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Homecoming 2014 brought out all ages for a day of reconnection and introduction. Brent Wolf '03 helps son Leo prepare a rock for the Mound. More photos are on page 5. (Photo by Susan Burdick.)

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Timothy Myers '00 conducts the North Carolina Orchestra – see the story on pages 6 and 7. (Courtesy photo)

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FROM THE PRESIDENT



A few weeks ago two seniors stopped by the office to see me. They had big news. Both had landed jobs in accounting some six months before they were scheduled to graduate. Their first full-time positions are ready and waiting, in Dallas and in Topeka. They were so

pleased and proud, and they were very vocal about the great encouragement and support they had received from our business faculty and student life staff. Who knew accounting could be so exciting? It was great! We know that a great college education is about much more than getting a job, but with so much attention being paid to the cost of going to college, it's important for parents, friends, and alumni to know that the college is on the case concerning career preparation or, for our working adult students, professional advancement.

We are still working to find good ways to gather feedback from adult learners about the career advancement impact of their studies at Southwestern. Much of what we know is anecdotal. Each year we survey our recent main campus graduates to find out what they're doing and how well

prepared they were for the next steps in their lives. Over the period from 2008-2013 – a very difficult period for the American economy – a little under half of recent graduates were pursuing advanced study for a graduate degree, and a little more than half were employed. Very few survey respondents during this period – under 5% – reported being neither employed nor enrolled in further studies. Further improvement in the college's career-focused work, along with an improving economy, should brighten this picture even a bit more going forward. It's worth noting that our young alumni who are in graduate school are especially satisfied with the preparation they received at Southwestern.

This issue features profiles of the work and life achievements of a few of our young alumni. I think you'll enjoy learning about these great young Builders.

Thanks for all you do for Southwestern!

Best regards,

Dick Merriman

Dick Merriman, *President*

ADMINISTRATION VIEWPOINT



As dean of students one of the hats I wear is director of our career services. That means if someone is looking for part-time wait staff or for help unloading a moving truck they call the Office of Student Life and Pat Boggs, our wonderful office administrator, makes sure the word gets out.

Preparing Moundbuilders for future careers, though, is a campus-wide effort. We stress the importance of internships, and internship coordinator Jim McEwen connects employers and undergraduates through this vital step. Two career fairs each year bring employers to campus to talk to prospective employees, and we've partnered with web service CareerBeam to make available the best career

development information and research tools. And every faculty member helps students work toward the goal of a meaningful professional life.

Southwestern College is a great place to go to school, partly because we work hard to make sure our students are ready for the next step in their lives. Email me if you'd like more information – dan.falk@sckans.edu.

Thank you,

Dan Falk

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Career search software helps Moundbuilders build futures

By Jessica Schlageck
PS Social Media/Public Relations Coordinator

When 90 percent of Professional Studies students are online how does the college assist them in their job search after they have earned their degrees? Knowing the challenges our new graduates face, Southwestern College Professional Studies found the answer to this question in a partnership with KNOXX, a career networking platform created by Wichita-based firm Insights Career Consulting.

“Candidates who have just a minute or two of the company’s ear often feel they could convince an employer that they are worthy of attention if employers understood them better,” said Mike Mathia, founder of Insights Career Consulting.

SC’s Professional Studies is currently the exclusive educational institution partnering with KNOXX. This gives Moundbuilders an edge others don’t have when it comes time to put their credentials in front of potential employers.

“Many Southwestern student and alumni candidates will now have the eyes and ears of prospective employers

focused on them and as a result will have the additional visibility necessary to discover the right opportunity,” Mathia said.

The platform combines job search and social networking formats. The user creates a profile and attaches a resume. They have the option to add a photo or a 60-second video. An “About Me” section gives the candidate the opportunity to showcase personality and interests and a “My Links” section holds more extensive information about credentials that can’t be featured on a resume alone. The site also allows the candidate to narrow down a job search by the size of business for which they are hoping to work. And searching for jobs discreetly is made possible by three security features.

The site will also benefit military students attending classes through Professional Studies, who often find the transition from military jobs to civilian jobs taxing.

“As a student, I am very excited about the benefits KNOXX will bring to my search for a job after college as well as the rest of our veteran students,” said Nichole Ramirez, student

and president of Southwestern College Student Veterans Association. “It can be really difficult for military students to make the transition into the civilian world and this is going to equip them with a better advantage when it comes to interviewing in today’s job market.”

The KNOXX site, which went live in September, is being actively used by employers and candidates alike. It is currently free for all South-

western College students and alumni. Anyone wishing to receive assistance with a video can go to the Professional Studies Wichita office located at 2040 S. Rock Road, or to Insights Career Consulting, located inside the Orpheum Theatre at 200 N. Broadway in Wichita. For more information visit <http://ps.sckans.edu/career-services> or contact enrollment@sckans.edu.



SC adds service learning team for entrepreneurial students

Southwestern College has established a fourth service learning program, and the new group already has successfully applied for four grants to support its projects.

Sponsored by the Division of Business, the new Enactus team is supervised by Patrick Lee, assistant professor of accounting, and by James McEwen, internship coordinator.

Enactus is an international organization dedicated to enabling progress through entrepreneurial action. (Its name comes from the words ENTrepreneurial, ACtion, and US.) The group provides a platform for university students to collaborate with business and academic leaders in the development of projects that are evaluated by leading executives through a series of regional, national, and global competitions.

Southwestern’s new chapter has been awarded four project partner grants that the team had applied for through Enactus USA. Each grant is for \$1,500 and is to be used exclusively on the project that the individual grant supports, Lee says.

“We found out that the most competitive grants were the AB InBev Better World and the Uncap Opportunities for Women and the SC team was awarded both,” Lee adds.

The four grants and the projects they will support at Southwestern include:

- AB InBEV Better World (AB InBev). Enactus teams will design and implement scalable solutions to increase recycling at U.S. restau-



Enactus team travels to Dallas to attend the Enactus Fall Leadership Conference.

- rants, bars and other on-premise businesses.
- Uncap Opportunities for Women (Coca-Cola Foundation). Teams empower women through collaborating with a community-based organization (Eagle Nest).
- Sam’s Club Step Up for Small Business (Sam’s Club) Enactus teams mentor and improve the fundamental business practices of small businesses for long-term sustainability and success (locally the team will work with The Barns at Timber Creek).
- Walmart Women’s Economic Empowerment (Wal-Mart Foundation). Design and implement comprehensive workforce development programs, empowering women to improve employability and/or further their careers.

For more information on activity grant opportunities for students or to learn more about the SC Enactus team visit sckans.edu/enactus or enactus.org.

