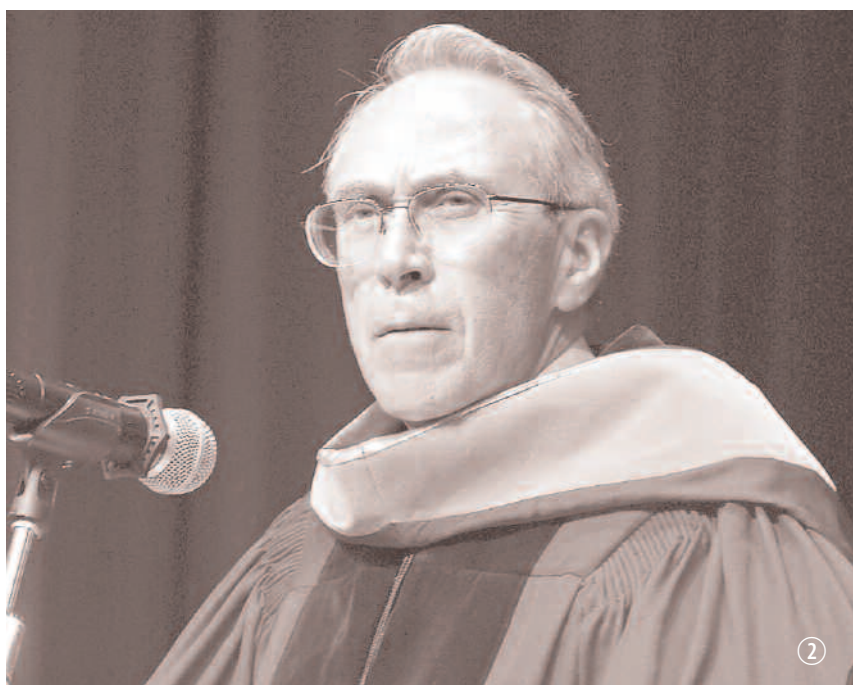


## CBU Honors Graduates, Gadomski, and LoCoco at '05 Commencement



- ① Nichole Hughes, senior class president, delivers the invocation at the 2005 Commencement Exercises.
- ② Brother Bernard LoCoco was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters during the baccalaureate ceremony.



CHRISTIAN BROTHERS UNIVERSITY held its 134th commencement on May 13 at the Mid South-Coliseum. Degrees were conferred upon 363 undergraduates; 134 received the B.A. degree, 139 received the B.S. in Business Administration, 48 were granted the B.S. in Engineering, and 42 received the B.S. in Science and Mathematics. In addition, 121 master's degrees were conferred; 32 received the M.A. in Teaching, 24 received the M.Ed., eight were granted the M.S. in Educational Leadership, 46 received the M.B.A., and 11 were granted the Master of Engineering Management.

The university also honored two individuals this year at its Baccalaureate Service on May 12 in the CBU Theatre. Memphis business leader and alumnus Richard Gadomski ('62) and former CBU president Brother Bernard LoCoco received honorary degrees.

Gadomski, a graduate in chemical engineering, was awarded a honorary Doctor of Public Service degree. After working in the aerospace industry, he founded PSI, Inc., an engineering and construction contracting firm that built international recognition in the field of chemical processing and packaging, in 1974. He sold

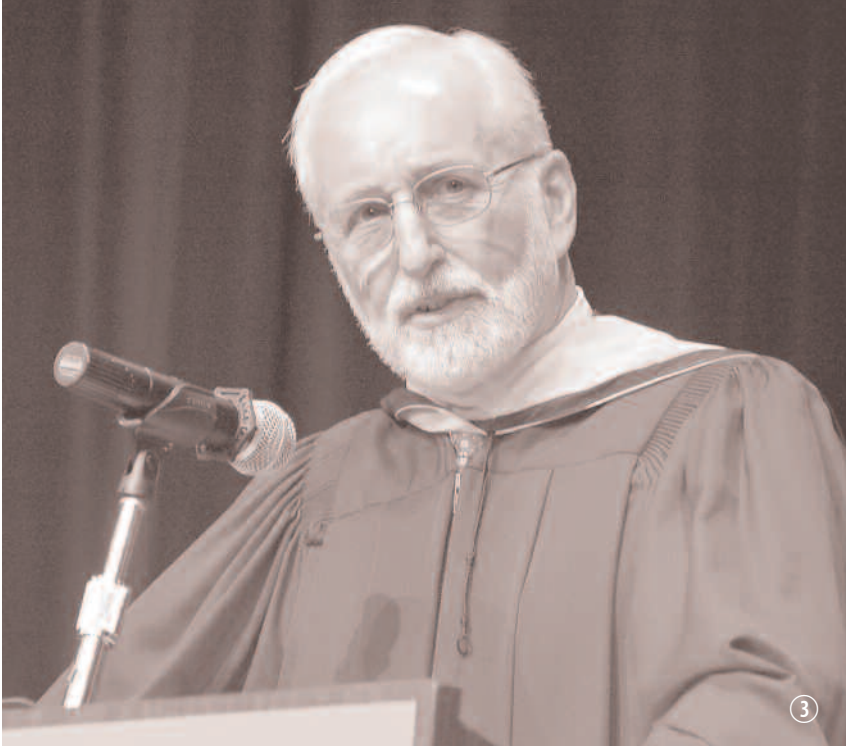
PSI to the German corporation Lurgi in 1998 and retired from the merged companies in 2001.

