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## FROM THE PRESIDENT



*Dear friends,*

When we committed to moving ahead with construction of the Richard L. Jantz Stadium in late January, we knew we were knocking over a big domino that

was going to have many short-term impacts at the college. First and foremost, what were we going to do about Commencement? We've held Commencement in Stewart Field House a couple of times in the past decade, when bad weather threatened, but it was always Plan B. Could it be Plan A?

With over 600 (!) master's and bachelor's degree graduates eligible to participate in Commencement, we knew we would have a big crowd on campus, far too large to accommodate in Stewart. So, the decision was easy, do separate ceremonies for master's and bachelor's graduates.

That still left 450 bachelor's degree recipients, and their families and friends, to accommodate. We thought we could manage it. The seniors thought otherwise. When I learned that a new Facebook community, titled "Commencement Concerns," had formed and had fifty SC members, we took heed, and split the bachelor's degree ceremony into two.

That did the trick. Three ceremonies, no crowding, no overflow into remote viewing venues. Everyone who wanted to be there in the flesh was able to do it. It



worked so well, we may stick with it even after the stadium is available.

Whatever we do next year, we're thankful for this year's challenges of growth and prosperity. They sure beat the alternative!

*Best regards,*

*Dick Merriman*

Dick Merriman, *President*

## ADMINISTRATION VIEWPOINT



Sometimes, just for fun, I imagine what it would be like to present the incoming freshman class with the Southwestern College Curriculum from 1887. I picture myself saying, "In your first semester you'll have the opportunity to read Livy

in Latin!" Can you hear the jubilant cheering? Then, in the snap back to reality, some sweatshirt clad kid walks into my office and asks if we have a class that teaches how to design computer games. That's the way it goes. Times change and so must the curriculum. Faculty members work hard to watch industry trends, technological innovations, and emerging careers. Those forces combined with general

student interest mean that our colleagues have to work hard to shape the curriculum and ensure its effectiveness. The truth is that all of the additions and deletions are signs of the same truth: an SC education is timeless. Livy's *History of Rome* is an ancient classic but the curriculum at SC is always relevant.

*Sincerely,*

*James A. Sheppard*

James Sheppard, *Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty*

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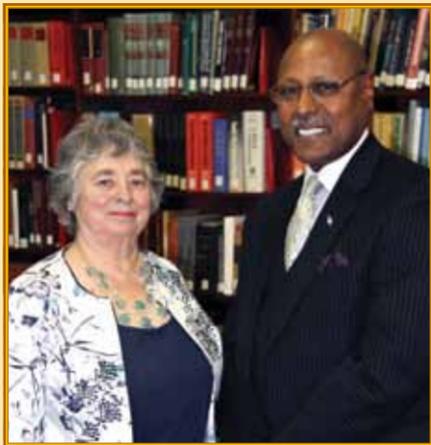
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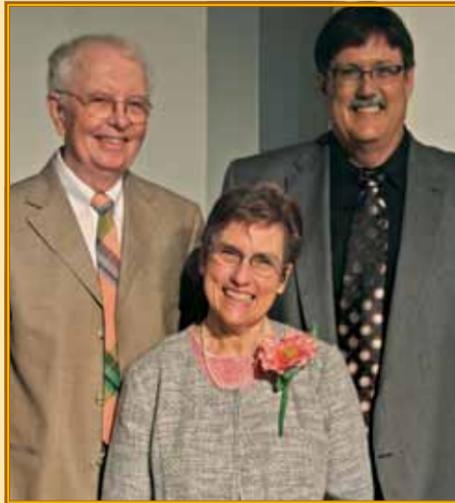
# HALLS OF FAME



**Fine Arts Hall of Fame (right):** Dennis Akin, Norman Callison '63 (dec.) accepted by wife Roxy Callison '69, and Gayle McMillen '71.



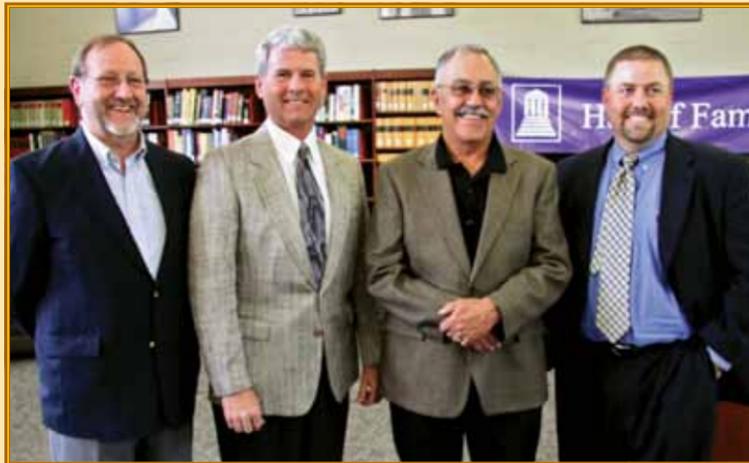
**Leaders in Service Hall of Fame for the Social Sciences (above):** Billie Ann Day '60, C. Darnell Jones II '72, and Lyman Schiller Johnson '28 (dec.). Johnson's recognition was accepted by his daughter, Barbara (Johnson) Isely '64.



**Educators Hall of Fame (below):** Lois (Dryden) Vasey '49, Kimberley Mercer '86 (recipient of Marilyn McNeish Special Education Award), Thomas Mundinger '72, and Clinton Trillingham '21 (dec.) accepted by daughter Doris (Trillingham) Wyatt.



**Scholars Hall of Fame (below):** John Ward '50 (dec.) accepted by wife Carmen Ward, and Randall Duncan '77.



**Business Hall of Fame (above):** Bruce Schwyhart (Business Builder Award), Brad Bennett '73, Bill Seyb '65, and Roger Crossman '92.



## College announces two new degrees, restructuring of physics

A new master of arts in music degree and a Professional Studies degree in health administration are highlights of academic changes being made recently.

The master's degree will offer emphases in music education or in performance, and its inaugural class will begin study July 5.

"This course of study can be taken in one year or it can be spread over four summers," explains Timothy Shook, chair of the division of fine arts. Shook and David Hofmeister, chair of education, jointly planned the degree to ensure maximum flexibility.

Hallmarks of the program include class schedules that allow students to take many classes while maintaining employment, requirements that meet each individual student's interests, and the combination of online and on-campus courses.