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Fun, funky second career: Traveling espresso has perks

This is pretty much exactly what Kate (Hutchens) Clause '05 dreamed of doing when she was a kid, even when she didn't know this job existed.

"I always thought I would do something fun and funky," she says.

And from its bus with bright red graphics to its state-of-the-art espresso machine, Sunflower Espresso fits that description: A portable coffee shop that will be serving up shots all over Wichita sometime this fall or early winter.

Kate got her start in the bean biz while she was a student at Southwestern, learning to pull an espresso during three years as a barista at College Hill Coffee. After she graduated, though, she was ready to put her English degree and journalism minor to work. She joined Oregon Public Broadcasting – a public radio and news station – as an operations manager. In December 2012 she was back in Wichita with KMUW, the local National Public Radio affiliate, and since then has been promoted to on-air early morning drive-time newscaster.

A daily 4 a.m. wake-up call means that for now Sunflower Espresso will be limited to afternoon, evening, and special event catering. Already Kate has scheduled special events, and she hopes to set a regular schedule near high-traffic businesses that are located far from other coffee shops. She has

experimented with blends and roasts and Hermione Grainger (the espresso machine) is ready to be installed in the converted church bus any day.

Someday, Kate hopes, this generator-powered operation will be so busy she will need to be in it full-time. But the process of getting it up and running (with the help of husband Ray) has been a dream come true.

"It's neat to create something from the ground up and have it be yours," she says. Then she continues with a laugh. "And even if it completely fails, I'll end up with a beautiful espresso maker."

For more information and location schedules, follow Sunflower Espresso ICT on Facebook.



Guantanamo general visits SC

By Jessica Schlageck
PS Social Media/Public Relations Coordinator

For several years, Southwestern College in Winfield has enjoyed bringing in Woodrow Wilson Fellows to speak on campus. This year, as part of its 20th anniversary celebration, Professional Studies leveraged the opportunity as well, bringing together students, members of the public, law enforcement, and military in Wichita with a two-day visit in October from Marine Corps Major General Michael Lehnert (retired).

"We are grateful to the Woodrow Wilson Visiting Scholars Program for its support in bringing speakers like General Lehnert to our community," said Southwestern College Provost Andy Sheppard. "Whether it was his talk with the SC football team or the time he spent with Airmen from McConnell, General Lehnert's willingness to share his insights was a rare treat that challenged us all to think more deeply about serious issues."

Lehnert is most notable for his role at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, where he was originally placed in charge of 13 refugee camps in the early '90s.

In 2002 Lehnert oversaw the transformation of those camps into a detention facility for suspected members of Al Qaeda and Taliban following


the terrorist attacks on 9/11. He was deployed in 2003 to the CENTCOM Theater where he took part in Operation Iraqi Freedom as commander for Marine Logistics Command. He now travels the country speaking on college campuses.

Professional Studies hosted three events in Wichita. On Oct. 15, Lehnert was part of a four-person law enforcement panel discussion with Sedgwick County Sheriff Jeff Easter, retired Wichita Police Chief Norman Williams, and Lionel Santiago, lead faculty of the criminal justice and security management program at Southwestern and master police officer with the Orlando Police Department. That evening Lehnert gave a lecture on the subject of terrorism to members of the public. The following day he gave a lecture at a luncheon to members of the military. The events were interactive with a question-and-answer session following each.

All three events were streamed live online so any student or member of the public unable to attend could have the opportunity to see Lehnert's impassioned lectures.

Anyone wishing to watch General Lehnert's lectures in Wichita can visit <http://ps.sckans.edu/>.

Ken Crandall



is leaving Southwestern College after eight seasons as head football coach. His resignation at the end of the 2014 season marks the end of a progressive era for the Moundbuilders program. Although his overall record was 25-59 (with a 1-10 record in the recently-completed season) he has had an important role off the field.

"Win-loss records don't tell the whole story of the importance of a particular person, and Ken has done much to move our program forward," says David Denly, athletic director at SC. "One of his biggest contributions was his part in the fundraising efforts that led to the construction of the new Richard L. Jantz Stadium."

The stadium is used by both Southwestern and Winfield public schools, a model that proved so successful the two entities joined forces again to update Winfield's tennis facilities for the entire community.

In addition, Crandall received the 2013-14 KCAC Coach of Character Award. This award is given for embracing, teaching, and displaying great character as a collegiate head coach. His mantra of "Do the right thing" became an important life lesson to his players.

A search for a new head coach is underway and is expected to be completed within the next few months, Denly says.

ALUMNI EVENT SCHEDULE

For more information or to RSVP for all alumni events, contact the alumni office at susan.lowe@sckans.edu or 620-229-6279.

Jan. 28 | 6:30 p.m. Arlington, Texas, Alumni and Friends at Rolling Hills Country Club, 401 Lamar Blvd, Arlington. Hosted by Rod '66 and Dorothy Strohl. Reservations required by Jan. 20. Call the alumni office at 620-229-6279.

April 17 | 5:30 p.m. Leaders in Service Hall of Fame for the Social Sciences, Deets Library. Inductees will be F. David Froman '68, Sandra Gasca-Gonzalez '94, John William "Bill" Todd '51. Cost of dinner is \$20 per person, for reservations call the alumni office.

April 18 | 9 a.m. Fine Arts Hall of Fame, Darbeth Lobby/ Messenger. Inductees will be Michael R. Brummett '79, Terry L. McGonigle '73, Madeline (Magnusson) Norland '83. Brunch will be provided, for reservations call the alumni office.

April 18 | Noon Business Hall of Fame, Deets Library. Inductees will be Shawn L. Fanshier '83, Greg A. Howell '73, Leo T. "Pete" Whalen '51. Business Builder Award will recognize Winfield Economic Development. Cost of lunch is \$15 per person, for reservations call the alumni office.

April 18 | 3:30 p.m. Educators Hall of Fame and Scholars Hall of Fame, Deets Library. Inductees will be Gyla (Brock) Conklin '58, Cheryl (Bernard) Schasteen '71, Kenneth E. Valentine '70, and Dale B. Sims '80 and Philip R. Schmidt.

April 23 Winfield Regional Event, "Growing Up With Titanic" presented by Louise Kavanagh, SC international student from Belfast, Northern Ireland. Both of her grandfathers worked on the Titanic and her sister worked at the Titanic museum in Belfast. This will be presented as a part of the *Acts of Consequences*, Southwestern theatre production.

May 11 | 6:30 p.m. San Diego Alumni and Friends Dinner on the Beach, at La Jolla Beach Club, 2000 Spindrift Dr, La Jolla, Calif. Hosted by Armon Mills '64 and Sheryl (Evans) Wright '80. RSVP by May 4 to the alumni office.

