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Shandi Floyd, valedictorian of the Class of 2012, gave non-traditional leadership to SC Commencement exercises May 6. Floyd completed her degree while working full-time in the college registrar's office. *Photo by Tyler Gaskill.*

SECOND COVER

Kimberly Rousseau '12, a marine biology major from Assyria, studies (and is studied by) a native of the college's biological field station study during a spring class at the station. *Photo by Terry Quiett '94.*

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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear friends,

About 10 years ago the college hired a company to come and shoot video of our campus and our people. We used the footage for a campaign video and for admission and marketing purposes.

We recently needed some footage for another purpose, so we pulled out those old videotapes. Two things jumped out at those of us who viewed the tapes. First, the physical appearance of the campus has changed (and improved!) dramatically, mostly as a consequence of your generous support for facilities improvements. Second, there is quite a parade of people, coming and going, in a typical year at Southwestern. Multiply that by 10 years, and the result is startling. How do we chart our course in the midst of so much change?

One of the great strengths of Southwestern is its ability to attract new people, capitalize on what they have to offer, and benefit from their ideas and creativity. An even greater strength of Southwestern and our people is our basic, deep clarity and agreement about the college's mission, traditions, and values. These strengths – and the tensions they create – define the college, and propel Southwestern forward, through the traditions of departure at Commencement to the traditions of welcome for new arrivals in the fall. Both are highlighted in this issue.

Thanks for all you do for the college.

Best regards,

Dick Merriman

Dick Merriman, *President*

ADMINISTRATION VIEWPOINT



Each spring all Professional Studies staff spend a day together in one place and this spring we held the summit in Winfield. A feature of the day was a presentation by Dawn Pleas-Bailey, vice president for student affairs, who invited several main campus students to join her. In honest and open responses, we learned what these students like (and do not like) about Southwestern College, heard of their struggles and successes, and learned lessons about dreams and aspirations.

We discovered that students, no matter their ages, backgrounds, or situations, have much in common. A staff member said, "Hearing from main campus students was a good reminder of how diverse the student body is. Our students come to us from many different directions and will leave here going in as many different ways."

"I related with them far more than I thought I would,"

another staff member reflected. "I enjoyed their honesty and willingness to talk about their own failures or weaknesses. I was very impressed with the quality of students at the main campus."

Already PS employees are thinking of ways to stay connected with main campus students. That might take the form of participation in career days, and we're talking about other options. "How fun to be a part of an organization that educates both of these very important learner segments," an administrator reflected.

I agree.

Best regards,

Pamela Monaco

Pamela Monaco, *Vice President for Professional Studies*

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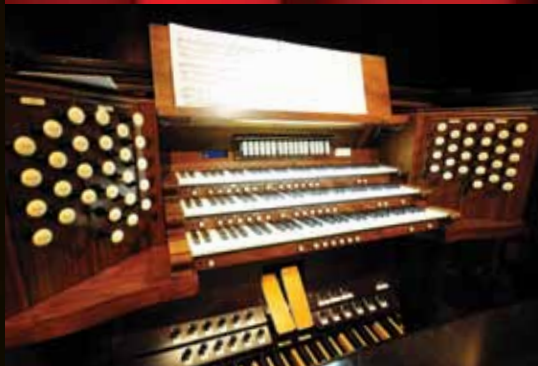
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Amen

This prayer was offered by R. Preston Price '67 at the April 21 re-dedication of the Richardson Performing Arts Center's Reuter Organ. A ribbon cutting was followed by a dedicatory concert featuring emeritus professor James Strand (2012 inductee into the Fine Arts Hall of Fame) and music faculty member James Leland. During the weekend's Founders Day celebration Dr. Leland was presented the college's Servant Leader award in recognition of his enthusiasm and expertise in helping guide the organ renovation project to a successful conclusion.



East Center escapes close call with tornado

Southwestern College East Professional Studies Center escaped with relatively minor damage after a tornado roared through Wichita April 14. The center, located at the corner of Pawnee and Rock Road, was in the direct path of the storm, and a convenience store to the south and apartments to the north of the center were also damaged.

Staff were displaced for nearly two weeks, working from home or in the West Wichita location at 3460 North Ridge Road while damage was cleaned up. Classes also met in the West center, though most Professional Studies learners study online and their instruction was not interrupted by the storm damage.

"It was amazing to see how well our staff coped with being displaced from our office," said Deb Stockman, associate vice president for Professional Studies. "They were real troupers and found very creative ways to still get their jobs done."

Restoration costs are expected to be shared by insurers of the college (which has extensively remodeled

the interiors of the buildings) and the building's owners, with the college's insurance covering around \$10,000 of the costs.

Some of the damage on the outside of the two buildings was obvious—a billboard fell onto the roof of the north annex, and air conditioning units were torn from their moorings on the main building. This allowed water damage in both sites. A car owned by Southwestern also was damaged, along with the center's street-side signage.

However, windows were intact so much of the center's interior had at least some protection from the elements. Air quality checks were performed after power was restored, and no environmental contamination was detected.

"There may be a true silver lining to this story as we are currently pricing new and updated street-side signage since it now definitely needs to be replaced," Stockman added. "Wouldn't it be fun if we came out looking even better after being through a tornado?"



SC Halls of Fame honor new inductees

APRIL 20-21, 2012

EDUCATORS HALL OF FAME (right): Andrew Brenn '01/'06 (Marilyn McNeish Special Education award), Anne Farmer '97, James Wilson '67. Katherine (White) Davidson '38/'56 (posthumous, accepted by her daughters).

