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Nothing says Homecoming like smiles and a hug from the Jinx. Perfect weather and large crowds made the annual October gathering one of the best in memory. See more pictures on pages 6 and 7.

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Travis and Claire (Myers) Hastings '03 '04 were among worship outreach alumni who recorded a Christmas album and performed at the 2015 Homecoming all-class dinner. See the story on page 4.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear friends,

A couple of days ago I was treated to my first experience of a real Kansas wind. Oh, we'd seen breezes since we moved to Winfield in mid-summer but this was different.

Gold and red leaves swirled off the trees and kicked across the parking lot. Depending on whether I was walking east or west, I either moved ahead easily or practically marched in place.

It reminds me of what I'm seeing around me at Southwestern. Our students, faculty, and staff are taking advantage of the winds of change by moving forward.

In the music department, for example, we're picking up momentum with a new perspective that emphasizes a student-centered approach to a new generation of

musicians. The natural sciences division is gauging and responding to employment predictions by rolling out a new health science major, and Professional Studies certification programs are responding to the need for additional credentials for working adults.

In this issue you will find these and other stories of how SC is responding to the needs of its students, the strengths of its alumni, and the dedication of its faculty and administrators. As you read through this issue I hope that you see what I am seeing: a college community taking advantage of every opportunity; facing every challenge; marching forward, always forward, steadfastly, with joy and dedication.

Best regards,

Brad Andrews, *President*

ADMINISTRATION VIEWPOINT



It is a new day at SC! President Andrews has asked me to assume a new job responsibility at the college. After a quick prayer about change, I wholeheartedly agreed, even before the president could explain the details. I

believe in the Builder spirit and the mission and purpose of THIS college. I am excited about President Andrews's strategic direction for the college so, after more than two decades in the same office suite, I am packing up and moving into a new office in the lower level of Christy Administration Building. I am now the vice president for retention and student success.

Some people have asked "Isn't that what you do already?" Well, yes, dpb is all about retention and student success. I have always focused on finding ways

for keeping students at Southwestern and helping them reach their potential. My ultimate goal is for every SC student to graduate from the college with a solid GPA and headed towards a bright future.

But this is an awesome opportunity to assume a newly-created position that utilizes my unique skills and abilities in a new strategic way for the college. My years of experience and enthusiasm for college students will help students be the best they can be. It is an exciting new chapter in my life just as it is an awesome new period at the college.

Dawn Pleas-Bailey, *Vice President for Retention and Student Success*

Southwestern College President

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Pleas-Bailey transitions to student success role

Dawn Pleas-Bailey has been named vice president for retention and student success at Southwestern College. A long-time administrator at the college, Pleas-Bailey had been vice president for student life and special assistant to the president for community outreach.

Dan Falk will become the top student life administrator, continuing his duties as dean of students and associate vice president for student life.

“We place a lot of emphasis on recruiting students to Southwestern, and, to a person, this academic community cares a great deal about each one. We see an opportunity to accelerate our efforts in the area of student

success,” says President Brad Andrews. “Dawn’s experience in student life, combined with her academic credentials, will be invaluable as we look to step up our efforts in keeping our students here, facilitating their success, and moving them through to graduation.”

Pleas-Bailey has been at Southwestern since 1994, when she joined the staff as assistant dean of students. She was promoted to vice president for student life and dean of students in 2000, and transitioned to her most recent previous post in 2007.

She led the president’s initiative that reached out to low-socioeconomic, first generation, and ethnic

minority urban middle school students in the Wichita, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Dallas/Fort Worth areas.

She received the Good Apple Award from the Wichita USD 259, the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Corporate Diversity Award from the W.G. Williams Foundation, and the Buddy and Ethel Carruth Sustained Leadership Award from the University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of Education.

Pleas-Bailey received her bachelor’s degree from North Central College, a master’s degree from Newman University, and an Ed.D. from the University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of Education.

She will be responsible for the 1st Class (Center for Learning and Student Success), which provides academic support programs and other services. All programs in the center are provided at no cost to students. Professional staff members work with faculty and student mentor-tutors to monitor when student academic progress is not optimal.

In addition to the academic support, the center is responsible for career services, undeclared major advising, and weekly success-related support seminars.

For more information, contact 1st Class at sckans.edu/1stclass.

Stacy Sparks inducted into College Media Association Hall of Fame

Stacy Sparks’s job is teaching journalism. Her gift, though, is preparing journalism students for life. On Oct. 31, Sparks was inducted into the John A. Boyd Hall of Fame as part of ACP/CMA’s National College Media Convention.

The John A. Boyd Hall of Fame Award is the most prestigious honor given by the College Media Association (CMA), recognizing longtime members whose dedication, commitment, and sacrifice have contributed to the betterment and value of student media programs of both their campuses and the nation. It also recognizes the contributions of members who have devoted extensive and varied service to CMA on committees, the board of directors and other leadership roles and who have presented insightful, relevant and well-prepared programs and sessions. Those considered for this award must have contributed to college journalism education for 20 years or more while being an active member of CMA.

An associate professor of journalism and program coordinator for convergent journalism at Southwestern College, Sparks has advised magazines, student newspapers, and yearbooks since 1988 and has taught at Southwestern College since 2006. In addition to being on the advising team for UpdateSC she is the faculty adviser to *The Collegian* student newspaper and *Moundbuilder* yearbook. Sparks is an award-winning photographer and has shown her work in Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, and Alabama.

Sparks was Monica Springer’s journalism teacher both at Dodge City Community College and at Southwestern College.

“To say that she’s changed my life is a massive understatement. She’s the reason I have a college degree and a career,” Springer says.

“Stacy is not only a dedicated adviser and professor to her students, but also a tireless advocate for the college



Stacy Sparks and Monica Springer '08 during the 2014 Kansas Collegiate Media Conference.

media industry as a whole,” said Rachelle Kanigel, CMA president. “She has been a committed volunteer of both CMA and of Kansas Collegiate Media. Her students are lucky to have her, and we are equally lucky to have benefited from her expertise.”

