sisters of Saint Francis. The service of these Sisters represents a total of 410 years of “living the Gospel in joyful servanthood among all people.”

60th Jubilee
Sister Gregoria Rush
Briar Cliff 1964-1970

60th Jubilee
Sister Teresine Glaser
Briar Cliff 1966-1983

60th Jubilee
Sister Janice Rosman
Briar Cliff 1962-1964

50th Jubilee
Sister Shirley Fineran
Briar Cliff 1991-Present

Fourth Grader’s Briar Cliff Connections

Just mention Briar Cliff to Maya Bishwokarma, a fourth-grade student at Bishop Heelan Catholic School, Holy Cross Center, Sioux City, and she’ll tell you, “Briar Cliff is my life!”

The granddaughter of Briar Cliff alumni Monica (Kuennen) Burrows ’68, assistant director of financial aid, and William Burrows ’69, Maya is no stranger to BCU. As a youngster, she participated in events on campus, including Halloween trick-or-treating and Easter egg hunts.

Today, Maya is an avid fan cheering on the Chargers at basketball games. She often stops by campus with her grandfather to take her grandmother to lunch. The Briar Cliff connection doesn’t stop there. Maya’s great aunt, Sylvia Kuennen ’64, is professor emeritus in the social work department. Maya’s fourth-grade teacher Jennie (Lally) Stevenson is a 2006 BCU graduate. Her student teacher Katherine Beldt will graduate from BCU in May. So choosing Briar Cliff as her topic for a recent history assignment made perfect sense. “I chose Briar Cliff because it’s everywhere in my life.”

Living Franciscan Style

During a service in the Chapel of Our Lady of Grace on campus, Jane Shey ’79, former member of BCU’s Board of Trustees, became a Franciscan associate with the Sisters of Saint Francis of Dubuque. Franciscan associates from all walks of life share the values and spirit of Saint Francis and embrace the charism of Saint Francis and Saint Clare as they live the Gospel daily.

BCU Franciscan associates, l-r, Michael Crowley, Jane Shey and Heather Craig-Oldsen. Not pictured: Gil Ridenour.
Save the Date

Homecoming 2013

Saturday, September 28

Upcoming Events

May 16 Nursing Pinning Ceremony
May 17 Baccalaureate
May 18 Commencement
June 3-6 Boys’ BB Post Player Camp
June 7 Junior Campus Visit Day
June 8-9 First-year Orientation
June 10-13 Boys’ BB Camp Grades 3-8
June 17-20 Ultimate Soccer Academy
June 18-21 Nursing Camp
June 24-26 Girls’ BB Camp Grades 2-9
July 12-13 First-year Orientation
July 15 Lila Frommelt Memorial Golf Classic
Aug. 4-7 Pre-All-State Choral Music Camp
Aug. 9-10 First-year Orientation
Aug. 22 First-year Orientation

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