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COVER

Jennifer Edwards is inducted into the Order of the Mound at Commencement 2009.

SECOND COVER

Hyacinths perfumed the campus this spring when the knot garden at the base of the 77 Steps burst into bloom. Designed by Mary Blake, retired executive assistant to the president, the garden was planted with the help of Harold Schuster and now provides a multi-season treat for the senses. “A knot garden is a formal garden designed to be viewed from above,” Blake explains. The garden combines perennials such as dwarf Douglas firs and glove arborvitae with purple and white seasonal favorites including pansies, vincas, and mums.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear friends,

Southwestern alumni share a common experience and a great bond, but they certainly aren't all alike. Some alumni keep in touch with a particular academic program in which they thrived. Others care about a sport in which they competed. Still others stay plugged in with a student group or activity that mattered a lot when they were students. Some alumni donors want to provide scholarships, others care about programs, and some get excited about new facilities projects.

The college is working to respond to that reality. We just launched a new online giving Web site – the address is www.sckans.edu/makeagift – designed to help you provide financial support for the parts of the college for which you

have genuine passion. I hope you will check out the site.

A visit to the site will certainly give you a sense of the liveliness of Southwestern and the incredible variety and richness of our programs. More importantly, it will remind you that you don't have to be a tycoon to make an impact at the college. There are lots of \$20 items listed on the Web site that we really need.

We truly need and truly value your financial gifts.

Every gift is important to us because **every** gift helps the college's mission of education and service.

Thanks for all you do for Southwestern!

Best regards,

Dick Merriman

Dick Merriman, *President*

ADMINISTRATION VIEWPOINT



Sharon Wright always frets about the details of Commencement. For 16 years it's been her job to make sure all the faculty members are in proper garb, that the right number of chairs are behind the podium, that every word in the massive program is properly spelled and spaced.

"After 16 years," she said on May 10, "you'd think I'd be perfect at this."

The problem is that even though Southwestern College Commencements been putting the official stamp on graduates for more than a century, every graduation ceremony is different. Sharon has had to worry about details over which she has no control. Will the weather be too hot, too cold, or juuuuust right? Or will the vagaries of Kansas weather force rescheduling the ceremony inside Stewart Field House (a choice preferred by no one)? Will the student speakers show up, on time, to half a dozen different events?

This was Sharon's final year to be in charge of Commencement. She's stepping down as the executive assistant to the president and academic dean, and will bequeath her notebook of procedures and backup plans

to a successor. Commencement will go on, but someone else will be working relentlessly to make sure the day proceeds without a hitch.

The graduates won't notice, but those of us who work with Sharon, and will miss her, will.

Sara Weinert

Sara Severance Weinert, *Vice President for Communications*

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New leaders fill crucial roles at Southwestern

Mike Farrell to lead Institutional Advancement Efforts

Mike Farrell '68 has been named vice president for institutional advancement at Southwestern College and took over the top fund-raising and alumni relations position at his alma mater June 1.

"Mike has a genuine passion for the college and will be able to communicate, from first-hand experience, the wonderful things the college does for students," says President Dick Merriman. "His work at sister United Methodist institutions

also prepares Mike exceptionally well to champion the value of both the college's Christian commitment and our connection to the United Methodist Church."

Farrell brings to Southwestern highly-successful experience in not-for-profit institutions including United Methodist Youthville and most recently Saint Paul School of Theology. He was proficient in stimulating new written planned gifts during his 16 years at Saint Paul and was instrumental in the successful

completion of two capital campaigns.

"Southwestern College has always been a very important part of our lives," Farrell says. "Given the exciting plans the college has for a new stadium and dramatic renovation of the auditorium, as well as other activities, these are truly exciting times for the community of Southwestern College."

Farrell's ties to Southwestern are deep: He was tri-captain of the undefeated 1967 football team, and was an all-KCAC offensive lineman and all-District Ten NAIA offensive



lineman. Last year he was inducted into the Southwestern College Athletic Hall of Fame.

He and his wife, **Karen (Tucker) '69**, are parents to **Kyle '95** and Chris.

Denly to be Moundbuilder AD

Dave Denly has been named athletic director at Southwestern College, and will take over his new duties July 1. He recently completed his 11th year as head women's basketball coach at the college, and will continue with his coaching duties. He also was assistant men's basketball coach for two years, and is completing his third year as assistant athletic director.

"It is an exciting time to be taking on this position," Denly says. "The new stadium project will have an impact not only on the Southwestern campus but on the entire town."

Denly replaces Mike Kirkland, who has chosen to return to full-time coaching at the college.

"Dave values the right things," says SC President Dick Merriman. "His players do well academically, they are

involved in all aspects of the college's life and are positive contributors in the community, and, of course, they win a lot. Those things can go together; you don't have to choose one or the other. Dave's example and his experience will, I believe, make him an effective leader for our athletic program."

Denly has an overall career record as head coach of 206-122, including three consecutive 20-win seasons, and school records in overall wins and conference wins (15).

"I wasn't interested in the athletic director's position unless I could continue coaching," he says. "I have great assistants in Jack McNickle and Jason VenJohn, and I'm confident in our ability to make the transition smoothly."

Dave and **Sara (Peterson) Denly '00** live in Winfield.

New administrators, promotions boost expertise

- New employees and promotions have added leadership in crucial administrative positions at Southwestern College.
- **Deb Stockman** is new director of marketing and new media for Professional Studies. Stockman will provide direction for deploying, enhancing, and monitoring the marketing initiative for Professional Studies using traditional and new media. "We will be looking into using blogs, Twitter, Facebook, and other new media to reach more students," Stockman says. Prior to coming to Southwestern College, Stockman worked in marketing for Dean & Deluca and for Sheplers Western Wear.
 - **Lonnie Boyd '92** is new director of human resources. Previously executive director of the Winfield Area Chamber of Commerce, Boyd started her new duties in January.
 - **Jill Johnson** has been promoted to associate vice president for institutional advancement. Johnson had been director of development at Southwestern since 2001, and now has taken on additional supervisory responsibility in the institutional advancement office.
 - **Jessica Hornbostel** is new director of development, and has been promoted from annual fund manager. She has been on the institutional advancement staff since 2004.