Sparks is an excellent teacher of journalism, Springer adds, but her emphasis on intangible qualities are what set her apart.

“She taught me many things,” Springer wrote in a letter nominating Stacy for the hall of fame. “Deadlines are important. It’s okay to speak up and question authority. Check everything. And when you make a mistake, own up to it, apologize and move on.”

And while Sparks is a tough teacher in the classroom (with no leeway for missing deadlines), Springer remembers the post-deadline congratulations as well – featuring Stacy standing on her head.


“She has never said an unkind word to me,” Monica added. “She listens. She gives advice when I need to hear it, even if it’s hard to hear. She always wants better for her students, including myself.

“I hope that, one day, I can affect someone’s life as much as she affected mine.”

Stacy Sparks is program director for SC’s convergent journalism students. Much of their work can be found online at SCUpdate.org.

SAVE *the* DATE

SOUTHWESTERN COLLEGE



INAUGURATION of BRADLEY J ANDREWS

APRIL 14, 2016

Dr. Bradley J Andrews will be inaugurated as the 19th president of Southwestern College on April 14, 2016. The formal inauguration ceremony will be at 4 p.m. in Richardson Performing Arts Center and will be the highlight of the annual Founders Day celebration.

Other highlights include:

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2016

11 a.m. | Inauguration Chapel, Richardson Performing Arts Center

THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2016

10 a.m. | Tree planting and dedication of paver at Cole Mound Plaza

4 p.m. | Inauguration, Richardson Performing Arts Center

FRIDAY, APRIL 15, 2016

Noon to 1 p.m. | Reception and photo exhibit by Trisha Andrews, first lady of Southwestern College.

SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 2016

8 p.m. | John McCutcheon concert, Richardson Performing Arts Center

SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 2016

3 p.m. | A Cappella Choir Concert

For more information on inaugural events, please contact Jessica Falk, director of camps and conferences, at Jessica.Falk@sckans.edu.

Do you know a potential athletic director?

A search is currently underway to fill the athletic director post at Southwestern College, a full-time position reporting to the president. Review of applications will begin in January and the successful candidate will be expected to be on the job by June 1. For more information or to refer a potential candidate, see sckans.edu/athleticdirector.



Live Christmas album reunites Builder musicians

An album of Christmas music that was at least a dozen years in the making is available this year and should have a special appeal to friends of Southwestern College.

In the Company of Friends was released Oct. 16, but its roots go back to the Worship Outreach teams of the early century. That's when a group of Moundbuilders first began making music together and became friends through their work on various worship teams. Travis Hastings '03 was one of this group of friends.

"About three years ago we started having conversations with alumni of the worship outreach program, most often with Travis, about making an album," explains Martin Rude, director of worship outreach. "At that point the timing of the project didn't gel with everything that was happening on campus, but this year it seemed to make sense."

Hastings and Rude assembled a group of musicians that span the past decade – in addition to Travis and Claire (Myers) '04 Hastings, they included Daniel and Sarah (Melcher) Miller '00 '02, Monica (Morri-

son) Cooper '05, Josh Melcher '06, Isaac Chua '11, Tiffany Rea '13, and Stephen Butler '97/'11. Additional resources were brought in including Wichita drummer Lucas Whippo and a professional producer who had worked with Travis on previous projects.

Travis (who was working in Colorado at the time) flew in to Winfield in April for a day of working with Rude, listening, singing, and discussing which songs might fit on the album. In the end 16 were chosen, a mixture of traditional and original pieces that Rude describes as "an honest, fair mix" capturing the joy of the season. The singers and instrumentalists began working on arranging and practicing their own parts, then a week before Amp It Up camp in early June, all arrived in Winfield.

Amp It Up Camp, now in its third

year, is designed for middle school and high school students who want to develop musically and spiritually as they look to being worship leaders in their churches. Rude was one of the co-founders of the camp, and says it was the perfect time to record the live album.

"All of the musicians on the album are also worship leaders in their own churches, so in addition to being able to come together for the album, these alumni also served as counselors for Amp It Up camp," Rude explains.

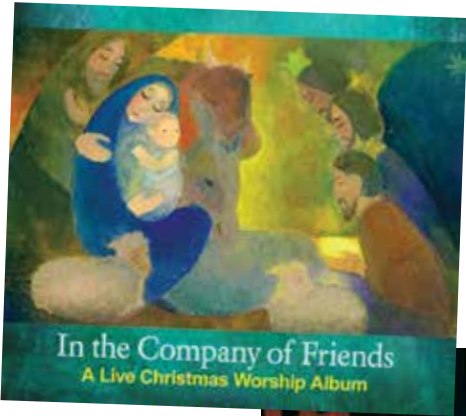
"We received funding from the Institute for Discipleship and this allowed us to upgrade Richardson Performing Arts Center with capacity for

multitrack live recording."

The new recording capabilities give promise for years to come – Rude says this company of friends is already talking about its next live project, a compilation of lullabies.

"Several alumni who weren't part of this project have expressed interest in being involved with the next one," he says. "We try to keep alumni plugged in and connected. Our interest is to help alumni connect, dream, and continue in their art."

In the Company of Friends is available at online retailers such as iTunes, Amazon, and CDbaby.com. Physical CDs cost \$15 per copy, but bulk purchasing discounts are available from BeADisciple.com/store. Groups interested in selling the CD as a fundraising activity may inquire to Miranda Jones at Miranda.Jones@sckans.edu.



Live production of the worship outreach alumni Christmas album led to substantial improvements in Richardson Performing Arts Center's multi-track recording equipment.

New health science major gives intentionality to career courses

A new health science major intended to better prepare students for careers in health-related fields will be available at Southwestern College in the fall of 2016. The new major was developed so that students can be more intentional as they build their undergraduate transcripts, says Patrick Ross, chair of the Division of Natural Sciences.