Active in the Memphis community, Gadomski has been involved with the March of Dimes, United Way, and a variety of youth sports programs. He has served three different terms on the CBU board of trustees.

Brother Bernard LoCoco served as president of Christian Brothers College from 1973 until 1980. His term focused on sound fiscal management and emphasized both the quality and quantity of enrollment. Brother Bernard launched successful campaigns for more students and financial support. He also raised entrance requirements, significantly expanded the college's scholarship program, and established the alumni annual giving program.

Brother Bernard also established a number of new programs, including the highly regarded Evening Program for non-traditional learners, a computerized management information system, and the Plough Scholarship Fund. He is currently president of the School for Applied Theology in Oakland, CA.

The university and each of the academic schools presented awards to graduating seniors in recognition



of academic and personal distinction during the commencement ceremony.

The School of Arts honored the following graduates: **Kevin Lee Bryant**, *Christine Ladd Franklin Award for Outstanding Non-traditional Psychology Major*; **Michaela Ann Lemen**, *Outstanding History Student Award*; **Jamie DeAnn Daugherty**, *Literature and Languages Faculty Award for an English Major*; **Benjamin Boswell Austin**, *Literature and Languages Faculty Award for a Corporate Communications and Management Major*; **Wendy Leigh Moore**, *Kenneth W. Mathis Award for Outstanding Education Graduate*; **Lauren Ashley Cox**, *Behavioral Sciences Faculty Award*; **Dana Ann O'Hoyt**, *Psi Chi Outstanding Leadership Award*; and **Wendy Sumner Winter**, *Margarette J. Sather Outstanding School of Arts Graduate Award*.

The School of Business recognized **Tal Yatsiv**, *Wall Street Journal Award*; **Cameron Gray Johnson**, *Memphis Chapter-Tennessee Society of Certified Public Accountants Award*; and **Marina Aronchik**, *School of Business Faculty Achievement Award*. **Craig Hill** and **Archana Jain** shared the honors for the *Delta Sigma Pi Scholarship Key*.

Graduates honored by the School of Engineering were **Benjamin Taylor Reves**, *Philip M. Becker Award in Chemical Engineering*; **Jeffrey Todd Higgins**, *Outstanding Civil & Environmental Graduate Award* and *Thomas G. Morrison Award*; **Joshua David Holtgrewe**, *Brother Philip Morgan Electrical Engineering Award*; and **Jeffrey Daniel King**, *T. Herbert Darnell Mechanical Engineering Graduate Award* and *Outstanding School of Engineering Graduate Award*.

The School of Sciences recognized **Christen Gregory** and **Christopher Sage** with the *Biology Faculty Award*, and **Manish Patel** with the *Brother Dominic Dunn Award* (for academic excellence and service to CBU and community).

**Craig Hill** and **Archana Jain** were presented with the *Christian Brothers University Alumni Academic Award* for the highest academic average. **Megan Elizabeth Wortham** and **Mechal Williams** were honored with the *Brother I. Leo Outstanding Student Leadership Award*. **Salvatore Charles Vitale** was selected by his classmates as the recipient of the *Thomas Lipsmeyer Award*, for the most contributions by a senior to the class and the university. ■

③ **Richard Gadomski** ('62) was awarded an honorary Doctor of Public Service during the baccalaureate ceremony.

④ **Mechal Williams**, president of the Student Government Association, addresses her fellow graduates at commencement.

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## CBU to Offer Master's Degree in Executive Leadership

CHRISTIAN BROTHERS UNIVERSITY will offer a new graduate degree in the fall, a Master of Arts in Executive Leadership, along with a Certificate in Ethical Leadership. The new programs target the executive or rising executive in all styles of organizations and businesses including for-profit, non-profit, civic, education, religious, and government.

"A number of Memphis business leaders felt there was a need for ethical leadership development programs in our area," said Dr. Bev Pray, CBU program director. "We were eager to respond with programs that we hope will meet that need and be unique in the Memphis area."

An interdisciplinary and collaborative initiative between the school of arts and school of business, the graduate program will be two-years in duration and will offer students both theoretical and practical perspectives. The certificate program consists of the first three courses of the graduate program.