May 12 | 5:30-8 p.m. Mission Viejo/ Los Angeles Alumni and Friends BBQ at the home of Lonnie '69 and Nancy Howerton, hosts. 27716 Calle Valdes, Mission Viejo, Calif. RSVP by May 4 to the alumni office.

May 13 | 6:30-8 p.m. El Dorado Hills/ San Francisco Alumni and Friends, hors d'oeuvres at the home of John '87 and Kelly (Broadhurst) Nichols '89. 2520 Belmont Way, El Dorado Hills, Calif. RSVP by May 4 to the alumni office.

May 19 | 6:30-8 p.m. Oklahoma City Alumni and Friends at Bricktown Brewery, 1 North Oklahoma, Oklahoma City. Hosted by Bryant Andrews Jr. '08/ '09. RSVP by May 12 to the alumni office.

May 21 | 6:30-8 p.m. Tulsa Alumni and Friends, at The Rusty Crane, 109 N. Detroit Ave, Tulsa. Hosted by Brian Carr '04. RSVP by May 12 to the alumni office.

May 23 Tri Chi Reunion comes to campus. Hosted by Vicki Raines '77.

June 9 Colorado Springs Alumni and Friends, location to be announced. Hosted by Rodney Johannsen '73. RSVP by June 3 to the alumni office.

June 10 | 6:30-8 p.m. Englewood, Colo., Alumni and Friends BBQ at the home of Larry '72 and Daniela Robinson. 6157 S. Iola Way, Englewood, Colo. RSVP by June 3 to the alumni office.

June 11 | 5:30 social/ 6 p.m. meal Greeley, Colo., Alumni and Friends BBQ at the home of Jim '71 and Virginia (Lungren) Vanek '69. 2101 44th Ave, Greeley, Colo. RSVP by June 3 to the alumni office.

June 12-14 Texas Golf Event at Champion's Circle, Marriott Hotel, 3300 Championship Pkwy., Fort Worth, Texas. Join hosts Lindy Craig '74 and Loren Bridge '74 for a great SC weekend at an outstanding golf course. Contact Lindy at craig.lyndon@gmail.com or 817-991-8960 for more details or to make reservations for golf and hotel. RSVP deadline to Lindy is April 1, 2015.



SC Homecoming 2014

Picnics and touchdowns and kangaroos,

oh my!

The picnic, the photo booth, the rock painting and the parade are all proven Homecoming favorites, but the two stars of this year's Oct. 4 event were an inspired football team and a domesticated kangaroo. The Moundbuilders beat Tabor (then ranked third in the nation) 27-6 on a perfect afternoon in Jantz Stadium. At the parade and near the Mound Frank the Kangaroo added a touch of whimsy to a day of reacquaintance and renewal of old friendships as Builders came home to Southwestern.



See more photos at sckans.edu/homecoming



Alumni Award winners





A place w

Timothy Myers

is the face of the North Carolina Opera Company. As conductor and artistic director he is the person praised or pilloried for performances.

But in mid-October, as it looked over a cup of Raleigh's finest coffee, that face was looking tired. An interview had been rescheduled to accommodate the funeral of a patron's father, an important performance was coming up in a few weeks, and just a few nights earlier North Carolina Opera Company's annual fundraising gala had taken place. This event's success is crucial to the financial health of the company, and is expected to net more than a tenth of the annual budget.

It's a huge production, Myers explains, but everything needs to feel smooth and easy to the 200 patrons from the top social strata of North Carolina's famed Triangle. Food, a live auction, a jazz orchestra, all had to be perfect – and that was before the late-night event especially for the NCO Pulse, a group of young professionals who support the opera.

Suddenly, when he starts to talk about the Pulse after-party, Myers begins to brighten.

"I have a rapper friend, King Mez, and we flew him back from Los Angeles for the Pulse," he says with a grin.

Right then, Myers looked just like he probably did in 2000 when he decided he wanted to put on an opera at Southwestern College. The music department had no budget for an opera, but that didn't slow him down: He wrote a grant that was funded by the Kansas Arts Commission, assembled a cast and crew made up almost entirely of students, and sold out two performances of "The Medium" by Gian Carlo Menotti.

Today he is one of the nation's foremost young conductors, with credits that include guest conducting stints with the Malaysian Philharmonic, the Portland Symphony, and the Toledo Symphony. In 2014 alone he has conducted the world premiere of Gordon's "A Coffin in Egypt" with the Houston Grand Opera and with Opera Philadelphia, as well as conducting a summer concert with the Wolf Trap Opera. He has worked with and been mentored by such legendary conductors as Lorin Maazel, James Conlon, Sir Neville Marriner, Andre Previn and Robert Spano.

"When I came to Southwestern I knew

where you can do things.

nothing about opera, and last year I conducted Frederica von Stade,” Myers says with a touch of amazement.

He has thought often about how he arrived at this town, this position, and he knows he did not take a well-beaten route. He had studied music (specifically piano) as he was growing up in Great Bend but did not hear a live orchestra until he was 12.

“You know, I took three years off after high school before I went to college,” he says. “I really wasn’t comfortable going to a conservatory, and I didn’t know exactly what I wanted to do, but Southwestern seemed like a place where you could do things.”

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But whether the venue is Messenger Recital Hall or the Washington National Opera (where he already is scheduled in 2016), Myers says his success has boiled down to hard work and making expectations clear.

“Seth Leeper was in charge of promoting ‘The Medium,’” Tim recalls. “I told him that five minutes before curtain I was going to check in at the box office, and whatever tickets were left he was buying.” Myers grins, but it is clear he wasn’t joking.

These kinds of high performance standards have met with widespread approval in Raleigh, where he first guest conducted in January 2008. At that point the city had two opera companies – the Capitol Opera Company and the Opera Company of North Carolina.

“None of this was here,” he says, gesturing toward the bustling downtown of North Carolina’s capitol. Still, he had a sense that the city was on the verge of a cultural breakthrough, and when he was asked to become the principal conductor and artistic director after the two companies merged to become North Carolina Opera in 2010, he accepted: It was a place where he could do things.

That’s not to say building this kind of company was always easy.

Before the first rehearsal in a rented hall, he recalls, he drove to Target for

cleaning supplies and scrubbed out the restrooms.

“I’m demanding in my expectations,” he admits, but after early lean years when the company was short-staffed and Myers was still proving himself to his board and his community, the NCO is experiencing unprecedented success. A budget that was \$800,000 in 2010-11 has increased by more than 50% to \$1.2 million in 2014-15. In its first four seasons, its repertoire has included works by Handel and Mozart as well as John Supko and Philip Glass. NCO has presented the local premieres of works by Wagner, Verdi, Britten, and Dvorak.