Learner persists despite fiery disaster

An April 9 Oklahoma grass fire claimed the home and possessions of a Southwestern College Professional Studies learner – but couldn't take away her dream of a graduate degree.

Theresa Hopson and her husband had just returned to their Choctaw home from work when a neighbor pointed out a fire in a nearby pasture. Although they thought they had time to grab some possessions, the fire was

voracious. It quickly jumped the fence onto their property.

"I started yelling for my husband and son to get out, we had to leave now," Theresa recalls. Her son ran to his truck; her husband grabbed the keys to their truck but somehow the key to the truck fell off the key ring and he couldn't find it. "My son left thinking we were behind him. We had to run across the neighbors' yard, over another fence, across a pasture, into the ditch,

and across the street. Daniel met us there. We ended up at our daughter's house (about three miles from our house)."

When they returned later that night their house was gone.

"I knew there was no way I could complete the class I was in at the time so I e-mailed my instructor and (advisor) Dana Johnson," Theresa says.

The college responded by withdrawing her from the current class without penalty but encouraged her continuation in the master of science in management program, and backed up this encouragement by providing her a free laptop.

"I enrolled for the next session (which started May 11). I am not sure when I will finish, but it really doesn't matter. I need to finish," Hopson declares. "It's just something that happened; you either move on or stay stagnate. We have kids, obligations, and jobs. We can't stay idle – doing nothing accomplishes nothing."

Left: Only the shell of Theresa Hopson's home remains after grass fires swept through Oklahoma April 9.

(PHOTO COURTESY OF THERESA HOPSON)



The Green Team is extending its visibility statewide with activities on and off campus. A collaboration with the Kansas CW and KWCH television stations features team leader Jason Speegle (above, right) promoting green living tips, including the planting of trees. Shown below are team members Kate Norton, Cassi Reimer, and Alex Gottlob. Check out the broadcast spots at www.sckans.edu/greenteam, along with news of the Kansas Envirothon held May 13 at the biology field station.



SC partners to help airmen earn degrees

Southwestern College Professional Studies has teamed with the Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) to help students earn their CCAF degree.

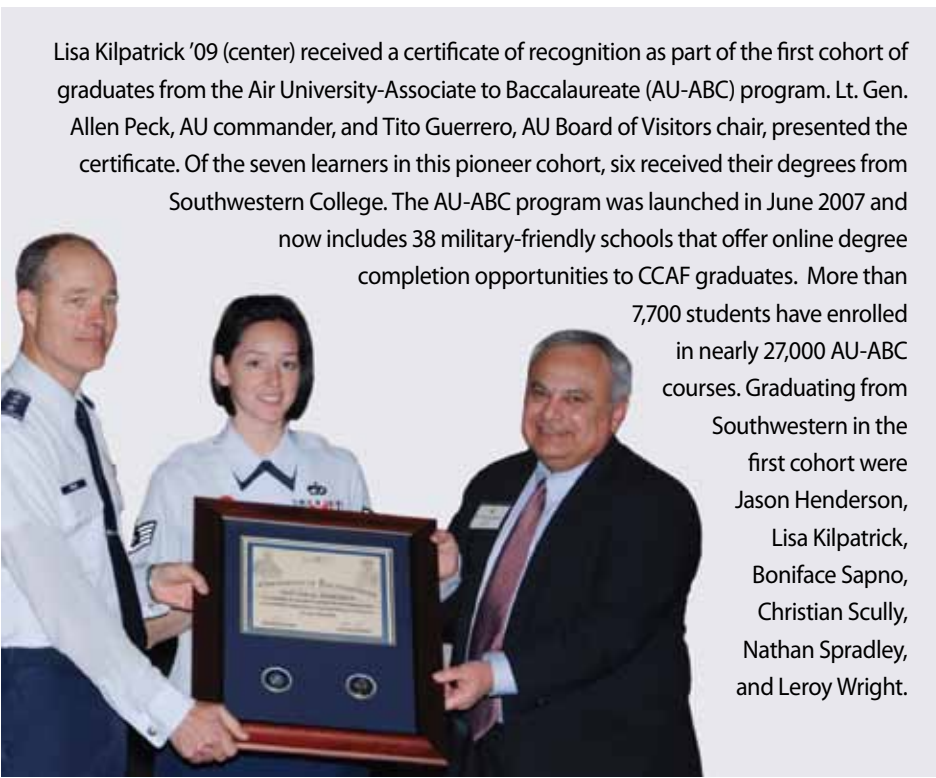
The new initiative is called General Education Mobile (GEM).

Currently, airmen sign up for and complete five courses of general education classes required for their CCAF degree either at a local or online college. However, the airman's education often is interrupted by deployments, temporary duty assignments, and changes of station.

As a result, the general education requirements sometimes are the last degree requirements airmen complete; some airmen take up to 10 years to finish them all.

Southwestern College is the first four-year institution that is involved with the GEM initiative. With the GEM, students near the beginning of their education will enroll for those general education classes as a single five-course sequence taken online through Southwestern College Professional Studies. Credits will transfer and apply toward the CCAF degree.

"The General Education Mobile is a wonderful opportunity for airmen," says Heather Kesterson, coordinator of military education for Southwestern College Professional Studies. "It enables them to accomplish the general education portion of their CCAF in a straightforward and timely manner."