"As a faith-based institution, CBU is unique in offering an ethical approach to leadership develop-

ment grounded in moral philosophy", said Dr. Tony Aretz, CBU academic vice president. "Our view is that leadership is ultimately about service."

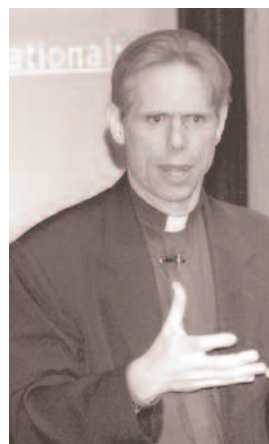
The Master of Arts in Executive Leadership degree will include business-related courses in executive leadership, finance, accounting, organizational behavior, and change management. In addition, students will also take courses that include psychology, literature, moral philosophy, and ethical leadership.

CBU recently announced a new accelerated Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) degree program that also begins this fall. Both the M.B.A. and the M.A.E.L. degree program are cohort-based, meaning students enter in a group and progress toward their degree in a cohort, completing coursework as a unit.

Classes will meet one night a week for four hours. Each course will last for eight weeks, and the students will complete the entire curriculum in two years.

For more information on the new master's program in executive leadership at CBU, call Angela Nelson at (901) 321-3319 or visit the web at [www.cbu.edu](http://www.cbu.edu). ■

## Rev. Perry Opens Seidman Lecture Series at CBU



Reverend Michael Perry

REVEREND MICHAEL PERRY, the foreign policy advisor on Africa to the U. S. Catholic Conference of Bishops, opened CBU's first installment of the M.L. Seidman Memorial Town Hall Lecture Series on March 31. Perry's lecture, "Conflict and Violence in Africa: Crisis in Darfur," focused on the political and religious climate in Sudan, genocide in Darfur, and conflict throughout Africa.

A Franciscan priest, Perry is also director of the Mission and Cross-Cultural Program at Washington Theological Union. He has traveled throughout Africa and has visited Sudan several times as part of the Conference of Bishops' delegation. For ten years, he worked in the Democratic Republic of Congo as a teacher, development director, and seminary rector. Perry completed doctoral studies at the Center of West African studies and the University of Birmingham, United Kingdom. He has conducted extensive anthropological research on the relationship between religion and culture.

The M.L. Seidman lecture series was established in the late 1960s in memory of M. L. Seidman by Mr. and Mrs. P. K. Seidman. M. L. Seidman was the founder of an international accounting firm and maintained an active interest in public issues. Lecture themes have varied over the years, but have always focused on public philosophy, ethics, and social policies. The series was previously presented at Rhodes College in Memphis. ■

## CBU Welcomes Six New Members to 2004-05 Board

CHRISTIAN BROTHERS UNIVERSITY has named six new members to the 2005-06 Board of Trustees: **Dr. James W. “Bo” Adams II** ('80), **Mrs. Bena Cates**, **Mr. Lance Forsdick Sr.** ('61), **Mr. John Pontius**, **Mr. M. Jerry Seessel**, and **Mr. Brian J. Splan** ('69).

Dr. Bo Adams graduated from CBU a degree in mathematics and earned his M.D. from the University of Mississippi in 1984. He specializes in pulmonary medicine, critical care medicine, and internal medicine at Baptist Memorial Hospital of Memphis. Adams is director of ICU, the Sleep Lab, and the respiratory department at the Delta Medical Center and serves as chairman of the medical records and health information management committee and the executive committee at Baptist Hospital.

Bena Cates returns to the board after completing two terms in 2004. She graduated from Westminster Schools and Emory University. She has served director of corporate fund raising at MIFA, promotions director of the *Memphis Business Journal*, assistant executive director at the Church Health Center and the Mid-South Minority Business Council, and board member of the Life Blood Foundation. She also serves as board secretary to the Med Foundation, a nonprofit board to benefit the Regional Medical Center at Memphis.

Lance Forsdick will step in as interim president of CBU on July 1 and will hold the post until December when Brother Vincent Malham begins his term. Forsdick is a former chairman of the CBU board (1975-81) and the Christian Brothers High School board. He graduated from CBU with a B.S. in business administration. During his professional career, he has operated various corporate interests in construction, development, hospitality, real estate, property management, and personal financial investment. In addition to his service at CBU and CBHS, Forsdick has served on the boards of St. Dominic School, St. Agnes Academy, St. Peter Villa, and St. Francis Hospital. He also served as chair of the Diocese of Memphis development board.

John Pontius is president of Pittco Management. He was previously audit manager of the international accounting firm of Coopers & Lybrand (now

PricewaterhouseCoopers). Pontius was director of finance and administration for the City of Memphis from 1986 until 1991. He then joined Pitt Hyde, the chairman and CEO of AutoZone, as a special assistant responsible for investment, business and philanthropic management for the Hyde family, as well as management of the AutoZone governmental and community relations departments. In 1998, Hyde and Pontius formed Pittco Management to concentrate on the growing activities of the Hyde family.

