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Jake Bateman ’11

“Becker College gave me the support and financial assistance I needed in order to make furthering my education a reality. I truly appreciate the generous alumni who support Becker’s Annual Fund. I look forward to joining you as an alumnus this year so that I can help support future generations of Becker students.”

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Governor Deval L. Patrick delivers motivating address to the Becker community, including over 300 graduates and their families.

Industry, academia and the public sector converge as Becker College is designated the future home of the Massachusetts Digital Games Institute (MassDiGI).

Caroline Crocker, Ph.D. explores the world of forensic psychology and introduces a new major to the College.

Esmerelda Taraj ’11 pursues her dream career after four years of legal studies at Becker.

Monsita Faley ’91 lives a life of service and adventure as a clinical nurse in the Air Force Reserves.

Professional comedian, Corey Rodrigues ‘03 serves up the best medicine to audiences throughout New England and New York City.

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“We need you to imagine a better future and then invent it.”

~ Gov. Deval L. Patrick
Graduating students of Becker College, along with family and friends, gathered at The Hanover Theatre for the Performing Arts on Saturday, May 14, for the College’s 223rd commencement ceremony.

Governor Deval L. Patrick gave the commencement address, first congratulating the graduates on becoming adults. “Whether you like it or not,” he added with a smile, “welcome to the club.”

Audience members listened intently as the Governor recalled receiving a scholarship to Milton Academy, through A Better Chance, a Boston-based organization that has been offering young people of color educational opportunities since 1963, and how at 14 years old, having been raised on welfare, that opportunity changed his life. He told the graduates that, like the education he received, Becker College had offered them a chance to find their futures. “In this place, you’ve been schooled to patent originality in the service of the common good. You’ve been encouraged to imagine tomorrow,” he stated.

Governor Patrick shared that when he graduated from college, Time magazine ran a cover story predicting that inflation would bring the country to its knees, noting also that in the early 90s, when President Barack Obama graduated from college, the economy was no less troubled. He challenged the Class of 2011 to make something of the economy they will be working in. “We have never needed you more,” he proclaimed. “The whole world needs a resurgence of American ingenuity and ideas. We need you to imagine a better future, and then invent it.”

Becker College recognized the contributions of both Governor Patrick and Frederick H. Eppinger, President and CEO of The Hanover Insurance Group, Inc., awarding each of them an honorary doctorate of humane letters. Both leaders have made exemplary contributions to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts’ community and economy, upholding a commitment to education and supporting Becker College’s mission to offer...
a diverse population access to a first-rate, student-centered, private college education that prepares students to be tomorrow’s leaders and responsible citizens in a global world.

Becker College President Robert E. Johnson, attending his first commencement ceremony at Becker, cited Governor Patrick and Mr. Eppinger as having tremendous drive and a commitment to excel and to lead. “From humble beginnings, their achievements stand as worthy examples of what we strive for and what we expect of our graduates at Becker College,” he said.

U.S. Representative James P. McGovern also addressed the graduates, noting how impressed he was by both Becker’s video game design lab and the selflessness demonstrated by the students during a recent visit he made to the College for a benefit. He went on to state, “It may be unfashionable in these times to say, but I believe compassion is not a weakness; it’s a strength, and students at Becker are compassionate.”

Becker’s Class of 2011 numbers 325, with graduates receiving bachelor degrees in disciplines ranging from computer game development and programming, nursing, business administration, equine management, criminal justice, and psychology, and associate degrees in early childhood education, nursing, animal care and veterinary technology.

Tracing its history to 1784, Becker College enrolls approximately 1,750 students each year on its campuses in Worcester and Leicester and its Center for Accelerated and Professional Studies in Southborough.
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It did not take long for momentum to build and carry Becker College from its 2010 debut on The Princeton Review list of top 10 colleges and universities for video game design to Lieutenant Governor Timothy P. Murray’s designation of Becker as the location of the Massachusetts Digital Games Institute, or MassDiGi, this April.
The energy and activity within the Bay State industry, and surrounding the institute, was quick to spread. MassDiGi will also collaborate with organizations from across the Commonwealth to spur opportunities within the digital games industry. Lt. Gov. Murray made additional announcements, including:

- MassDiGi and games industry veterans Monty Sharma (Vivox), Robert Ferrari (Sanrio Digital), and Kent Quirk (Second Life), with support of a $15,000 grant from MTC’s John Adams Innovation Institute, will immediately launch a working group to investigate the development of: an Integration Lab to create a shared environment where industry and academia can test and demonstrate next generation game technologies; and a “reverse” sabbatical concept that would bring senior game developers and industry professionals to the institute to collaborate with students and faculty to explore new and innovative game technologies.

- Worcester Technical High School and Mashpee High School will cooperate with MassDiGi in areas of shared interest including conversations related to curriculum alignment and professional development.

- Mashpee High School and Holyoke Community College’s Kittredge Center will offer meeting space for future regional MassDiGi meetings, and the Kittredge Center looks forward to discussing additional ways it can work with MassDiGi to help foster the growth of the industry.

First announced in December 2010, Lt. Gov. Murray proposed the creation of the institute and called for Becker to collaborate with the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative’s (MTC) John Adams Innovation Institute to support the establishment of MassDiGi.