Lisa Kilpatrick '09 (center) received a certificate of recognition as part of the first cohort of graduates from the Air University-Associate to Baccalaureate (AU-ABC) program. Lt. Gen. Allen Peck, AU commander, and Tito Guerrero, AU Board of Visitors chair, presented the certificate. Of the seven learners in this pioneer cohort, six received their degrees from Southwestern College. The AU-ABC program was launched in June 2007 and now includes 38 military-friendly schools that offer online degree completion opportunities to CCAF graduates. More than

7,700 students have enrolled in nearly 27,000 AU-ABC courses. Graduating from Southwestern in the first cohort were Jason Henderson, Lisa Kilpatrick, Boniface Sapno, Christian Scully, Nathan Spradley, and Leroy Wright.

Job review spurs new PS grad to earn two degrees

Gwendolyn Young Smithheart hadn't been in a classroom for more than three decades when a less-than-encouraging professional performance review shook her confidence. A paralegal in Houston, she decided she needed a back-up plan – and she needed to complete her college degree.

"I was so angry," she says now. "I decided to go back to school to find something else I could do."

An online search led her to

Southwestern. "It was a God thing," Gwen says. "I knew I wanted to take some theology classes, but I've never felt the call to go into the ministry." Southwestern's pastoral studies curriculum, with its focuses on Old and New Testament study and such topics as hermeneutics ("I'd never even heard that word") seemed ideal.

But she was also intrigued by SC's not-for-profit management degree, so an academic advisor helped her chart a course that would lead first

to a bachelor's degree in this field completed last year, then a second bachelor's degree in pastoral studies in 2009.

Along the way she faced difficulties (including battling power outages from hurricanes) as well as triumphs (her daughter completed a college degree at the same time Gwen did). She learned to pack coursework into any moment she had free: A laptop made a trip to Europe a study hall.

"Finishing gave me such a sense of

accomplishment," she says now.

Ironically, although neither of her degrees was in her current job field, they have helped her professionally.

"The next review (after starting courses) I had a lot of comments of 'great job, you've really outdone yourself,'" she says with a laugh. "Because I had done well in school, I was just carrying myself better."

See page 6 for a picture of Gwen with faculty member Matt Thompson.

SOUTHWESTERN COLLEGE HALLS OF FAME

Business Hall of Fame: Jimmy L. Kline '67, Sue (Lewis) Hale '66, and Business Builder Award Recipient Todd Gentry.



Fine Arts Hall of Fame (inaugural class): Mildred (Demaree) Erhart '41 (accepted by Ronnie Jenkins), E. Marie Burdette '29, '32 (dec., accepted by Michael Wilder), Helen Graham (dec., accepted by Roger Moon), David C. McGuire '47, Grace Sellers '27 (dec., accepted by F. Joe Sims '51), Earl Dungan '40 (dec., accepted by Doug Dungan '74), Ross O. Williams '35 (dec., accepted by Bruce Williams '61 and Larry Williams '60), Lauren Kilmer (dec., accepted by Richard Kilmer).



Scholars Hall of Fame: President Dick Merriman, Garry D. Hays '57, Virginia Y. Blanton '89, Michael C. Robinson '65 (dec. accepted by Robbie Robinson '47).



Educators Hall of Fame: Darla Jean (Jones) Wilson '58, Gary L. Rhodes '72, and Sally (Mann) Cauble '72.

Leaders in Service Hall of Fame for the Social Sciences (inaugural class): (back, l. to r.) Hon. David H. Swartz '64, A. J. "Jack" Focht '57, Hon. Loy W. Henderson '15 (dec., accepted by David Nichols '60), Carl E. Martin '60, (front) M. Kim Moore '71, Edward H. Salm (dec., accepted by Betty Salm), and F. James "Jim" Robinson '80.

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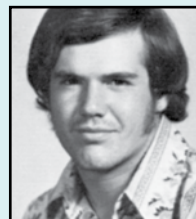


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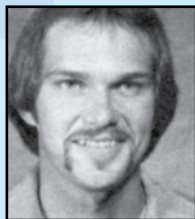


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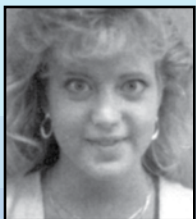
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SC Commencement 2009

Joy outshines un





SECOND FROM LEFT OPPOSITE: Gwendolyn Young Smithheart completed two bachelor's degrees through Professional Studies and was on campus to receive her diploma. She is shown with religion and philosophy faculty member Matt Thompson. *See story on page 4.* THIRD FROM LEFT OPPOSITE: Physics professor Bob Gallup received the Charles H. and Verda R. Kopke Award for Distinguished Teaching. ABOVE LEFT: Valedictorian Melanie Robins is acknowledged by friends and families.

Uncertainty May 10

SC Commencement, like the year that had preceded it, was marked by uncertainty. Graduates and their families had just lived through the nation's grimmest economic year in decades, and many were still unsure of post-Commencement plans.

Jugs of hand sanitizer were strategically placed anywhere hands were likely to make contact, a reminder of the H1N1 flu kerfluffle that had monopolized media attention only a few weeks before.

President Dick Merriman offered graduates the option of abstaining from the post-diploma handshake. "Please be aware that when you shake my hand you are shaking the hand of everyone who came before you," he reminded them in encouraging safe shakes.

But the possibility of passing flu germs took second

place in the worry race to the weather: Gray skies threatened a repeat of morning showers and a brisk breeze brought out blankets throughout Sonner Stadium.

"I grew up in western Kansas," Merriman added, "and there we consider a spring shower a blessing. There's a chance we will be blessed this afternoon."

In the end, though, the rains held off and every graduate chose to shake hands with the president.

Blessed, indeed.





ALUMNI NOTES

1930s

Ruth (Huggins) Gillock '39 recently celebrated her 92nd birthday. Ruth has lived in Arkansas City since 1943. She retired in 1986 after 31 years at Cowley County Community College. Ruth and her husband, Tom, recently celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary.