LEADERS IN SERVICE HALL OF FAME FOR THE SOCIAL SCIENCES (below left): Eugene L. Lowry '55, Myrne (Richards) Roe '58, Larry D. Eason '55

FINE ARTS HALL OF FAME (below center): Jerry D. Thomas '81, Orcenith Smith (posthumous, accepted by Nancy Tredway '55), James Strand

BUSINESS HALL OF FAME (below right): Ronald Richardson '83, Teresa (Terri) Dalenta '87, Bob Redford (Business Builder Award)



Coach of the Year

In 1979, Kapaun Mount Carmel (Wichita) won the Kansas girls' basketball championship. The team was coached by **Marvin Estes '67**.

In March 2012, after more than three decades, Kapaun again won the state 5A championship, and once again the Crusaders were coached by Estes. He hadn't coached since that 1979 title, and this newest championship led to his designation as 2011-12 Kansas Girls Basketball Coach of the Year.

Estes was a longtime school administrator and superintendent (he had retired as superintendent of the Winfield school system in 2011) but he hadn't lost his ability to motivate an athletic team.

The Wichita Eagle quoted one of his senior players, Katie Andersen: "He believed in us from the start. None of us believed we could win a state championship, but going into it, he was motivating us. He told us a story — he was walking in the gym one day and he looked up at the state championship from 1979. He saw '12' right next to 1979, and when he looked up again, it was gone. Right then he knew we were going to win the state title. He's just one of those coaches who you bond with. It's really hard for me to leave him. I wish I would have had him for all four years. He's the best coach I've ever played for. Everyone on the team feels the same way."

SC junior named Newman Civic Fellow

Meeka Gentry, a junior at Southwestern College, has been named a Campus Compact Newman Civic Fellow. Gentry is one of only 162 students chosen from 32 states for this prestigious award. Students nominated demonstrate a personal commitment to creating lasting change in their communities through service, community-based research, and advocacy.

Gentry has focused her studies and activism on sexual trafficking. She has volunteered at a community safe house for abused women and children and has worked over the summers with children who are at risk for educational success. Her senior project will connect use of pornography to sexual trafficking. She plans to pursue counseling psychology in order to equip herself to make a difference for exploited women around the world.

"Meeka is an example of a student who is making the most of her college

experience," says Cheryl Rude, director of Leadership Southwestern. "We are confident she will be a force for good in the world and will be an asset to the community of Newman Civic Fellows."

Through service-learning courses and other opportunities for community engagement, colleges are developing students' public problem-solving skills, such as the ability to analyze community needs, the willingness to participate in public processes and debate, the commitment to raise awareness about challenges, and the ability to inspire others to become part of solutions.

"These students represent the next generation of public problem solvers and civic leaders. They serve as national examples of the role that higher education can, and does play in building a better world," notes Campus Compact board chair James B. Dworkin.

Media students top collegiate press

An SC student was named Yearbook Journalist of the Year and *The Collegian* earned a gold medal in the four-year private college newspaper division competition sponsored by the Kansas Associated Collegiate Press. The 2011 *Moundbuilder* staff received a bronze medal in the yearbook division.

April Middleton, Altamont, was the KCAP's Yearbook Journalist of the Year. She was recognized with a plaque and a \$250 cash prize during the organization's spring conference awards presentation April 16 in Salina. Middleton and Jordan Stalder, Chapman, are co-editors of the 2012 *Moundbuilder*, and the two took first in the yearbook theme development category.

Five other students earned eight additional individual awards for work they submitted which has been published on the *SCUpdate* online media

site and in *The Collegian*: Jonathan Woon, Malaysia, received second place and an honorable mention in news photography for four-year private newspapers. Erica Dunigan, Hutchinson, took third place honors in both feature and review writing. Clinton Dick, Kingman, earned honorable mentions in editorial writing and sports photography.

Carly Budd, Newton, earned an honorable mention in newspaper feature photography. Paige Carswell, class of 2011, took first place in sports column writing.

Five students from Southwestern College joined nearly 200 student journalists from 20 colleges and universities at the Ramada Conference Center in Salina April 15 and 16 for the annual two-day conference. Stacy Sparks, associate professor of journalism, serves on the executive board as secretary of KACP.

MASTERBUILDERS



(LEFT TO RIGHT) Molly Komlofske, Zach Castor, Taylor Kinnamon, Lucas McConnell, Caitlyn McCurdy. Not shown: Jacey Cullop.

Are you looking for that perfect camp for your child, grand-child or another great youth you know? Send them our way! A variety of summer camps would let your young person experience the specialness of Southwestern College. This summer will feature camps for volleyball, wrestling, speed and agility, and basketball. More information at sckans.edu/camps.

Several camps are offered at the beginning of the summer, and while you may have missed them this year, director of camps and conferences Julie Headrick can add you to the mailing list for next year. These include the SC/Rotary Leadership Camp, the Dr. George and Linda Cole Summer Music Festival, theatre camps, and tennis camps.

Also, do not forget about Southwestern this summer when you're

planning your family reunion, church retreat or business retreat or training. We have a variety of options for you including: housing, classroom and performance space, and food service. Call Headrick at 620-229-6141 or e-mail her at julie.headrick@sckans.edu.