“Digital game technology represents a significant opportunity to advance our Commonwealth’s economic priorities,” said President Johnson. “Becker College looks forward to the collaboration between government, business and higher education that will take place at MassDiGi to fuel the growth of this evolving industry. I welcome the opportunity that Governor Patrick and Lieutenant Governor Murray have afforded Becker and the greater Worcester area. From students to CEOs, there is tremendous energy surrounding this endeavor.”

“This collaborative effort led by industry, academia and government will strengthen the competitiveness of the digital games industry in Massachusetts and bolster its potential for future growth,” said Patrick Larkin, director of the John Adams Innovation Institute.

“I am excited about MassDiGi and really excited about the integration lab and reverse-sabbatical concepts,” said Monty Sharma, industry veteran and Vivox co-founder, “It’s great that Becker and the Commonwealth are taking action in the games space. Given the incredible opportunity, it is critical for the State, higher education and industry to work together to grow jobs in this sector.”

The institute’s start-up phase will run from April to December 2011 with plans for the facility to open at Becker College in the fall of 2011. First year operations are expected to begin in January 2012. During the initial phase, MassDiGi plans to organize and gain a broad base of support, including the creation of a 19-member advisory board comprised of business, education, and community leaders and chaired by the president of Becker College.

MassDiGi’s longer-term goals and objectives will evolve during the first year of operation. Services currently planned will include: outreach and industry marketing; workforce development; business development; education and research; conference planning; and practices, policy and advocacy.

All of this activity will accelerate and enhance an already promising outlook. More than 75 digital games companies attract and, according to the Entertainment Software Association, employ, directly and indirectly, more than 4,000 people in the Bay State. Additionally, nearly 20 leading Massachusetts higher education institutions offer degree programs or individual courses in digital game design and development.

President Johnson has said that he expects the institute will serve as a catalyst for new and innovative partnerships that will have a positive ripple effect: students and faculty at institutions across the state will have opportunities to work directly with digital technology industry professionals; companies will have a pipeline for proven talent; graduates will get jobs and stay in Massachusetts; all of which fuels the economy.

To learn more about MassDiGi and to read the complete plan, please visit: www.mass.gov/governor/massdigi or www.becker.edu/massdigi.
“Not so fast,” says Caroline Crocker, Ph.D., who just completed her first year as an assistant professor of forensic psychology at Becker College.

Dr. Crocker gave some examples of what forensic psychologists do: evaluate individuals who plead not guilty by reason of insanity and inform juries about relevant research, such as, circumstances that would lead a suspect to confess to a crime they did not commit.

“People ask if it is the psychology of dead people,” the young academic says with a smirk. She says her discipline is an “emerging area of research.”

“This field is psychology in action, having a real impact on a very important issue,” Dr. Crocker enthusiastically explains.

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In another research project, Dr. Crocker focused on juror’s perception of confession evidence and the debate over recording or videotaping interrogations.

Back in the classroom, faculty members collaborate to use an interdisciplinary approach to teaching forensic psychology from three distinct perspectives. Professor Kerri Augusto focuses on the psychology of criminal minds from a clinical perspective. Professor Kevin Woods provides a foundation in criminal justice and law enforcement. Dr. Crocker covers social psychology — the principles that can influence an individual’s behavior in the legal system. This way students gain a broader understanding of the field, Dr. Crocker says.

“I have never encountered more creative and innovative teaching than I have here at Becker,” Dr. Crocker exclaimed.

A bit of an innovator herself, Dr. Crocker tries to incorporate current events and popular culture into her curriculum, and to include students’ own experiences, to best relate with her classes and assist them in connecting with the material. She builds flexibility into her courses, she says, so she is able to focus on the issues about which the students are most excited.

“Professor Crocker helped me realize that forensic psychology is not just about studying criminals,” said Simone Bilodeau ’11.

“The Mock Trial was the best thing about this course — it allowed for the application of what we had learned to a role-playing scenario that challenged us to become what we had been taught.”

Forensic psychology students discuss and learn how to analyze research. Dr. Crocker employs an active program of research, and she plans to incorporate opportunities for students to act as research assistants and...
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to gain real-world experience, a valuable head start for those on the track to graduate school.

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“Instead of just learning about this major from a textbook, we’re actually talking about cutting-edge research that is happening right now.” Dr. Crocker declared.

At Becker, Dr. Crocker says, she appreciates the small class sizes that allow her to see the same faces, get to know students as people and serve as a mentor. “The students are what I enjoy most about teaching,” said Dr. Crocker. “Their level of interest is what makes a class fun and rewarding.”

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It was the American legal drama “Law and Order,” Esmeralda claims, which inspired her, at the age of 13, to become a lawyer. Ironically, a final high school history project during her freshman year made it possible for Esmeralda to write and present her first closing argument for a mock trial. She recalls meticulously composing the perfect closing statement to present before her classmates. It was then she knew for sure, that law was the career she would pursue.

Her goal when searching for a college was to find one that would best meet her requirements and expectations to make her dream a reality. Becker’s diverse legal studies curriculum impressed her, offering several options that included Family Law, Real Estate Law, and Contracts and Corporation Law.

