Good News

"Good News!" focuses on our graduates' personal and professional accomplishments. To submit your "Good News", email alumni@peirce.edu or send it to Office of Institutional Advancement, Peirce College, 1420 Pine Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19102. You can also post news anytime on the Peirce College Alumni Association Facebook page.

Pat Danser ’68 writes from Deming, New Mexico, where she has lived since 1975 after visiting a friend who was teaching there: "I fell in love with the Land of Enchantment and her breathtaking mountains, the desert, enchiladas, sopapillas, Chile, ghost towns, turquoise and silver, rock collecting, roadrunners, coyotes howling, and even dust storms." Her current work focuses on being an animal activist: "I helped found Deming Animal Guardians almost 23 years ago, and we have sponsored over 10,000 spays and neuters of dogs and cats. I may be the only Peirce graduate with a cathouse! It’s a large, brightly painted building with tile and lots of artwork for the abandoned felines." Visit deminganimalguardians.org to learn more about Pat’s work in helping control overpopulation of companion cats and dogs.

Vivian Luckiewicz ’10 has been elected president of the Philadelphia Association of Paralegals.

William Wolpert III ’77 has been promoted to Occupational Safety Administrator for the Philadelphia Police Department. He is in charge of the safety and welfare of 7000 uniformed and civilian employees.

Career Development Services - CDS provides a multitude of opportunities for alumni to enhance their employment prospects, reflect on the next stage of their career journey, or find out about available job openings. For more information, contact CDS at 215-670-9202, visit www.peirce.edu/CDS, or email CDS@peirce.edu.

Social Media - The Alumni Association has thriving LinkedIn and Facebook communities, which are complemented by robust Peirce College presences on Twitter, Facebook, and YouTube.

If you have any ideas of how we can better connect you with your fellow graduates, please contact Rosemary Connors in the Office of Institutional Advancement at 215-670-9003 or email rfconnors@peirce.edu.
President’s Note

Remembering J. Linford Snyder ’33

Mr. Snyder had a very successful business career fueled by his extraordinary work ethic. In 1941, he became a Nationwide Insurance agent, a position he held for 70 years. Mr. Snyder retired in 2011 as the longest-serving agent in the history of the company.

Over the years the Peirce community has honored Mr. Snyder for representing the College so well and for his dedication to our mission. Most notably, Mr. Snyder received the College’s highest honor in 2011 when he received a Doctor of Humane Letters from Peirce.

The Peirce community offers its sincere condolences to the Snyder family.

Calling All Greeks!

Were you a member of a social Greek fraternity or sorority at Peirce from the ’40s to the ’80s? A committee of your fellow Greeks is interested in bringing together Peirce social sororities and fraternities for a special event in the fall of 2014.

For more information and to be part of the planning process, contact Gene Fazzie ’70 (Sigma Gamma Omega) at ecfazzie@gmail.com or Carl Grozinski ’69 (Pi Sigma Chi) at gro3@comcast.net, or call the Office of Institutional Advancement at 215-670-9003.

When “Someday” Finally Arrives: Tim Merrell ’12

Tim Merrell

Tim worked hard at his studies, and earned the business division’s scholarship in the process. In 2012, his determination paid off, and he graduated summa cum laude from Peirce with a degree in business administration. For Tim Merrell, “someday” had finally arrived.

Today, Tim has parlayed his degree into an exciting new professional opportunity: in February, he joined Penn Liberty Bank as a senior vice president. Penn Liberty is a community bank which primarily services the Philadelphia suburbs: he will be managing the team in Montgomery County as well as merchant services. He readily acknowledges his Peirce experience was “a stepping stone to new opportunities.” Earning his degree as an adult student clearly demonstrated to his new employer his work ethic and character: “it was not just about a piece of paper.”

Because he recognizes the benefits of his Peirce education, Tim has felt a responsibility to be financially supportive of and active with the College. He encourages his fellow alumni to similarly acknowledge the role of Peirce in their lives. In particular, he wants to remind alumni donors to investigate if their company has a matching gifts program: “It is underutilized and multiplies the impact of what you can do.”

Recently, Tim had the opportunity to pay it forward and help someone else get on their path to a college degree: “I sat somebody down and told them the same story that had been told to me in that conference room.” The result of that discussion: there is a new student who has started at Peirce.

Tim Merrell is a shining example of the benefits of finishing what you start by taking that first step to “someday” and earning a college degree.