The Institute for Discipleship (IFD) at Southwestern College has been awarded \$10,000 from the Moody Memorial Permanent Endowment Fund in Galveston, Texas, for the development of Youth Disciple Online (YDO).

According to Wilke, Steve Wilke, executive director of the IFD, this project will provide youth the opportunity to study and discuss the scriptures totally online. Gone will be some of the challenges due to schedules and

transportation. In addition, this format provides for groups to be international. The funding provides for the development of the study as it is moved from a printed manual to an online format, and for facilitator training and promotion.

To learn more about YDO, go to BeADisciple.com/youthdiscipleonline.

Leadership Southwestern has received a \$10,000 grant from the Kansas Volunteer Commission to design and implement a service hours tracking and database system. The system will be called Moundbuilder Connections, and should be ready to go live in the fall of 2012. It will allow all students at Southwestern to search out service opportunities in the community and will keep a profile record of individual student service hours that can be used upon graduation for job and graduate school applications.

Senior Leadership student, Scott Rethorst, served as the liaison between Southwestern IT and the database company to design the tracking system.

"This was a very large grant and a big win for the service learning programs at Southwestern College. It will help to move service efforts forward and provide better assessment of the current work taking place at the college," says Lindsay Wilke, associate director of Leadership Southwestern.

Several athletic training students were named to the the Kansas Athletic Trainers' Society (KATS) Honor Roll. Kelli Florio, Wichita, was first team; Kindell Copeland, Wichita, was second team. Honorable mentions went to Laken Campbell, Mulvane; Mallorie Coffman, Newton; Jamiee Grinstaff, Wichita; and Grant Trembly, Andover.

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ing into the future

Senior class president Lucas McConnell summed up the emotions of his fellow 2012 graduates when he spoke at baccalaureate May 6. "Southwestern has been more than an institution," he said, "it has been an instrument." Throughout Commencement weekend, these graduates were reminded that even though they are (as campus minister Ashlee Alley reminded them) "leaning into an uncertain future," that this ceremony is not the end of their journey. Dr. Douglas A. Penner, who was presented the Servant Leader Award during Honors Convocation, urged the seniors to find their true vocation — "where your true gladness meets the world's great need."



To see more photos and webcasts from Commencement 2012 visit sckans.edu/commencement



1940s

Genny (Jones) Newton '47 recently finished writing a book about her life called *Almost Heaven*. The book tells of the years she spent teaching in Protection and Harper, Kan., and her 50 years of teaching private lessons on piano and cello and living in Palmer Lake, Colo., for 35 years.

1950s

Joe '53 and Juanita (Hardy) Gil-laspie '52, who met while students at Southwestern, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary June 2 at the Rozel (Kan.) Community Building. Their children, **Jim '75**, Judy, and Jeff were hosts of the event.

1960s

Carl E. Martin '60 continues as interim co-pastor at the University Congregational Church on E. 29th Street North in Wichita, since Jan. 1, 2012. Carl is former campus chaplain and former president of Southwestern.

Russell O. Vail '63 won the 1600m race walk in the 70-74 age group for the State of Michigan at the Open and Masters Indoor Track and Field Championships on March 4, 2012, Bowen Field House, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, and will defend his outdoor metric mile title in June 2012. This is Russell's 21st All-State honor since high school in Plains, Kan. He says that based on his life-expectancy, he plans to go for 30. Winning must run in the family, as his daughter, DeLynne Siggaard, qualified for the Boston Marathon.

Peggy and Jerry Drennan '64 celebrated their 50th anniversary on May 6, 2012. They were joined by the families of their sons, **Steven '91** and Mark.

Leon Burtnett '66, a coach for almost five decades, has been selected to coach the safeties at the University of Montana. He began his career at the high school level before moving to the college ranks in 1969. Some of his coaching career highlights include the years he was head coach at Purdue from 1982-86, during which time he was named Big Ten Coach of the Year, and from 1987-91, when he spent five seasons with the Indianapolis Colts.

Larry Jantz '67 was recognized by the KSHSAA (Kansas State High Schools Activities Association) for 40 years of officiating a number of sports, before the Boys 1A Division II basketball finals in Hays in March 2012. Jantz was also a TV announcer for the broadcast of the two final championship games.

Diane (Casey) Backus '68, a retired teacher in Kansas City, Kan., and a longtime volunteer for the Humane Society of the greater Kansas City area and foster mother for abandoned kittens, has been given the KARSP (Kansas Association of Retired School

Personnel) Distinguished Service Award for contributing over 3,000 hours with the Humane Society. Diane also runs a socializing program for feral colony cats in rural Kansas City. These cats are spayed and neutered and then released to a Barn Program which provides cats to area farmers.

Nancy (Haines) Parker '68, retired systems analyst, attended the Colorado Capital Conference in Washington, D.C., in June 2012. This non-partisan opportunity was designed to give 100 Colorado residents and students an enhanced understanding of the federal legislative process as well as how to positively affect public policy.

1970s

Carl Metzger '71 has retired from his position of city manager for Ankeny, Iowa. He was recognized for 27 years of dedicated service to the citizens of Ankeny and his steady leadership on behalf of the city council.

Stan Boggs '76 was elected to the Kansas High School Coaches Association, serving as second vice president.

1980s

Jim Robinson '80 represented his late father, **Forrest Robinson '44**, in a Krakow (Poland) ceremony April 18, 2012. Forrest was recognized for his contribution to Holocaust education and was posthumously presented a medal of honor at the Krakow Opera House on the eve of Holocaust Remembrance Day honoring members of the Allied Forces who liberated the concentration camps during WWII. The program was primarily for the donors and organizers of the International March of the Living. The two-mile march was from Auschwitz to Birkenau. Over 10,000 students participated along with a delegation of dignitaries from Israel.