"We know that for many persons in music professions, this is the ideal time to be focusing on a graduate degree," Shook says. "We're hopeful that our music alumni will take advantage of this opportunity, and that they'll recommend it to others who might be interested in graduate study."

The college's Professional Studies program is now offering a bachelor's degree in health care administration. The program is available in both face-to-face and online modes.

"As life spans stretch and as health care becomes increasingly complex and expensive, employment opportunities in health care administration are expected to grow," President Dick Merriman says.

Another academic change will affect

the natural sciences, as Southwestern restructures its physics program. After extensive program review, the academic dean and the science faculty agreed that the program should be crafted into a two-year sequence and repositioned as a pre-engineering program.

"There are two major reasons for this decision," says Dean Andy Shep-

pard. "First, the current program requires a work load that is not sustainable for the existing faculty. Second, the program has a long history of low enrollments."

"It is important to note that the reduction of the physics major does not entail a reduction in workforce. Rather, it will create a more equitable workload

for the existing physics faculty members," Sheppard added.

The revised two-year physics program will consist of general education courses, four semesters of mathematics and two semesters of general physics. At the end of the sequence, the students would then transfer to an engineering program at a larger university.

### NEWS BRIEFS

High school students with an interest in sustainable living will spend a week at Southwestern College during the new Green Team camp to be held on campus July 11-15. Space is still available for more campers – e-mail Green Team director Jason Speegle at [jason.speegle@sckans.edu](mailto:jason.speegle@sckans.edu) for more information.

Alumni can now own a first edition of the first book published by the newly-created Southwestern College Academic Press. *Belarusian Jewish Writers of the Twentieth Century: Origin, History, Discourse, and Biographies* was written by Zina Gimpelevich, a board member of the Center for Belarusian Studies. Find purchase instructions at [www.sckans.edu/makeagift/contribution/category/97/](http://www.sckans.edu/makeagift/contribution/category/97/).

Southwestern College was honored as the Outstanding Community Builder during the Winfield Chamber of Commerce annual dinner. The award was given to Southwestern because of its financial investment in the stadium, making decades of lectures as

well as musical and theatrical presentations available to the community, service to the community, and engaging its Leadership program in improving the residential sectors of Winfield. Cheryl Rude accepted the award.

Have you lost your college yearbook? Now the *Moundbuilder* is online. In a cooperative venture between the Office of Alumni Relations and the Deets Library staff, decades of yearbooks have been scanned and now can be found at [www.sckans.edu/alumni-and-friends/history/yearbook-project/](http://www.sckans.edu/alumni-and-friends/history/yearbook-project/).

The SC Board of Trustees approved the promotion of several faculty members during its April meeting: Lisa Braun, Melinda Current, and Stacy Sparks from assistant professor to associate professor, and Michael Tessmer and Patrick Ross from associate professor to full professor.

Professional Studies continues to gather awards. In addition to appearing on the 2010 list of military friendly institutions for *Military Advanced Education*, PS programs were honored

by GetEducated.com. The website released its 2010 national affordability rankings of universities that offer the best values online master's degrees and SC's Professional Studies offerings in leadership, business administration, management, and security administration made those lists.

An honor society for adult learners, Sigma Tau, a chapter for Alpha Sigma Lambda (ASL), inducted its first members April 12, and 146 SC learners were invited to attend the ceremony. According to Deb Stockman, director of marketing and new media for SC Professional Studies, the benefits of Alpha Sigma Lambda include staying in contact with other inductees, social and career networking, scholarship opportunities for inductees seeking further study, celebrating academic success, and leadership and commitment to scholarship and service. Norman Sean Roberson was inducted into the chapter but was not present to accept his certificate of membership – Roberson currently is on active duty serving in Iraq. His commanding officer accepted the honor.

# Reuter Organ renovation to be part of campaign

James Leland begins our tour of the Reuter pipe organ in Richardson Auditorium seated at the console. This is where the artist usually coaxes glorious music out of the instrument, but the instrument is acting cranky.

Leland pushes a pre-set button. Stops pop out momentarily, then back in.

“See?” Leland says. “They go on, then pop off, and I can’t get them to stay on. We have whole groups of stops that don’t work at all.”

And that’s the problem with this pipe organ: It’s a wonderful instrument, and suits the auditorium space admirably, Leland says. It just doesn’t work very well any more. Now the renovation of the college’s pipe organ is a component in the Great Performances Capital Campaign.

Originally installed during the rebuilding following the Richardson fire in 1950, the Reuter Organ has provided music for convocations, accompanied groups, starred in recitals, and

served generations of organ students. But the years have taken a toll.

The next stop on the organ tour is in the basement of Christy Administration building. A room just off the Little Theatre holds the organ’s “lungs” – the blower that regulates air at the proper pressure to be sent through the 2,033 pipes. The huge blower nearly fills the space but theatre lights and janitorial supplies are packed into every extra spare inch. A dedicated space for the blower is part of the renovation project.

The tour moves up two flights of stairs to a locked room on the northeast corner above the auditorium. This room is filled with organ pipes of all sizes – from a 16-foot bass pipe that curves at the top to avoid hitting the ceiling, to tiny pipes less than the diameter of a pencil.

Here we discover why there’s never an organ recital played here in December:

“Some time ago the radiators were removed from this north chamber, so it is not heated. The south chamber is heated, so during the dead of winter, the pipes from one are not in tune with pipes from the other side,” Leland says. With auditorium renovation ventilation is planned for each chamber so that the pipes will be the same temperature as the auditorium below.

In the center of the north chamber is the most complex part of the organ, the wind chest. If the blower is the lungs of the organ, this is the heart. Hundreds of wires and leather pieces allow air to pass from the blower to the proper pipes to produce tones from the mellow to the majestic. The leather is original and has simply worn out, Leland says. “Maintenance is a trial. I have to crawl on my stomach to

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the goal.

get to the corner over there,” he adds.

A similar wind chest in the south chamber across the auditorium controls air to several hundred more pipes. Above these pipes is a framework of lath and plastic – a jerry-rigged tent former organ professor Jim Strand built to keep rainwater from leaking into the pipes.

And still, despite the myriad issues that keep the organ from performing at its best, James Leland speaks of the instrument with fondness.

“This is an organ of real distinction,” he says. “Its sound is rich, colorful, and most impressive in the room.”

