



domestic violence; and at the U.S. Army JAG School in Charlottesville, Va., on trial advocacy. He continues to serve as an officer with the rank of major in the U.S. Army JAG Corps as a reservist, and is the senior counsel for the Army Reserve's 22d Legal Support Organization. He resides with his wife, **Gloria (Morey) '93**, in Reno, Nev., and daughters Gabriela and Olivia.

**Diana Casebolt-Hayes '95** graduated in August 2005 with a master of business administration degree from SC. She is currently employed by Larksfield Place, Inc., as the director of special care and as one of three associate administrators.

**Amy Schwartz '99** is living in Orlando, Fla., even after three hurricanes last summer. She has recently accepted a position with MicheLee Puppets, Inc. MicheLee Puppets is a non-profit children's touring theatre company with programs on health, diversity, divorce, child abuse, youth violence, and literacy.

2000s

**Garan Johnson '00** completed his master's degree at Friends University in June 2005.

**Timothy Myers '00** has joined the conducting staff of the New York City Opera. Timothy also continues his posts as associate conductor of the opera companies of Palm Beach, Fla., and Central City, Colo. Other engagements for the 2005-06 season include stints with the Asheville Lyric Opera, Palm Beach Symphony, and Orlando Philharmonic.

**Tracy (Stapleton) Stidham '00** graduated with honors in December 2004 from the University of Missouri-Kansas City. She received a master of science in nursing/women's health degree and is currently employed as a women's health nurse practitioner in Joplin, Mo.

**Wendy Mohler '01** is now teaching sixth grade language arts at Surfside Middle School in Panama City Beach, Fla., and "absolutely loving every minute of it."

**Dustin Wilgers '01** graduated in August 2005 from Kansas State University with a master of science in biology.

**Cheryl (Carr) Johnson '02** is the senior director of development for Heartspring in Wichita.

**Justin Olmsted '02**, Winfield High School social science teacher, attended a seminar this summer at Stanford University titled "Interpreting the Constitution." Sponsored by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, this seminar was attended by 31 teachers and included a study of the relations between constitutional interpretation and constitutional politics across the span of American history, from the clashes of the 1790s to the ongoing legacy of Brown v. Board of Education.

**Amanda (Lampe) Reynolds '02** has moved back to her hometown of Piqua, Kan., and started working at Neosho County Community College (Chanute) in September. She is the head of admissions and student life on campus.

**Ambassador Award: WARREN PORTER (shown at left)** has become a valued friend of Southwestern College and an asset to the entire community during his tenure as city manager of Winfield. "Warren understands and appreciates what a difference Southwestern makes for the quality of life in Winfield and he is a strong advocate for the college," says President Merriman.

**Alumni Award: EUGENE L. LOWRY '55** has served as professor of preaching for more than 30 years at Saint Paul School of Theology. Now that he is no longer actively serving as the William K. McElvaney Professor of Preaching, his travels as preacher, teacher, and pianist have broadened in scope. He has preached in hundreds of churches, conferences and regional events in more than 20 denominations and lectured in more than 40 graduate theological seminaries. He has written six books on narrative preaching and made four recordings in the blues/jazz mode.

**Young Alumni Award: STACY WELK '97** was the first graduate of the Wesley Rankin Center's Bridge-to-College program. A high school dropout, with the help of the Dallas program she entered Southwestern College in 1993 and earned her degree four years later. After graduation, Stacy worked as the director of student programs and resources for Cedar Valley College. Today she is executive director of the Wesley-Rankin Center, the same community center in Dallas that enabled her attendance at Southwestern College.

**Servant Leadership Award: ROBERT "BOB" M. JONES '51 (at right)** has dedicated his life's work to end racism and intolerance with the NCCJ, and was national senior vice president/administrator of the Western Division National Conference of Christians and Jews and the executive director of the Southern California region. Bob founded Leadership Southern California which trains leaders in business and industry.

**Stacey Strickland '02** graduated from Emporia State University's School of Library and Information Management with a master's degree in library science in August 2005. Stacey is assistant library director at Southwestern College's Memorial Library.

**Emily Bauer '03** and **Brian Holthus '04** were married June 25, 2005, at Asbury United Methodist Church in Prairie Village, Kan. Brian is teaching American history and U.S. government classes at Olathe Northwest High School. He is also an assistant football and baseball coach. Emily is a third-year medical student at the University of Kansas School of Medicine.

**Steve Griner '03** graduated from SC with a degree in criminal justice. At the time of his graduation he was employed by the Wichita Fire Department and supervised the Fire Investigation Unit. After 21 years of service he will retire from the fire department to begin a new career with the Department of Defense.

**Shanna (Shearburn) Roberson '03** started working in December 2004 for the Wichita Area Technical College as an administrative assistant to the vice president of learner services and institutional effectiveness.

**Tasha (Doty) Schmeidler '03** has been accepted to the graduate program in neuroscience at the University of Kansas, which is part of the pharmacology and toxicology department. She starts her Ph.D. program this fall and is working on research in the area of cognitive neuroscience. Tasha studied

psychology at SC. In 2003 she married Jonathan Schmeidler. He works at JP Morgan & Chase in Kansas City.

**Sarah Thuma '03** is doing graduate studies work in higher education administration at the University of Kansas. For her graduate assistantship she is the residence life coordinator at Baker University.

**Craig Fisher '04** recently took part in a screenplay reading in New York City. The screenplay titled "School's Out" was read in the Hypothetical Theatre in lower Manhattan.

**Shalah Allison '05** was one of four candidates selected from a national pool of applicants for acceptance into the Navy's Cryptologic Officer Training Program. Naval cryptologic officers have responsibilities in the areas of communications, information systems security, and the collection and analysis of intelligence. She entered officer candidate school in Pensacola, Fla., in October 2005.

**Evan Pollock '05** was accepted into the doctoral program in physics at the University of Maine.

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BIRTHS

A daughter, Olivia Helena, born March 31, 2005, to **Jubal Tiner '88** and his wife, Tara McDonald.

A daughter, Olivia Kathryn, born Aug. 26, 2005, to **Wendy (Steiner) '92** and Michael Letter.

A son, Andrew William, born Sept. 1, 2005, to **J.D. '95** and Shannon Tucker.

A daughter, Emerson Gloria, born Aug. 25, 2005, to **Christopher Smith '95** and **Jane Bodman-Smith '93**.

A son, Taybon Travis, born Sept. 14, 2005, to Travis and **Stacy (Kahrs) '01 Charbonneau**.

Twins, Daniel Lee II and Georgia Grace, born July 21, 2005, to **Danny '98** and **Amy (Sandstrum) Winslow '01**.

A son, Jacob Allen, born May 29, 2005, to **Jenny '03 (Hunter)** and Mark Colglazier.

Twin boys, Noah Taylor and Caleb Andrew, born July 4, 2005, to **Andy '02** and **Shanna (Shearburn) Roberson '03**.

A son, Lance Andrew, born Sept. 19, 2005, to **Jaime (Whitley) '04** and Dan Thompson.

A son, Noah Andrew, born Sept. 19, 2005, to **Dustin '01** and **Autumn (Strauss) Wilgers '04**.