Upon coming to Becker, Esmeralda soon discovered that its small class size, the accessibility of its professors and its internship opportunities, all greatly contributed to providing the successful learning experience she was looking for. She credits many of her professors and Becker staff members with enriching her life through their guidance and support. She states, “It was Professor Jim Maloney and Professor John Dorsey, who provided two very different teaching styles, that made me love studying law even more, which I didn’t know was even possible.” Then there was Professor Sheila McAvey, her English professor, “who made me enjoy writing.” She added, “It’s great when you love waking up for an 8 a.m. class.”

It was Esmeralda’s involvement in several of Becker’s student activities that introduced her to Director of Student Activities Jean Blackmer whom she credits with teaching her that “you can do anything you set your mind to.” She recognizes and appreciates Jean’s “kindness, willingness to do anything for
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anyone’ and strong overall spirit for Becker.” Esmeralda believes that her involvement in such organizations as Habitat for Humanity, Student Activities Committee and Yearbook Committee, and the people she has met through them, have taught her many valuable life lessons that will stay with her forever.

With help from her advisor, Professor John Dorsey, and Director of Career Services Eric Saczawa, Esmeralda became a legal assistant with Murray, Murray and Richards, LLP, a local Worcester law firm specializing in family law, personal injury law and probate law. Also through Becker College, Esmeralda was accepted into an internship program with Lutheran Social Services of New England, doing legal research for attorneys representing refugees, non-citizens and those seeking asylum. The firm later offered Esmeralda the opportunity to work as a case manager. She is currently handling both jobs with the firm.

She is very proud of her college achievements, which include making the Dean’s list; receiving the D. Llewellyn Evans Scholarship and Leadership Award; becoming vice-president of the Student Government Association; serving as a staff writer for Becker Journal Online; and initiating a new club on campus, UNICEF at Becker College, which she served as president.

Having graduated from Becker in May, Esmeralda plans to continue her education and has applied to several law schools, including New England Law, Western New England School of Law, Massachusetts School of Law and UMass Dartmouth Law School. Though she does not yet know which school she will be attending this fall, Esmeralda does know that she will one day achieve her dream, thanks to her strong determination, her passion for law and those who have so far guided her along the way.

Esmeralda often recalls that very first closing argument she delivered to her high school freshman class, and looks forward to doing it again one day in a real courtroom.
LT. COL. MONSITA Faley ’91

Since childhood, Monsita Faley has known what it means to be part of something bigger than herself. Growing up on the Fort Devens Army Base in Devens, Mass., provided the foundation for her future career aspirations. A self-described “army brat,” she was instilled with a sense of adventure, and a desire to see the world. Since then she has been nothing less than a tour de force; as a nurse, an academic and an airwoman.

In 1985, at age 18, Monsita joined the United States Air Force as a medical technician and was on active duty until 1989. During this period, she came to admire the work of Air Force nurses and felt it would be an exciting career choice. After her first enlistment was over, she joined the Air Force Reserves, working as a drilling reservist at Westover Air Force Base in Westover, Mass. She also decided to pursue that nursing career and earned her associate's degree in nursing at Becker.

“When I visited Becker, I fell in love with the campus,” said Monsita. “The idea of going to such an ideal setting was great.” Monsita appreciated Becker for its warmth in accepting her with open arms. She spoke fondly of the admissions and financial aid departments and how they knew her name and her story. While other colleges provided obstacles, Becker provided Monsita with the tools and curriculum she needed to continue on her path to becoming a nurse.

After completing her associate’s degree, Monsita received her bachelor’s degree from the University of Phoenix and a master of science in nursing from the University of San Diego, leading to her certification as a Family Nurse Practitioner.

She then took her nursing education back to the Air Force Reserve and served as a clinical nurse, working in a variety of ground medical units for eight years. Eventually, she would become a flight nurse and is now the chief nurse executive of the 604 Reserve Support Group at March Air Reserve Base, and lives in Carlsbad, Calif., just north of San Diego.

In 1991, Monsita was deployed to England, one of many European countries she has traveled to during her time in the Air Force. She was deployed again in 2008, serving in both Iraq and Afghanistan.

Despite the obvious dangers, Monsita has felt relatively safe in her line of work, “The anti-missile defense systems protect the large cargo planes, but you do realize you aren't in Southern California anymore.” Monsita served on intra-theater and inter-theater flights, caring for patients brought from Afghanistan and Iraq to Germany and then to the United States. According to Monsita, an often overlooked challenge on these difficult flights was carrying heavy equipment, like her helmet and flak jacket.

The years she spent serving as a clinical nurse gave Monsita the kind of hands-on expertise she needed to be successful in her current position. Her skills and experience are quite impressive. She is proficient in programs such as infection control, immunizations, medical readiness skills and credentialing. She has specialized training in leadership and management, treating burn and trauma patients and implementing cardiac life-support. Monsita also must keep up with the ever-changing world of health care and budget balancing. Public speaking roles as well as attending conferences and symposia have allowed her to share her own experiences, while learning from the work done by her colleagues.

“Leadership is also an important factor in excelling in my job,” Monsita says. During her years in the Air Force, she witnessed some extraordinary examples of leadership, lessons she...
has taken with her through each stage of her career. “Having supervisory and leadership skills is important,” Monsita emphasized. She now oversees 24 numbered Air Force units making sure they are prepared for their assignments and more importantly, evaluating their readiness for war. This is a heavy responsibility, a weight that only a well-trained flight nurse and leader can carry.

