**STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT**

**Theatre major Ivy Covaciu ’14** was awarded the “Student with the Most Potential” from the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival Region 3 in 2013 for her rigging work in Bethel’s production of “A Midsummer Night’s Dream.” This distinction won her a spot at the renowned Stagecraft Institute of Las Vegas (SILV) rigging workshop — a company that works with Cirque du Soleil. While there, she earned the Prix d’Or Award and was invited to join SILV 2014 as an intern.

Kevin Brown ’15 founded an organization called “Bought at a Price” to raise awareness about human trafficking around the world. He held a benefit concert that raised enough money to free 75 girls from bondage.

**Bethel’s athletic program** has been recognized again with an NAIA Five Star Champions of Character award for integrity, respect, responsibility, sportsmanship and servant leadership.

**Lindsay Stork ’13** is carrying on a tradition of compassion for the homeless that began three years ago with Bethel athlete (and now coach) Ryne Lightfoot ’10. Each Friday, rain, snow or shine, Stork and other Bethel students and friends gather in downtown South Bend, Ind, to feed the hungry.

In 2013, **four athletes on the Bethel track and field team** achieved All-American status at the NAIA Indoor National Meet. Kevin Langlois pole vaulted and finished first in the nation.

**PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**

2CU - In the spring of 2014, Bethel launched 2CU (two campuses, one focus = you!), a revolutionary partnership with Ivy Tech Community College, with eligibility based on financial need as determined by the FAFSA. 2CU allows families to obtain a Christian education through an innovative program that pairs state-funded courses with Bethel’s rich spiritual and campus life with a savings of $16,000 per year. Kimmi New is our first 2CU student and she plans to major in psychology.

As a group, Bethel’s 2013 math and math education majors scored in the top 4 percent on a national math assessment that included 143 colleges and universities, including Texas A&M and University of Texas. One student earned a perfect score!

Bethel recently received a $868,000 grant from the Lilly Foundation to improve job prospects for college graduates in the state of Indiana through Lilly’s initiative to Promote Opportunities through Educational Collaborations. The funding will be used to develop two new programs in adult and graduate studies (AGS) — a one-year biotechnology program and a custom training program in collaboration with area businesses.

In the fall of 2013, Bethel welcomed Clarence Gilyard, best known as Trivet in “Walker, Texas Ranger,” to guest direct “The Diary of Anne Frank.” This allowed students to learn from a nationally respected professional in their field. Gilyard connected with Theatre Chair Richard Young at the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival, which Bethel students compete in annually.

**NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR BETHEL COLLEGE**

U.S. News and World Report
- Ranked nationally in the top 13 percent of all baccalaureate colleges
- Ranked 19th on the list of the Midwest’s Best Baccalaureate Colleges

Washington Monthly
- Ranked second in the nation for community service participation
- Top 15 percent in the nation overall among baccalaureate colleges

Templeton Guide
- Recognized on the Templeton Guide’s Honor Roll of top 100 schools nationally for our commitment to integrating character development into the undergraduate experience

Rugg’s Recommendations on the Colleges
- Top fields of study include: Biology, Education, English, Ministry, Music, Nursing, Philosophy, Pre-med, Psychology, Theater, Youth Ministry

President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll
- Recognizes institutions that achieve meaningful, measurable outcomes in the communities they serve

Colleges of Distinction
- National recognition for our commitment to student engagement, great teaching, vibrant communities and successful outcomes

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NOTABLE ALUMNI

Judith Candi (Gooden) Davis '04 is a senior manager with BlueCross Blue Shield of Illinois, overseeing more than 300 employees and a $150 million budget. She has her sights set on becoming the company's youngest vice president.

David Smith, M.D., '81 was the first Bethel student to finish a four-year degree and continue on to medical school. He is in the top 1% of his field as a pediatric surgeon, with patients traveling across North America for his care.

Emily Rose '09 is vice president of development at the Bill of Rights Institute in Washington, D.C. She builds relationships with grant-making foundations and high-dollar donors, working to advance the mission of the organization.

Todd Gongwer '99 is a speaker and author of “Lead … for God’s Sake,” which has been endorsed by nationally known leaders, including coaches Urban Meyer and Lou Holtz, New York Times best-selling author Ken Blanchard and Tyson Foods CEO Donnie Smith.

Steve Smith ’02, John Nunemaker ’04 and Matthew Graham ’04 started a software company called Ordered List a few years after graduating from Bethel. In a multi-million-dollar deal, they sold Ordered List to GitHub (San Francisco), where all three are now employed.

Nic Bradley ’04 started North Star Media Group with his two siblings shortly after graduating. Today, the business has grown to publish several magazines, including Veils & Vows, Michiana’s premier bridal magazine.

Jerry Thacker, Ed.D., ’72 was named 2013 Outstanding Educator by the Indiana Association of Public School Superintendents (IAPSS). In 2012, IAPSS voted him Indiana State Superintendent of the Year. Thacker has been superintendent of schools at Penn-Harris-Madison School Corporation in Mishawaka, Ind., since 2006.

OUTSTANDING FACULTY

Deborah Gillum, Ph.D., dean and assistant professor of nursing, received the Golden Lamp Award at Rush University Medical Center. Gillum has experience in medical-surgical and cardiovascular nursing and has practiced as an adult and family nurse practitioner.

Chad Meister, Ph.D., professor of philosophy, received national recognition for his latest book, “The Routledge Companion to Modern Christian Thought,” from Choice, the premiere reviewing organization for worldwide academic libraries. This is Meister’s 15th book, with two additional works forthcoming.

70 - NUMBER OF FACULTY AND STAFF WHO MENTORED AT LEAST ONE STUDENT LAST SCHOOL YEAR

77% OF FULL-TIME TENURED FACULTY HOLD A DOCTORATE DEGREE

Sheri Campeau, M.S., instructor of engineering, worked in the industry as a manufacturing engineering manager at General Motors for 20 years before teaching. She inspires elementary students to pursue math and science careers through STEM (Science Technology Engineering Math) and organized a career fair at Bethel for area high school STEM students.

Aaron Schavey, Ph.D., associate professor of economics, has organized annual Faith & Flourishing Conferences at Bethel since 2012. In 2013, nationally known speakers, including New York Times bestseller Jay Richards, focused on ways to overcome poverty in the Michiana community.

86% acceptance rate to medical school for Bethel graduates since 2002. This is almost twice the national average of 45% (AAMC - Association of American Medical Colleges - 2012)

99% job placement for music education graduates during the past two decades

100% of nursing graduates have gained employment within their first year after college