Peirce and the University of the Arts Form Strategic Partnership

In January, Peirce College and the University of the Arts (UArts) announced a strategic partnership to add greater depth to our educational offerings and better prepare students for the current job market. Peirce will offer select business courses to UArts students seeking to bolster their business background. UArts will open specific courses to Peirce students, enhancing their education in design, media, and the visual and performing arts while infusing their degree programs with electives that align with their personal and professional interests.
To say that Peirce student Dana Stancil has a passion for learning would be quite the understatement. Witness the following: Dana, who started at Peirce in 2012, is currently pursuing a bachelor’s degree in business with a concentration in human resource management. In addition to her studies, she manages a demanding career as an HR Information Systems Coordinator for Bioscrip Inc., an active participant as both a Peirce student mentee and as a mentor in the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program, and is raising two sons as a single mother.

Then, regard her spiritually-oriented studies, a pursuit of knowledge that runs parallel with her Peirce student career. She graduated from Manna Bible Institute in Philadelphia with a degree in Biblical Studies in 2012. For 6 months, she pursued her Peirce and Manna degrees simultaneously. From there, she went on to study for certification as a Biblical Counselor at the Christian Research & Development, and again, pulled double duty in the classroom at two different schools. She will receive the counseling certification in December. And at the same time, she has been going through the rigorous process of establishing a Basic Bible Institute at her church, a learning center for her faith community which will be accredited in 2014. Dana Stancil, how do you do all this? “It’s a balancing act,” she contends, adding that “this degree is important to me on so many different levels.” One reason she is able to handle her daily calendar juggling is to fulfill the promise first recognized — and challenged — by her friend and mentor Dr. Broadus Davis Jr., the superintendent of schools in Trenton, N.J. Dana says that Dr. Broadus “had been kicking me for years about going back to school and finishing my education”. After attending Bucks County Community College for a semester, she made the commitment to complete her degree by coming to Peirce.

As an adult learner, she understood going in “what’s really important”, and knows what she is going after: earning her degree, becoming an HR generalist, and studying for the highly coveted PHR professional designation. The fact that she came in the doors of 1420 Pine with a Presidential scholarship “was a motivator”, she contends, and she acknowledges the scholarships which she has earned as a Peirce student have gone a long way in enabling her to pursue her academic dreams.

“Welcome to the family.” Dr. Cathy Littlefield was pleased to hear one of her new co-workers greet her this way on her first day at Peirce in 2013. She had been hired to be one of the founding faculty of the College’s first graduate program, the Master of Science in Organization and Leadership Management. While she came to the College as an award-winning and seasoned adjunct professor, her position at Peirce was the first full-time faculty position she had accepted after completing her doctorate at Widener University in 2012. The friendly welcome reinforced the decision she made to be a driving force in the launch of a new era at the College.

Collaborating with Dr. Adrian Zappala, Dean of Graduate Studies, Dr. Littlefield develops new curricula, advises students, and teaches courses for the program’s 53 participants. The learning she imparts to her graduate students is rooted in her philosophy that while everyone can be a leader, not everyone is born to it. The coursework in the program provides a structure for students to develop their own leadership capabilities through learning about contemporary methods of managing through motivation, commitment, inspiration, and communication.

The path of engaged, participatory leadership which she teaches is the hallmark of Dr. Littlefield’s personal and professional lives. In addition to her work at Peirce, she is currently conducting research with her colleagues at the Widener doctoral program about ways to better utilize a collaborative model in the support of graduate studies. And her passion for getting involved in causes she values is further demonstrated by her volunteerism in Malvern and Willistown Township, a suburb of Philadelphia, where she lives with her husband Dan and sons Morgan and Cooper.

Dr. Littlefield is someone who herself was a non-traditional graduate student: she enjoyed a 20+ year career in hospitality management, entrepreneurship, and manufacturing before returning to school for master’s and doctorate. She encourages Peirce alumni who have contemplated a graduate degree to investigate their alma mater’s program. “If you enjoyed that personal connection during your undergraduate experience”, she believes, “come back and earn your master’s — it will be a different experience, but still rooted in the Peirce College way.” Dr. Littlefield looks forward to the opportunity to welcome back interested alumni to the Peirce family of learners.
Elections are being held for two-year terms on the Alumni Association Board. Members work with the Peirce community to better connect alumni with one another and the College. Up to eleven positions on the Board will be filled through this election, with terms starting in July 2014.