In addition to the core of introductory material that all science majors take (courses in fields such as biology, chemistry, physics and statistics) the health science majors will choose five advanced science electives. Selection of these electives will be tailored to the career the student envisions.

"For example, a student who intends to go into physical therapy will need to take additional psychology and child psychology courses; someone looking toward medical school will need biochemistry and sociology; a veterinary student would need to have taken microbiology," Ross explains. "Of course, they're free to take as many of these advanced courses as they want, but five is a reasonable number for a major."

In addition, health science majors will be required to take a first-year seminar titled "Introduction to Careers in the Health Sciences" that will meet once a week and call on members of medical professions to talk about their jobs.

"Some students know that they could be a doctor or a nurse, but they're not aware of the many, many

possibilities that exist for careers in the medical field," Ross adds.

A senior capstone course also will allow the students to do study and present research studies in medical science, and credit will be granted for internships and career-related experiences in the health sciences.

Research conducted before the major was proposed included contacting admission boards for various professional schools to see how an application of a student with a health science degree might be received.

"The admission boards didn't care about the name of the degree, they cared about which courses the student had taken," Ross says. "We also talked to scientists in hiring positions at companies such as Hospira and Amgen to see if this degree was going to be looked down on, and their reactions were either that it wouldn't matter or it that it would benefit the student."

This degree, in combination with Southwestern's traditionally strong science program and extra-curricular activities that include a robust Pre-Health Professionals Club, should give SC a unique position in recruiting new students, Ross says – "we believe this has the potential to become the biggest major in our division because so many students are interested in some aspect of medicine."

For more information on the new health science major, contact Patrick Ross, Patrick.Ross@sckans.edu, or the Office of Admission, scadmit@sckans.edu.

PS certificate preps on-ground and online

The Southwestern College Center for Corporate Learning (CCL) has begun offering a variety of self-paced online and facilitator-led on-ground certification preparatory courses for industry professionals.

The CCL is staffed by experienced, accomplished industry trainers who hold credentials including industry certification and advanced degrees. Its customized training and talent development programs are designed specifically for the needs of area businesses and organizations.

Launched in the summer, CCL offered its first on-ground PHR/SPHR certification preparatory course in the fall with another set to begin on Feb. 6, 2016.

Course registration and a full course schedule can be found online at ccl.sckans.edu

Next on-ground course offering:

PHR/SPHR certification prep course running
Saturdays Feb. 6 – April 30, 2016,
at the East Wichita Professional Studies Center.

Current self-paced online certification prep courses offered:

- Lean Six Sigma (Yellow, Green & Black Belt)
- Project Management Professional (PMP)
- Certified Ethical Hacker (CEHv8)
- Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP)
- CompTIA Security+ (SY0-401)
- ITIL Foundation
- Administering Microsoft SQL Server 2012 (70-462)

For more information visit online at ccl.sckans.edu or contact us by email at ccl@sckans.edu



SC music programs **upbeat** on future

On Oct. 13, more than 1,100 students from 14 high school marched onto the field of Jantz Stadium, competing in the second annual Mound of Sound marching band competition. The group included two bands from Oklahoma (Enid High School won the grand champion trophy) and a wide variety of band sizes, from 5A Liberal to 1A Dexter. Some Winfield community members and band parents sat in the stands all day to watch the competition.



Just before summer ended a large crowd attended a concert by the Southwestern College Choral Union, a group composed of SC students and community members. This concert featured women singers although the Choral Union is a mixed group during the academic year.

Now in its ninth year, the Cole Family Summer Music Festival is taking its place among regional young musicians as a favored commitment. With four emphasis areas (choir, orchestra, piano, band) the camp gives participants opportunity to explore topics such as African drum and dance, jazz improv, and music technology. SC students work alongside professional musicians as apprentice conductors,



music faculty, and counselors. The number of Southwestern College students involved in music now includes 81 individuals who, if counting by participation, are in 267 musical spots. Enrollments this year are on the upswing.

So what is the source of this departmental resurgence in a time when higher education in general is struggling to attract students?

Timothy Shook, chair of the Division of Performing Arts, points to a new and energetic group of faculty who are both innovating and building on programs that had been started by previous faculty members. Each of these initiatives and programs is aimed at a single goal—to build a student-centered education for the next generation of musicians.

“Southwestern’s niche is that it’s a place where students can explore and grow while they learn a sense of service,” Shook says. “The art is important, but really, it’s more about the person than it is about the music.”

He points to the music faculty as the foundation of the department’s resurgence:

Brian Winnie, director of choral activities

“Besides being a wonderful musician, Brian is a master at drawing people together,” Shook says. “He’s becoming important in the Wichita musical scene – he directed a Young

People’s Theatre production that introduced Southwestern to a lot of those participants who are prospective students.”

Amber Peterson, director of strings

“Amber is a master of alignment and assessment, and keeping the department in line with accrediting regulations. As the director of the South Kansas Symphony and the Southwestern College Youth Symphony, she’s quiet and efficient, and has a very high work ethic.”



Jeremy Kirk, director of bands

“Jeremy has experience in both high school and community college teaching, and he has a true heart for what students are learning, what they’re experiencing. I try to keep current with new methods but these faculty, especially Jeremy, really live it, and that’s allowing our music ed students to be prepared for the 21st century classroom.” Kirk founded the African Drum Circle, and his compositions for percussion are regularly published.



Stephen Butler, assistant professor and the college’s pianist

“All of the faculty are so willing to explore all styles of music with the students,” Shook says. “Stephen especially helps with this in that the music majors learn theory concepts through music to which they relate.”

All remain active in academia, Shook adds, and are authors of professional publications and presentations at national conferences.

And all are enthusiastic and innovative.

“They all think so far ahead,” Shook says. “There’s no last-minute decision-making. They have plans and they think ideas through.”



So what is in the future for Southwestern’s music program? Shook has set a goal of returning to SC’s former distinguished reputation as a top music school.