Joe Cobb '83 and Leigh Anne Taylor are co-authors of *Our Family Outing: A Memoir of Coming Out and Coming Through*. This is the story of a gay man, a straight woman and their journey through marriage, children, coming out, divorce, healing, reconciliation, and creating a new way of being a family. The book is available online and through the authors at www.ourfamilyouting.com.

Tom McNeish '83 was sworn in as mayor of Winfield on April 16, 2012, making this his fourth year to serve as mayor since being elected to the Winfield City Commission in 2001.

Joni (Matthews) Davis '84 is the director of health care services for The Homestead at Montrose, a part of Volunteers of America.

1990s

Chaplain (Capt.) Kent A. Lundy '90 was selected Company Grade Officer of the Year at the Airmen of the Year Awards for the 122nd Fighter

Wing, Indiana Air National Guard in Fort Wayne, Ind., on Dec. 3, 2011. Rev. Lundy is a full-time United Methodist pastor serving the Columbia City UMC.

Charles Osen '94, news bureau coordinator for Southwestern College, broadcasted the Kansas State High School Athletic Association's Class 4-1A state soccer finals and third place game on FoxSportsMidwest.com on Nov. 5, 2011. The game was played at Richard L. Jantz Stadium.

Stephen Butler '97 was February's Corner Bank's Community Cornerstone Award recipient in Arkansas City. His musical talents are well-known throughout the community. As well as serving on the board of Family Life Services, he has shared his musical talents for fundraising purposes and community events, and is involved with Habitat for Humanity and the Arkansas City Arts Council.

Darian Dulin '97 has resigned as Coffeyville Community College head football coach to become the new defensive coordinator at Abilene Christian University, Abilene, Texas.

Christopher Burley '98 left his position with Defenders of Wildlife in Washington, D.C., in March to accept a position as the New Mexico state digital director for the Obama 2012 campaign, Obama for America Albuquerque office.

2000s

Cassandra Conley '00 graduated in November 2011 with a Master of Arts in Teaching from Baker University.

Donald A. Stephenson '01 is a deputy program manager for Sprint AeroSystems, business jets. He is also certified with the Program Management Institute.

Angela (Pooler) Douglass '04 has completed a Ph.D. degree in physics at Baylor University. Her dissertation research was in the field of dusty plasmas (a subfield of space physics). She's accepted an assistant professor position in the physics department at Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Ark., that will start this fall.

Sarah Kallail '05 and **Thomas Castor '08** performed in *Gridiron* at the Orpheum Theatre in Wichita. Gridiron is sponsored by the Kansas Pro Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists for the purpose of raising funds for journalism scholarships for Kansas college students. Each year, Gridiron awards \$10,000 in scholarship money.

Cody Sims '06 has been named the new economic development/grant writer for the city of Wellington. Cody is a business science grad from Southwestern College and has a master's degree in public administration from Wichita State University.

Rachel Pollock '07 has completed a Ph.D. in physics at the University of Maine. Her dissertation research involved neutron scattering studies of mesoporous silica.

Jason Maisog '08 is teaching sixth grade social studies at Southwest Middle School in Lawrence, and is the assistant wrestling coach at Lawrence High School.

Alex Gottlob '09 taught a Landscaping 101 class at Bradbury Kitchen and Home in Winfield in March 2012. Alex also was the first recipient of the Young Professionals of Cowley County Rising Star Award. Award winners are highly active in the community, committed to making a difference, and involved in Young Professionals Cowley.

2010s

Mark Acklin '10 has taken his next career move after retiring from the United States Air Force in August 2011. He has moved to Longmont, Colo., where he is working for FirstBank.

Polina Dyadyk '10 has been accepted to the Southwestern College Master of Business Administration program (fall 2012).

Jeremy M. Higgs '10 was recently quoted in an article, "Reproductive Biology of the Finetooth Shark (*Carcharhinus isodon*) in the Northern Gulf of Mexico: a Preliminary Assessment" by the University of Southern Mississippi, Gulf Coast Research Laboratory, Center for Fisheries Research and Development in Ocean Springs, Miss.

Jessica Whitley '10 has been accepted to the Wichita State University Master of Social Work program (fall 2012)

Lea (Shores) Johnson '11 is staff writer for the Peterson Air Force Base *Space Observer* in Colorado Springs. Lea's Feb. 21 article, "Warrior Stories Provide Voice for Airmen," was picked up by the Associated Press and condensed versions of it have run on various news stations and their websites nationwide. You can read the original story at www.peterson.af.mil/news/stroy.asp?id=123290793

Jeremy D. Jones '11 recently had an article published in *Navy Medicine* titled "Are You Ready for the PFA?" PFA refers to the Navy physical fitness assessment. Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Jones holds a Master of Science degree and is a National Academy of Sports Medicine certified physical trainer.

