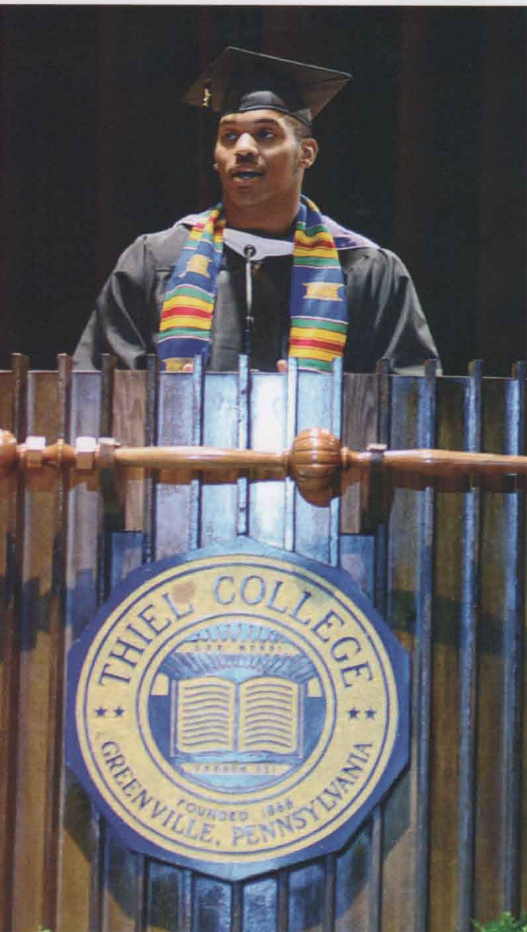


# Wrestler, actor, pastor, producer, Hunt maintains busy, eclectic post-graduate career

by Dick Davis



**Ronnell Hunt '15**, a communication and media studies graduate, leads a busy professional life in the Pittsburgh area as a WPXI-TV production assistant, co-host of Chair Shot Reality online wrestling show, as well as starting a professional wrestling career with the "Ring of Honor" company, operating his voice-over business, and serving as associate pastor of a New Castle, Pa. church.

Recently he's found time to get "featured extra" roles in regionally-filmed productions such as "Castle Rock," a Hulu television series written by Stephen King; Lifetime movie "Prepared for a Purpose" starring actress/singer Toni Braxton; and a Showtime mini-series "Escape at Dannemora" with actor/producer Ben Stiller.

Getting enough sleep might be the one thing he says he needs to devote more time to, but Hunt always has time to extoll the virtues of his alma mater.

"Thiel kept its commitment from my freshman year through my senior year," Hunt said. "Everything I'm doing now from my job with WPXI, to the voice overs, and to broadcasting and video production, Thiel prepared me for those. All four years of college, no matter what I needed, someone from Thiel helped me along the way."

He recalls several Thiel staff who provided assistance including **Vicki Poe, Carol Jones '75** and former Professor **Victor Evans, Ph.D.** Hunt will never forget Poe's energy and enthusiasm while she conducted his tour of campus while considering Thiel. He says Jones's input and direction on some learning classes were invaluable. Professor Evans, Hunt said, taught him broadcasting and voice techniques that he always uses.

The WPXI position was his dream job that he started while completing his senior year at Thiel. Hunt was busy starting the new job while finishing classes, serving as station manager for TCTV (Thiel TV), and deejaying three radio shows each week. At Chair Shot, Hunt has a weekly show where he analyzes World Wrestling Entertainment shows and keeps viewers connected on television and online.

Highlights of his college career include being chosen Thiel's senior class orator where he spoke on behalf of his class at commencement and receiving a "Golden Mic" trophy at the Intercollegiate Broadcasting System's conference in New York City. Hunt was selected as one of the top five student radio station managers in the country and earned the award after being selected from more than 200 applicants.

Also at Thiel, Hunt served two years as a resident assistant in Hodge and Florence West dormitories, was on the football team, and was a member of the Organization of Black Collegiates and the Thiel Activity Board.

The full schedule Hunt maintained as a student at Thiel has carried over to a full and productive professional and personal life.