“Southwestern has more of its graduates (seven) in the Kansas Music Educators Hall of Fame than any other school – more than KU, more than K-State, more than WSU,” he points out. “That’s where I’m looking – what can we do? Where can we look? How can we rebuild it? Those graduates who have gone out there in the past decades have made SC and music go together. The alumni are sensing energy, and we all hear the excitement.”

Then he grins. “Two years ago Jeremy had four band students, and now we have 20. When we get 30 or 40 in band, who knows? Maybe we’ll have the only marching band in the KCAC.”



Fall Face Time

2015 HOMECOMING

In this era of instant communication Builders love to connect electronically, but there's nothing like old-fashioned face-to-face moments for true connection. 2015 Homecoming provided those moments for hundreds of alumni who traveled back to Winfield for a football win over Bethany, lunch at Burger Station, and a sunny parade. For full coverage see photo albums online at sckans.edu/homecoming







1950s

Rev. Wayne and Shirley (Reed) Kenyon '58 '58 of Arlington, Texas, celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary and Shirley's 80th birthday in September 2015. Their six children – who came from Maryland, Ohio, Indiana, Arkansas, Kansas, and Texas – were able to stay for a four-day visit. Several of their 17 grandchildren also were in attendance. The Kenyons' oldest child (Pat), and their youngest child (Leti), had never met. Pat was married before the family went to Ecuador as missionaries so she did not go along, and Leti joined the family when she was three days old after they arrived in Ecuador.

1960s

Joan (Broadie) Feldmeier '63, Jane (Broadie) Wilson '63, and Eileen Broadie '67 have released their fourth CD. *Tribute to the Greatest Generation* is a composite of songs from the World War II era. Highlighted are songs such as "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy," "I'll Be Seeing You," "Chattanooga Choo Choo," "Blue Skies," and "Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree," accompanied by piano, string bass and percussion. "These were such fun to sing and record!" says Joan. Samplers may be heard on the www.broadiesisters.com website.

Glenn Wooddell '63 was recently honored with a certificate of merit in

recognition of his outstanding contributions and dedicated service for WJFF Radio Catskills. During the same weekend, Glenn received a New York State Assembly Citation recognition for his commitment to WJFF and his community. He has been a longtime fixture in the Jeffersonville, N.Y., area, spending many years as a music educator and having an impact on thousands of students. Glenn is one of the station's longest-serving volunteers and is believed to have been the first voice on the airwaves when WJFF first went on the air in February 1990. His long-standing program, "Sunday Brunch," continues weekly on Radio Catskills.

Ralph and Carole (Lee) Malin '64 '67 celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception for family and friends on June 28, 2015, in Newton.

1970s

Ron Harnden '70, of the law firm Triplett Woolf & Garretson LLC, was honored with the top recognition for real estate law as selected in the *Wichita Business Journal* list of 2015 Best Lawyers. The lawyers were chosen as the best in their practice areas by the Best Lawyers national organization. The selection process uses the results of surveys of their peers. Ron and other recipients were honored at a banquet at the Hyatt Regency in Wichita in September 2015.

Kim Moore '71, president of the

United Methodist Health Ministry Fund, has been honored with the Donald A. Wilson Visionary Award. The Kansas Hospital Association established this award to recognize individuals who have made an outstanding, innovative contribution to health care delivery, health care financing, or other initiatives that improve the health and clinical outcomes of their community. The Donald A. Wilson Visionary Award provides KHA members the opportunity to recognize individuals who have truly been agents for change in the hospital industry. Kim received this recognition because of his visionary and innovative support for access to health care in Kansas.

Don and Margaret Anderson '72 celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Sept. 10, 2015. Don was professor of psychology at SC and Margaret taught second grade and was a reading specialist for USD 465.

Honorable C. Darnell Jones '72, distinguished jurist and U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, presented Rogers State University's Maurice Meyer Distinguished Endowed Lecture on Friday, Oct. 30, 2015. His remarks were titled "Diversity Then and Now: What Have We Learned?" This lectureship is held annually to honor the legacy of the Meyer family and the life of an American who died defending freedom and democracy. The goal is to foster an apprecia-

tion for diversity and humanity and to promote tolerance and understanding of other cultures, people, and ideas.

Melody (Kennedy) Milbrandt '72 received the 2015 National Art Educator of the Year award at the NAEA National Convention March 26-28, 2015. The prestigious award, determined through a peer review of nominations, recognizes the exemplary contributions, service, and achievements of one outstanding NAEA member. Melody is currently a professor of art education at Georgia State University, Atlanta.

Chris L. Beckley '74 recently graduated from an options training education program after passing the final board review. The certificate is from optionsAnimal which provides accredited investor education curriculum offered through Hudu University with regional accreditation provided through AdvancedEd. For Chris, this has been a 2½-year project to reach the goal of becoming a certified options trader, all while working full time. He will continue in his options trading career with this official certification.

Jennie (Taylor) O'Dell '79 teaches French, levels 1, 2, and 3, in Enid, Okla. In May 2016, she will lead a group of students and parents on a tour of Paris, France, and the French Riviera. Her son, Drake, is a high school senior and will go on the tour with her.

1980s

Charles Golladay '80 has accepted a position as deaf educator at Curtis Middle School in Wichita. He also does some itinerant work at Caldwell Elementary School.

Jalynn (Matthews) Nolte '81 is the new special education teacher at Bee-son Elementary School in Dodge City. Her husband, **Jerre Nolte '80**, has accepted an appointment at the Dodge City First United Methodist Church.

Brenda Butters '82 recently joined CornerBank in Winfield as vice president of asset management.

Lucinda (Torres) Crenshaw '85, a seventh-grade science teacher at West Middle School in Lawrence, was named a Region 2 finalist for the 2016 Kansas Teacher of the Year award during a September ceremony in Topeka. She has 30 years of teaching experience and is a Nationally Board Certified Teacher. She also is a former president of the Lawrence Education Association (1997).