“My favorite part is giving nurses and medical personnel in the units I serve, help in order for them to feel confident that they are doing a great job,” Monsita declared. She went on to explain that a flight nurse faces obstacles that a nurse in a hospital would not encounter. Flying in a plane can be a stressful experience, especially for patients who are already ill or injured. Luckily, Monsita has the requisite skills to turn these circumstances into a smooth operation.

Maintaining nursing credentials in the Air Force Reserve is an additional challenge. Monsita must keep up with her RN licensure and hold basic life support certifications while continuing to participate in medical education units. She also must perform at least 180 hours of direct nursing care, a feat she accomplishes by treating patients regularly at a local community clinic serving impoverished, at-risk populations.

The positive example Monsita sets, and the wealth of knowledge she owns, have now been put to use in the classroom. She is teaching clinical rotations and nursing skills in medical-surgical and critical-care nursing for the accelerated bachelor of science in nursing at California State University San Marcos.

“It just reminds me how far nursing education has come and how it’s evolving. Due to the nurse educator shortage, programs are very selective and any candidate that makes it into a nursing program is top-notch. That can only be good for the nursing profession and, in the end, for patient care.”

Monsita is the mother of three children and credits them for giving her life “balance.” Her oldest daughter is set to attend the Academy of Art University in San Francisco. She worries about her handling the colder weather, especially after years of sunny living in San Diego. Her son, who is severely autistic, keeps her grounded and reminds her to take life “one day at a time.” Her four-year-old helps Monsita keep her sense of humor.

Lt. Col. Monsita Faley is grateful for her time in the Air Force. She thinks of the military as a melting-pot, a place where she has made friendships and alliances she probably never would have made in a civilian job. As Monsita said, “It is an honor to take care of the best patients in the world, the men and women of the United States military.” We are proud to have her as both a member of the United States Air Force Reserve and as an alumna of Becker College.
It may seem like a nightmare to most, but it is reality for Corey Rodrigues who lives in Prospect Heights in Brooklyn, N.Y., and at 31, works as a professional comedian. His fans describe him as hilarious, endearing, edgy, quick on his feet and exceptionally likeable. Corey's commanding stage presence and ability to connect with diverse audiences has earned him notoriety and acclaim. In February 2011, he was the winner of the 'Funniest Comic in New England' contest. He was a 2010 semifinalist in the Boston Comedy Festival. In 2009, he was a semifinalist in the New York Comedy contest and in 2008 he took home first place at the 'Catch a New Rising Star' comedy competition. His rapidly expanding resume also includes appearing in Sam Adams commercials and performing and interviewing on a variety of cable television shows.

"My favorite type of humor is when people are talking about real things – the truth," Rodrigues says. "Even though I appreciate most brands of humor, I like comedy that is truthful and funny. This is something I often communicate through my own material. I'm honest, and I'm not always PG but neither is life."

Growing up in Milton, Mass., Corey admits that he has been entertaining since childhood. He explains, "Since a very early age, I often found myself as the center of attention because of my ability to impersonate many voices and characters." He quickly discovered how easy it was for him to leave family and friends in stitches, begging for more. He also learned how much he enjoyed doing so.

"Making people laugh makes me feel good," he says. "Plain and simple, my favorite part of what I do is making people happy and having a positive impact on their lives by helping them to relax and have a good time. When I can successfully do that, it feels unbelievable."

Rodrigues credits his Becker degree for helping him grow into the person that he is today. "Becker nurtured my comedic abilities and gave me more of a foundation to be comfortable in my own skin. Becker had a lot of faith in me before I had faith in myself to do this. During my days at Becker, my skills were recognized and I was given opportunities to work on my craft by performing and emceeing at events. Becker taught me that it's not always about just being funny or talented — it's also about knowing when to be a professional."

As a full-time comedian trying to etch out his own distinctive brand, volume and quality of content is paramount. "Fans are always waiting for more, newer, and edgier material. That keeps me going and growing."

"I need to continue producing skits," Rodrigues says. "I am currently seeking to form a partnership with an individual or entity who can help with video production so I can churn out this new material on youtube.com in a marketable and cohesive way."

Rodrigues has recently settled into the NYC scene after working the Boston circuit for the last few years. In addition to performing at Dangerfield's, one of New York's legendary stages, Rodrigues has regularly scheduled performances at comedy clubs around New England. While making more connections in NYC is a priority, Rodrigues has also been busy taking acting classes with a renowned acting coach who has experience working with comedic giants including Dave Chappelle, Jim Breuer, Jim Gaffigan and Ray Romano.
Rodrigues’ comedic gift has also made a community impact. He has helped to raise money for causes including Dana Farber cancer research, Rebuilding Boston Together, The Jimmy Fund and The Blue Angels of Manchester, Conn. In August of this year he will be riding in the Pan-Mass Challenge, a 194-mile bike ride to raise money for children with cancer. He really hopes to reach his $4,000 goal.

Winning the Funniest Comic in New England title has helped Rodrigues get his foot in the door to several New York venues. More work means better pay, travel opportunities, and exposure to new audiences.