Although he is only required to be in

residence 14 weeks per year, the North Carolina Opera is a full-time commitment for Myers—when he is out of town on gigs with other orchestras he still spends hours each day on emails, conference calls, and other administrative work for NCO. This doesn’t include the time it takes to expand his own repertoire or the new job requirement that public figures be fluent in social media.

“I have built the orchestra to a very high level, and people can really trust that I’ve been here long enough to have a vision for what we can do,” Myers says. “Francesca Zambello, who is the artistic director of the Washington National Opera, took a look at our schedule and said ‘You guys are really fighting above your weight artistically.’”

Tim talks passionately about his vision for the future of his adopted city, rattling off statistics about its growth and innovation.

“The direction (in Raleigh) is all forward. The leadership is amazing – we get 100 percent of our budget from the city. It’s highly educated, the median age is 33 and that doesn’t include students who are not permanent residents,” he says, leaning forward in excitement. “And there’s such a sense of community.”

It is a place where he can do things. and that is all Timothy Myers needs.

“The Medium” was a milestone event in the life of student Timothy Myers, but what about other students who were involved with the production? Where are they today? We caught up with three.

Sarah (Melcher) Miller ’02

“I remember being honored to be part of ‘The Medium,’” she says. “I was a sophomore and had never played a role in an opera before. It was a great opportunity to gain new experience and work with really fantastic people.”

Today Sarah and her physician husband, Daniel ’00, are back in Winfield. They have two daughters, Ella (8) and Sofia (2).

“Having a family makes it a lot more tricky to find time to sing – mostly I’m singing with my girls,” Sarah says.

She was soloist in the “Requiem” recently performed by Southwestern College and sings in First United Methodist Church’s worship band. This year she is mentor for Selah, SC’s outreach team.

“It’s been great connecting with the students,” Sarah adds. “They rehearse in Messenger and it’s been fun to be in that space and remember the countless hours I spent there over the years at SC.”



Seth Leeper ’01

Seth was a business major so Tim Myers recruited him as business and public relations manager for “The Medium.” It was a daunting prospect.

“Tim’s recollection is true – I was petrified of ticket sales not meeting or exceeding Tim’s expectations,” he admits. “But with Tim’s reputation and a solid cast of SC students, it was an easy sell. Hosting

a sold out crowd both nights was a relief.”

After graduating Seth worked as a commercial loan analyst at Commerce Bank, then spent nearly a decade at Cargill in various roles before moving to Oregon in 2011. He is now product manager with BrucePac, a third-generation privately-owned food manufacturer headquartered in the Willamette Valley.

His two children – Emma Grace (8) and Parker John (6) – share Seth’s distinctive red hair.

Missy (McClening) Blanchard ’02

Missy and her husband, Jeremy ’03, now live in Westmoreland, N.H., where they recently moved into a house they built on the dairy farm where she grew up. She is a massage therapist.

“I loved being Baba in ‘The Medium,’” she says. “When it was all over it felt like such an accomplishment. That opera was the most challenging show I did at Southwestern. I was never a good sight reader and when we first started to look at the piece I thought for sure I was in over my head.

“Tim was awesome! He really helped me to break each piece down and I’m confident that it made me a better singer. I always loved playing those much-larger-than-life characters and that was sure Baba. Tim and (stage director) Eric Courtwright made a dynamic team and the cast was wonderfully full of talented singers that inspired you to be your best.”

She says she uses skills she learned at Southwestern in unexpected ways.

“A while after I started my massage practice I realized that how I approached business was influenced by experiences in putting together theatre productions. In addition to acting I designed sets, painted sets, directed plays, and created programs. These experiences translate to business – to marketing, presenting, communicating and networking.

“Creativity is always a useful skill.”





1960s

Bill '66 and **Lynda (Lane) '65 Brazil** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with family and friends over Labor Day weekend at Camp Horizon. The couple met at SC in 1961 and married Aug. 26, 1964. Bill graduated from Saint Paul School of Theology and has served UMC churches in several Kansas communities.

In September 2014, **Ron Andrea '68** published his first book, *Living in the Spirit*, written with the assistance of Dr. Wallace Gray, emeritus Kirk Chair of Philosophy Professor at Southwestern College. More details about the book can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Living-in-the-Spirit/999652076716416?ref=bookmarks>.

1970s

Rev. Mark Conard '70, **Lance Patterson '07/'08**, and **Chris Cochran '06** flew to Zimbabwe in August 2014 to take part in the Ebenezer Convention in Harare and a church mission trip. The convention was a large-scale revival in the National Sports Stadium in Harare. At its peak, there were about 55,000 United Methodists in attendance from across the country as well as some (including the three Moundbuilders) from other countries. The three-day convention was followed by a trip for participants to visit their partner churches. Lance and Chris are members of Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Wichita which is partnered with the Penhalonga Circuit in the Mutasa-Nyanga District.

Keith Alberding '71 and **Judi (Leaming) Branine '71** were married

on July 12, 2014, in Lawrence. Judi has sold and continues to sell real estate in the Kansas City area since 1982. Keith's band, Bluestem, played in six performances at the Walnut Valley Festival this year.

Dana Smith '76 is semi-retired after 27 years at Pretty Prairie schools and 35 years in education. He has been hired as a half-time teacher and coach at Pretty Prairie.

Dr. Jim Fishback '77 was recognized at the University of Kansas 2014 Homecoming Weekend for a distinguished career in teaching with a prestigious Chancellors Club Teaching Professorship. This honor is awarded only to full-time teaching faculty who have demonstrated outstanding teaching over a career of at least 10 years at KU and who hold the rank of associate professor or professor. Faculty carrying the title retain the honor for as long as they teach at KU. Dr. Fishback has been a member of the KU Medical Center faculty since 1987, but his time on the Kansas City campus began eight years earlier when he completed his medical degree and his residency there. His 27-year teaching career has been recognized by students and peers multiple times, and he has been a pioneer at KU Medical Center in the use of technology in medical student teaching.

Cesar Garces Carranza '79 recently published a new book, *El Trabajador Social en el Centro Hospitalario – Intervenciones*, with Palibrio Publishing, www.palibrio.com. His first book, *The Social Worker in the Hospital Setting – Interventions*, with Trafford Publishing, www.trafford.com, was published in 2012.



Class of 1964

FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Larry Grove, Sherry (Redick) Reed, Barbara (Schellhamer) Hillier, Jan (Wallrabenstein) Cone, Shirley (Herron) Reed, Nova (Kilgore) Maack, Ken Sargeant.