Don Himpel '85 and Bill McAleer were married on Sept. 19, 2015. They are at home in Madison, Wisc.

Greg Stinson '87 placed first in his division in the INT Regional Waterski Competition Tournament in Florence, Ala., on Sept. 12, 2015.



Class of 1965

FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Marian (Richards) Stubbs, Kay Harris, Ann (Hefner) Bowman, Carolyn (Warren) Harrison, Judy (Marvel) Barrett, Wendell Smith, Sandi Stout.

SECOND ROW: Shelley (Shaffer) Hopkins, Gloria (Benfield) Jones-Wolf, Evelyn (McCormack) Hendrickson.

THIRD ROW: Orville Barrett, Rita (Magnuson) Kunkel, Barbara (Blackburn) Hays, Rachel (York) Kumpf.

FOURTH ROW: Murl Webster, Gene Gruver, Bill Seyb, Ron Daerr, Howard Babb, Fred Hopkins, Steve Kaufman, Jim Scott, Bill Brazil.

Mary Lou Martin '60: First Lady 1988-98



Mary Lou (Bauer) Martin '60, a leader on campus not only during her own college years but as First Lady of Southwestern College from 1988-98, died Sept. 8, 2015. She was 78. She was a warm and gracious presence beside her husband, President Carl Martin, during his tenures as chaplain and as president. A musician and artist, she founded the Walnut Valley Youth Choir and directed that choir from 1991 to 1998, and was an elementary music teacher inducted into the SC Educators Hall of Fame in 2006. Survivors include her husband, Carl; a son, Andrew and wife Janell; a daughter, Megann Kennedy and husband Dale; and four grandchildren. Memory funds include one at Southwestern College.

1990s

Michael Wilmoth '90 completed the James Madison Fellowship Foundation Fellowship in October 2015. In 2008, Michael was named a Senior Fellow from Kansas. He hopes to make other Southwestern College students and alumni aware of the James Madison Fellowship Memorial Foundation scholarship opportunities.

Neil Bass '92 recently became the Natural Resources Manager at Fort Leavenworth. In this role, he strives to keep the Army in compliance with natural resource laws and maintain the fort's unique habitats for wildlife and outdoor recreation. Neil and his family live in Missouri.

Wes Keely '96 was recently recognized for 40 years of dedicated public service. Wes is a City of Winfield gas systems operator.

Eric Andreas '97 has been recognized by *Notable Today* with inclusion in the Notables List. This list highlights individuals who have become worthy of attention or notice in their local communities through career success, demonstration of a high level of personal integrity, worthwhile volunteer contributions, or other considerations.

Mark R. Sloan '98 has retired from the Kansas Air National Guard and United States Air Force after 27 years. In looking back over his career with the military, Mark says that taking the degree completion program with Southwestern College was one of the smarter decisions he has made. Mark will take a few months to tie up loose ends and then plans to move to Pensacola to be closer to family and friends.

2000s

Daniel Miller '00 has achieved a professional goal of becoming an examiner for the American Osteopathic Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Timothy Myers '00 conducted the premiere of *O Columbia*, a 70-minute chamber opera written to tell the tragic story of the Columbia space shuttle. This shuttle broke apart in 2003 upon re-entry, killing all seven crew mem-

bers. The opera was performed in Houston in September. Plans are underway to have a future event at NASA and have the music transmitted to the International Space Station.

Jane Blasi '02 recently celebrated her 13th year with Cox Communications in Wichita. As director of people services for the company's central region, she oversees human resource teams in Kansas and Arkansas. Jane was recognized by the *Wichita Business Journal* as a 2015 HR Professional Honoree.

Matt Douglass '03 received a Ph.D. in philosophy from Baylor University in May 2015.

Rev. Ross '05 and **Rev. Amanda (Bennett) Baker '05** have accepted new positions in Marion, Kan. Amanda is the pastor at Valley United Methodist Church and Ross is the pastor at Eastmoor United Methodist Church.

Dane Brummett '06 is the new head golf professional at Briar Ridge Country Club in Schererville, Ind.

Jenna (Swisher) Nunez '07 married Hernan Nunez in Orlando, Fla., on Nov. 26, 2014. Both work at Seaworld, Hernan as an acrobat and Jenna as an animal trainer.

Katie Allender '09 married Aaron Ford on Aug. 29, 2015.

Kourtney (McLeland) Maisog '09 graduated from the University of Kansas School of Pharmacy in May 2015 with a Doctor of Pharmacy degree. She and husband **Jason Maisog '07** have moved to Ellsworth, Kan., where Kourtney is employed as a pharmacist at F&M Drug and Jason is a substitute teacher.

2010s

Conner Drendel '11/'13 and **Cassie (Hollenback) Drendel '16** raced in the Tanganyika 5K race on Sept. 20, 2015. Cassie was the overall female winner at 20:21 minutes, and Conner was the overall male winner at 16:45 minutes. They won \$150 combined, over \$100 worth of running socks, and free admission to the Tanganyika Wildlife Zoo. Even though Cassie won, she could not accept the money

since she is still competing in track for Southwestern. This was Cassie's first race in over a year, due to an injury, and Conner's first race in five months. The couple was married on May 29, 2015, and are glad to be back racing!

Anna (Baker) Foster '12, Hinkle Law Firm human resource manager, was recognized by the *Wichita Business Journal* as a 2015 HR Professional Honoree.

RJ Schnack '12 and **Kaley Rodriguez '13** married Oct. 10, 2015, in an outdoor ceremony at Southwestern College. They are now residing in Hays, where RJ is a residential director at Fort Hays State University and Kaley is a special education teacher for grades K-1 at Roosevelt Elementary.

David Bates '14 has joined the staff at Sharp Realty in Augusta, Kan., as a real estate agent. David, his wife **Jessica (Schaal) Bates '12**, and their new daughter, Abigail, enjoy living in the Augusta community.