Through the Great Performances campaign, the Reuter Organ will be restored to its majestic best.



James Leland

# Weeast discipline leads to great performances

Stephanie Weeast knows what it takes to give a good performance.

In the past decade or so, the SC Board of Trustees member has run 11 marathons, including the famed Boston Marathon. To keep in shape for this kind of competition, she logs 40 miles per week in three or four runs, plus swimming or biking or lifting weights on the days she doesn’t hit the road. Only a special discipline can make this schedule work with Stephanie’s family commitments and her career as an attorney and financial advisor for Edward Jones Investments in Hugoton.

It’s a discipline that comes from absolute determination to reach a goal – a kind of discipline that may be genetically-predestined in Stephanie. Her mother, Shirley Whalen, is a prime example of goal orientation. Shirley had come to Kansas from New Jersey in the late 1950s to attend college with

her tennis-playing brothers. It was only a few days into the first semester when Shirley spotted handsome young Stanley Antrim standing at the top of the 77 Steps. Turning to her friends, she said, “See him? That’s the man I’m going to marry.” And she did.



This kind of goal orientation was essential when Stephanie began distance running in 1999. Her father had died that year, a victim of juvenile diabetes, and Weeast decided to enter the Wichita Marathon in his honor. She finished the race, and in the process raised more than \$10,000 to fight juvenile diabetes.

So why, when she and husband Jeff were choosing to make a contribution to the Great Performances Campaign, did they decide to earmark their donation for the renovation of the performing arts space in Christy Administration Building rather than giving it toward the new athletic facilities?

“The importance of the arts is undeniable,” she explains. “Whether it be music or theatre, the arts bring beautiful things into our lives. They challenge and inspire us to better understand ourselves and others and the world we live in and share together.”

Stephanie and Jeff did not attend Southwestern (she says, with a laugh, that she may have made a mistake when she chose a major university instead of SC) but two of their three sons are Moundbuilders – Westin ’09 was on the golf team, and Tanner ’11 has participated in theatre and track.

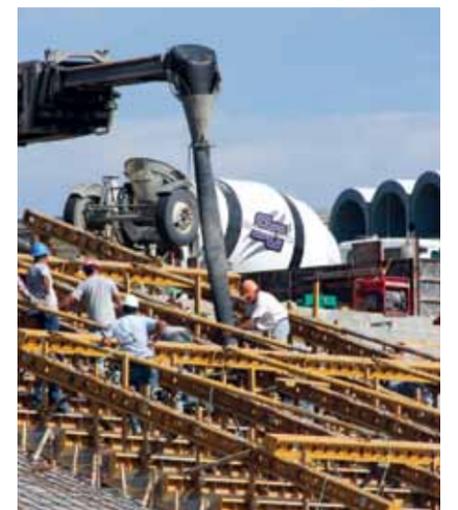
This exposure to the theatre program and their observation of the passion Roger and Allyson Moon bring to leading drama efforts at SC reinforced their opinions of the arts.

“I think to succeed in something and to win at it or to perform well, you have to practice and work at it, and that’s what athletes do in track and field, also what music and theatre performers do,” Stephanie says.

Now the Weeast contribution

will help the next generation of Moundbuilders as they continue in the tradition of great performances.

For more information on the Great Performances Capital Campaign or to make a donation, contact Mike Farrell, [mike.farrell@sckans.edu](mailto:mike.farrell@sckans.edu), 620-229-6286, or [www.sckans.edu/greatperformances](http://www.sckans.edu/greatperformances).



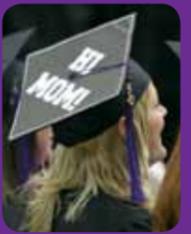
Take a “peek behind the fence” to see progress on the new Richard L. Jantz Stadium at [www.sckans.edu/stadium](http://www.sckans.edu/stadium).



Above: Valedictorian Lexy Teeter (far left) scales the 77 Steps to Honors Convocation.



Right: Timothy Shook, chair of the performing arts division, receives recognition as winner of the Charles and Verda Kopke Distinguished Teaching Award.



Above right: Salutatorian Bernita Paulsen receives applause during Commencement.



# Commencement 2010

A combination of old and new traditions marked Commencement weekend May 8 and 9.

As they've done for decades, seniors were applauded as they walked up the 77 Steps to Honors Convocation. This Saturday afternoon ceremony now attracts family and friends as well as faculty and classmates.

But a new tradition was made necessary by the construction of the Richard L. Jantz Stadium. The customary outdoor ritual was moved inside Stewart Field House, where nearly 600 graduates were eligible to participate in one of three ceremonies (one graduate, two undergraduate).

Old or new, the traditions of Commencement delighted hundreds who swarmed across the campus to watch their Builders receive degrees. They applauded graduates such as Professor Fran Jabara Leadership Award winners Tanner McNinch and Caitlin Smith.

Claudia Geer, professor of psychology, summarized the emotions during her invocation:

"As these wonderful young women and men undertake this rite of passage, help them be assured of the certainty that they will succeed as have the many others who have gone before them."

Glassblowing is a science.

Pure silica (sand) melts to liquid at something above 2300° Fahrenheit. As it cools, its atoms rearrange and harden into a shape that is solid and transparent – glass.

Glassblowing is an art.

During the molten transformation from sand to glass, the mixture can be manipulated through the introduction of air, color, and other elements. The result is a transformation of the mundane into the magnificent.

# Art + Science

Perhaps this combination of science and art is the basis of Scott Hartley's career as a glassblower: He is by training a scientist, a biology major at Southwestern College who graduated in 1997. By nature, though, he is an artist and sculptures produced at his Infinity Art Glass Studio are now found around the world.

While this may seem an improbable outcome, in some ways, Scott says, it was as if everything he'd done in his life was leading up to the moment in June 1999 when he first saw a glassblower in action.

By then he had been teaching high school biology for two years, with the only indication of his artistic nature his increasingly elaborate blackboard illustrations of crayfish. He and his wife, Gwen, had a six-month-old son.

That's when Gwen asked the life-changing question: Do you see yourself teaching for the rest of your life?

The answer, Scott realized, was that he did not. He loved teaching, he enjoyed high school kids, but academic paperwork and politics were wearing. For the first time he verbalized what he'd felt for a long time.

