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pay attention to details, while managing to save some time to have fun and enjoy their collegiate careers.

"Some of the most exciting and rewarding times of your life will happen during your four years here," he told the freshmen, and their family and friends in the audience. "The closest friendships you will ever have will be made right here among this group of men and women sitting next to you. You will come to regard this faculty not just as teaching professionals, but as some of the best life coaches and mentors you will ever know."

Capt. Michael earned an officer's commission in the Navy through Aviation Officer Candidate School and was designated a naval aviator in December 1988. Following initial flight training, he reported to Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light (HSL)-32 at Naval Air Station, Norfolk, Va. where he completed three deployments. He then reported as a flight instructor to Naval Air Station Whiting Field in Milton, Fla. where he also earned a Master of Arts degree in public administration from the University of West Florida.

In June 1995, Capt. Michael reported to the amphibious assault ship USS Guam (LPH 9), Naval Station Norfolk, Va. where he made a Mediterranean Sea deployment and earned his Officer of the Deck Underway qualification. Following flight transition to the SH-60B Seahawk helicopter, he reported to Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light (HSL-43) Naval Air Station, North Island, Calif. where he deployed to the Western Pacific and served as the squadron's maintenance officer.

He reported to Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light (HSL-47) as the Executive Officer in May 2003 and 16 months later assumed command of the squadron while under way on the



U.S. Navy Captain Frank J. Michael III, a native of Dallas, gathered with his family prior to the convocation ceremony at Misericordia University. He and four of his siblings are Misericordia graduates along with his mother, Patricia (Polly), who earned both her bachelor's and master's degrees at the campus and held several positions at Misericordia including school nurse, director of counseling services and associate professor of nursing. From left, are Tracey Michael Carr, Katie Michael Karpal, Trish Michael O'Connell, all of Dallas; Patricia 'Polly' Michael and Frank J. Michael Jr., of Dallas; Capt. Frank J. Michael III, convocation speaker; Karen Michael, Harveys Lake; and Christopher Michael, Dallas.

USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72), the fifth Nimitz-class supercarrier in the Navy. Under his command, HSL-47 completed a Western Pacific deployment with Carrier Air Wing Two and the Abraham Lincoln Carrier Strike Group as the first Seahawk helicopter (SH-60B) squadron ever to integrate with a Carrier Air Wing. His squadron played a leading role in Operation Unified Assistance, providing humanitarian assistance and disaster relief to the northern region of Indonesia that was devastated by a tsunami in 2004.

Soon after returning from deployment, Capt. Michael led a combined east and west coast helicopter search-and-rescue operation in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. As a helicopter commander, he rescued 69 people from rooftops in New Orleans, La.

In July 2008, Capt. Michael reported to the amphibious assault ship USS Boxer (LHD 4) as the

ship's executive officer to complete a Western Pacific deployment. In January 2010, he assumed command of the Boxer and completed a second Western Pacific deployment.

Capt. Michael's staff tours include Flag Aide to Commander, Naval Air Forces and assignment to the Operations Directorate of the Joint Staff, Joint Chiefs of

Staff. His next assignment will be to the Navy Staff in the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

Capt. Michael is the son of Frank J. Michael Jr. and Patricia A. "Polly" Michael, of Dallas. He currently resides in San Diego, Calif. with his wife of 22 years, the former Bridget Farrell of Wilkes-Barre, and their children, John, Mary and Elizabeth.

BRIEF

Three MU nursing students recognized

Three Back Mountain residents were among 21 students honored by Misericordia University recently during a pinning ceremony in Lemmond Theater at Walsh Hall to recognize those who completed the Part-Time Accelerated Evening Bachelor of Science Degree Nursing Program at MU.

Recognized were Amy Mikula, of Tunkhannock; Elizabeth Stuscavage, of Wyoming; and Christine Tucker, of Dallas.

During the ceremony, undergraduate nursing students received the Misericordia University Nursing Pin, a symbol of achievement in the nursing profession. Family and friends attended the event, which also featured the recital of the international pledge for nurses and the international prayer for nurses.