Susan Runyan '14 has accepted the position of program manager for the Kansas Healthcare Collaborative (KHC), which is a provider-led 501(c)3 organization with a mission to transform health care through patient-centered initiatives that improve quality, safety, and value. She is primarily responsible for implementation of KHC's hospital-based quality improvement initiatives.

Josh Sapp '14 graduated from Oklahoma Christian with a master's degree in business administration, emphasis in health care management.

Tyler Shirley '14, a physical education teacher for Jefferson School (Great Bend, Kan.), has been nominated by USD 428 for the Kansas Horizon Award. This program is sponsored by

the Kansas State Department of Education and recognizes first-year teachers for excellent teaching in elementary and secondary classrooms. Tyler is also a Great Bend High School assistant basketball and football coach.

Taylor Fogle '15 was recently awarded a Customer Service Award by the Winfield Area Chamber of Commerce for her outstanding job as the front desk attendant at Best Western Plus Patterson Parkway.

Montana Rickey '15 has been accepted into Oklahoma University College of Pharmacy for the Doctor of Pharmacy program.

Louise Kavanagh '15 of Belfast, Northern Ireland, has been named Study USA Student of the Year. (See photo below) Louise was among 66 students from Northern Ireland to successfully graduate from the Study USA program and was honored at a graduation ceremony at the Belfast Harbour Commissioner's Office on Oct. 29, 2015. Louise was named Student of the Year after achieving top academic marks and writing an essay highlighting how her experience has helped further her employability. She hopes to use her year of study abroad at Southwestern College to pursue a career in community theatre. In addition to several theatre productions while at SC, Louise did a presentation, "In the Shadow of the Titanic," based on stories told by her great-grandfathers who worked on the famous ship as it was being built in Belfast.

Christie Meyer, doctoral student, is the president for the Kansas Association for Supervision & Curriculum Development board for the 2015-2016 school year. Christie recently attended the ASCD Leader to Leader conference in Arlington, Va., where she participated in workshops focusing on "growth mindsets" in education.



Student of the Year

Louise Cavanagh '15 (center) accepts her award as Northern Ireland's Study USA Student of the Year from the minister of the Department of Employment and Learning and the head of the British Council. (See full item above)

Evelyn Elvin ’38 died Oct. 21, 2015. She served several years as executive secretary to the president of Friends University. Survivors include her sons, Charles and J. Barry; daughter Karlene Preston; 20 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and nine great-great-grandchildren.

Betty (Lewis) Warta ’42 died on Jan. 20, 2015. In addition to being a high school teacher in Beverly, Alta Vista, and Brookville, Kan., she was primary accountant for the family Buick dealership in Salina. Betty is survived by her daughters, Ruth and Carol Sue; three grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and her sister Marilyn (Lewis) Will.

Lois (Womeldorf) McAlister ’45 died on May 28, 2015. She spent over 25 years of her career as a teacher for the Shawnee Mission School District. Lois is survived by her son, Paul McAlister, and a grandson.

Eldon Herd ’50 died Oct. 15, 2015 in Lawrence. Eldon served in the Air Force from 1950 to 1953 and graduated from officer candidate school. He was material facilities supply officer at Offutt Air Force Base. He is survived by sons Kevin, Marston, Drew, James, and Sean; sisters Lorraine Kendrick and Barbara Crane; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Betty Maddux ’51 died on Oct. 1, 2015. Betty was a lieutenant in the Women’s Army Medical Corps, where she was a physical therapist. Survivors include her children, Becky Shalkoski, Cheri Sextro, and John Maddux; a brother, **Herbert Reimer ’53**, seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Darrel K. Falen ’55 died Oct. 6, 2015, after a battle with cancer. Darrell was a math teacher, basketball and

football coach in Lawrence schools before becoming the director of athletic business affairs, then athletic director. He is survived by his wife Carol, son Steven, and daughter Diana Vincent.

Francis “Frank” McCormick ’61 died Dec. 18, 2014, in Homeland, Calif. Frank is survived by his children, Elizabeth, David, James, and Paul; 13 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Rodger Epley ’62 died on Sept. 16, 2015, after a battle with cancer. He is survived by his daughter Nikki, and his significant other, Frances Cooper.

Judi (Watson, Witter) Nechero ’62 died on Aug. 28, 2015, in Albuquerque, N.M., where she lived. Judi’s first husband was **Bill Witter ’55**. She is survived by two daughters, Trina Witter and Trisha Witter.

Eva Ann (Grundeitz) Akers ’65 died on Feb. 21, 2015, in Colorado Springs. She is survived by her husband, James; son, Ryan; and sister, **Loeda (Grundeitz) Westphal ’65**.

Lynda (Lane) Brazil ’65 died on Aug. 29, 2015, at her home in Winfield. As the wife of a clergy member, Lynda served in numerous capacities with the church through the years, and enjoyed the arts, singing, camping, and canoe trips. She is survived by her husband **Bill Brazil ’66**; and sons, **David ’97** and **Brian ’95**.

Marjorie (Harp) McClure ’65 died on Oct. 7, 2015, after surviving metastatic breast cancer for nearly 20 years. After being diagnosed, Marjorie became passionate about developing treatments and worked with breast cancer patients suffering from lymphedema complications. She spoke at national and international meetings

as a lymphedema expert and at the age of 65 she received the “Best New Investigator Award” at the 8th Annual National Lymphedema Network conference. Marjorie is survived by her husband, Richard; three sons, Mark, Brian, and Kevin; five grandchildren; and a sister, **Margaret Davie ’66**.

Eugene “Gene” Kissman ’67 died on July 11, 2015. He was a gentle soul, known as Gene, Pop, and Coach to family and friends. He taught math and PE and coached football and basketball. Gene is survived by his brothers, BR and **Charles ’69**; sons, Wm. Thor and Shawn; a daughter, Lee Hill; seven grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Sharla Elder ’68 died on Aug. 26, 2015. She was a retired science teacher at Buhler High School. Sharla is survived by a son, Carrick Williams; a daughter Caisha (Williams) Hinnen; a brother, Bob Elder; a sister, Sandy Lane; and two grandchildren.