1940s

Esther (Merriam, Frantz) Rice '41 is 91 and happily living on her own taking care of herself and handling her own finances. She has written one unpublished book called My Father's Farm, which is kept in the Cowley County Historical Museum.

Dorothy (Van Gundy) Woodson '41 will celebrate her 90th birthday on Aug. 22, 2009. She continues to live by herself in California.

1960s

Dr. James Glenn '62 retired this year after operating an orthopedics and surgery practice in Emporia for 35 years. Glenn said he has thoroughly enjoyed his job, especially when his patients share their success stories with him.

Scott E. Jarvis '62 has been awarded the Board Certified Professional Counselor designation by the American Board of Professional Counselors. Jarvis practiced 34 years as a district attorney and judge in Topeka, Ohio, and North Carolina. He practiced counseling on the side, noticing that many people who came

through the justice system were also in need of counseling.

Jane (Glottfelty) Rhoads '64 is the author of *Kansas Opera Houses, Actors, and Community Events*. Jane, a member of Campus Players while at SC, and her photographer husband, **John Rhoads '64**, traveled to over 400 Kansas communities to discover how many of the structures that once contained opera houses still exist and to document them through photographs. The book contains a listing of over 900 opera houses located in 479 communities and information about events that occurred in them.

Bob Eagle '66 retired on April 24, 2009, from his role as staff chaplain at Meriter Hospital in Madison, Wisc., after 29 years. During his time at Meriter, Bob's accomplishments included coordinating the night chaplain program to provide night ministry to patients and families, initiating Meriter's memorial services for families of patients who died in the hospital, coordinating spirituality groups for out-patients with mental illness, and helping initiate the Greater Madison Area Chaplains Association (with 45+ chaplains).

Marvin Estes '66 received the Community Cornerstone Award for January 2009. The superintendent of USD 465 (Winfield), Marvin was commended for his many community works which include playing in a variety of community musical groups. Marvin is the husband of **Wendy (Hodges) Estes '67**.

brother, Brant (3).

A daughter, Trinity Hope, born March 15, 2008, to **Jarrett and Julie (Woolf) Griffin '03**. Trinity has two sisters, Abigail (4) and Savanna (2).

A son, Andrew Ross, born Nov. 20, 2008 to **Adam and Ashley (Lake) Maloney '03 '04**. Andrew was welcomed home by older sister Avrie Noel (3).

A daughter, Norah Kate, born Feb. 27, 2008, to **Brent and Megan (Galliart) Wolf '03 '02**. Grandparents are **Dave and Carol (Tillotson) Galliart '69 '71**; great-grandparents are **Dwight and Nadine (Means) Tillotson '47**.

A daughter, Parker Grace, born March 15, 2009, to **Dustin and Leesa (Rosebrook) Beam '04, '05**. Grandparents are **James and Kaye (Blakeman) Beam '66 '67**.

A daughter, Ashley Alexis, born Sept. 9, 2008, to **Adam and Angela Carr '07**. Ashley has a brother, Austin (12).

A son, Logan Matthew, born Sept. 22, 2008, to **Josh and Jamie McKown '08**.

Janet (Holden) Wilson '68, a retired teacher, and her daughter, Martha (Wilson) Wellman, a fourth grade teacher at Belle Plaine, have traveled the state of Kansas extensively. They have researched and compiled a Kansas history DVD set which includes wildflowers, birds, animals, reptiles, and the regions of the state. The set is available to schools and other groups.

1970s

Mark Conard '70, Hutchinson, was elected in the summer of 2008 to serve a second four-year term on the General Commission on Communications of The United Methodist Church. This is one of the general agencies of the denomination, headquartered in Nashville. One of the highlights of his service will be a trip in 2010 to Cote d'Ivoire in West Africa, which has one of the largest numbers of United Methodist people and congregations in the world. Rev. Conard also continues to be active in supporting work with United Methodist pastors and people in Zimbabwe.

Jackson J. Gumb '70, commodore of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and district vice commodore of the Eighth District Western Rivers Auxiliary Region from October 2005 through December 2008, was cited in March 2009 for meritorious service in the performance of duty. The Auxiliary Meritorious Service Medal that he received was to recognize his outstanding leadership and his unit's dedication in providing over 462,000 volunteer hours resulting in 25 lives saved, 682 assists, 1,448 persons assisted, and \$7,434,000 dollars of property protected in the heartland. Commodore Gumb performed this role despite holding a full-time job with the State of Kansas.

Burt Helmer '70 has returned to coaching at Circle High School. The team ended the 2008-09 season at 17-5.

Rich Jantz '70, owner of Millard Management Company, sponsored the April 1 KU baseball game and Rich was given the honor of throwing out the first pitch. He threw a 55-footer to home plate – 5 feet short – however,

the pitch did bounce across the plate for a knee-high strike.

Tom Mundinger '72 will retire June 30, 2009, after 26 years as elementary principal at Baldwin Elementary School and 37 years as a Kansas educator. He and wife, **Brenda (Farmer) '73** recently moved from Baldwin City to Overland Park where they are five minutes away from their first grandchild, Mason Thomas Banks.

Larry Ewart '73 has been promoted to vice president and claims manager at Farmers Mutual Hail Insurance Company of Iowa, located in West Des Moines. FMH is a leading writer of crop insurance writing crop hail and MPC I Insurance in 15 states. Larry and wife, **Anita (Jantz) '74** recently left Cimarron, Kan., where they had lived for the past 30 years, to relocate in Clive, Iowa. Anita retired from education after 32 years and is working part-time as a substitute teacher.