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brary. Back to School Nights at the Wycallis Elementary School are scheduled as follows:

Wednesday, Sept. 5 for kindergarten, first grade, second grade and teachers of special subjects; Wednesday, Sept. 12 for third grade, fourth grade and fifth grade. Parents/caregivers should report to the gymnasium by 7 p.m.

Parents or caregivers who wish to volunteer in the Wycallis Elementary School must file an application, attend a volunteer orientation and be approved by the school board. This procedure is required by board policy and no exceptions can be allowed. Volunteer Orientations are

scheduled in the school library at 9:15 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 5 and at 9:15 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 12.

Parents/caregivers who completed a volunteer orientation in previous years are not required to repeat the process.)

DALLAS ELEMENTARY Regular student lunches are available a cost of \$1.85. Milk may be purchased for 60 cents. The lunch menu is posted on the district website under the "Cafeteria Info" Tab.

Back to School Nights will be held starting at 7 p.m. at the Dallas Elementary School as follows:

Tuesday, Sept. 11 for kindergarten, first grade, second grade and special subjects and Thursday, Sept. 13 for third, fourth and fifth grades.

The initial PTO meeting for the school year will be held at 7



Sisters Vivian, left, Lillian and Madeline Alor and Seanna Ashton can hardly wait for doors to open on the first day of class at the Lehman-Jackson Elementary School.

p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 5 in the library. New volunteer orientation will be conducted at 6:45 p.m.

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cial location near the Olympics site sponsored by Procter and Gamble that offered food and beverages to the families at no cost for 12 hours a day.

"There were TVs everywhere with (recliners) and couches so people could watch the games constantly," he said.

The U.S. field hockey team did not medal during the event, and Brian said many of the players, including his daughter, were very disappointed in their results.

"It wasn't enough for them to have gotten to the Olympics - they wanted to bring home a medal," he said. "Everyone said Paige played well, though. I think she did."

And Brian considers himself lucky to have gotten the chance to see Paige and the rest of the women play - he said tickets for other events were exorbitantly priced.

"We went to go see the track and field events, and the tickets cost about \$700 for one person," said Brian. "I don't know many parents who went to the

opening ceremonies - it cost about \$5,000 a ticket - but Paige said it was the most amazing thing she'd ever seen in her life."

That price wasn't too expensive for one famous Brit whom Brian spotted just a few seats away while taking in the track meet.

"I was in my seat and people started gathering around," he said. "I looked over and it was Paul McCartney sitting a few seats away. I just started taking his picture."

Between all the excitement from the games, the entire Selski clan even got one day to spend together while Paige was resting in between events.

"I asked her if she wanted to go sight-seeing and she said she was too beat up," laughed Brian.

But the real fun was when Brian saw Paige play for the first time as an Olympian.

"I got goosebumps," he said.

"There were tens of thousands of people rushing in like it was for a major football game. Then they announced her name and sang the 'Star Spangled Banner' and the hair stood up on the back of my neck."

Brian said Paige suffered from "Olympic hangover" after

Of the thousands of photographs taken by Brian Selski while in London for the Olympic games, this one of the field hockey venue stands out. Selski's daughter, Paige, a graduate of Dallas High School, was a member of the United States field hockey team.

the games, but after a week hanging around the family's Harveys Lake house and spending time with friends, she was ready to get back in the game.

Paige played her first field hockey game with her University of Virginia team on Aug. 24.

"It's a big adjustment from playing at the Olympics to playing in Virginia," said Brian.

He believes his daughter will continue to excel in athletics, and he's more than ready to go along for the ride.

"Right off the bat, she said she wants to make it to the World Cup in two years," he said. "I'm very fortunate that God blessed me with a child that has achieved something so amazing."

SCHOOL BRIEFS

Students seek veterans' names

The Student Leadership In Civics Club from Dallas Senior High School is in the process of completing the Veterans' Honor Wall at the high school and is seeking names of veterans who have graduated from the Back Mountain area and who have received a Gold Star and/or Purple Heart award.