Robert “Bob” Scheffler ’72 died on Aug. 22, 2015. Bob was employed as a cost estimator at Bunting Magnetics. He is survived by his wife, Vickie; mother, Evelyn; sons Daniel and Michael, daughter Katherine (Scheffler) Dower; and one grandson.

Gregory Hall ’77 died Oct. 22, 2015. Gregory was a beloved football coach and teacher to countless players and students during a 34-year career in education. Gregory is survived by his wife Nancy; daughters Amy Parker and Dana Hall; adoptive daughter Dana Judd; and two grandsons.

Nancy Cowdrey ’88 died Sept. 22, 2015, in her home. Nancy enjoyed a 40-year career teaching elementary schoolchildren. She is survived by a son, Bruce; daughters Paula and Paige; two grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Christopher Forsythe ’96 died suddenly on Oct. 14, 2015, at his home in Colorado Springs. Chris dedicated his life to the music industry. He was a vocalist, guitarist, sound engineer, and a contributing writer to *Riff Rag* magazine. He is survived by his daughter, Alexandria; mother, JoEva; brothers, Rob, Jeff and Casey; and sisters, Kathy Glover and Lisa Homer.

David Mosconi ’05 died Oct. 18, 2015. David served in the US Army and later owned and operated David’s Wash and Wax. He is survived by three children, Holly, Timothy, and Jeri; siblings, Jeanie, Richard, Patrick, and Larry; and four grandchildren.



Outstanding alumni and friends were recognized at the 2015 Homecoming class dinner. Shown are (l. to r.) Warren Bergquist ’05, Young Alumni Award; Todd DeMint, accepting for his late wife, Donna (Wacker) Homan DeMint ’80, Servant Leadership Award; Scott Schoon/Winfield Recreation Commission, Ambassador Award; and Scott Hecht ’90, Alumni Award.

Twin boys, Liam E. and Reece David, born on Sept. 28, 2015, to **David ’98 and Saleena Battin**.

A daughter, Kathryn Lee, born June 6, 2015, to **Josh ’02 and Whitney (Cockrell) Thuma**. She has a brother, Will Samuels (8).

A daughter, Cincy Denise, born Aug. 13, 2015, to **Joel ’05 and Miranda (Harris) ’06 Lomurno**.

A daughter, Roslyn Mae, born Aug. 6, 2015 to **Drew ’08 and Kari ’10 (Roth) Logsdon**. The Logsdons are at home in Pinetop, Ariz.

A daughter, Harper Grace, born July 28, 2015, to **Nate and Nicole**

(Pierce) ’08 Yarnell. Harper has a sister Ava May (1½).

Twins, Katherine Macy and Matthew Lee, born Nov. 7, to **John and Anna (Macy) ’09 Middleton**.

A daughter, Lydia Nicole, born Aug. 19, 2015, to **Clinton and Stacie (Hinkel) ’11 Proctor**. The Proctors live in Waterloo, Iowa, where Stacie is a cardiac nurse and Clinton is a mechanical engineer.

A daughter, Elizabeth Marie, born Aug. 6, 2015, to **Ted and Tiffany (Rodgers) Shinneman ’11 ’13**. The Shinnemans live in Winfield.

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ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Alice Bendinelli, assistant professor of English, convened the international conference “Animal Suffering” on Oct. 22-23 and presented a paper, “Nosce Te Apesum: Traumatic Testimony in Karen Joy Fowler’s *We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves*.” Bendinelli presented a paper at the SLSA Conference 2015, “After Biopolitics,” at Rice University, Houston, Nov. 12-15, 2015. The title of the presentation was “In the Name of the Mother: Framing Narratives of Human and Elephant Life.”

Jackie Glasgow, assistant professor of education at Southwestern College, received the Kansas Independent College Association (KICA) Faculty of Distinction award. Glasgow, along with the other 17 honorees, was recognized at a workshop and award reception in Newton on Nov. 3.

Angela McWilliams Goodson, adjunct instructor of American History and college writing, has been approved by the Lutheran Deaconess Association at Valparaiso University for consecration into Word and Service.

Jacob L. Goodson, assistant professor of philosophy, published “The State of the Secular University,” in the *Journal of Scriptural Reasoning*, vol. 14, no. 2, (November 2015). By invitation from the Faculty of Divinity at Cambridge University, he gave a lecture titled “Teaching Genesis in the Philosophy of Religion” at Murray Edwards College in August 2015. Also by invitation, he gave a lecture series concerning philosophical interpretations of Martin Luther’s 95 Theses at King of Glory Lutheran Church in Williamsburg, Va., on Oct. 31 and Nov. 1, 2015. At the Animal Suffering Conference hosted

by Southwestern College in October, he presented “Haunted by Animal Suffering: Reflections on the Phrase ‘The Difficulty of Reality.’”

Dalene McDonald, librarian of Deets Library, attended the American Library Association Conference in San Francisco in July. She was invited to give a presentation titled “Southwestern College Archives: BiblioBoard and Eloquent Archives” at the South Central Kansas Library System semi-annual meeting in October. In early November, **Marjorie Snyder** and McDonald presented “Re-Imagining Deets Library” at the Oklahoma Association of College and Research Libraries Conference in Tulsa. She was also elected to serve on the executive board of the South Central Kansas Library System. In addition, in November the library hosted “Facilitating and Debriefing GamePlay in the College Classroom” for faculty and students. All of these opportunities were funded by a system grant from the South Central Kansas Library System.

John Scaggs, professor of English, presented a paper at the “Animal Suffering” conference at Southwestern College: “Dogs of War: Dog-Fighting and Crime-Fighting in Alicia Giménez-Bartlett’s *Dog Days*.”