Joe Nelson '11 has been nominated for the highly competitive Distinguished Teacher Award. Joe is a fourth year teacher at West High School in Wichita. He received his master's degree from Southwestern College and is currently pursuing a master's in counseling at Wichita State.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

FACULTY & STAFF

Michelle Adler, Christine Rogers, and **Sheryl Erickson**, assistant professors in SC's Dole Center for Teacher Education, presented on March 30, 2012, at the Association of Teacher Educators-Kansas (ATE-K) spring conference on the campus of Emporia State University. The conference theme was "Working Smarter: Creating a Global Community of Learners." Adler's presentation topic was, "I Don't Understand Him: Working Through Conflicts With Male Students." Rogers and Erickson collaborated to present two different sessions: "Wanted: Engaged Brains" and "Rethinking Praise: How 'You're So Smart' is Interpreted as 'I'm So Dumb'." **Pam Green**, associate professor in SC's Dole Center for Teacher Education, is president-elect of ATE-K.

Jennifer Cady, affiliate faculty in Professional Studies, is author of an article selected for publication in the peer reviewed journal *The Advocate*. Title of the article is "Combating Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder Through the Integration of the Multiple Intelligences."

Richard Cowlshaw, associate professor of biology, and **Michael Tessmer**, professor of chemistry, had the article "Time for Slime" published in the December 2011 issue of *Science and Children*. The article was based on inquiry activities they developed for elementary school age children utilizing a digital microscope. The goal of their work is to help students connect the microscopic world to macroscopic observations they make.

Bill DeArmond, professor of mass communications and film, is author of "The House on Privet Lane," a short story published in the March issue of *The Realm Beyond*. DeArmond's book of poetry, *Silence Before the Storm*, was released by Lulu Publishing in January.

Tracy Frederick, professor of speech, presented several papers in Cambridge, Mass., during the spring. At the American Society for the History of Rhetoric she read "Women for a Cause: The Rhetoric of Women of the Abolition Movement." For the Eastern Communication Association Frederick presented "Women in Music Video: Social Influence of Third Wave Feminist Agenda," "A Reluctant Voice: Zu Adams Speaks to the Kansas Women's Press Club April 10, 1902," "Communicating Identity: Parenting Your Parent," and "Feminizing the Pulpit: Feminine Style and the Religious Rhetoric of Joyce Meyer."

Pam Green, associate professor of teacher education, gave a conference presentation Feb. 14 at the ATE (Association of Teacher Educators) 2012 Annual Meeting in San Antonio. The presentation was titled

"Learning to Teach While Teaching to Learn: Collaborating to Enhance Secondary-Level Pedagogical Preparation" On Feb.13, 2012, as co-chair for the Network of Secondary Education Professors (NSEP) Special Interest Group (SIG) session at the 2012 ATE annual meeting, she gave a joint presentation with Dr. Tammie Brown (Middle Tennessee State University) which addressed "Creating a Global Community of Learners by Utilizing the Common Core Standards while Influencing and Improving Teaching Pedagogy in Secondary Education."

Shelly Hoffman, affiliate faculty in Professional Studies, successfully applied for three grants to help students in her elementary schools achieve better nutrition. A physical education teacher at Franklin Elementary in Wichita, Hoffman established Operation Fruit Basket with a \$1,000 grant from Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas. Each week Hoffman brought fresh fruit to help students in her high-poverty school learn more about nutritious foods. This year she continued with a \$1,000 grant from the Wichita Health and Wellness Coalition and was awarded \$17,500 by the United States Agriculture Department and the Kansas State Department of Education. The funds allowed the school to offer Franklin's 350 students fresh fruits and vegetables as many as four times a week on top of the federal lunch and breakfast program.

Timothy Shook, professor of music and chair of performing arts, has been elected to be on the board of directors of NASM and will represent the college accreditation concerns for District 3 (Midwest). Shook and three students (**Nick Hofmeister**, **Erin Buster** and **Dylan Moore**) attended the MTNA national conference in New York City, March 23 – 28, and Shook was installed as one of seven members of the board of directors for the association of 24,000 members. He will be the spokesperson for the collegiate forum (collegiate members). Shook also was named one of 14 2012 Fellows of the International Conference of Fine Arts Deans and will participate in the 2012 ICFAD conference to be held in Minneapolis, Minn., Oct. 24-27.

Michael Tessmer, professor of chemistry, had a chapter included in the book *Science Stories: Using Case Studies to Teach Critical Thinking* published in January 2012 by the National Science Teachers Association. The chapter was titled "PCBs in the Final Frontier" and involves a case about the global transport of PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyls).

STUDENTS

Several athletic training students passed the National Board of Certification exam on the first try and will be starting the next phase of their



Allyson Moon: Kopke Award Winner

Allyson Moon, associate professor of theatre and speech, exhorts new graduates in remarks that followed announcement of her selection as recipient of the Charles H. and Verda R. Kopke Distinguished Teaching Award. In addition to her teaching duties, Moon has been instrumental in developing the college's assessment procedures and coaches the Nine Lives improv troupe.

careers as certified athletic trainers: **Kindell Copeland**, Wichita, will be attending Wichita State University to earn a doctorate in physical therapy degree; **Kelli Florio**, Wichita, will be a graduate assistant athletic trainer at Creighton University where she will earn a master's degree and be responsible for athletic training responsibilities of the women's soccer and softball teams; **Megan Kerns**, Dodge City, will be working in the high school setting next year.

The Southwestern College **Athletic Training Education Program** (ATEP) won a letter writing competition against all the other ATEPs in the state of Kansas. 100% of SC's students wrote e-mails to the governors of their home states to help educate them on the athletic training profession. Kansas Athletic Trainers' Society (KATS) presented a check to the Southwestern College Athletic Trainers' Society (SCATS) for \$100.