SECOND ROW: Jim Reed, Lynda (Boley) Patterson, Carolyn (Lehl) Miller

THIRD ROW: Linn Wainner, Marilyn (McKelvy) Stout, Stephany (Brown) Hughes, Evelyn (Sowers) Hefley, Donna (Unruh) Hoberecht, Ted Metcalf

FOURTH ROW: Ralph Malin, Ron Walker, Larry Hays, Jim Harris, Jim Elland, David Swartz, Dennis Maack, Marcia Schroeder, John Wolfe, Jim Bush, Larry Reed

Both books are available on amazon.com and Barnes & Nobles.

1980s

Dennis Hodges '81 had a solo exhibit of "A Sense of His Soul" and the latest evolution of the series "Eyedentity" in the Eleanor Hays Art Gallery at Northern Oklahoma College, Tonkawa, Okla. The exhibit ran until Dec. 8, 2014. This work has been a four-year project, as elections moved through Central and Eastern European countries. "Eyedentity" takes the series forward as it juxtaposes unaltered eyes next to eyes vandalized by passersby. In addition to the exhibit, Dennis was also invited to speak on campus and do a workshop for the DaVinci Institute's Fall Forum.

Kimberly Snapp '81 is a wound care physician with Via Christi's Wound and Skin clinic, and for the past nine years also has been working as the executive director of House of Hope Wichita. House of Hope Wichita works with troubled teens and their families to restore passion, love, honor, and respect to the home. With their counseling office established, plans for the organization's next growth phase is building a residential home for the teens. Check out www.houseofhopewichita.org.

Jerry Thomas '81 was recognized in June 2014 as Artist of the Year for the Little Bighorn Associates National Convention held in Winchester, Va. His new painting, "Dodging the Storm," was unveiled and showcased at the conference. On July 3, 2014, he received a special honor from the Northern Cheyenne Tribe at the ceremony held at the Beartusk Pow Wow Grounds in Lama Deer, Mont. "Mystic Warrior" was unveiled and Jerry donated the limited edition prints of the painting to the Northern Cheyenne Reservation to raise scholarship funds for students to

the colleges of their choice. In addition, the State of Kansas recently selected Jerry as one of four persons in the 2014 Class of Kansas' Finest. *KANSAS!* magazine will do a feature on Kansas' Finest in the Winter 2014 edition. The award honors those who have promoted the state nationally and internationally.

Angie Combs '09 and **Rev. Joe Cobb '83** participated in the clergy retreat for Metropolitan Community Churches in Del Ray, Fla. Angie is beginning her field education at MCC of the Rockies in Denver, and Joe serves as pastor of MCC of the Blue Ridge in Roanoke, Va.

1990s

Jackie Berryman '90, nursing faculty member at Southwestern from 1993-2013, has been with the nursing faculty at Wichita State University since 2013.

Cary Stamps '90 started as elementary principal at Decatur Northside Elementary School in Decatur, Ark., in July 2014. Previously, he taught nine years at Gravette, Ark., as a business education instructor at Gravette Middle School.

Robert "Don" Gifford '93 was promoted to the rank of colonel in the U.S. Army Reserves where he serves as a member of the Army Judge Advocate General's Corps (JAG). In his civilian capacity, Don is an assistant U.S. attorney in Oklahoma City.

Heather (Carmody) Bachman '97 was honored as one of the 2014 "40 Under 40" outstanding people in the Wichita area. Heather is a lieutenant with the Wichita Police Department and is actively involved with many community organizations.

Raquel (Rios) Stucky '97 made history on Oct. 12, 2014, by running the 26.2 Prairie Fire Marathon in Wichita



BIRTHS

A daughter, Margaret Jane Faith, born Feb. 11, 2014 to **Jason '99** and **Mandie Speegle**. Maggie's brothers are Edwin (7) and Isaac (1). Jason is director of the Green Team and is tennis coach.

A son, Landry Edward, born Sept. 10, 2014, to Jarrod and **Tracy (Stapleton) Robson '00**. Landry has a sister, Delaney Nicole (4). The family resides in Austin, Texas.

A son, Finn James, born May 21, 2014, to **Shane '01** and Jenny **Alford**, Lawrence. Finn has two brothers, Eirick (4) and Orry (2), and Moundbuilder grandparents **Steve '65** and Peggy **Alford**.

A daughter, Cora Jean, born March 28, 2014, to **Brian Holthus '04** and **Emily Bauer Holthus '03**. Cora has a sister, Lily (almost 4).

A son, Gavin Christopher Koiner, born Sept. 12, 2014, to Kyle and **Laura Zink-Koiner '04**. Gavin has a sister Lena (4) and brother Karson (1).

A son, Cullen Michael, born May 28, 2014, to **Brendt '14** and **Krystal (Cole) Winn '08**. They live in Haslet, Texas.

A daughter, Cara Lillian, born Feb. 15, 2014, to Kevin and **Blair (Koehn) Hamilton '09**, Newton.

A daughter, Lillian Jane, born July 31, 2014, to **Joseph '08** and **Katie (Timmer) Yeisley '09**. The Yeisleys live in Winfield.

A daughter, Clara Kay Sawyer Lampert, born Oct. 13, 2014, to **Tyler '10** and Lindsey **Lampert**. Tyler shared that it is a tradition in Lindsey's family to give the first girl two middle names, with the second being the mother's maiden name.

A daughter, Charlotte Austen, born June 29, 2014, to James and **Amanda (Ely) Boening '11**. Great-grandparents are Maxine and **Bill Medley '49**. The Boenings live in New York City.

A son, Asher Amichai Alejandre, born Oct. 24, 2014, to **Joel '09** and **Jennifer (Edwards) Alejandre '09**. The Alejandres are at home in McPherson.

A daughter, Ivana Christine, born Sept. 2, 2014, to **Lisa** and **Bryan Booth**. Ivana has two older sisters - Aryana (11) and Isabella (6). Lisa is admission counselor in Professional Studies.

faster than any other woman has ever run it. Raquel crushed the previous record, set 32 years ago, by cutting off nearly four minutes. This was especially meaningful for her because she grew up in Kansas and was thrilled to set a Kansas race record.

Dr. Derek S. Long '99 was highlighted as the cover story in the Sept./Oct. issue of *Maumag* which is a publication covering people, business, and events in Arkansas. He was highlighted because this year marks the 10th anniversary of his eye clinics. Dr. Long has also recently been a guest speaker on KARK 4 News and FOX16 News in Arkansas and was voted best optometrist in Central Arkansas by the *Arkansas Democrat Gazette* two out of the last three years. To view the story on Dr. Long, go to:

<http://www.maumag.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/MauMag-Sept-Oct-2014-Web2.pdf>.