"I'd love to do something in art, but I know I couldn't make a living at it," he told Gwen.

Maybe this is why he was so intrigued when he visited a glassblower's studio a few weeks later.

"I went and watched the process and as soon as I saw it, I told Gwen, 'I can do that,'" Hartley recalls.

During two years as an apprentice glassblower Hartley learned about the process. He experienced the eyebrow-singeing

heat that escapes a glass

furnace melting sand to liquid. He realized the strength necessary even for this SC basketball player to keep 25 pounds of molten glass in motion so that it doesn't distort out of position. And he discovered his destiny.

In 2001 the Hartleys bought a former carpentry workshop in Benton and began converting it into a glassblowing studio. Scott built all of his own equipment from scratch, welding furnaces and constructing benches suitable for his 6'4" frame.

How in the world did he know how to build a kiln? "The internet is a beautiful thing when you need to figure out how to do something," he says with a grin. "That, and my Southwestern College education."

Still, the early days were rough. It was four months before the studio was equipped to produce glass, and the leap of faith that had led them to this spot seemed foolish when inventory had not yet caught up with dreams.

Scott worked long hours, day after day, in temperatures that reached 120 degrees in the studio. Gravity meant that every piece constantly wanted to be on the floor; Kansas winds blew chaff from the grain elevator next door onto the forming tables.

Even when the artist did everything right, success wasn't guaranteed.

Newly-blown glass tempers in an oven for two days as its temperature lowers from 950 degrees to room temperature. And sometimes, when Scott opened the oven door, the painstakingly crafted sculpture had tipped over, or simply shattered.

Nearly a decade later, though, Infinity Art Glass has become known around the world. Customers arrive from throughout the United States to visit the Benton studio, and Hartley's prediction that he couldn't make a living with art has been proven false.

Back in his Southwestern days, Scott played basketball. He was a fierce competitor, and when things didn't go his way, the crowd knew it. How does that personality trait transfer to a profession that requires him to work in a medium that is, by its nature, fragile?

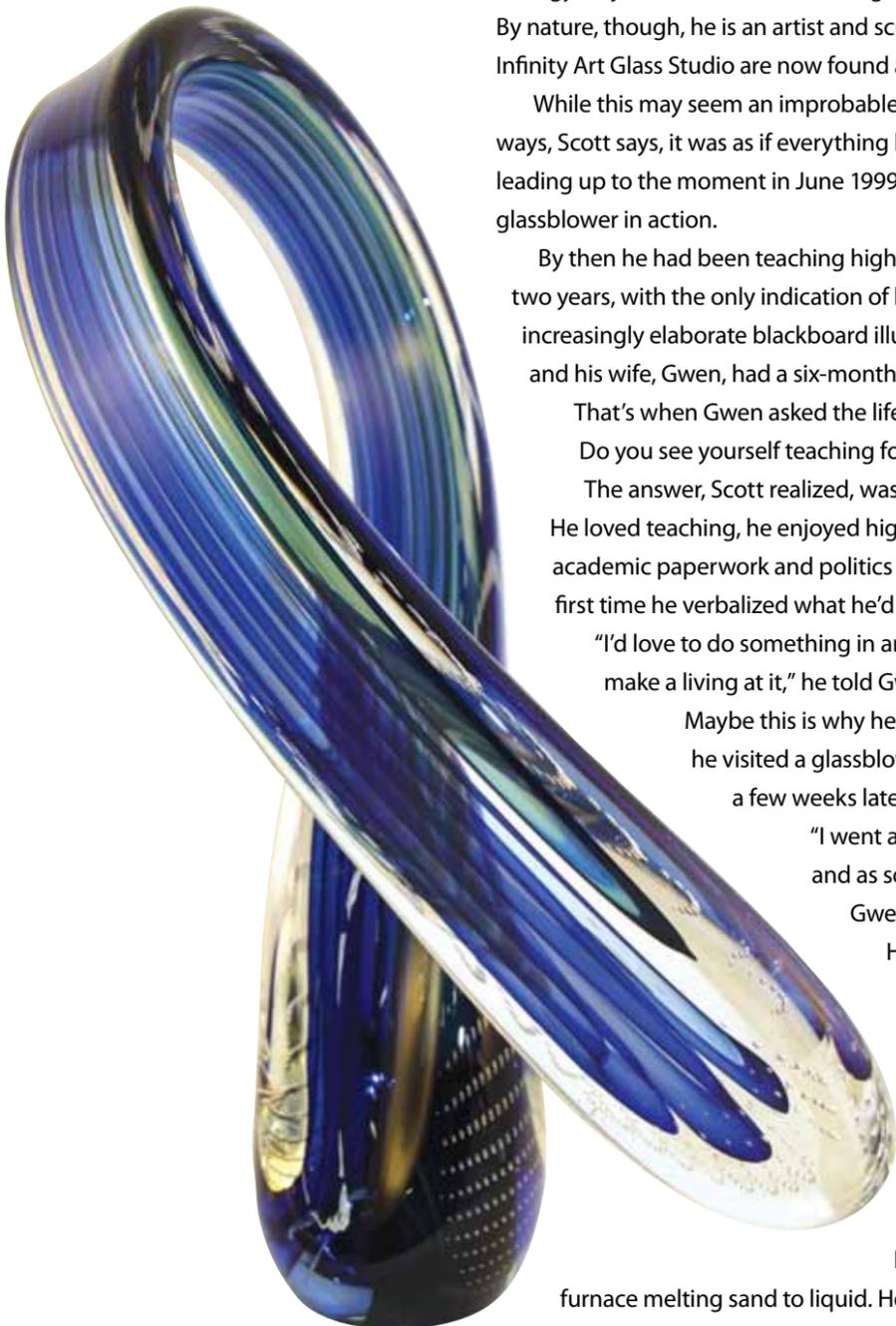
In the beginning, Hartley admits, pieces that didn't turn out to his satisfaction might have ended up being angrily destroyed. But that doesn't happen anymore. Not ever.

Life itself has calmed him down. In addition to their son (now 11), Scott and Gwen have daughters who are eight and four years old, and both girls have special needs. This has instilled in these young parents a maturity many never acquire.

"You start to figure things out," Scott says, "and the glass has made me more humble. That frustration I used to have when things didn't go my way? I don't get it."

Instead, he gets the thrill of unlocking the intrigue he sees in glass, in conquering both the science and the art.