Two athletic training students will have practica during the summer: junior **Tiffany Rodgers**, Lewisville, is completing a practicum with Derby High School this summer, and junior **Laken Campbell**, Mulvane, is completing a practicum with the Kansas Orthopedic Center. She will be gaining experience in the rodeo setting as an athletic training student.

Southwestern College **men's basketball** has received the 2012 Buffalo Funds Five Star Champions of Character Team Award. The award is issued to one college team in each sport that exemplifies character and sportsmanship during practice, competition, on campus, and in the community.

Matthew Berthot, graduate student, presented the Musical Theatre Ensemble in the first Builder Broadway in Richardson Performing Arts Center on May 4 as a final project for one of his graduate courses. He was chosen as the outstanding

graduate student to present his project at the 2012 SC Honors Convocation.

Katie Bipes '12 has been accepted to the Johns Hopkins University, School of Nursing, to start the accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing program. At the end of the 13-month program she will be a registered nurse. Upon completion of that program, she is already accepted and will then begin the Master of Science in Nursing to become a pediatric nurse practitioner.

Katie Bipes, **Ariel Prevett**, and **Xiaoqing Yao** presented their research at the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association Conference in Reno, Nev., during April: Bipes, "Investigating the Lost Key Phenomenon"; Prevett, "College Students' Attitudes Toward Interracial Couples"; Yao, "A Study in the Differences between Chinese and American Thought Processes."

Jasmine Jackson '12 was selected as the outstanding undergraduate music student and presented a vocal solo performance at the 2012 SC Honors Convocation.

Six Southwestern College **music students** were accepted into the Kansas Intercollegiate Orchestra, a program of the Kansas Music Educators Association. The Moundbuilders joined college students from across the state in practices and concerts in Wichita Feb. 23 and 24. Included were **Tanner Seidel**, trumpet; **Jeff Adams**, horn; **Nick Hofmeister**, percussion; **Tiffany Rea**, violin; **Hannah Schrag**, viola; and **Nathan Johnson**, bass.

Caitlin McCurdy '12 has been accepted to Bowling Green State University Master of Arts program in higher education and student affairs/college student personnel (fall 2012).

Ariel Prevett '12 has been accepted to the University of Denver master's in counseling program (fall 2012).

Betty Lu (Lynn) Mossman ’36, died March 14, 2012, in Hot Springs Village, Ark. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Dr. Hobart F. Mossman ’37**, and a son, **Stuart Lynn Mossman ’89**. Survivors include her daughter, Martha Lynn (Mossman) Smither.

Helen E. (Callison) Lowrey ’38 died March 30, 2012 in Winfield, Kan. Helen is survived by her children, Lorraine Morton and Alvin Lowrey. She was preceded in death by her husband, **John B. Lowrey ’39**.

L. Wendell Hays ’41 died Feb. 22, 2012, in Wichita, Kan. He was preceded by his wife of 53 years **Frances (Robinson) Hays ’40**. He is survived by sister **June (Hays) Lindsey ’38**; son **Larry ’64 Hays ’65**; daughter Susan (Clark) Ensz; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Dorothy May (Nelson) Sheneman ’42 died April 15, 2012 in Winfield, Kan. She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter Sheneman. Dorothy is survived by her son, Gary Sheneman.

Lawrence V. Klein ’43 died March 20, 2012, in Calico Rock, Ark. Lawrence spent his life teaching and coaching, along with being active in community affairs. He is survived by two sons, Brent Klein and Ron Klein.

JC Fikes ’48 died April 22, 2012. He is survived by his wife of over 65 years, **Virginia (Roberts) ’46**, and their son, Jay Fikes.

Roanna Mae (Argo) Doughten ’50 died March 10, 2012 in Arkansas City, Kan. Survivors include her husband, John Doughten and children, Deanna Kuder, Joyce Thompson, David Doughten, Cheryl Oldham, and Vicki Ballinger.

Donald E. Overstake ’50, Winfield, died Jan. 25, 2012. Don served in the military in the Philippines and Guam. He retired as an engineer after 35 years at Boeing. He was preceded in death by his wife, **Miriam (Deskin) Overstake ’50**. Don is survived by a son, Donald A. Overstake.

Philip S. Miller ’52 died April 21, 2012 in Winfield. He is survived by his wife, Alene (Graham) Miller and his children, **Douglas A. ’77** and **Marilyn Miller ’79**, Linda B. (Miller) Copeland and husband **Tim Copeland ’92**, and **David ’83** and **Sara (Miller) Pines ’79**.

Leta Beth (Wise) Wheeler ’55 died Jan. 22, 2012, in Douglass, Kan. Leta began teaching at age 17 in Mead Creek and Mt. Hope. Later she was assistant funeral director for Wheeler Funeral Homes in Burden, Cedar Vale, and Winfield. Leta is survived by her husband, James Wheeler, four children and 11 grandchildren.

Phyllis J. (Hill) Potter ’57 died March 11, 2012, in Winfield. Survivors include her husband, **Raymond Potter ’55**, and her son, Stan Potter. She was preceded in death by her son **Ray Potter Jr. ’78**.

Gerald L. Cullop ’58 died March 3, 2012, in Sterling, Kan. After graduating from Southwestern College and Western State in Gunnison, Colo, he served in the Korean War in the U.S. Marine Corps. Gerald is survived by his wife, **Carolyn (Fulton) Cullop ’54**, and his children, Jerry Cullop and Sally (Cullop) Peterson. His granddaughter, **Jacey Cullop ’12**, graduated in May from Southwestern College.