2000s

Adam Catlin '02 made his acting debut last fall in *The Boys Next Door* for the Winfield Community Theatre. He has written three feature length screenplays this year. “For Always,” based on Catlin’s novel *Until August*, is set to film on location at Cowley College next year if financing is finalized. He is currently writing *On a Clear Day You Can See Conway*, partially set in Conway Springs. Adam and his wife, Katherine, live in Augusta.

Craig Fisher '04 directed *Evita* at the Ad Astra Theatre Company in Topeka Nov. 13–16, 2014. Music direc-

tion was by **Andrea Annika (Billings) Graham '03**.
Rachel (Ferguson) Steiner '04 received the 2014 “40 Under 40” recognition for outstanding young professionals in the Wichita area. Rachel is the director of CAPS and GRAD recruiting services at Friends University.
Kate (Hutchens) Clause '05 (*See story on page 4.*)
Chris Cochran '06 (*See note for Mark Conard '70.*)
Lance Patterson '07/'08 (*See note for Mark Conard '70.*)

2010s

Byron J. Williams '10, has been selected as the management and program

analyst of corporate veteran recruitment and marketing, for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Byron is currently completing a doctorate of business administration with Capella University.

Jolene Moore '11 has accepted a new position at ITC Holdings, in Novi, Mich., as a compliance analyst.

Luke Arneson '14 has accepted an accounting position with Creekstone Farms in Arkansas City. He gives credit to Southwestern for the guidance and motivation to pursue his career.

Trey Bruton '14 has been accepted into graduate school at Western Illinois University, pursuing a master’s degree in physics. He will also be a volunteer assistant coach for the cross country and track teams.

DEATHS

Warren “Keith” Moore '47 died on July 26, 2014, in Marshall, Mich. Keith started at Southwestern in 1941 with a music scholarship, but his studies were interrupted by WWII. After being released from active duty, he returned to SC and graduated in 1947. Keith is survived by his wife of more than 70 years, Mary Margaret; brother **Philip D. Moore '43**; sons David Moore, Donel Moore, and Tim Moore; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Mary Mason '48 died Sept. 30 in Olathe Medical Center. Mary taught school in Kansas City, Kan., and later worked in the insurance business. She leaves a legacy of warmth, love, and great potato salad. Survivors include her son, Randy; daughter, Kathleen; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Dr. F. Joe Sims '51 died on Oct. 24, 2014. In addition to being an alumnus of SC, Dr. Sims was a beloved professor, joining the Southwestern music faculty in 1954. He taught voice and music education courses. In 1962, he received SC’s Student Council Faculty Citation, and the 1964 *Moundbuilder* yearbook was dedicated to him. He is survived by his children, **Ronda Jo Marshall '70**, **Vicki Hitchcock '72**, Terry Sims, D.J. Sims, Larry Riggs, Patti Waldrup, and Randy Riggs. (*See an expanded obituary on page 11.*)

Raymond Ansel Hough '52, Medicine Lodge, died on April 22, 2014. Ray was a former teacher and coach. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Margaret; two children, John Hough and Teresa Bailey; seven grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

William R. Neely '53, died on Aug. 3, 2014, in Lenexa after a lengthy illness. Bill spent his career as an engineer at Western Electric. Survivors include his wife **Luella (Scarow) '54**, daughter **Diana '77**, and sons **Tom '81** and **Art '85**.

Edwin Elden Schroeder '53 died on July 19, 2014, following a lengthy illness. Ed grew up in Winfield, and following his service in the U. S. Navy, he enrolled and graduated from Southwestern. His career was with the Boeing Company, including work with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, **Vivian (Bolland) Schroeder '92**; children, Sonseecharay Manker, Gloria Sherwood, Schott Schroeder, Chandler Schroeder, Valerie Foose, and Eric Schroeder; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren.

Sherrie (Cantrell, Hancock) Tucker '54 died at her home on Sept. 27, 2014. She is survived by her children, Robert Tucker, David Tucker, Carol LeJuernne, and Sharon Lallman; three grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Marilyn Joyce (Schoonover) Cobb '56, wife of **William L. Cobb '54**, and mother of **Joe Cobb '83**, died on April 23, 2014.

Richard Collier '58 passed away Oct. 9 in Wichita. Richard worked as a computer programmer and retired in 1987. He enjoyed photography, reading, and coaching youth baseball. Survivors include his wife, Sandra, and brother, **Robert '69**.

James W. “Jim” Dole '58 died on Sept. 20, 2014, at the age of 101. Jim taught school 44 years in several schools around Arkansas City and in Wichita. The Dole Center on campus and the Dole Rose Garden by the Mound are named in honor of Jim and his wife, Hazel Dole, who preceded him in death. (*See an expanded obituary on page 11.*)

Gayle (Smith) Harris '60 died of lung cancer on July 17, 2014, after a brief illness. Although Gayle was a fiber artist, she is best remembered for her support of academics, both as a

scholarship founder at Southwestern, and as a 25-year volunteer in school libraries and library fundraising for scholarships. Gayle is survived by her husband, **Jim** (who attended SC 1955–56), children David Harris, Kathryn (Harris) Foley, Lisa (Harris) Andrus, and five grandchildren.

Julana (Johnson) Hefner '61 died on Oct. 21, 2014. She served as the executive secretary for Selwyn School in Denton, Texas, for many years. Among survivors are her cousins **Bob Johnson '57** and **Barbara (Johnson) Isely '64**.

Mark Shrewsberry '61 died Sept. 8. Mark worked as a construction superintendent for Sooner Construction and Commerce Construction until retiring due to health reasons. He is survived by his wife, Janet, three stepchildren, and his brother, Matt.

The Rev. Dr. Darrell Huddleston '64 died on Oct. 23, 2014. He served churches (United Methodist, then Episcopal) in Kansas, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire. He was the regional director of Heifer International for 16 years. Survivors include his wife, Bunny; son, Justin Huddleston; daughter, Sarah Dickinson; two granddaughters, and two brothers, Lawrence and Donald Huddleston.

Chuck Brass '70 died on Aug. 7, 2014, at his home in Coldwater, Kan. Inducted into the Southwestern College Athletic Hall of Fame in 2005, Chuck was known as a tenacious football linebacker, was the Kansas state champion in pole vault, and was a good friend to many of his Builder teammates. He is survived by his wife, Diane “Chickie” (Addison); children, **Benjamin Brass '99** and wife **Freedom '98**, and **Jessie (Brass) Fisk '99** and husband Chris; mother Betty Brass; brothers **Steve '71** and wife **Patty Brass '73**, and Ron Beeley; sisters Martha Bewley, Carolyn Brass,

and Ellen Sweeney; and four grandchildren.