"I feel like I can do anything with it, anything I put my mind toward."



To see more photos of art glass in progress, go to [www.sckans.edu/artglass](http://www.sckans.edu/artglass).  
Infinity Art Glass is at [www.infinityartglass.com](http://www.infinityartglass.com)



From sand to sculpture, Scott Hartley completes a piece of art glass in his Benton studio. These photographs show the progress of a single piece from inception to completion (opposite page).  
*Photos by Terry Quiett '94*



## 1930s

**Dr. John Morgan '35** retired from Mt. Hermon Church, in Salem, Mo., where he had been the minister for seven years. He was ordained in September 1938 and spent the next 71 years as a minister in five states. Morgan also recently became a great grandfather for the 15th time and is living in Floyd, Iowa.

## 1940s

**Forrest Robinson '44** and **Jim Robinson '80** were guests at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum annual Days of Remembrance celebration in Washington, D.C. The event commemorates the 1945 liberation of the concentration camps of the German Holocaust.

**Eugene "Hank" '47** and **Marilyn (McNew) Balke '48** are both retired, in good health, and enjoying life in Coquille, Ore. On March 21, 2010, they celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary.

## 1950s

**Betty (McGowan) Bradley '51** celebrated her 80th birthday April 20, 2010. Her family hosted a birthday party at Grace United Methodist Church on April 17.

**Brilla Highfill Scott '59**, Lawrence, has been named the state executive director for the Kansas Association of Retired School Personnel (KARSP). She began her responsibilities on March 1. Scott, a former Lawrence junior high principal, retired in 2003 as the executive director and chief lobbyist for United School Administrators of Kansas.

## 1960s

**Dr. David Nichols '60**, retired academic dean at Southwestern, gave a lecture at the Augusta Public Library on President Barack Obama's book, *Dreams From My Father*. His program draws comparisons between Obama's background and that of Dwight D. Eisenhower. As an Eisenhower scholar, Dr. Nichols' topic was "Ike and Obama: Kansas Roots, Troubled Fathers, Civil Rights."

**Kenneth Forsyth '61** was inducted into the Kansas Music Educators Association Hall of Fame. Forsyth, a veteran Topeka choral director, received the honor during the KMEA's annual convention in Wichita. He retired in

2004 from a vocal music education career of 43 years. Kenneth is the brother of **Paula (Forsyth) Henry '55**, **Donald Forsyth '58** and **Charles Forsyth '70**.

**Glea Means '62** received an award as Support Staff Member of 2009 from the Ponca City Police Department at the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association's annual awards banquet.

**Ken and Lin (Miller) Lewis '64, '75** are celebrating 50 years of marriage in 2010. Their family hosted an anniversary party at Baden Square on Feb. 13, 2010.

**Ward Loyd '65**, a member of the Kansas House of Representatives from 1999 to 2007, was recently appointed to the Kansas Corporation Commission by Governor Mark Parkinson. The term on the KCC to which he has been appointed will expire in March 2012. Ward and his wife, **Suzanne (Keeler) Loyd '68**, live in Garden City.

**Dean Angeles '67** has been selected to receive the Midwest Clinic Medal of Honor. The Medal of Honor recognizes conductors, educators, performers, composers and others who have provided unique, distinguished service distinct influence on bands, orchestras and related performance media. The presentation of this honor will be in December at the Midwest Clinic in McCormick Place West, Chicago.

**Don Hapward '68** had one of his Wichita Collegiate bowlers win the 5A-1A state bowling championship at North Rock Lanes in Wichita. Don has been the head coach for five years and is also the girls golf coach.

## 1970s

**Danny Moss '70** retired in May 2010, after 43 years in ministry with the United Methodist Church. A special service and luncheon celebration was held for Danny and Annette at Edmond First United Methodist Church, and a special memory book was created by friends and family who have known the couple over these years.

**Jim and Virginia (Lungren) Vanek '71 '69** are retiring from education after a combined total of 80 years as teachers. Virginia has taught first through third grades for 41 years, 14 in Hillsboro, Kan., and 27 in Gilcrest, Colo. Jim will retire with 39 years as a high school teacher, coach and district



## Ralph Murray: Sharing an SC Heritage

**Ralph Murray '32**, the youngest sibling in a family whose history is intertwined with the Southwestern College history, died March 6, 2010, at the age of 102. Ten Murray family members (including in-laws) have attended here. One of the six siblings, Alvin, was president of the college from Oct. 17, 1949, to June 30, 1953 – a critical period when Richardson Hall burned and the Methodist church was on the brink of closing the college. Alvin Murray is given much of the credit for convincing delegates to the Central Kansas Conference not to merge Southwestern with Kansas Wesleyan in Salina.

The youngest in the family, Ralph Murray, was born in 1908. Largely raised by his older siblings after his mother died, Ralph attended Southwestern for one year but the scholar's life wasn't for a young fellow who described himself at the time as footloose and fancy-free.

After a few years in Chicago, Ralph hitchhiked to New York in 1928.

Thanks to the intervention of a friend he had known in Winfield, Murray was hired by the Associated Press as a copyboy. He rose through the ranks to become an editor, and ended up staying at the Associated Press for his entire career, retiring because of failing eyesight two weeks before Kennedy's assassination.

At various periods of his life, Ralph enjoyed woodworking, especially turning items on his lathe; photography; gardening; and canning fruits and vegetables. Even in his later years, when he was blind, he still made his own bread until he was 100. For many years he got great enjoyment from classical music, and he was an avid reader of many periodicals and books on tape.

Throughout the years Ralph and his wife of 67 years, Dorothy, continued to support the college. They were an early contributor to the Builders of Excellence campaign, and the Murray Plaza and the Ralph and Dorothy Murray Reference Room in the renovated library are named for them. Dorothy died in 2004, and Ralph also was predeceased by his brothers and sisters – Oscar, Alvin, Roy, Edna, and Clara.

Also among survivors are a niece, **Patricia (Murray) Osborn '55** and husband **Chet Osborn '55**, and **Sidney DeVere Brown '47**, husband of a deceased niece **Ruth (Murray) Brown '48**.

administrator – 12 in Hillsboro, and 27 in Gilcrest. The Vaneks will maintain their residence in Greeley, Colo., and travel to several destinations listed on their "bucket list," including frequent stops in Kansas to visit son Jim, a teacher and coach in Wichita, and daughter Sarah, a teacher and coach in Garden City. They also plan to visit Southwestern more often, since SC played a major role in their lives.