Russ Gilmore '75, head boys' basketball coach at Hobbs High School (N.M.) for the past 11 years, has reached an enviable tally of 1,122 victories for his Hobbs Eagles. Last season, Hobbs achieved five titles in 10 seasons. The second-seeded Eagles were scheduled to play their district rivals, the top-seeded Clovis Wildcats – and Hobbs won by two points. It was their 16th title, the highest accomplishment of any school in the state. At the present time, they are taking aim at their 17th state title. Qualifying for the 5A basketball playoffs in New Mexico is similar to reaching the postseason in the NBA or NHL. There are 22 schools in five districts and 16 playoff slots. Needless to say, Hobbs fans plan their vacations around the state tournament.

Linda (Adams) Hargrove '75 spoke to local businesses at the 2008 Winfield Area Chamber of Commerce Banquet. Hargrove encouraged businesspeople to persevere during these difficult economic times. She told about how she started as a young girl in the '50s fighting to participate in sports to eventually becoming a head coach in the WNBA.



BIRTHS

A daughter, Annabeth Rose, born March 30, 2009, to **Matthew and Jill (Stephens) Schiltz '93**. Annabeth has an older sister, Grace Olivia (3). **Bill '63 and Paula Stephens**, Winfield, are the proud grandparents.

A son, Max James, born Oct. 10, 2008, to **Jim '95 and Mellisa Tucker**. He joins a sister, Macy.

A son, Kent, Jan. 16, 2009, to **Darrin and Christen (Callaway) Rierson '96 '06**. Kent was welcomed home by siblings Hunter (7), Megan (6), and Rex (2). Christen is in her 10th year as a teacher, teaching special education for K-6 kids at USD 462 (Burden).

A daughter, Miette Alexis, born Dec. 20, 2008, to **Jeremiah "JJ" and Lily (Mattix) Jones '00, '00**.

A daughter, Cardyn Elizabeth, was born May 11, 2008, to **Joshua '00 and Bryn Smith**.

A son, Andrew William, born Dec. 26, 2008, to **Andrew '01 and Angela Vargas**.

A daughter, Olivia Nicole, born Jan. 26, 2009, to **Marcus and Kelli (Cox) Croucher '02**. Olivia has an older

Sharon (Rogers) Martin '81, the journalism adviser for Wichita High School East, has won the 2009 Jackie Engel Award, sponsored by the Kansas Associated Collegiate Press. The prestigious award honors the best high-school journalism teacher in Kansas.

Martin has advised the student newspaper, *The Messenger*, and *Echoes*, the school's yearbook, for the last 10 years and has taught journalism for more than 25 years. She was chosen because of her commitment to her students and her years of service to the professional organization of journalism teachers in Kansas, the Kansas Scholastic Press Association. Martin has served as representative and president of KSPA and acted as a mentor to many journalism teachers just starting their careers.





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Gayle McMillen ’71 has been inducted into the Kansas Music Educators Hall of Fame. Now retired, McMillen taught band and music theory for 27 years at Salina Central High School, Roosevelt-Lincoln Junior High School, and Salina elementary schools.

“Gayle’s focus on excellence, along with his skills as a professional educator, musician, and KMEA official are overshadowed, though, by his personality,” wrote Jean Ney, KMEA president, in nominating McMillen for the honor. “He has patiently mentored many, many music educators around the state through KMEA, including me. All who are in contact with him revere and respect him. But we also like and love him.”

He was inducted into the KMEA Hall of Fame during a ceremony Feb. 28 at Century II in Wichita.

To be eligible for the KMEA Hall of Fame, a nominee has to have a minimum of 30 years in music education; service to the profession in local, district, state or national organizations, as well as recognition in those areas; and a record of exemplary teaching.

Born and raised in Clearwater, McMillen started taking formal piano lessons at 6. He and **Jane (Callaway) ’72** had the same piano teacher; they’ve now been married 38 years and have two grown daughters.

Although Gayle enrolled at Southwestern College as a math and physics major, he soon realized his future was in music education.”I thought I’d try teaching until I got tired of it,” he said in a profile in *The Salina Journal*. “I didn’t get tired of it for 31 years. I’m still not tired of it, but Jane and I had the opportunity to retire together, so we did.”

Before her retirement, Jane McMillen taught math and reading at Whittier Elementary School (now Cottonwood) for 31 years.

Jim Littell ’77 was recently inducted into the National Junior College Athletic Association’s Hall of Fame. He is in his fourth year as associate head coach for Oklahoma State University’s Cowgirl basketball team. He was one of the most successful head coaches in the nation during his 14 seasons at Seward County Community College, tallying a 418-61 ledger and producing nine Jayhawk West Conference titles. A nine-time conference coach of the year, Jim was named the WBCA National Coach of the Year in 2001 and was inducted into SC’s Athletics Hall of Fame in 2004.

Diane (Cook) Rosecrans ’77 recently retired as Winfield city clerk. She worked for the city for 32 years, holding various positions. She has been city clerk since 1994.

Beth (Richardson) Wilke ’78 is now a licensed local pastor in the United Methodist Church and was appointed to serve as associate pastor at First UMC in Winfield as of Nov. 1, 2008.

Nancy Swope ’79 is completing her second year of a Doctor of Ministry in Preaching through the ACTS D.Min. in Preaching Program, located

in Chicago, Ill. She is currently working as a hospice chaplain for VITAS Innovative Hospice Care in Milwaukee.

Rae (Kingsbury) Dale ’89 ’95 has been selected to receive an Excellence Award from the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development as a result of her work and dedication to the teaching profession. Dale is an academic advisor and office technology, computer, and business instructor at Cowley College Community College.

Brian Pettet ’96, founder and chief executive of Robotzone in Winfield, was recently named to the newest class of the Kansas Technology Enterprise Corp.’s entrepreneurship grooming program. The yearlong Pipeline program provides four, three-day education sessions; access to venture capitalists and mentors who advise and counsel the innovators; and a \$20,000 stipend. Pettet started his company in the late 1990s as a student at Southwestern. The company designs and develops robots and robotic

components and is growing very quickly. He hopes that his Pipeline experience will help him decide whether he is the person to take his business to the next level, and he also has plans to launch some new products that represent new markets for his company.