Jerry Seessel is returning to the Board after completing three terms (1993-2002). Seessel graduated from the University of Wisconsin and served for 33 years as executive vice president of Seessel's Holding Corporation in the supermarkets and retail stores of the Mid-South. He has served on the board for the Special Olympics and has been active in Feed the Need, the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, and Habitat for Humanity.

Brian Splan graduated from CBU with a degree in accounting. He retired from Smith & Nephew, a global healthcare company in 1999. Splan has since consulted and advised companies and individuals on business strategy and development, most recently with Accellent, Inc., a Boston-based medical device manufacturer. During his 17 years at Smith & Nephew, Splan held a number of positions including president of the healthcare division, senior vice president of U.S. sales, president of the ophthalmic division, and executive vice president of finance and administration.

The members of the Board of Trustees constitute the legal directors of Christian Brothers University with general responsibility for its management. The Board also sustains the mission of the university within the traditions of the Christian Brothers, selects the President, approves the budget and the educational program, confers honorary degrees, assists in fundraising, and acts as a court of final appeal.

Leaving the Board of Trustees at the end of the 2004-05 term are **John Buford**, **Kristi Jernigan** ('85), **Clyde Moore**, **Vincent Solano**, and **Dr. Wayne Speer**. The university is very grateful to them for their service and dedication. ■

## Seventh Annual Conference Hosted by CBU Engineering, Sciences



① **Danny Barulli (M.E.M. '04) delivers a presentation on project management at the Memphis Area Engineering and Sciences Conference.**

② **Benjamin Reves (Chemical Engineering '05) discusses the production of ethanol in an undergraduate laboratory experiment.**

THE SCHOOLS OF Engineering and Sciences co-hosted the seventh annual Memphis Area Engineering and Sciences Conference on May 11. The theme of this year's conference was "Engineering Management: Leadership in Engineering Practice and Education." The event—attended by area engineers, scientists, students, and educators—featured 19 technical sessions in five tracks with a total of 51 presentations and 17 poster presentations on a variety of topics in the science, engineering, and technology fields. The conference was sponsored by Buckeye Technologies and the Memphis Bioworks Development Council.

The following presentations were made by CBU faculty, students, and alumni: Dr. Tony Aretz, "The Wise and Ethical Leader"; Paul Babin ('82), "Using 6-Sigma Experimental Design Tools in Product Improvement Testing"; Danny Barulli (M.E.M. '04), "Primer Survey on Project Management"; Dr. Bernard Beard and Dr. Eric Welch, "Engineering Ethics at CBU: The Compleat Engineer"; Jermichael Beaver ('05), Bruce Luong ('05), David Temple, and John Ventura, "Incident Energy: A Case Study"; Michael Belk (M.E.M. '03), "The Benefits & Challenges of Enterprise Portfolio Management"; Walter Delashmit ('66), "Recent Developments in Multilayer Perceptron Neural Networks"; Dr. Robert Drake, "The National Economy as a Example of Control Under Conflict/Cooperation: A Simulation Approach"; Brent Ellis

('05), Francisco Zurita ('05), and John Ventura, "Web-Based Surveys"; Dr. Malinda Fitzgerald and Dr. Janet McCord, "Global Ethics from Theory to Practice in Six Months"; Joshua Holtgrewe ('05), "Design of a UST Management System"; Travis Huggins ('05), Juan Gutierrez ('05), Dr. Siripong Malasri, and Yongquan Zhou, "Review of Guidelines for Shipping Container Design"; Dr. Neal Jackson, "What is Engineering Management"; Dr. K. Madhavan, "Failure Case Study of Construction at a Solid Waste Site"; Dr. K. Madhavan and Eugene McGinnis, "Practitioner Involvement in an Undergraduate Engineering Program"; Dr. Siripong Malasri, Jittapong Malasri ('06), and Kriangsiri Malasri, "Automation of Engineering Design Aids using Neural Networks"; Marnelli Pascual, "Power Distribution System for the Porter Frames P.D."; Dr. Asit Ray, Dr. Siripong Malasri, and Yongquan Zhou, "Teaching Packaging Engineering at Christian Brothers University"; Benjamin Reves ('05), Dr. Ali Pourhashemi, and Dr. Asit Ray, "An Undergraduate Laboratory Fermentation Experiment for the Production of Ethanol"; and Christine Scifert (M.E.M. '04), "Analysis of Company Procedures using a Task Force."

Lance Forsdick Sr. ('61) presented the luncheon keynote address on the topic of "Education Should Be A 'We' Project." Forsdick will assume the five-month position of interim president of CBU on July 1. ■