According to Rodrigues, “People are always looking for fresh new material. It’s powerful when I get to turn the thoughts, feelings and ideas that I have into something the audience enjoys as much as I do, until the point where they’re laughing hysterically. It’s so much fun. It’s weird, but it is therapy for me.”

At a recent performance at Foxwoods Resort Casino in Connecticut, Rodrigues lays into a primarily younger and middle-aged audience, “Geez, if I see one more person with an oxygen tank!” He then pretends to be pulling an oxygen tank with one hand and inhaling a cigarette with the other. The crowd erupts. “It’s like the intensive care unit over by the slot machines — wheelchairs, walkers, oxygen tanks — people are practically dying! I swear I saw a priest reading someone their last rites.” Rodrigues is clearly in the zone, working his audience towards uncontrollable belly laughter.
The story of our first ever Spree Day

By Andy Mazur ’72LJC
President, Becker College Alumni Association

Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young might have captured it best when they sang the lyrics of Joni Mitchell’s song, “Woodstock,” “…maybe it’s the time of year, yes and maybe it’s the time of man.”

Less than two years after Woodstock and one month shy of the tragic Kent State massacre, history was also being made on the Leicester campus. At that time, young students felt a great sense of exuberance and empowerment. The gathering that took place in April of 1971 was not a protest statement but a celebration. The Weathervane, Leicester Junior College’s yearbook, dedicated two full pages to the campus “happening” that has since come to be known as “Spree Day.”

Following a concert promoted by Sunshine Enterprises, and sponsored by the sophomore class, Sunshine representative, Fred Chanowski wanted to show his appreciation for the efforts made by the College by throwing an on-campus party for the entire student body.

Doug Erley ’71LJC, Charlie Prygocki ’72LJC and Marty “Bear” Steinback ’71LJC quickly spread the word around campus to come to the bottom of the ski hill and enjoy the event.

Spring had come early that year, bringing with it warmer days and, on that particular day, the weather was perfect. Students brought friends and guitars and energy and love. Circles of friends overlapped and new friendships emerged. It was an ideal get-together.

The Leicester administration immediately recognized the impact the day had on its students and organized its next “happening” early in the first semester of the following school year. From that point on, it’s become a 40-year annual tradition on the Leicester campus and is now more commonly referred to as “Spring Carnival.”

While Leicester may not have been “a half a million strong” that first year of Spree Day, student participation in the event certainly has grown and continues to grow each year, making it one of Becker College’s most memorable and exciting events with its student body.
I'm looking forward to seeing all of my old friends at the first Alumni Spree Day. It will be great to share some laughs and reminisce about the fun times we had at Becker College!

- Corey Rodrigues '03

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National Experts Present at Vet Tech Conference

Becker College hosted 20 notable experts in a number of veterinary fields in March, at its first Continuing Education Conference for Veterinary Technicians, in partnership with the Massachusetts Veterinary Technician Association (MVTA). The MVTA also held their annual meeting at the conference.

More than 100 vet techs from across New England signed up for conference tracks that mirrored the diverse range of skills technicians need to keep current in their field: clinical pathology, nutrition, surgery, practice management, internal medicine and laboratory animal care.

Among the long list of veterinarians and vet techs who presented lectures and labs at the conference were Mary Labato, DVM and Heather Prendergast, RVT, CVPM, as well as Gail Hartman, DVM, former director of the Lenfest Animal Health Center at Becker College and a past MVTA president and Jane Kelly, AS, CVT, a clinical instructor in pathology at Becker.

“Veterinary technicians are lifelong learners; we must continually update our skills and learn new technologies,” said Melissa Supernor, CVT, AS, BS, VTS (SAIM), president of the MVTA and a clinical instructor at Becker. “The MVTA and Becker College joined forces to bring in well-respected professionals in our community and from across the country.” Supernor is also an advisor to the Becker College Animal Health Club, a student group that sponsored the conference.

Princeton Review

Becker College is once again ranked among the top 10 on The Princeton Review’s list acknowledging the best undergraduate schools in the U.S. and Canada at which to study video game design. Since its 2010 ranking, Becker has increased enrollment, expanded its curriculum and acquired a new building to house its students, academic program and the Massachusetts Digital Games Institute (MassDIGI). What keeps Becker in close competition with programs at heavyweight colleges like Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI), Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and Northeastern University? Ask the prospects that have driven applications to the design and programming and development programs up more than 200 percent, creating a waiting list.

Robert Franek, The Princeton Review’s senior vice president and publisher, said, “We salute Becker College for its commitment to the field of video game design study and the innovative program it offers. For students aspiring to work in this burgeoning field, and for the companies that will need their creative talents and trained skills, we hope this project will serve as a catalyst for many successful connections.”

Internships involve video game development students in the community and give them valuable portfolio experience. Becker students are being considered for an internship project with American Science and Engineering (ASE), to build software and to develop simulation training for cargo x-ray scanning inspection machines.

Becker student-created games teaching school bus safety and history are in use by the UMass Medical School – City of Worcester Mobile Safety Street Bus, Old Sturbridge Village and the Danforth Museum, with similar projects in the works for the Worcester Historical Museum and the Why Not Stop Project. Students have also shared their skills with the Easter Seals and Center for Living and Working’s Tech Savvy Group and helped build game development communities in local public high schools.