Michael Schaller ’96 has worked for Home National Bank for four years. He has recently been promoted to commercial loan portfolio manager in Stillwater, Okla.

Kristen (Martin) Pettet ’98 ’02 recently received the New Community Builder award at the Winfield Area Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet.

Stephanie Sharp Bruyn ’98 was recently elected to the Johnson County Community College Board of Trustees.

Cory Helmer ’99 has been appointed vice president, commercial loans, with Union State Bank. He has been in the banking industry for nine years and most recently served as vice president and credit analyst for CornerBank.

Stacy Thomas ’99 married Shauna Williams on Oct. 18, 2008. Stacy is a firefighter/ EMT with the Houston Fire Department. Mrs. Thomas is a history teacher with New Caney School District.

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Jay Mehuron ’01 has been promoted to core manager for the Dallas branch of Paychex. Jay began his career with Paychex in 2002, working his way up through several positions in the Kansas City branch, before receiving this promotion to the Dallas branch.

Mona (Sykes) Johnson ’03 participated in the 56th Presidential Inauguration as part of the Air National Guard. More than 7,000 Army and Air National guard members provided support through the Armed Forces Inaugural Committee. She has served in the military for 10 years.

Andrea Mohr ’04 married Chad Stafford in Sept. 2008. They make their home in Cherry Hills Village, Colo.

Rachel Wilder ’05 married Jason Niehoff in June 2008. She recently completed her master’s degree in arts administration with a specialization in fundraising management from Boston University. She has since accepted a development position with the Shakespeare Theatre Company in Washington, D.C.

Lawrence Settle ’06 graduated summa cum laude in December 2008 from Touro University International with an MBA degree with strategic leadership concentration.

Katie Burrow ’07 is in her second year of physical therapy school at the

University of Oklahoma Health and Science Center in Tulsa, Okla. She will graduate with her master’s in physical therapy in 2010.

Joel Wilke ’07 is serving as youth director at Crieveewood United Methodist Church in Nashville, Tenn., since August 2008.

Garett Addler ’08 is finishing his first year of graduate school at Grand Canyon University. He is majoring in leadership with an emphasis on disaster preparedness and crisis management.

Cody Annis ’08 has accepted a job as a terminal operator with Magellan Midstream Partners in Birmingham, Ala.. He and his wife, **Audry (Anderson) ’08**, now reside in Birmingham, where she is employed with American General.

Lindsay (Morgan) Wilke ’08 is pursuing a master’s degree in community development and action at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn.

Lindsey Knak ’10 attended the National Athletic Trainers’ Association’s iLead Student Leadership Program in Washington, D.C. iLead provided a series of sessions to help students lead and communicate better as they enter the athletic training profession. Knak was one of two athletic training students chosen to represent Kansas at the conference.

NOTES ON FRIENDS

Betty Daniels received the Making a Difference for Women Award from Soroptimist International of Winfield. The honor recognizes her personal and professional efforts to help women and girls.

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Charles Grigsby ’42 (center) was honored as the last surviving member of the 1939 national championship basketball team during ceremonies at the NAIA tournament tip-off banquet and awards ceremony March 17 in Kansas City. Grigsby is shown with his wife, **Ann ’43**, and an NAIA official. A special video spotlighting Southwestern and the 1939 team was shown at the event – see it at www.sckans.edu/grigsby

A. Carroll Edwards ’29, emeritus professor of English literature at the University of Kansas, died on April 8, 2009, after a brief illness. He is survived by his wife, Virginia, and one sister, **Ione (Edwards) Martin ’34**.

Thelma (Humburg) Wilson ’34 died on Feb. 14, 2009. She was preceded in death by her brother **Glen Humburg ’30** and her sister **Margaret (Humburg) Brening ’42**.

Bonnie (Markley) Drennan ’40 died on Dec. 22, 2008. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Carl Wayne Drennan ’40**.

Lyle Weigle ’40 died Feb. 9, 2009. Lyle was a Methodist minister’s son whose family relocated to Winfield in 1936 to allow Lyle and his brother to attend Southwestern College. He served in the Pacific Theater during World War II, then worked in Wichita with Steerman/Boeing, Beech, and Cessna corporations. After retirement he and his wife of 68 years, Alice, relocated to Wisconsin to help their son establish a veterinary practice.

Ken Franklin ’41 died July 24, 2008. Ken performed his musical act at a retirement home until recently.

Harold Taylor ’42 died Jan. 6, 2009. The course of Dr. Taylor’s life was set when he worked with Professor Oncley at Southwestern College and with Dr. Larry Oncley at Harvard Medical School during World War II, his wife says. At Harvard he focused on an effort which led to methods for the production of human albumin and gamma globulin. Following naval service, Dr. Taylor worked with the Michigan Department of Health in Lansing, where he was in charge of human plasma fractionation and plasma research. The family moved to Indianapolis in 1956 when he became the head of the biological laboratories’ immunochemistry department for the Pitman-Moore Co., which later became part of the Dow Chemical Company. At the time of his retirement in 1986, he was clinical project manager for the Merrell Dow Research Institute. He has been a member of the SC science advisory council and was the third in his family to attend SC. Dr. Taylor was the recipient of an honorary doctorate from SC. He was preceded in death by his brother **Dr. Dee Francis Taylor ’40**. Survivors include his wife of 65 years **Emma Jane (Hudson) Taylor ’43**, and his brother **Louis Taylor ’38**.

Phyllis (Stuber) Everly-Stauffer ’45 died March 18, 2009. She was preceded in death by her husband **Robert Everly ’52**, her brother **Howard Stuber ’50** and her sister **Barbara (Stuber) Brooner ’51**.