Information can be emailed to slc@dallasd.com.

Bishop Bamber will speak at Misericordia

The Department of Business at Misericordia University is hosting the symposium, "The U.S. Bishops' Pastoral Letter: Economic Justice for All After 25 Years," at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 6 in Lemmond Theater in Walsh Hall on campus.

The Most Reverend Joseph C. Bamber, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of the Diocese of Scranton, will serve as the

keynote speaker. The event is open free to the public.

DHS Class of 2002 plans reunion

The Dallas High School Class of 2002 will hold its 10th anniversary class reunion from 6 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 29 at the Metro Bar & Grill in Dallas. Cost is \$15 per person with an adult guest welcome and includes heavy hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar.

Anyone wishing to attend the event is asked to contact class officers via email at dhsalum2002@gmail.com, log on to <http://dallashs2002reunion.eventbrite.com> or call Jeff Jumper at 334-819-4125.

All-class reunion set

An all-class reunion for the Shickshinny/Garrison Memorial High School will be held at noon on Saturday, Oct. 13 at the Sweet Valley Fire Hall. Anyone interested in attending is asked to call 542-4788, 477-5239 or 477-3131.

BETA SIGMA WELCOMES MEMBERS



Beta Sigma chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International recently welcomed two new members. From left, Lee Sikora, membership chair; Lori Kucewicz, and Kathy Finerty, new members.

Four named to PSUWB board

Four new members have been named to the Penn State Wilkes-Barre 2012-2013 Campus Advisory Board.

Jane Adonizio, executive producer and on-air host for Fox 56, is a University of Pittsburgh journalism graduate, has served on many greater Wilkes-Barre area boards and is a Leadership Wilkes-Barre '98 graduate. She and her husband, Paul, have three children.

Carmen F. Abrosino, chief executive officer of Wyoming Valley Alcohol & Drug Service, is a graduate of King's College with a B.A. in English and a Wilkes University graduate with an M.H.A. in Health Care Administration. He is a former Pennsylvania National

Guard member.

Frank W. Nocito, Esq., a Penn State Nittany Lion graduate and attorney at Nocito Law office, received his Business Administration degree from the University Park campus. He continued on to Syracuse University where he received his J.D.

Richard K. Struthers, also a Penn State alumnus, is the president and CEO of Ashford Point Enterprises in Wilmington, Delaware. A Business Administration graduate, he was recognized in 1998 as a Penn State Alumni Fellow and in 2002 as a Distinguished Alumnus. He currently serves on the corporate boards of Dover Downs Gaming and Dover Downs Motorsports.



PUZZLE ANSWERS

King Crossword Answers

Solution time: 27 mins.

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EGO	RARE	ERGO
LOVEBIRD	VIEW	EDIT
INSET	PAIR	BOON
INN	PARABLES	INNBORIS
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STEAD	OPEN	LIDS
ARGO	LOVESEAT	PEEN
DENY	SHE	TAX

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Super Crossword Answers

DAD	SEPIA	STEM	FACTS
IDOL	ICING	PELE	ACHIO
JAMES	POLKA	AJIT	REATA
ONETO	LASH	CALM	RAV
NODDLES	SERATILE	ELLE	
PETER	MINUET	GAMES	
DOM	CLIO	SIT	
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CANAPE	SEEPS	ANECDOTE	
AWAIRE	ALA	NUDE	NOD
VOICE	PAUL	LLOYD	BAIRN
ASH	OREG	EMO	SCOUT
SLEAZIER	FRIZ	ADDLE	
TOMTOM	AIL	NOODLE	AGE
BAK	VAT	ANGEL	BOW
HELEN	JAKEL	AMBRADA	
PAGE	CHINESE	TOUGHON	
EMU	ROOM	HELP	GHARO
GLINE	RIFLE	WALTZ	KELLY
KENYA	SNOW	AMUSE	BOLE
STEEL	EYRE	YEMEN	ENS

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