FEMA Emergency Training Draws 12 Colleges and Schools, Worcester Police and Fire, to Becker

The third floor of the Worcester campus Health Science Center became the safest place in the city when instructors with the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators (IACLEA) led more than 30 administrators and police personnel from a number of institutions through disaster scenarios, specifically designed to orchestrate a comprehensive and collaborative
approach — from campus security to dining services.

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chicken and fish, rice and beans, Honduran quesadillas, tortillas, fried plantains, torte de tres leche and fresh fruit, coffee and tea. The Becker student dance team and a handful of other musically inclined delivered lively entertainment.

In May 2011, the student and faculty volunteers of Mission 2 Go will travel to the Monte Horeb Center, an educational/vocational project for youth and young adults at risk. Volunteers will assist in classrooms, provide tutoring, paint, plan recreational activities, lead workshops, and learn about community life in this part of Latin America. The trip is part of the College’s vision to prepare students to become tomorrow’s leaders and responsible citizens in a global economy, while giving them an appreciation for diverse cultures and peoples.

Streit Baron of the Public Conversations Project, which works to inspire individuals and communities to constructively address conflicts through the use of dialogue, not violence. Volunteering never tasted so good. The student group Mission 2 Go threw open the doors of the Fuller Dining Hall to the public for an international dinner that raised funds for a service and cross-cultural trip to Honduras. Diners enjoyed a happy hour with appetizers and a dinner worthy of any five star restaurant that included mixed greens with sweet potatoes and feta cheese, grilled

These two web banners featured on Becker’s website homepage.

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1940s
Gordon Bowker ’42 still has a sentimental attachment to Becker environs. He would very much like to hear from his 1942 classmates.

1950s
Marcia (Swornsbourne) Tenney ’56 enjoyed spending some of her vacation time visiting with Becker friends at the Palm Beach, Fla., alumni reception held in March. She is glad to see Becker is doing so well and is looking forward to President Johnson’s inauguration in September.

1960s
Arthur Rossi ’61 is a Vietnam-era veteran. Since 1983 he has been the owner of Rossi’s Cleaners (dry cleaner and launderers). He has three children and three grandchildren.

Patricia (Probert) Gott ’63 majored in business administration at Becker, served as vice president of her class and graduated cum laude. She went on to work for the CIA, then purchased and remodeled a building in Maine, turning it into a roller skating rink, which she owned and managed for 24 years. After an early retirement, she pursued yet another new career, becoming an author. She has written ten books; her most recent, “Searching for a Magpie,” was released in January 2011 and is based on her adventures exploring China and Tibet. Information on her other nine books can be found on her web site www.prgottbooks.net.

Ruth (Bucinskas) Dowgielewicz ’65 volunteers her time at the Leicester Garden Club and Leicester Public Library Friends. She also serves as chairman of the Leicester Women’s Club scholarship.

Meredith (Lucas) Warren ’65 and her husband, Bud, sold their house in February and now reside in Concord, N.H. Her 32-year-old horse is being boarded with many other horses in a nearby town and seems to love the change and their many visits.

Judy (Farnham) Carter ’67 would like to reconnect with her Evans Hall roommate, Margaret “Peggy” Vrabel ’67. If you have any news about Peggy, Judy would like you to email her at jelainec@yahoo.com.

Marion (Bagley) Duclos ’67 worked as a medical secretary for 22 1/2 years. She now works in the food service industry in the customer service department and is nearing retirement! Currently, Marion is the president and secretary of a 197-unit, self-managed condominium community.

1970s
Jean (Weingart) Craven ’72LJC graduated from Leicester Junior College after three semesters. She now lives in Pasadena, Calif., and has three children and five grandchildren. Jean was recently nominated as Sales Associate of the Year at the company she works for in horticulture and landscaping. She will celebrate her 60th birthday this summer on Martha’s Vineyard with her family and classmate Mary (Murphy) Stasiuk and her family, with whom she is still very close. Jean wishes that more of the class of 1972 would send in updates about what they’ve been doing these past 40 years.

Debbie Wemyss ’73 was pleased to meet President Robert Johnson at the Palm Beach, Fla., alumni reception in March, where she also learned more about Becker’s future plans.

Gayle (Covensky) Wocoski ’78 and her husband are pleased to announce both the graduation of their daughter, Chelsea, from High Point University, with a BA in Interior Design, and her upcoming nuptials to Trevor Greenough Hunter on October 8, 2011. Gayle is thrilled to have reconnected with many BJC friends via Facebook.

Estalee (Bloomfield) Marchessault ’79 and her husband, Robert, shared the joy of seeing their oldest daughter marry the love of her life in November. Estalee continues to train guide dogs for the blind and is currently training two.

1980s
Philip Cochran ’82 has been married to his wife, Jamie, for 18 years. They have a daughter, Abigail, who is 16 and a son, Alex, who is 13. Philip has worked at Simonds International for 26 years and is now the manager of financial planning.

Amy (Fedorko) Warkoczewski ’82 works in the veterinary field as a sales representative for Merial in New Jersey.

Darcy (Forleo) Lauzier ’83 relocated her kitchen and bath showroom to Rt. 122 in Millbury.