Dr. Gordon Von Stroh ’63 of Highlands Ranch, Colo., died March 14, 2012. He was a business professor at the University of Denver and for 30 years authored a closely-followed quarterly survey of regional apartment vacancies and rents. Survivors include his wife of 35 years, Rev. Dr. S. Patrice Von Stroh, and children Christina Von Stroh, Jonathan Von Stroh, and Justin Von Stroh.

Ruth M. (Bergdall) Ehmke ’67 died Feb. 21, 2012, in Winfield. She was a teacher and homemaker. She was preceded in death by her husband, Don Ehmke. Ruth is survived by four children, **Keith Ehmke ’69**, Kim Ehmke, Karen Bethune, and Sue Kennedy.

Rebecca E. “Becky” Moore ’69, widow of Douglas R. Moore, dean of students and assistant professor of psychology at Southwestern College in the 1960s, died Feb. 15, 2012, at her home in Redlands, Calif. After leaving SC, Doug Moore went on to become president of the University of Redlands, where his wife was an en-

thusiastic supporter of the school and the community. She is survived by her children Sarah Clayton, Douglas Moore Jr., Mark Moore, a granddaughter, Abigail Moore, and her sister, Mary Louise Gipson.

Gene Littell ’71 died Feb. 26, 2012, at the Winfield Veterans Home. He is survived by his wife, **Ruth Littell ’69**, daughter **Eadie (Littell) McLain ’73/ ’92**, and son **Jim Littell ’77**.

Daniel James Dickey ’87 died Oct. 19, 2011, in Fort Myers, Fla. Danny attended Southwestern on a track and field scholarship and received All-America honors in the hammer throw. He spent most of his time teaching and coaching children and had a great love for animals. He is survived by his wife, Chris Brooks Dickey.

Chief Master Sgt. Robert Hoyt, SC Professional Studies student, died Jan. 21, 2012, at Ellsworth Air Force Base in South Dakota. He is survived by a wife and daughter.

Christopher Fleck, SC Professional Studies student, died March 19, 2012, in Litchfield, Ohio. Survivors include his wife, Meka, and his children, Kami and Jordan.

DEATHS OF FRIENDS

Mary “Jean” (Livingston) Boggs died April 9, 2012 in Augusta, Kan. Survivors include her husband, Robert Boggs, her daughter, Pam Boggs, and her son and his wife, **Stan ’76** and **Pat (Regnier) Boggs ’76**.

Dr. Edward Lee Dubowsky died March 15, 2012, in Winfield. Dr. Dubowsky taught at Southwestern College for over 33 years, retiring in 1994. He is survived by his wife, Juanita Dubowsky, and children, David Dubowsky and **Sondra Dubowsky ’89**.

Lorraine Dungan, widow of **Earl Dungan ’40**, died Jan. 21, 2012. She is survived by her children, **Douglas Dungan ’74** and **Rebecca (Dungan) VanBlaricon ’71**.

Dorothy S. (Schneider) Froning died March 9, 2012, in Wichita, Kan. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Harold Froning ’26**.

Gerry Kaste, mother of **Theodore Kaste ’87**, died Feb. 25, 2012, in Manhattan, Kan. Gerry worked at Southwestern as a secretary in the offices of admission and dean of students from 1977 until the early 1980s. She was a secretary for **Dr. Benn Gibson ’61** and later went to work at the Osteopathic Clinic in Winfield for **Dr. Don Gibson ’61**.

David W. Lowe died March 30, 2012, from injuries received while working on his farm. He is survived

Forrest Robinson: Servant Leader

Rev. Dr. Forrest James Robinson Sr., Winfield, died March 1, 2012. Forrest had a remarkable life, one that was intertwined with Southwestern College. It was at Southwestern that he met **Betty Jean Matthews**, and the two were married for 64 years until her death in December 2010. He also was inducted into Southwestern’s Leaders in Service Hall of Fame for the Social Sciences in 2011.

A member of SC’s Cass of 1944, he was deployed to the European Theater with the 104th Infantry Division during World War II. The liberation of the Mittelbau-Dora concentration camp left a profound mark on his life. Later in life Forrest bore witness to the atrocities of the Holocaust, giving 111 presentations to various groups from North Carolina to California. The last such presentation to a group of more than 400 high school students occurred the day before his stroke. In a memorial guestbook one wrote, “I am a student at Kapaun-Mount Carmel and Dr. Robinson came to speak at our school a few days before he passed. His talk was so inspiring and at the end he was given a standing ovation by the entire student body. His life was spent in service to others and was not wasted.” Another wrote, “Mr. Robinson, your speech included some of the most inspiring things I have ever heard. By the end of your presentation, you had me in tears. Thank you so much for coming to my school and telling us the things you did. I am honored that I live in a country where people like you serve everyone for the greater good.”

After the war and a successful career in business, Forrest was called to full-time ministry. He served United Methodist Churches in the Catskill Mountains of New York, Wichita, Derby, Winfield, and Johnson, Kan.

In the 1960s and 1970s he was involved in the civil rights movement. In 1974, while serving the First United Methodist Church in Wichita and in the aftermath of Watergate, he felt compelled to bring a voice of integrity to politics. He ran for the Republican Party nomination for governor. Subsequently, he served as the state’s first Secretary of the Department of Aging and the Kansas representative to the Ozarks Regional Commission. Later, he worked as a fund raiser for Southwestern College and served as its interim president in the early 1980s.