**Sally (Mann) Cauble '72** filed for reelection to State Board of Education. Sally, District 5 State School Board member from Liberal, is the wife of **Steven Cauble '72** and mother of **Stew Cauble '01**.

**Eddie McGowan '76** was the first person to file for a seat on the Cowley County Commission. Eddie has worked nearly 40 years at Rakie Oil Co. in Arkansas City and served on the Creswell Township Board for 14 years.

**Tom Worstell '76** recently retired after a 33 year and three month career, which included his work as a US Army CID special agent/criminal investigator; an OPM federal investigator at the Los Alamos National

Laboratory; a security and emergency programs specialist with the Department of Energy weapons program; and security officer with the Department of Treasury, FMS. He is looking forward to spending some quality time with a fishing pole.

## 1980s

**Marsha White '87** was recently promoted to vice president, comptroller/cashier of CornerBank. She began her career at CornerBank in 1990 as an accounting clerk. She continued to take on positions of increasing responsibility and was promoted to assistant vice president in 2005.

## 1990s

**Robin Hathaway '96** is a Special Assistant United States Attorney in the office of the United States Attorney, District of Kansas.

**Scott Hartley '97**, art glass designer and owner of Infinity Art Glass, Benton, was recently honored at a reception and showing of "A Decade of Glass" at the Steckline Gallery at Newman University in Wichita. (See story on pages 6-7.)

**Do you have news?**



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## 2000s

**Jacob Maforo '02**, a philosophy and religious studies graduate and now a youth minister in his home country of Zimbabwe, has written a powerful article that is posted on [www.africaymca.org](http://www.africaymca.org) about the topic "Zimbabwe Youth Living a Life of Hiding on Foreign Soils."

**Angela (Pooler) Douglass '04**, a doctoral physics candidate at Baylor University, was selected to receive an Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award for 2009 at Baylor. Selection was based on student evaluations and recommendations from supervising faculty. The award includes the opportunity to attend the 2010 Teaching Professor Conference in Boston.

**Mary (Helsel) Kadau '06** has been selected to attend the 2010 Mickelson ExxonMobil Teachers Academy at the Liberty Science Center in Jersey City, N.J. Kadau is one of 200 teachers from around the country, selected by an elite panel of educators, attending the professional development program. Kadau is currently a third grade teacher at Whittier Elementary School in Winfield.

**Sandy Randel '07** completed certification training from Snap-On in

mechanical, electronics, and hytorq. She is the first female in the nation to successfully complete the torque certification program. Sandy is program administrator for Secondary Transition & Special Projects at Wichita Area Technical College.

**Shane Shields '07** has accepted the position of Wellington city clerk. Prior to this, Shane had been the Sumner county clerk for 13 years.

**Audry (Anderson) Annis '08** ran in the Valentine's Day Mercedes Marathon in Birmingham, Ala., with a time of 3:24.08. She took 15th place in the women's category out of 278 female runners, and 84th place overall out of 888 runners.

**Daniel Hawkins '08** has been hired as a management trainee at CornerBank.

**Kimberly Swartz '08** is a full-time seminary student working on her M.Div. at Saint Paul School of Theology while working as a student pastor just outside of Kansas City.

## 2010s

**Cassi Reimer '10** recently won the title of Miss Lawrence during a preliminary Miss Kansas pageant. She

graduated from SC in May with a major in physics and minors in mathematics, leadership studies and environmental studies, and will compete in the Miss Kansas competition in June.

## NOTES ON FRIENDS

**Aimee Campbell**, financial aid counselor, completed her Master of Science in Leadership degree at Southwestern College.

**Carrol Campbell**, Winfield, was recently honored as the 2010 Outstanding Dairy Producer of the Year, in a ceremony held at the World Ag Expo in Tulare, Calif.

**Mike Cole**, academic advisor and

affiliate faculty in Professional Studies, completed his MBA at Southwestern College.

**Kyle Coulter**, academic advisor in Professional Studies, married Amy Dunaway Jan. 2, 2010. He also completed his MBA at Southwestern College.

Faculty members **Phil Schmidt**, **Pat Ross** and Dean **Andy Shepard** were on the winning team (the Clubhouse Gang) at the CASA trivia night contest April 28 (also on the team were Southwestern graduates **Joe Muret '90** and **Seth Bate '93**). The team dedicated the evening's memory to their departed friend, team member, and faculty colleague **Dan Daniel**.

## BIRTHS

A daughter, Annie Jane, born Sept. 4, 2009, to **Eli and Amanda (Folck) Jantz '96 '97**. Annie joins brothers Jackson (9) and Jonah (8).

A son, Solomon Thomas Crispin-Schnepp, born Dec. 9, 2009, to **Jennifer Crispin '98 and Andrew Schnepp**. Solomon has a brother, Jefferson (4).

A daughter, Charlotte, born May 4,

2009, to **Molly (Schulte) '99 and Sean Novosad**.

A son, Eirick Snow Alford, born April 15, 2010, to **Shane '01 and Jenny Alford**, Olathe. Grandparents include **Steve '65 and Peggy Alford**.

A son, Price William, born July 29, 2009, to **Jason and Jessica (Robinson) Kindt '02**. Price has a sister, Katy Jo (4).



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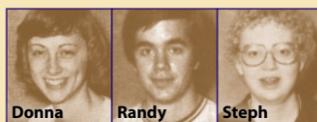
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**Wilma (Wills) Manka '35** died Aug. 17, 2009. She is survived by her son, Carl Manka.

**Elsie (Baty) Harp '37** died Jan. 22, 2010, at the age of 94. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Lloyd Harp '41**, and son, **Lawrence Harp '63**. Survivors include two daughters, **Marjorie (Harp) McClure '65** and **Margaret (Harp) Davie '66**, and daughter-in-law, **Susan (Kitch) Harp '62**.

**Raymond Henderson '37** died Feb. 6, 2010, at the age of 93. Ray was a dedicated music educator who spent 28 years teaching in Prescott, Ariz. Ray is best known for teaching band and orchestra at the high school level. Under his direction, his students were awarded 25 superior ratings at the annual Northern Arizona University music festival. In addition to teaching, he served two decades as music coordinator to Prescott Public Schools. Ray was preceded in death by his wife of 68 years, **Aleen (Gillespie) '38**.