2000s
Aaron Langlois ’04 has a lot of updates to share. This past year he and his wife, Jill, had their third child, Lucy. He passed his certification exam as a hospice and palliative care administrator and graduated with an MBA from the University of Phoenix. Aaron continues to work as executive director of Affinity Hospice of Life, providing end of life care to patients and their families in Central and Eastern Massachusetts. A second office was opened this past January in Holden, serving all of Worcester County with a location for the community to come for bereavement support groups, training and consultations.

Emily Gold ’10 is a designer in the Interiors Studio of TruexCullins Architecture and Interior Design Firm, located in Burlington, Vt. She is pursuing her LEED certification while working on a number of hotel renovation projects for TruexCullins.

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Becker’s Alumni Association hosted three alumni gatherings in Florida during the week of March 13, 2011. A luncheon was held at The Breakers in Palm Beach on March 14, a dinner reception was enjoyed at Quail West in Naples on March 15 and a luncheon was held at Columbia Restaurant at The Pier in St. Petersburg on March 17.

1. (L - R) Raymond Mann ’54, Hon (Surname) LeVine ’49, Sanford LeVine

2. (L - R) Michelle Jones-Johnson, Jasmine Johnson, Harry Tenney, Marcia (Swomonsbourne) Tenney ’56

3. (L - R) Larry Ferazzoli ’10, Sandy Knight, Linc MacDonald ’64LJC, Arthur “Jay” DiGeronimo, Jr. – Chairman, Becker College Board of Trustees

4. (L - R) Michelle Jones-Johnson, President Robert Johnson, Mary-Jane Dodds ’57

5. (L - R) President Robert Johnson, Betty (Gross) Pickford ’54, James Generelli ’53, Pat Generelli
WORCESTER REGIONAL ALUMNI EVENT

On February 12, 2011, the Alumni Association held a Worcester alumni gathering at the Higgins Armory. Guests enjoyed lunch before taking a guided tour of the museum and watching a live demonstration.

TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL

Golden Years Luncheon

Becker College proudly honors members of its Fifty-Year Association on Saturday, October 1, 2011

Reception ~ Noon • Luncheon ~ 1 p.m.

Boutin Student Center • 44 West Street, Worcester campus

The Becker College Alumni Association formed the Fifty-Year Association to honor graduates who are celebrating or have celebrated their fifty-year reunion from Leicester Junior College or Becker College.

For more information or to RSVP, contact Caitlin Visscher, Assistant Director of Alumni Relations, at 508-373-9527 or caitlin.visscher@becker.edu
The Athletic Department has seen a lot of positive changes over the past few years, possibly none more prevalent than its overall attitude of “yes we can and yes we will.” Becker currently has 16 intercollegiate athletic teams that have all made huge strides in improving not only their performance on the field, but also in the classroom and the surrounding community.

Becker College’s synthetic turf field where soccer, field hockey, football and lacrosse home games are played, offers much-improved drainage that allows teams to play in the most adverse conditions. This spring the field was plowed off, which gave sports teams the opportunity to practice and compete outdoors before most other schools. For example, the men's lacrosse team played their first home game on March 8, 2011. While the rest of New England was still buried in over a foot of snow, Becker's Alumni Field was ready for action. This spring the baseball team christened a newly-renovated Rochdale Park, giving them a field they could call “home.”

This summer the Becker athletics website will receive a new and improved look that will feature larger game pictures and video highlights, while offering easier navigation and an online photo and apparel store.

Becker’s new Sports Medicine Department includes three full-time athletic trainers who play a vital role in the overall health of our student athletes. For some students, balancing the rigors of athletics and academics presents a challenge of its own. Coordinator of Athlete Services Andrea Beis provides information on improved study skills and time management. She also assists students with class schedules, so their classroom attendance is not compromised by athletic events.

During the fall season, Becker Athletics awarded ten of its student athletes All Academic honors from their respective conferences. To receive All Academic honors, a student athlete must not only participate in a sport during that semester, but must also maintain a grade point average of 3.4 or higher. On April 6, 2011, Becker participated in the first annual National Student Athlete Day, where 115 of its student athletes were recognized for having a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

The presence of Becker College Athletics has been more evident than ever within the community. The ice hockey team performed a number of community service projects at Elm Park Community School. On February 19, 2011, they held their second annual “Pink the Rink” event where the players donned pink jerseys in a fundraising event for breast cancer awareness. The women's basketball team did their part in the fight against breast cancer by participating in the nationwide
SPORTS

FALL SCHEDULE

Inauguration Weekend, September 15, 2011
Field Hockey – 6 p.m. ................................................... Becker vs. WPI
Volleyball – 7 p.m. .................................................... Becker vs. Curry College

September 17, 2011
Football – 12 p.m. ..................................................... Becker vs. WPI

Homecoming/Family Weekend, October 14, 2011
Field Hockey – 7 p.m. .................................................... Becker vs. Regis College

October 15, 2011
Women’s Soccer – 11 a.m. ........................................... Becker vs. Elms College
Men’s Soccer – 1 p.m. ................................................... Becker vs. Elms College
Football – 4 p.m. ........................................................ Becker vs. Castleton State College

Becker College Icebreaker Hockey Tournament, November 4, 2011
3 p.m. ................................................................ Assumption College vs. Suffolk University
6 p.m. ........................................................................ Becker College vs. Stonehill College

FALL SCHEDULE

Allow us to “take you out to the ball game.”