Jon David “Dave” Book '71 died on July 28, 2014 in Brandon, Fla. He had been ill with heart problems for a few years. Dave is survived by his wife, Lois J. Weinstein; children: James, Anna, and Becky; son-in-law, Jason; daughter-in-law, Christina; mother, Norma June; and sister, Carol.

Lela Boyer '71 died Sept. 11 in Durango, Colo. Lela was a superb pianist and taught piano for over 30 years. She is survived by her husband, Bob; two children; mother, **Lois Biby '40**; brothers **Roger '70** and **Parke '74**; and sister, **Carol Myers '67**.

Michael Foster '71 died Oct. 25, 2014. Mike worked in and managed plant operations for Twin Valley Telephone, becoming president in 1994, until 2012 when he retired. Survivors are his wife **Jackie (Hargett) Foster '72**; father John Jack Foster; children Shellee Frederick, Kendra Howze, and Ben Foster; sisters Penny Gisselbeck and Peg Foster; and 11 grandchildren. (*See an expanded obituary on page 11.*)

DEATHS OF FRIENDS

Helen Branscum died on Oct. 26, 2014, at her home in Winfield. She and her husband, Gene, were active in the Winfield community and were supporters of Southwestern College. She is survived by her sons, Kirk Branscum and Keith Branscum, and six grandchildren.

Samuel Pruyne, husband of **Dorothea (Drennan) Pruyne '55**, died on June 22, 2014. Sam was born and raised in Ponca City and was well known for his humor, his words of wisdom, and his love of life. In addition to his wife of 57 years, he is survived by daughter Belinda Pruyne, son Jeffrey Pruyne Sr., brother James Pruyne and two grandsons.

ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Alice Bendinelli, associate professor of English, presented a paper at the “Literature, Memory, and the First World War” conference at the United States Military Academy, West Point, N.Y. The conference was held Sept. 11-14, 2014. Her paper was titled “A Narrative of No Man’s Land: Trauma, Memory and History in Barker’s Regeneration.” She also presented a paper at “FLUID: SLSA 2014,” Conference of the Society for Literature, Science, and the Arts, hosted by Southern Methodist University (SMU), Dallas – Oct. 9-12, 2014. Title of this paper was “Liminal Beings and Affect: The Shared Lives of Nonhuman and Other Animals in Neil Abramson’s *Unsaid* (2012).” Finally, Dr. Bendinelli attended the “Why Do Animal Studies?” conference in Chicago April 3-4, 2014.

Nathan Clements, English as a Second Language coordinator, accompanied two master of education students, Yingya Qi and Ashuang Cao, to the MIDTESOL conference in Warrensburg, Mo. The Southwestern group presented “Learning From Students: Student-Led Program Improvement.”

Bobbi Erdmann, associate vice president for advising and student success, attended the National Academic Advising Conference (NACADA) in Minneapolis. She has been selected to serve on the proposal review committee for the upcoming 34th Annual Conference on the First-Year Experience to be held in Dallas.

Jacob Goodson, assistant professor of philosophy, has had several recent academic recognitions:

- “Can Christian Theologians Reason Post-Metaphysically? Jürgen Habermas and the Semblance of Intellectual Virtue,” published in *Groundless*

- Gods: The Theological Prospects of Post-Metaphysical Philosophy.*
- “‘The Woman Question’: William James’s Negotiations With Natural Law and Utilitarianism,” a presentation at the American Academy of Religion International Meeting in San Diego in November 2014.
 - A review of “Enacting History in Henry James: Ethics, Narrative, Power,” in *Turkish Journal of American Studies*, (2014).
 - A review of Paul Moser’s “The Severity of God: Religion and Philosophy Reconceived,” in *Faith and Philosophy*, (2014).
 - A review of John Howard Yoder’s “Revolutionary Christianity” in *The Journal of Scriptural Reasoning*, vol. 13, no. 2, (November 2014).

Jackson Lashier, assistant professor of religion, is author of the just-published *Irenaeus on the Trinity*. Supplements to *Vigiliae Christianae* 127. Leiden: Brill, 2014.

Patrick Lee, assistant professor of accounting, has graduated from the Kansas Society of Certified Public Accountants “20 up to 40” Leadership Program.

Dalene McDonald, library director, is author of a poem accepted by the Kansas Humanities Council to be published in participating newspapers in Kansas and on the KHC website. Her cinquain will be featured during the fourth week of December.

Amber Peterson, assistant professor of music (strings), is author of an article that was just published in *Arts Educational Policy Review* (Volume 115, Issue 4) – “A View of Current Evaluative Practices in Instrumental Music Teacher Education.”

John Scaggs, professor of English, presented a paper at the PCA/ACA 2014 National Conference in Chicago April 16-19, 2014. Title of the paper was “Half-Real and Half-Imagined: The World of Craig Johnson’s Walt Longmire.” Dr. Scaggs wrote two short stories in publication: “Driving Range” (Summer 2014 issue of *Heavy Feather Review*) and “Waiting Room” (issue 36 of *Pennsylvania English* – a

literary journal). He has signed a contract with MacFarland for a book on the crime fiction of Craig Johnson.

Steve Wilke, vice president for planning and new programs, preached May 18, 2014, to more than 1,000 Disciple graduates at the 20th anniversary celebration of Disciple Bible Study in Hong Kong. He was hosted by the Laity Training Division of the Methodist Church, Hong Kong.



2014 SC Hall of Fame Inductees

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME (above, left to right): Billy Tipps '95, Dana (McDorman) Krause '00, Andrew Vargas '01, Russell Gilmore '75

NATURAL SCIENCES HALL OF FAME (left to right): Mark Turrentine '79, Belinda Vail '76, Hal Tretbar '52

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Jim Dole | Mike Foster | Joe Sims

The loss of three men who loved and supported Southwestern reminds us of the college's unique bond with those who contribute to its success.

Jim Dole, whose generosity prompted Southwestern College to name a building for him, died Sept. 20, 2014, at age 101. He and his late wife, Hazel, were namesakes of the Dole Center which originally was headquarters of the teacher education program and later became offices for the institutional advancement staff. In addition, the rose garden at the Cole Mound commemorates their love of that flower.

Jim and Hazel Dole had a fruitful relationship with Southwestern College for more than 50 years. Both received bachelor's degrees from Southwestern College – Hazel in 1952 and Jim in 1953.

Before that, they had taught in one-room schoolhouses in Geuda Springs, Mayfield, and Arkansas City. They then taught for 11 years following their SC graduation before pursuing master's degrees, which both received in 1964 from Peabody College. The Doles moved to Wichita and taught for USD 259 until their retirement in 1979.