Joy (Bender, Bennington) Reynolds ’45 died April 16, 2009. She had worked for GAB Business Services for 17 years, and after retiring worked

at United Agency. Among survivors are her son **Frank Bennington ’67** and her sister **Dolly (Bender) Doss ’44**. She was preceded in death by her sister **Nancy (Bender) Goodell ’61**.

Maxine (Nakamura) Morihisa ’47 died on June 16, 2008.

Bill Burnett ’49 died March 12, 2009.

Rev. Bill Dial ’49 died Feb. 28, 2009. Survivors include his sons **Keith Dial ’68** and **Craig Dial ’68** and his daughters **Jeanette Kuhns ’72** and **Dr. Jolene Daves ’69**.

Bob Sneller ’51 died Feb. 1, 2009. He was inducted into the SC Athletic Hall of Fame in 1997. Bob was a head coach in the National Junior College Athletics Association (NJCAA) for 23 years. When he retired in 1979, his win/loss record was 467 wins and 216 losses. At that time, he was ranked No. 6 in the NJCAA. He coached eight years at Independence (Kan.) Community College, where he took two teams to the NJCAA national tournament, winning the tourney in 1963. In 1964, he joined Crowder (Mo.) College as it began its first year. In 1979, he retired from coaching but kept score for games and continued teaching English and speech until his final retirement in 1989. In retirement, in 2002, he returned as an assistant coach, helping with the women’s program for five years. Bob was awarded the Distinguished Service Award from NJCAA Region XVI, and an honorary membership in the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. Crowder College Board and Foundation also named the gymnasium the Bob Sneller Gymnasium.

Pat Fulkerson ’63 died March 19, 2009. He was 67, and died of injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident March 4. Pat had worked in the oil fields, for Wonder Bread Co., and for Beachner Construction Co. for 35 years. He retired in 2005 as a foreman. He loved sports and working on his farm.

Agnes (Hutchison) Giddens ’63 died on April 8, 2009. A retired Rose Hill elementary school teacher, she was 90.

John Clark ’66 died Feb. 21, 2009. After earning his accounting degree at SC, John worked for Ralston Purina, the Vendo Company, and Ram Furs before becoming the business manager for Ararat Shrine Temple in Kansas City, Mo., where he worked for 23 years. His survivors include his wife, Jane Ann.

Walter Sanders ’76 died Jan. 28, 2009, at age 78. He served in the Korean War and retired from the United States Air Force as a master sergeant. His survivors include his wife, Shirley,

Yvonne Shrader ’81 died March 14, 2009. Before moving to Winfield

with her family, she was a legal secretary in Howard. From 1965 until her retirement in 1980, Yvonne was the secretary in the Natural Science Division at Southwestern College. Among survivors is her son **Charles Shrader ’74**.

Kenton Templar ’90 died Feb. 21, 2009. He was 49 and had worked as a paralegal at the Templar Law office in Arkansas City.

Ryan Dunlap ’94, 39, died March 5, 2009. He was an elementary school physical education teacher at Jefferson School and a member of the USD 428 district athletic training staff. He was a lifetime resident of Great Bend.

Tom Buchanan ’01, Neosho, died on June 26, 2008, following a recent illness. He was 54. He was an FAA inspector and served in the U.S. Air force, having served in Desert Shield and Desert Storm and retiring from the Air Force in 1998 at the rank of master sergeant.

Saxton Haselwood ’06 died on Feb. 8, 2009, in a railroad accident. He was 26. An employee of the Union Pacific Railroad, he was struck by a train in a Herington railyard. While a student at SC, Haselwood worked full-time in the summer and part-time in the school year at Fleming Grain Elevator. He was an excellent mechanic and enjoyed restoring old cars and trucks.

Angela Watson ’09 died Jan. 25, 2009, at age 35. Angela worked as an aide for Arkansas City Head Start and was employed as an English as a second language instructor for USD 470. Angela loved teaching children and she founded Jackie’s Jewels Dance Studio (1999–2004). She was a lifelong member of the St. James Church of God in Christ.

DEATHS OF FRIENDS

Willard Bodkins died April 2, 2009. Survivors include his wife, Doris, and his son **Wayne Bodkins ’82**.

Karna (Coats) Burr died April 3, 2009. Among survivors is her daughter **Joleigh (Burr) Leffew ’04**.

Lydia (Scott) Butler died April 18, 2009. Survivors include her son **Clayton “Butch” Butler ’75**, his wife **Dr. Martha Butler**, a faculty member at Southwestern, and her granddaughter **Amy (Butler) Watson ’07**.

Bill Chamberland died April 19, 2009. Survivors include his son **Michael Chamberland ’73** and his daughter **Liz (Chamberland) Frazier ’75**.

Pauline (Hubbard) Clifton died April 24, 2009. Pauline started working as a riveter at Cessna Aircraft in Wichita during World War II. She continued working there until retiring in the early 1960s. She was preceded in death by her son **Jerrold Calvin ’59**.

Verna (Hess) Evans died March 15, 2009. She was preceded in death by her daughter **Dorothy (Evans) Cooper ’72** and her brother **Robert Hess ’33**. Among survivors are her daughters **Mary Lou (Evans) Holcomb ’56** and **Elaine (Evans) Clark ’63**.

H.O. Kleier died Feb. 18, 2009. He was 100 years old. He was preceded in death by his wife, **Ailma (Heitmeyer) Kleier ’37**.

Odell Littles died March 16, 2009. He is survived by his brother **Sam Littles ’71**.

Leota Mayberry died March 27, 2009. Among survivors is her son **Kenneth Mayberry ’95**.

Marvin Odgers died March 6, 2009. Survivors include his daughters, **Karen (Odgers) Krill ’72** and **Marsha (Odgers) Wall Blackstock ’74**.

Harley Parsons died April 13, 2009. He was preceded in death by his daughter **Virginia (Parsons) Buchanan ’67**. Among survivors are his daughter **Treva (Parsons) Andrea ’69** and his grandson **Wendell Andrea ’96**.