Senta Sellers, reference and instruction librarian at Deets Library, attended the 2015 “Brick and Click” academic librarian conference in Maryville, Mo., at Northwest Missouri State University on Nov. 6

Marjorie Snyder, technical services librarian at Deets Library, was part of a “Libraries Without Borders: Common



Natural Sciences Hall of Fame
Inducted into the Natural Sciences Hall of Fame on Nov. 14 were (left to right) Nathan L. Eckert '01, Esther Winkelman Overstreet '28 (accepted by Scott C. Gyllenborg), and Harold E. “Gene” Miller '62.

Themes and Different Solutions” panel presentation at KLA/MLA 2015 in Kansas City Oct. 2. She also participated in a library exchange and her Bulgaria travel journal was published by Colorado Association of Libraries International Library Cultural Exchange Interest Group at <https://ilceig.wordpress.com/>.

Stacy Sparks, associate professor of journalism, and **Pamela Thompson**, adjunct journalism instructor, accompanied communication students **Taylor Forrest** and **Gabby Gamez** to Austin, Texas, Oct. 29-Nov. 1 to attend the Associated Collegiate Press/ National College Media Convention. Highlight of the convention was the induction of Sparks into the John A. Boyd Hall of Fame. (See story on page 3.)

James Strand, former SC organ professor, was honored for 15 years of service as music director at St. Alban’s in Cape Elizabeth, Maine.

Bill DeArmond, professor of mass communications and film, is author of three items recently accepted or published: a story, “Certitude,” published in the Summer 2015 edition of *Elbow Pads* literary journal; a story, “Dig Deeply the Grave,” accepted by Scars Publishing for inclusion in their anthology *Down in the Dirt* to be released May of 2016 (the story is currently archived online at their website); and a poem “Pixilating My Memory,” accepted by Ten Penny Press for inclusion in a future edition of *Waterways*, a journal that is an advocate of disability, children’s, and animal rights.



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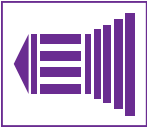
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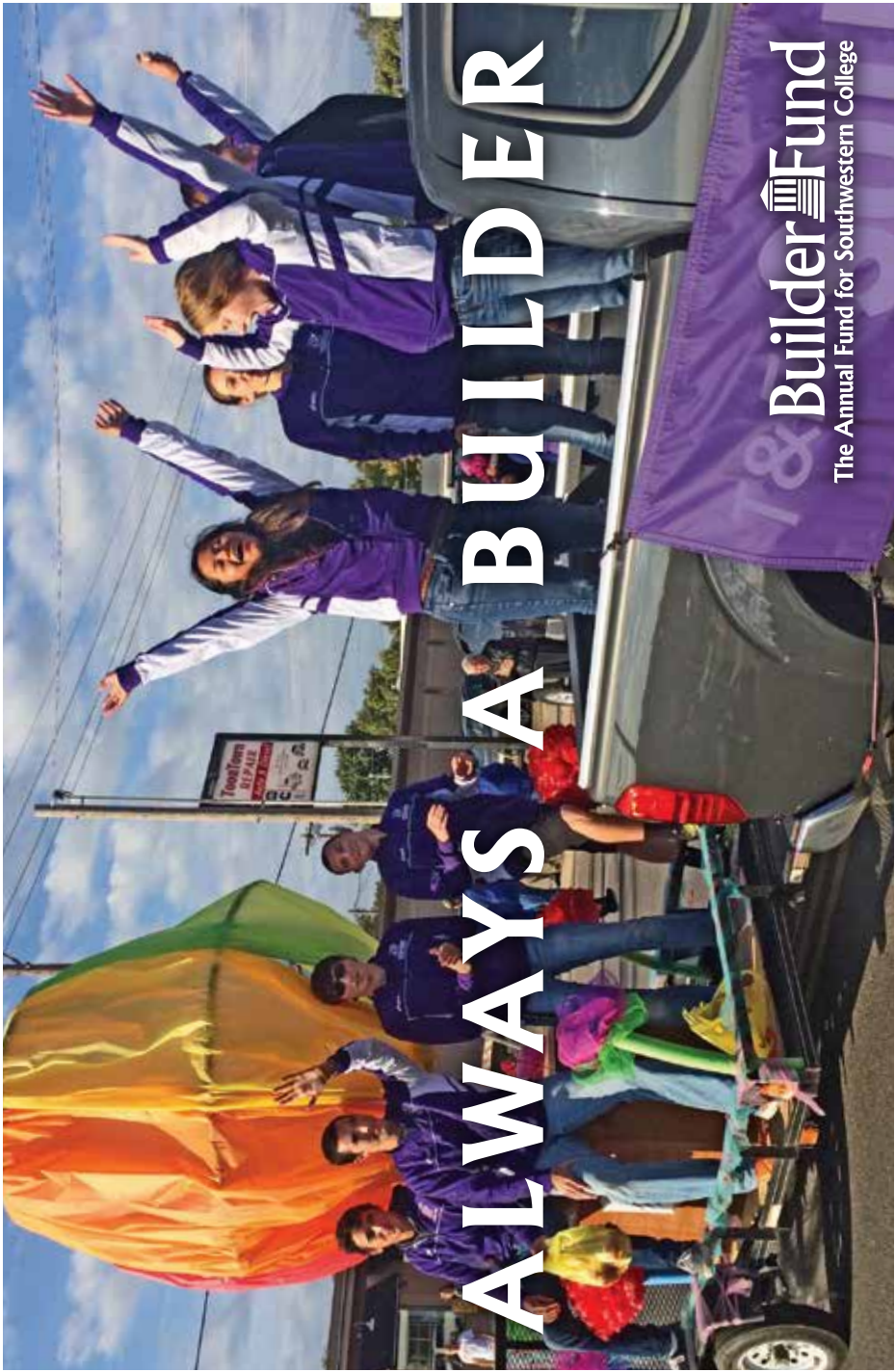
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