Becker Alumni Day
at Fenway Park
Saturday, September 3, 2011

Boston Red Sox vs. Texas Rangers
Game time - 7:10 p.m.

$50 per person includes:
• Transportation to and from Fenway Park
• Private reception at Game On – 5:00 p.m.
• Ticket to the game in the outfield grandstands (Section 3)

Transportation will depart Becker’s Worcester campus at 3:30 p.m.
Tickets are limited, so don’t hesitate! (Limit four tickets per alumnus)
To RSVP contact Caitlin Visscher, Assistant Director of Alumni Relations, at 508.373.9527 or caitlin.visscher@becker.edu.

WBCA Pink Zone event, which raises money for the Kay Yow Cancer Fund. The baseball team also got into the fundraising mix by wearing orange jerseys in support of the fight against childhood cancers.

Senior women’s tennis player, Danielle Stryker and her fellow Student Athlete Advisory Committee members took advantage of the large crowds at the men’s and women’s basketball games to collect donations for the “Be Like Brit” Foundation. In the spring, the women’s lacrosse team participated in the “Lax4Life” event, which brings together women’s lacrosse teams from across the NCAA, to show support and raise awareness of suicide prevention.

Clearly Becker Athletics is striving to all of their programs to a higher Whether it’s improved facilities equipment, coaches or staff, Becker Pride is alive and well.
Eat, drink and be merry.
Did you know that there are 94 dining establishments within a 1 mile radius of campus? From fine dining to “greasy spoons,” you don’t have to travel very far to experience an impressive array of culinary options.

Catch a Shark.
Enjoy watching action on ice? The DCU Center, located only 4,752 feet from the Weller Academic building, is home to the American Hockey League’s Worcester Sharks, who ended their 2010 season as the Atlantic Division champs.

Play in the park.
Established in 1854, Elm Park is widely regarded as America’s oldest public recreational area. Located only a stone’s throw from the doorstep of campus, Elm Park is also one of Worcester’s most scenic destinations. In the warmer months, visitors can enjoy a free summer concert series hosted every Thursday evening, as well as Art in the Park, a one-of-a-kind public art installation. In the winter months, lace up your ice skates, strap on your snowshoes or start a snowball fight with your friends.

Soak in some world-class art.
The Worcester Art Museum, also known by its acronym WAM, houses over 35,000 works of art representing cultures from all over the world dating from antiquity to present day. The WAM opened in 1898 and is the 2nd largest art museum in New England. Best of all, Becker alumni are invited to secure FREE passes to Worcester’s world-class art museum by contacting the Alumni Office.

Chase a Tornado.
There are few places where you can check out a professional baseball game for only $5. Named after the destructive tornado that hit Worcester on June 9, 1953, the Worcester Tornadoes provide affordable, action-packed fun for all ages.

Stroll down memory lane.
History buffs will relish a visit to the Worcester Historical Museum, the only institution devoted entirely to local history and artifacts, located a mere 2,640 feet from the Weller Academic Center. If architecture is your thing, schedule a visit with Preservation Worcester, a non-profit organization with a mission to preserve the sites and structures which are significant to the culture, history and architecture of the city. Worcester also offers such destinations as the Salisbury Mansion, built in 1772, now a museum open to the public, and the American Antiquarian Society, a U.S. national historic landmark which is home to the very 1st book ever printed in America.

Experience the brilliance of live performance.
Downtown Worcester is home to an impressive collection of performance venues showcasing everything from the classical stylings of cello legend, Yo Yo Ma, at Mechanics Hall, to the heavy metal mecca of New England at The Palladium. Since re-opening its doors in 2008, the Hanover Theatre has staged over 300 performances, attended by more than 400,000 people.

Get some exercise.
A popular destination for joggers and walkers, one lap around the perimeter of Elm Park is exactly .8 of a mile. Directly across the street from Elm Park, and less than a 5-minute walk from the center of campus, recreation seekers will be delighted to discover a well-maintained 18 hole disc golf course and hiking trails at Newton Hill Park.
We are looking forward to Homecoming/Family Weekend 2011. Being my second homecoming in-a-row, I hope more alumni come back to see all of the exciting campus developments. It’s always great to see everyone reconnect with friends and the campus, and cheer on the Hawks!

Bob Martin ’03, Alumni Association Board

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The Noel Alverson Settle ’53
Endowed Scholarship Fund

Noel Alverson Settle ’53 came to Becker College from Glens Falls, N.Y. Becker gave her the background to work in the fashion world: Vogue Magazine, Trifari Jewelry and also as a television and fashion model in New York City.

In 1966, she married a New York attorney, W. Sydnor Settle. While raising their two children, Noel continued her education at the School of Visual Arts and The New York School of Interior Design, at the same time maintaining an active volunteer career serving as president of the board of trustees of the Morris Museum in Morristown, N.J.

“\nI have established an endowed scholarship fund because I have a true regard for Becker’s mission and its history,” says Mrs. Settle. “I am astounded at Becker today and impressed with President Johnson and his goals for the future of the College. I trust that my initiative will encourage other alumni to support the College in a like manner. “

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