Under the leadership of Gala Chair Aurora O’Brien, the eleventh annual Scholarship Gala and first as Neumann University was held on Saturday, March 27, at the Philadelphia Country Club in Gladwyne, PA. Two hundred seventy-five guests were in attendance to support the future of Neumann students and watch Board Chairperson Jay Devine present Presidential Humanitarian Awards to honorees Bill Baldini and Sr. Theodore Klingseisen, OSF.

Baldini was honored for his commitment to honest and ethical reporting and dedication and service to the greater Philadelphia area. He reported for NBC 10 News, Monday through Friday, up to his retirement in December of 2006. His dedication and accurate news reporting led to many honors over the years including “Man of the Year” award from both the Main Line Chamber of Commerce and the Ken-Crest Organization, the...
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World Newsfilm Award, and the Radio and TV New Directors Association Award for public affairs reporting. He graduated from St. Joseph’s University with a degree in political science and served four years of active duty with the United States Air Force. In November 2006, Baldini was inducted into the “Broadcast Pioneers of Philadelphia Hall of Fame.”

Sr. Klingseisen has a history of service to the Delaware Valley area in education, pastoral care, and prayer ministry that spans more than 67 years. She was born in Bavaria, Germany, and grew up in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. She entered the order of the Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia in August 1940 and was professed in August of 1942. Sr. Klingseisen earned her bachelor’s degree in education and her master’s degree in Latin from Villanova University. She taught at various elementary schools and at Neumann University, then Our Lady of Angeles College, and was known for stimulating and encouraging the sincere pursuit of learning, education, and culture. She is also credited with starting the women’s volleyball and basketball teams at Neumann and with arranging area-wide forensic tournaments.

The event raised more than $115,000 for student scholarships at Neumann. “Since its inception, our Scholarship Gala has raised more than $1.3 million in scholarship funds for our students,” said Henry A. Sumner, vice president for institutional advancement and university relations. Neumann students who receive scholarships come from different backgrounds, major in a variety of fields, and serve the community at large in many ways. Many scholarships are earmarked for first-generation students and others benefit adult learners who are returning to higher education after a gap of many years.

Fr. Jude Michael Krill, OFM, gave the invocation and Devine gave the pre-dinner toast. After dinner, the Presidential Humanitarian Awards were presented by Dr. Mirenda and the silent auction winners were announced. The evening ended with dessert and dancing to music provided by Ron LaMar’s After-Hours Big Band. “The Scholarship Gala is the one social event each year that brings benefactors, trustees, alumni, parents, and friends together in an elegant setting to celebrate Neumann’s advancement,” said Sumner.

Be sure to save the date for next year’s gala on April 2 at the Simeone Foundation Museum.
A tradition at Neumann University is the Class Campaign. Soon-to-be graduates donate to the Annual Fund to commemorate their years at Neumann. The tradition of giving back began 45 years ago as the Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia raised funds to build Our Lady of Angels College.

Giving back not only is a way to say “thank you” to those who graduated before you, but also is a way to show your vote of confidence in the education you received.

Under the leadership of Ashley West ’10 and Dallas Warren ’10, the Class of 2010 rallied to support Neumann as they graduated as the first official University Class. More than 27% of graduating students participated by pledging over $8,000, an all-time record for participation.

The Class of 2010 serve as role models for all the graduates who have come before and those who will come in the future. Congratulations Class of 2010!

Class of 2010 Committee
Members: Mark Auger, Jennifer Bachmann, Erika Holder, Samir Loflin, Jamie Sabetta, Julia Wadsworth, Dallas Warren, Ashley West

Two Golf Outings “Whole” in One

The inaugural Brendan P. Kelly ’87 Neumann University Celebrity Golf Classic was held on June 7 at the Springhaven Club in Wallingford, Pennsylvania. In the past, Neumann University hosted two golf outings each year — the Brendan P. Kelly ’87 Golf Outing in the fall and the Celebrity Golf Classic in the late spring. Early this year, members from both golf committees agreed to combine the outings into one larger event.

The mission of both golf outings has always been to raise funds for student scholarships, and this goal continued with the 2010 golf outing. The Kelly golf outing had been raising funds for the past 20 years and the celebrity golf outing for the past six years.

One-hundred and sixteen duffers took to the links in support of Neumann students.

“Our first Brendan P. Kelly Neumann University Celebrity Golf Classic was a sold-out event,” said Neumann University Director of External Relations Scott Bogard.

Kevin Kelly (left) and Dr. John Kelly (2nd right), brothers of Brendan Kelly ’87, join Patrick Leidig (left) and Dr. Bill March (right) for a round during the Brendan P. Kelly ’87 Neumann University Celebrity Golf Classic at the Springhaven Club.

Among the celebrities at the Brendan P. Kelly ’87 Neumann University Celebrity Golf Classic were Glen Davis, Ollie Johnson, Adam Taliaferro, Bill Baldini, Dr. Rosalie Mirenda, Bishop Joseph McFadden, Rob Murray, Sr., Bo Kimble, and Tim Perry.