Warren Racker died April 23, 2009. Survivors include his father **Rev. Wally Racker ’52** and his brother **Walter Racker IV ’60**.

Doris (McDaniel) Sisson died March 27, 2009. Survivors include her husband of 42 years, Ed Sisson, daughters **Ellen (Sisson) Johnson Hill ’92** and **Janet (Sisson) Scherdin ’71** and her sons **Kent Sisson ’74** and **Douglas Sisson ’72**.

Gerald Spengler died March 12, 2009, at age 81. Among survivors is his daughter **Marilyn (Spengler) Miller ’79**.

Helen Stockdale-Wells, Valley Center, died April 4, 2009 at the age of 91. Among survivors is her daughter **Edith (Stockdale) Johnson ’66**.

Robert D. Wade died Feb. 16, 2009. Survivors include his daughter **Marilyn (Wade) Jones ’92**.

Jay J. Williams died Jan. 27, 2009. He was preceded in death by his wife, Melva Maxine (Palmer) Williams ’67. He is survived by his son, Robert Williams ’67.

Show your Builder spirit At SC Tailgate!

Alumni are urged to gear up for Builder football at SC tailgate parties during the 2010 season – Sept. 12, Sept. 26, Oct. 31, and Nov. 7. Food, music, and fun in the Stewart Field House parking lot, followed by football in Sonner Stadium. Watch for more details in the next Southwesterner.

FACULTY & STAFF ACHIEVEMENT

Ronald Beach, affiliate faculty in Professional Studies, received his Ph.D. in organization and management, with an emphasis in leadership, from Capella University. He has taught leadership and management courses in the leadership graduate program for the last six years. His research, “Employee Acceptance of Team Role Profiling As a Management Tool: A Survey of a High Technology Manufacturing Environment,” has been accepted into the United States Library of Congress. Ron traveled to Cambridge, England, and became one of the few Americans to complete the Belbin Team Role Model Accreditation program. He has now created The Organizational Leadership Foundations, LLC, out of Littleton, Colo.

Martha Butler, professor of nursing, and **Pam Green**, assistant professor of teacher education, gave a presentation at the Association of Teacher Educators

(ATE) 2009 Annual Meeting held in Dallas Feb.15–28, 2009. The presentation was titled “Collaborating to Institute a Health and Wellness Course Requirement at the Post-Secondary Level.”

Bill DeArmond, professor of mass communications and film, is author of a story, “Early Winter,” just released in the winter edition of *Tapestries: Original Writings by Adult Learners*, published by Mount Wachusett College in Gardner, Mass.

Tracy Frederick, associate professor of speech, received her Ph.D. in communication and rhetoric from Regent University. She also presented a paper, “Riding the Wave: Pop Culture and Third Wave Feminism,” at the Central States Communication Association in St. Louis during April.

Pam Green, assistant professor of teacher education, gave a presentation

April 3 at the Kansas Association of Teacher Educators (K-ATE) spring Conference in Topeka. The topic of that session was “Spotlight on Education: Exploring Current Trends and Issues in the Teaching Profession.”

Daniel Lioy, affiliate faculty member in Professional Studies, is author of two new DCC Lesson Commentaries. They can be found at www.davidccook.com.

Nili Luo, professor of early childhood education, accompanied two early childhood students, Xiang Ji (a graduate student from China) and Tabatha Channing McMullen, to the 27th Annual Kansas Division for Early Childhood Conference Feb. 27-29, 2009. Dr. Luo and Houping Yan, a Chinese visiting scholar, will write a chapter titled “Family/Tradition – China” in a book published by the Association for Childhood Education International. The chapter will develop information regarding the unintended consequences of technology on children younger than 12 years of age.

Allyson Moon, associate professor of theatre and speech, was a member of a three-person team that presented at a professional development day April 17 for elementary through high school gifted teachers in the Las Cruces, N.M., public schools. The workshops covered teaching and assessing creativity and problem solving. Moon’s workshops focused on the teaching of creativity.

Several psychology students presented papers at the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association Conference in Albuquerque, N.M., this year:

- **Linda I. Hawk**, “Correlations of Physiological States During Computer Game Play as a Function of Gender and Societal Demographics”



Awards for outstanding faculty and staff were announced at the spring service recognition event April 17. Honors went to (l. to r.) Veronica McAsey, Fasnacht Outstanding Administrator (campus); Pam Green, Fasnacht Outstanding Faculty; Dana Johnson, Fasnacht Outstanding Administrator (PS); and Kristen Pettey, United Methodist Exemplary Faculty Award.

- **Addie M. Lambing** ’09, “Conformity: Comparing Introverts/ Extraverts and the Effects of Aging”
- **Courtney A. Ross** ’09, “Research on the Within-Group Advantage of Emotional Recognition and the Effect of Personal Prejudices”
- **Kari Y. Roth**, “Multitasking as a Function of: Gender, Distractions, Rewards and Training”
- **Jessica L. Warren**, “Language and Emotion as Related to Personality”

Jason Speegle, director of the Green Team, received his Master of Science in Leadership (MSL) degree in December 2008 from Southwestern College.

Richard Wilke, bishop in residence at Southwestern College, is author of *The Tie that Binds: Connecting with God, the Church, and the World*. In the book published by Abingdon Press, Wilke observes that at the same time the formal, organized church has faced monumental change, spiritual inquiry has been sweeping the country. He explores where the church has become disconnected and how it can connect once again.



Masterbuilders, the six main campus graduates voted as best exemplifying the Builder spirit, were announced during Honors Convocation May 9. Shown left to right are Tim Moore, Dallas Leonard, Roger Klein, Molly Hamlett, and Blake Morgan. Aric Cherry is not shown.



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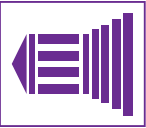
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