The names of candidates for the Board and their Peirce affiliations are listed below. Please vote for up to eleven of these candidates, either online at the Peirce alumni website at https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/boardelections2014 or mail your ballot to the Office of Institutional Advancement, Peirce College, 1420 Pine Street, Philadelphia, Pa., 19102. Ballots must be received by 5:00 PM on Friday, April 25, 2014. Please contact the Office of Institutional Advancement if you have any questions: 215-670-9003 or alumni@peirce.edu.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD ELECTION BALLOT

Select up to eleven nominees for a two-year term on the Peirce College Alumni Association Board. You can vote by completing this ballot and mailing it to the Office of Institutional Advancement, Peirce College, 1420 Pine Street Philadelphia, PA 19102 by 5:00 PM on Friday, April 25, 2014. You may also fax this ballot to 215-670-9084 or vote online at https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/boardelections2014.

Select up to 11 (place an x in the box for each candidate you select):

☐ Nate Bandy ’00, ’07  ☐ John MacLean ’06, ’08  ☐ Reginald S. Waller, Jr, ’99, ’04
☐ Jovanna Acchione Bevilacqua ’81  ☐ Timothy Merrell ’12  ☐ Jo-Ann Williams ’04
☐ Dorothy (Dottie) Forvour ’63  ☐ Raymond L. Palzer ’52  ☐ Karen E. Wheeler ’12
☐ Anthony Gracey ’03  ☐ Steven Rodriguez ’03, ’07  ☐ Angelina Williams-Harding ’06
☐ B. Stephen Hackney ’10  ☐ Joseph Tamney ’70  ☐ Doreen Ziccardi ’06, ’08
☐ Linda Lammendola ’79  ☐ David Veit ’61

Your Name: ____________________________  Class Year: ___________________________
Phone Number: ___________________  Email Address: _________________________

Nate Bandy ’00, ’07
Nate is a mentor in the Student Mentoring program, a frequent speaker at Admissions Open Houses, and a representative at college fairs in the community. A former winner of the Raymond L. Palzer Leadership Award, Nate received an associate’s degree and bachelor’s in business. Nate works for Leidos in Tresvo, Pa., and resides in Philadelphia.

Jovanna Acchione Bevilacqua ’81
Jovanna is the current Secretary of the Alumni Association Board. She received her degree in accounting and is retired. A former Alumni Board President and the founder of Alpha Beta Sigma at Peirce, Dottie lives in Morrisville, Pa.

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Anthony Gracey ’03
Anthony is a current member of the Alumni Association Board as well as member of the Paralegal Advisory Board. He received a bachelor’s degree from Peirce in Paralegal Studies. Anthony is a paralegal specialist with the Department of Defense in Washington, DC.

Steven Rodriguez ’03, ’07
Steve is the president/CEO of “The No Notes Show LLC” and a member of Peirce’s inaugural graduate program class. A mentor and a speaker at the public launch of the graduate program, Steve received both an A.S. and B.S. in Paralegal Studies. Doreen is a member of the Paralegal Advisory Board at Peirce and served as president of the Greek organizations while on campus. She lives in Philadelphia.

Reginald S. Waller, Jr. ’99, ’04
Reggie is Vice President of the Alumni Association Board and co-chairs the Career Committee. He is a mentor and has been a frequent speaker at programs at Peirce. He received both his associate’s and bachelor’s degrees in business administration. Reggie is a program director for Vanguard in Malvern, Pa. and lives in Norristown.

John MacLean ’06, ’08
John works for the Department of Homeland Security as the Emergency Communications Coordinator for an eight-state region in the South. He received both an A.S. and B.S. from Peirce in Information Technology, and was a winner of the Raymond L. Palzer Leadership Award in 2008. John lives in Maryville, Tenn.

Linda Lammendola ’79
Linda is a senior paralegal who works for Christie, Pabare, Mortenson and Young in Philadelphia. She is a member of the Paralegal Advisory Board at Peirce and served as president of the Greek organizations while on campus. She lives in Philadelphia.

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Angelina Williams-Harding ’06
Angelina is a financial and technology services professional who has been working with Integrity Staffing Solutions in Wilmington, Del. A graduate of Peirce with a B.S. in Business Administration, she also received a Master of Science in Accounting from Strayer University in 2011.

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Doreen Ziccardi ’06, ’08
Doreen is a member of the Paralegal Advisory Board, a mentor, and a member of the paralegal scholarship committee. She received both her associate’s and bachelor’s degrees in Paralegal Studies. Doreen is a paralegal for Stampone Law in Cheltenham, Pa. and lives in Philadelphia.

Karen E. Wheeler ’12
Karen is a paralegal intern with Community Legal Services in Philadelphia.