**Alice Lucille "Lucy" (Robbins) Templer '37**, died April 24, 2010, in Lawrence. She and her husband, Woody, lived in Leoti from 1951 to 2007, when they moved to Lawrence. She is survived by her husband, daughter Patty Hart, and son **Bill Templer '70**.

**Maxine (Crow) Weiss '40** died March 10, 2010, at the age of 91. Maxine taught high school business for 32 years, 26 years at Alamosa High School. She retired in 1978. Her hobbies were reading and music, and she took great pride in her flower garden. Her husband of 54 years, Tommy, preceded her in death.

**Mildred (Demaree) Erhart '41** died Feb. 6, 2010, at the age of 90. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Ted '42**. Mildred loved music and spent a good portion of her life performing. She was an organist in the Episcopal

and Presbyterian churches for over 40 years. She also played the organ at the Jewish Synagogue for over 30 years. She sang lead or supporting roles in 24 operas as part of the Rio Grande Valley International Music Festival, of which she was the chief fundraiser for over 40 years. Mildred continued to support the arts at Southwestern College throughout her life by sponsoring scholarships for music students.

**Dorothy (VanGundy) Woodson '41** died Feb. 14, 2010, at the age of 90. Dorothy retired as a probate paralegal from the law firm of Jennings, Engstrand and Henrikson after 26 years. She also recently retired as organist of the San Carlos United Methodist Church. Dorothy was a lifelong musician, involved in local music programs since she moved to San Diego in 1944. Among survivors are her four children, Charles, Don, Ron and Shirley.

**C. Ray Baird '42** died April 9, 2010, at the age of 89. Ray was hired at what is now Pittsburg State University in 1947, serving six years as counselor. In 1953 he was appointed director of admissions and registrar. In 1968 he was appointed vice president, a position he held until his retirement in 1987. Ray was preceded in death by his wife, **Ann (Anderson) '42**. He is survived by his daughter Catherine Ann Baird.

**Barbara (Briscoe) Parsons '45**, Winfield, died Feb. 25, 2010. Her husband, Harley, and daughter **Virginia (Parsons) Buchanan '67** preceded her in death. She is survived by her daughter **Treva (Parsons) Andrea '69**.

**Rev. Howard West '48** died Feb. 1, 2010. A retired elder of the Central Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church, he was active in the Wichita Area Retired Ministers. He served as chairman of the local group and of the Kansas West Conference Retirees. Among survivors are his wife, **Gweneth (McDonald) '53**, and four daughters.

## Cecil Findley: Committed to Peace, Justice

**Cecil Findley**, a faculty member who influenced a turbulent generation, died peacefully at his Madison, Wis., home April 13, 2010, at age 80.

Findley was known as a teacher, mentor, and leader, and SC friends remembered him for his devotion to the ideals put forth in his favorite Bible verse, Amos 5:24: But let judgment run down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream.

Cecil devoted his career in the ministry to serving the needs of the downtrodden and fighting for justice for the disadvantaged. After starting a new parish in rural Kansas, he served three years as a missionary in higher education in the Philippines from 1963-1966. Upon his return to the United States in 1966, he began work in campus ministry at Wichita State University. While at Wichita State, he became a leader in the civil rights and anti-war movements. After serving in leadership roles in United Ministries in Higher Education, he spent the last 18 years of his career teaching religion at Southwestern.

While in seminary, Cecil met and married the love of his life, Helen (Farnham) Findley, who survives him after 55 years of marriage. Surviving family also include three sons and daughters-in-law, Brian (Kate), Keith (Susan), and Greg (Hayley). In 1995, Cecil and Helen retired and moved to Madison, Wisconsin, to be near grandsons.



## Master Builders

Masterbuilders from the Class of 2010 are (l. to r.) Thaddeus Carrena, Zack Conroy, Megan Martin, Tabatha McMullen, Matt Perkins, and Nathan Morrison.

**Patricia (Taylor) Rosecrans '51** died May 1, 2010. Patricia taught school for 32 years and helped on the family farm west of Winfield. She enjoyed traveling with her husband after retirement. Survivors include her husband **Bill '52**, daughter **Nancy Miller '90**, and son and daughter-in-law **Stephen and Diane (Cook) Rosecrans '77 '77**.

**Dale Mason '53** died Oct. 30, 2009. He had spent 45 years in construction as an architectural draftsman, estimator, inspector, project manager and administrator. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, **Joann (Haun) '55**.

**Glenford McDonald '57** died Jan. 9, 2010. Survivors include his wife of 46 years, Lucy, and two daughters, Dell and Pamela.

**Dick Powell '59** died Feb. 11, 2010. Among survivors are his wife of 50 years, Barbara, and a daughter, **Teri (Powell) Coble '84**.

**Alice (Pittaway) Bamberger '67** died Feb. 1, 2010. Alice pioneered the special education program for emotionally disturbed adolescents at the Larned State Hospital where she began her teaching career. She continued teaching in Lyons, Garden City, Pratt, and finally Wichita. She enjoyed her retirement years by being a world traveler. At her memorial service, she was remembered for her involvement and loyalty to Southwestern and the positive influence she had on many lives.

**Rev. Dr. Cynthia (Pellett) Ordway '74** died March 9, 2010 of cancer. Cynthia served as pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Weslaco, Texas, and volunteer chaplain at Knapp Medical Center. Previously, she served churches in Kansas, Nebraska, and New Jersey.

**Dale Wasson '81 '93** died March 15, 2010. Dale had a 33-year career in emergency medicine with the Winfield Area Emergency Medical Service and became director of

the Winfield Area EMS in 2003. He retired less than two months ago. He also enjoyed working with the Burden Police Department for the past six years as a deputy marshal. Survivors include his wife, Kelly, five children and 11 grandchildren.

**Bobby Hurd Sr. '83** died Jan. 14, 2010. Bobby worked for Agvantis as an application systems specialist. He was also the former coach of the Bulldogs junior football team. Among survivors are his wife, Jacquelyn, son Bobby Hurd Jr., and daughter Lucretia.

## DEATHS OF FRIENDS

**Christen Barta** died April 22, 2010 at the age of 36. She is survived by her parents **Richard and Peggy (Hill) Burkholder '69 '71**.