He resumed a full time ministry and then served as the Executive Director of the Kansas Area United Methodist Foundation. Forrest was involved in many community and social activities; he was a founder of the Winfield Habitat for Humanity. He is survived by his children: **Forrest James Robinson Jr. ’80** and Robin Joy Ullbarri; and and six grandchildren. Memorials include Southwestern College.



by his wife, Brenda, and children Brandon, **Kirsta (Lowe) Kalkwarf ’98**, and **Lucretia ’03**.

Ellen Martin, mother of **Rev. John Martin ’70**, died Feb. 5, 2012. She was an active member of the Winfield community for over 70 years. John is the current pastor of Grace United Methodist Church in Winfield.

Jennie L. Parris died April 7, 2012 in Alton, Ill. Jennie was a secretary for Southwestern College before moving to Alton. She is survived by her children, Jeri Freeman, Laura Underwood, and Bruce Parris.

Glendoris (Lembke) Rash died April 7, 2012 in Winfield. Glennie and her husband, Ross, were great supporters of Southwestern College. She is survived by her husband, Ross Rash, and her daughter, Kristen (Rash) McReynolds.

Dr. Sheryl Riney, former graduate program professor at Southwestern College, died March 3, 2012. She is survived by her husband, Doug Riney and son, D. Paul Riney Jr.

Gary Simmons died Feb. 12, 2012, in Burden, Kan. He worked for Cessna Aircraft until his retirement in 2005. Gary is survived by his wife, **Sue (Nichols) Simmons ’66**, who had been director of human resources and of summer camps and conferences before her retirement.

William A. Taylor III died March 7, 2012, in Winfield. Bill practiced law and served as the Cowley County counselor for more than 37 years. He is survived by his wife, **Marilyn (Tadtman) Taylor ’99** and his children, Stephen and Adriene.

Linda Cole: Festival namesake embodied enthusiasm

Linda Marie Cole, wife of emeritus trustee Dr. George Cole ’63 and a long-time supporter of Southwestern College and its programs, died early in the morning of March 20, 2012, in Dallas. Linda was a registered nurse who later perfected techniques in healing that benefited her friends around the world. Linda and George were married in 1981 and they grew together as they developed their business and professional life.

Throughout her life, she worked very hard to excel in whatever she was doing. Linda became an avid golfer, and she had a perfect swing. She became an accomplished instrument pilot, and once piloted a twin-engine airplane across 600 miles of water from Jamaica to Aruba. In 2003, an engine fire caused a forced landing in which she sustained a spinal cord injury. After recovery



from the surgery, she continued her schedule using a walker, canes, a scooter, or whatever it took to get around. She was very active in the organized associations of their profession, and she served as president of the Advocates for the American Osteopathic Association in 2007-2008.

Linda and George enjoyed cruising with Princess, and on 35 cruises they went almost around the world. Their home

is decorated with memorabilia of the many trips.

Linda and George also have been enthusiastic supporters of Southwestern College. Their vision of wanting to provide a summer music camp experience for young people made the George and Linda Cole Summer Music Festival possible, and the festival is now in its

fifth year. Their ongoing underwriting support and continuing involvement in this project has continued the experience for hundreds of young musicians. Supporting Southwestern College and the Cole Summer Music Festival is just part of a continuing family tradition: the Cole name lives in several locations across campus: Cole Hall, the Cole Mound, Cole Elevator Addition in Christy Administration Building, and on six endowed Cole family scholarships.

Her greatest love was her family. In addition to her husband, she is survived by children, Jackie and Clay, and stepchildren Spencer and Missy, as well as four grandchildren.



BIRTHS

A son, Judah Rimu Philip, born April 11, 2012, to **Jeremy Finney and Jane Perkins-Finney**. Grandparents include **Jim and Susan (Bogner) Finney ’77**.

A daughter, Salena Yvonne, born Feb. 3, 2012, to **Barton and Julie (Leonard) Oestreich ’92**. Salena has a sister, Samantha (2) and two brothers, Isaac (11) and Kelly (32).

A son, Jonah Craig, born Nov. 22, 2011, to **Bryan ’93 and Julie (Pettey) Davis ’93**. Jonah was wel-

comed home by siblings Glynne (17), Ally (15), Emma (13), Landon (11), Kate (8), Isaac (7), and Jackson (4). Other Moundbuilder family members include grandparents **Tom ’68 and Candy (Batt) Pettey ’68**, and uncle and aunt **Brian ’96 and Kristen (Martin) Pettey ’98/’02**.

A daughter, Allyson Faith, born Feb. 9, 2012, to **Sarah (Cox) ’00 and Michael Brogdin**. Allyson has a sister, Kristin (6) and a brother, Garrett (3).

A son, Bode Dawson, born Jan.

26, 2012, to **Seth and Christin (Schmidt) Parrish ’01**.

A daughter, Abigail Renee, born Jan. 22, 2012, in Glen Ellyn, Ill., to **Karen (Wilder) ’02 and Timothy Archbold**.

A daughter, Logan Amelia, born July 24, 2012, to **Daniel ’08 and Ericka (Franklin) Joiner ’09**.

A daughter, Ame, born March 9, 2012, to **Sean and Ame (Walter) Nelson ’10**.



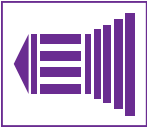
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