Although they did not have children of their own, the Doles influenced the lives of thousands of

students over the years, beginning in those one-room schoolhouses. Jim taught children life values as well as the prescribed curriculum, friends said. When he was inducted into Southwestern College's Education Hall of Fame in 2002, presenters said he "evidenced through practice and by example a commitment to excellence in the teaching of youth of all ages over a period of 59 years. He embellished his lessons with personal experiences and observations we fondly called 'Doleisms.' He truly lived what he taught."

Victoria White, then head of teacher education at Southwestern, described the Doles as inspirational teachers during the 2004 dedication of the Dole Center for Teacher Education.

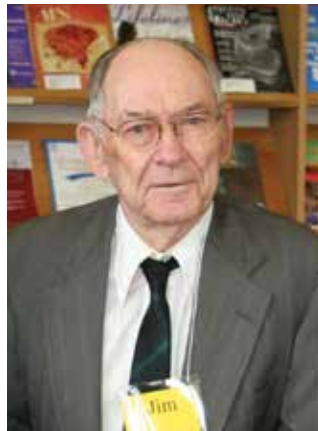
"The footprints that Jim and Hazel have left are everlasting," White said. "They have influenced the lives of hundreds of children, and they continue to touch the lives of young men and women who will

go on to influence the lives of hundreds of other children."

In 2002 Jim and Hazel started two endowed scholarships at Southwestern. They were generous donors to these and other SC needs.

In retirement, the Doles continued an active community lifestyle. They were instrumental in the planting of Botanica's first gardens, including starting and maintaining the rose garden and wildflower garden. Jim and Hazel committed more than 6,000 hours of community service to Botanica.

They joined the Wichita Rose Society in 1971, were members of the Prairie Bloomers Garden Club, planted many of the flowers and plantings at the Sedgwick County Zoo, and were both Sedgwick County Master Gardeners. They were active in the Wichita Retired Teachers Association and the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP).



An active and perceptive trustee who helped guide Southwestern College through the Great Performances capital campaign, Michael "Mike" Foster '71, Clay Center, Kan., died Saturday, Oct. 25, 2014, surrounded by his family. He was 65.

Mike graduated from Miltonvale High School in 1967 then attended Southwestern College. In 1968 he married Jackie Hargett, whom he had known since they were five years old.

A member of Beta Rho Mu at Southwestern, Mike was one of a cadre of friends who remain close to this day. Ken Valentine is part of that group, and even after four decades these friends talk regularly and meet every summer in Winfield to play golf.

"He was a very good friend to many people," Valentine says. "Mike was always willing to help out and get involved, and even as an adult he never hesitated to help. He had a great attitude about life, always cared about everybody, wanted to do well and had a drive to be successful. He wanted the rest of us to be successful as well."

Mike began what would become a successful telecom career as a child, riding along with his father and grandfather, then working summers and vacations while going to school. Immediately after graduating he returned to Twin Valley and worked in the field and switch room until the late 1970s when he was appointed vice president in charge of operations. In 1994 he became the third generation of his family to become president and general manager of the company.

In 2003 Twin Valley implemented one of the first commercial IPTV deployments in the nation. The success of the effort led to the commitment to grow the company, and in 2006 Mike undertook initiatives that tripled the size of the company. He had many professional accomplishments but he was most proud of the role he played in shepherding the company ownership to the fourth generation.

Mike joined the SC Board of Trustees in 2002

and was instrumental in helping bring the new Richard L. Jantz Stadium from dream to reality, both through his own contributions and his encouragement of contributions from other donors.

In 2008 Mike was inducted into Southwestern College's Business Hall of Fame.

As part of his extensive community service, Mike coached girls' softball for 36 years. He enjoyed traveling and spending time at Council Grove City Lake with family and friends, playing golf, and spending time with his children and grandchildren.

Mike is survived by his wife Jackie of Clay Center; his son, Ben and Beth (Erickson) '99 Foster, Clay Center (Ben is a current Southwestern College trustee); two daughters, Shellee Frederick, Clay Center, and Kendra Howze, Overland Park; his father John (Jack) Foster of Miltonvale; two sisters Penny Gisselbeck, Miltonvale, and Peg Foster Gunnison, Colo.; and 11 grandchildren.



Dr. Joe Sims, a musician and beloved Southwestern College professor, died Oct. 24, 2014. He had just celebrated his 92nd birthday in August.

The 1964 *Moundbuilder* yearbook contained a heartfelt dedication of the book to Dr. Sims:

"Realizing that some men rise beyond the most sincere words of praise that other men may offer, we dedicate the 1964 *Moundbuilder* to Dr. F. Joe Sims, our 'music man,' because he is himself dedicated," the inscription began.

A 1950 graduate of Southwestern, Dr. Sims dedicated himself to music education throughout his career, starting in western Kansas with junior and senior high school bands and choirs before joining the SC faculty in 1954.

He believed music was an integral part of life and should be available to everyone. This foundational belief was carried to Bogota, Colombia, in the mid-'60s, where he was granted a Fulbright lectureship

to establish and promote music education. There he worked with newly-established men's glee clubs throughout the country.

His awards at Southwestern included the Student Council Faculty Citation as well as many awards as an educator, and he was a co-sponsor of Campus Y. He also conducted a chapel hour choir.

Dr. Sims was an early inductee into the Southwestern College Fine Arts Hall of Fame, receiving the honor in 2011.

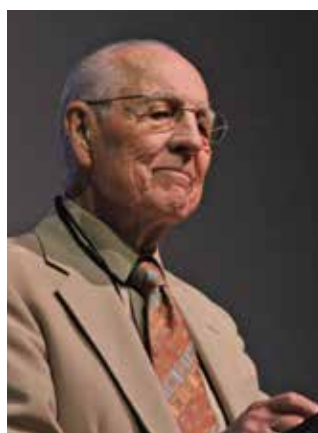
"Among his fellow faculty members, Dr. Sims is known as a congenial co-worker, anxious to do his part. Among the students, he is known as a person who is always willing to help, to listen and to understand," the *Moundbuilder* dedication continued.

In 1971 Dr. Sims joined the faculty at Missouri

Southern in Joplin, eventually becoming chair of the division of fine arts.

A man of strong faith, Dr. Sims was also very active in church music, creating choir programs for children and adults everywhere he lived. After his retirement, Joe and his wife Erma became active in the Joplin-area Habitat for Humanity, where he served as president.

Survivors include his sister, Donna Brown '53; his children, Ronda Jo Marshall '70, Vicki Hitchcock '72, Terry Sims, D.J. Sims, Larry Riggs, Patti Waldrup, and Randy Riggs; 11 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. The two loves of his life, his wives Ruth (Reschke) Sims and Erma (Oldham) Sims, preceded him in death. Memorials include a scholarship named in honor of those two women at Southwestern College.





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