**Paul Brown** died April 19, 2010, at the age of 95. Among survivors are his daughters and sons-in-law, **Paula and Bill Stephens '63** and **Pamela and Gary Barnhart '60**, and grandchildren **Jill (Stephens) Schiltz '93** and **Andy Stephens '93**.

**Dr. Eloise De Lay Hayes**, a generous donor to Southwestern College, died May 6, 2009. At the time of her death, Hayes was an emeritus professor of education at the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

**Madge Hebb** died Jan. 27, 2010. Among survivors is her son **Joe Hebb '70**.

**Evelyn McKelvy** died March 28, 2010. Survivors include daughters **Janice (McKelvy) Goudy '62** and **Marilyn (McKelvy) Stout '64**.

**Joseph Mignone** died Jan. 29, 2010. Among survivors is his son **Lou Mignone '77**.

**Lois Torrance**, retired SC librarian and college supporter, died Jan. 31, 2010.

**David Wedel** died Jan. 13, 2010, at the age of 101.

# FACULTY & STAFF ACHIEVEMENT

**Kyle Coulter**, academic advisor in Professional Studies, graduated Leadership Midwest City on April 20. This annual leadership program is hosted by the Midwest City, Okla., Chamber of Commerce.

**Ken Crandall**, head football coach, presented “Special Teams Play – The Builder Way” to the Kansas State High School Football Coaches March 26.

**Pam Green**, assistant professor of education, presented at the Association of Teacher Educators (ATE) 2010 annual meeting in Chicago. On Feb. 15, she co-chaired the Network of Secondary Education Professors (NSEP) Special Interest Group (SIG). The topic was “Sharing Insights on Principles of Effective Secondary Instruction.” On February 16, she presented a thematic session with the topic “The Fourth ‘R’: Utilizing Technology as a Link to Bridge Theory and Practice.”

**Mike Harper**, assistant professor of philosophy, was selected as one of 18 participants to attend the Liberty and Markets Conference “Property

Rights, Economic Growth, and the Environment” in Miami, Fla., March 18–21 sponsored by Acton Institute in Grand Rapids, Mich., and Liberty Fund in Indianapolis, Ind. This conference explored the grounding of and roles of private property in furthering economic development through free market environmentalism.

**David Hofmeister**, chair of the Division of Education, served (at the request of the Kansas State Department of Education) as co-chair with an NCATE co-chair in the on-site review of Wichita State University’s teacher education program. Hofmeister also is chair-elect for the Kansas Association of Private Colleges of Teacher Education (KAPCOTE).

**Dan Liroy**, affiliate faculty in Professional Studies, is author of *Axis of Glory: A Biblical and Theological Analysis of the Temple Motif in Scripture* (New York: Peter Lang).

**Nili Luo**, professor of early childhood education, presented “Bridging Cross-Cultural Experiences: Integrating Immigrant Families Into U.S. School/Community Culture” at the 2010 Association for Childhood Education International (ACEI) Annual International Conference held in Phoenix, Ariz., on April 29. She also presented the book forum “Curriculum Development: Perspectives From Around the World” at the ACEI conference on April 30.

**Charles Lutz**, affiliate faculty in Professional Studies, attended the Association for Applied and Therapeutic Humor’s 23rd annual conference in Anaheim, Calif. (April 22–25). The Association for Applied and Therapeutic Humor (AATH) is an international community of professionals who incorporate humor into their daily lives. Lutz is president-elect of the group.

**Cindy Lynch**, affiliate faculty in Professional Studies, earned designation as a Certified Defense Financial Manager (CDFM). She was also elected president of the American Society of Military Comptrollers Okinawa Chapter.

**Matt O’Brien**, head men’s basketball coach, completed the NAIA Champions of Character Character Driven Coaching seminar. O’Brien’s “Player Ranking System” also was published in *Winning Hoops* magazine.

**Steve McNally**, lead instructor of Professional Studies, completed two courses offered by the Florida Crime Prevention Training Institute –the Basic Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) course and the Advanced CPTED course. McNally was awarded the three-year Florida CPTED Practitioner designation.

**Bin (Crystal) Peng**, assistant professor of computer science, attended the conference and chaired the “Computation and the Sciences” session at the 41st ACM Technical Symposium on Computer Science Education (SIGCSE2010) on March 10–13, 2010, in Milwaukee, Wis.

**Timothy Shook**, chair of the division of fine arts, was elected to leadership of MTNA (Music Teachers National Association). He will be director-elect for two years and then director for two years, following which time he will be on the MTNA Board of Directors.

**Matt Thompson**, assistant professor of religious studies, attended the Fourth Annual Theology Conference of the Western Fellowship of Professors and Scholars at Manhattan (Kan.) Christian College Oct. 16–17, and presented a paper, “Enacting the Eschaton: Soteriological Ramifications of Eucharistic Performance.” On Feb. 5, Thompson attended “Fresh Perspec-

tives in Pentecostal Eschatology: A Theology Symposium,” a symposium about a forthcoming book in which he have a chapter. He gave a talk, “Soteriological Implications of Pentecostal Eschatology,” describing the content of that chapter. Thompson attended the 39th annual meeting of the Society for Pentecostal Studies at North Central University, March 4–6 in Minneapolis, Minn. He was a respondent to three papers in a session titled “Eschatology and Environmentalism in a Pentecostal Context,” and, in another session, he presented his own paper, “The Greatest of These: The Theological Virtues and Pentecostal Soteriology.” Thompson also had three book reviews published.

**Stephen Woodburn**, professor of history, was a short-term scholar in April at the Kennan Institute of the Woodrow Wilson Center in Washington, D. C. This policy-oriented research center is devoted to Russia and the former Soviet Union. He used their databases of Russian journals and the Library of Congress to access recent works in Russian on the author Nikolai Danilevsky, whose book he is translating.

**Jennifer Woodruff Tait**, affiliate faculty in Professional Studies, attended and was a respondent for a panel at the American Society of Church History in January 2010

**Amy Yan**, systems analyst and programmer, presented “PowerCAMPUS Self-Service Integration Development” at 2010 SunGard Higher Education Summit.

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2010 Fassnacht Award winners are Nancy Morse, Professional Studies administrator; Allyson Moon, faculty, and (not shown) Amy Yan, campus administrator. Claudia Geer (right) received the United Methodist Exemplary Teacher Award.



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