



FRIARS' SOCIETY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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Check out the FSAA website for up-to-date information at

www.friarsalumni.com

FSAA Social Gatherings

Rams in the Sand 3

Saturday July 24, 2010

4pm-10pm

The Windrift Hotel, 80th & the beach, Avalon NJ 08202

Join your fellow alumni Friars, as well as classmates & friends at the 3rd Annual WCU Alumni summer event! Admission includes great appetizers & specials, three drink tickets, music and giveaways! All alumni are invited to bring guests to this event.

Please note that you will not be mailed tickets for this event, you will pick them up with your wrist-band at the door. Valid ID with proof of age over 21 is required. Discount tickets at \$25 are still available so be sure to sign up now at <https://secure.www.alumniconnections.com/olc/pub/WCU/events/WCU2247101.html>

Friars Society Inductions-Fall 2010

November 20, 2010

Please mark your calendars. Details to come.

Alumni Happenings – Steve Soars in Mozambique



The African nation of Mozambique is one of the poorest in the world, but since his 2006 graduation from West Chester University, Friar alumnus Steve Soars has been working in northern Mozambique as a co-director of the Vocational Training Department for IRIS Ministries, a non-profit Christian ministry headquartered in Mozambique dedicated to helping poor children, founded by Rolland and Heidi Baker in 1980. Through his work in IRIS ministries, Soars works alongside Mozambicans to teach and mentor adolescent children adopted by the ministry by preparing them with the necessary job skills needed, ensuring their future success. He is seen here (left) with his wife, Cassandra and Heidi Baker with some of the children he has been mentoring. A more in-depth article featuring Steve has been submitted to the West Chester Magazine and will appear on our website, www.friarsalumni.com.

History Project for ALL Alumni: A Challenge from Gio Casotti

There is an ongoing project from the society advisor, Dr. Giovanni Casotti, calling on all alumni to share with the society whatever photographs, articles, pictures related to the Friars' Society, even if you think they are not relevant, that could be added to the society's history. Gio himself assembled a history binder and presented it to the active Brothers at the end of his first year as advisor, but this was based on photos and information from the Serpentine, and in no way meant to be exclusive.

The Society intends to copy and return any original material, so please do your part to search high and low for any articles, pictures, even if you think they are not relevant. Let's return our history back to the Society, making it more complete for brothers to come.

Alumni Scholarship

The Alumni Scholarship was first awarded in 1997 to Jeffrey Mann. At the December 2009 Inductions, we announced that the 13th recipient was Brett Cooper in the amount of \$500. Brett, who graduated in May 2010 with a degree in Accounting joined the society in spring 2009 and has served the Society as the social chairman.

Congratulations, Brett! The next scholarship will be awarded at the Fall 2010 inductions.

Networking-Never Turn Away a Fellow Friar

Several alumni Friars have built profiles LinkedIn.com, an online professional network that allows individuals to reconnect with classmates and colleagues from the past. Many users



use this free online website to "get to someone," form a partnership and even make a sale. It is also an excellent resource for job seekers and recruiters to increase their visibility. There are alumni networks that post jobs specifically targeted to schools like West Chester University. In addition, there is a Friars group that has started a "What I do" discussion.

The way things are today economically, *everyone* could use a little bit of help. As the saying goes, never turn away a fellow Friar. Regardless of your employment status, you could very well be in a position to help a fellow Friar or be helped by one. So, please be sure to check out LinkedIn.com, consider building a profile and then joining the Friar group discussion, as well as the WCU Alumni group.

Keep Us Updated

With each and every graduation, our Alumni list continues to grow, containing contact information for over (700) Friar Alumni and (45) names and e-mail addresses for Honorary members. While these figures are positive, many of the names on the alumni list are missing some sort of contact information, and we are still far from being able to boast a "comprehensive" database list. The completion of this list is a priority; it is something that is going to take all of us to ensure its completion as well as its continued updating.

Communication is key, but e-mails change all the time and a line of communication is broken without updates. So, please do not hesitate to forward any updates on contact

information (both yourself and any Brothers you know) or ideas for how you would like to see our future website look, and any applications that you like to have to Jason Sachs, director of Records for the FSAA. His e-mail is jasonpsachs@gmail.com.

Contributions Welcome!

Brothers, this newsletter can only be as good as the brothers that contribute to it. If you would like to contribute to this newsletter, please contact me or send an email of your article. It does not have to be Friar related. It can be anything you would like to share with your fellow alumni brothers. All submissions may be sent to Tony Maalouf, Communications Director for the FSAA. His e-mail is aamaalouf@gmail.com.

A Final Word

As we emerge from the 4th of July weekend, with jubilation and pride, let us never forget the brave men and women that put on the uniform in service to our country. Several Friars are actively serving in the military or have served in the past. No greater act of "brotherhood" ever existed than to put one's self in harm's way in service to fellow countrymen. Thank you.
