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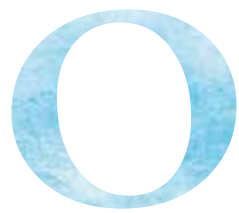
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On October 14th all of us in the Southwestern family were stunned by the death of a 19-year-old sophomore, Kara LeeAnn Snell McLain.

Our students said "We all thought of Kara as our little sister." For all of us who dedicate our lives to higher education, to this college, there is nothing that tears at our hearts more than the tragic loss of a student. Southwestern College was blessed by Kara's presence; she was a gift.



At the same time on the calendar, we received news that brought us great pride and joy. A Washington, D.C., publication, in its annual college rankings, had Southwestern College as the fifth best college in the entire Midwest on an "exclusive list of schools that help non-wealthy students attain marketable degrees at affordable prices." I am generally not a big fan of college rankings, as I feel they inevitably fail to capture the transformational power of a four-year educational experience.

However, if there is any college ranking list I am proud for us to be on, surely this is the one.

What an incredible juxtaposition. Kara's loss simultaneous to recognition of the college's success. At the end of the day, Southwestern College continues to be all about our people. Indeed, people are the sum total of what we value, what makes us special, why we are here, why we mourn and grieve, and why we celebrate.

I'm sure that as you read this edition of the *Southwesterner* you will be filled with pride and awe by the great possibility of Southwestern College – and I know that we will all take time to remember a gentle and loving and meaningful soul, an incredible Builder.

Life is complicated, but through great losses and affirming advances, we continue to come together as Builders. We are more grateful than ever for the strong family and community that is Southwestern College.

Brad Andrews, *President*

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SC ranks near top of national ‘best’ list

Washington Monthly magazine has recognized Southwestern College as one of the nation’s top values in higher education in its 2016 college rankings issue. The magazine ranks SC fifth in the Midwest region as a “Best Bang for the Buck College.”

According to *Washington Monthly*, the “Best Bang for the Buck” list includes schools that help non-wealthy students attain marketable degrees at affordable prices.

“This is who we are at Southwestern and it’s what we have been doing for more than 130 years: helping deserving students attain meaningful degrees at affordable prices,” says Southwestern College President Brad Andrews.

Washington Monthly’s methodology for the rankings is based in three categories – social mobility (recruiting and graduating low-income students), research (producing cutting-edge scholarship and Ph.D.s), and service (encouraging students to give back to their country). Data reviewed in the ranking process includes graduation rates, first-generation student ratios, graduate earnings, net price of attendance, and a measure calculated for each institution’s dedication to community service.

In total, 367 institutions of higher education were ranked in the Midwest category. The fifth-place ranking put Southwestern ahead of all other schools in Kansas.

According to the guest editor of

the issue, Kevin Carey, who directs the education policy program at the New America Foundation, the ranking is most fundamentally based “not on what (colleges) did for themselves, but on what they did for their country.”

“Colleges that enrolled many low-income students and helped them graduate did well on our rankings, regardless of how famous they were. So did universities producing the next generation of scientists and Ph.D.s, and those that built an ethos of public obligation by sending graduates into service,” wrote Carey in his introduction to the college rankings guide.



In addition to the *Washington Monthly* ranking, Southwestern has achieved other recent recognitions for offering outstanding value to students. A February study by Georgetown University Center for Education named SC best in the state for graduates beating mid-career salary expectations. *U.S. News & World Report* ranked SC a Top Tier Midwest Regional University in the newsmagazine’s annual ranking, which was published in September.

The complete ranking of Midwest “Best Bang for the Buck Colleges 2016” is available online and includes the magazine’s methodology.

Strategic plan to focus on four priorities

A strategic planning process that will identify Southwestern College’s priorities for the next five years has been launched by President Brad Andrews. The plan resulting from this process will commit to a single goal in each of four strengths—

academic, co-curricular, finance, and physical plant.

Open forums for faculty, staff, and students currently are being held, soliciting ideas and diverse concepts to ensure the strength and vibrancy of Southwestern College in 2022.

Fifteen forum meetings have been scheduled including two meetings specifically targeted for student input. All constituencies represented on campus and by Professional Studies have the opportunity to participate in either a meeting or by submitting an idea online.

“As a community we will share all of our good ideas about the directions we might head, the initiatives we

document ultimately will be reviewed and adopted by the Board of Trustees at their July meeting.

Andrews is being assisted by a steering committee that includes Jackson Lashier, assistant professor of religion; Tammy McEwen, assistant professor of biology; and Kaydee Riggs-Johnson, vice president for marketing and communications. When the idea-gathering forums have concluded, this committee

Kara McLain: ‘A gift to us’

The Southwestern College family was stunned by the death of sophomore Kara LeeAnn Snell McLain, 19, who died in a traffic accident Oct. 14. She was on her way from Southwestern to her home in Ness County.

A psychology major with a minor in music, Kara’s parents are Dr. Allen ’74 and Rev. Barbara (Snell) ’78 McLain.

Kara was a highly-visible presence on campus, recruiting students as an SC Ambassador, singing in the A Cappella Choir, and participating in theatre productions.

Campus minister Ben Hanne acknowledged her impact in a message sent to all students shortly after news of her accident was received.

“Kara was a gift to us here at Southwestern College. Her spirit and passion for life was rivaled only by her compassion and care for others. Hers was a life of creativity and joy, and we were blessed by her presence with us. She had an amazing way of making anyone feel welcome, and she was never too busy to stop and talk with you,” Hanne said.

A special feature in the *Collegian* also memorialized the much-loved student, and her roommates collaborated to describe their friend.

“We all thought of Kara as our little sister,” said Kiley Lott, Beth Jewett, and Leslie Wofford. “Any time anyone hurt her feelings we would offer to beat them up for her, but she always told us not to. Kara took her music



very seriously and she had begun to gain confidence when she was doing a solo. Kara was starting to become one of the most courageous people we had ever met.”

Kara’s singing was described as an “amazing beautiful angel voice” by her friend Carlene Dick, who added that “she continues to inspire me and so many others from how she lived her life beautifully.”

In addition to classmates and friends, she is survived by her parents, Allen ’74 and Barbara (Snell) McLain ’78; two brothers, Christian and Ryan; her uncle, Robert McLain ’70; two aunts, Mary (McLain) Hladek ’73, and Eadie (Littell) McLain ’73/’92; and grandparents Robert and June Snell.

The Southwestern College music department is a memorial recipient.

During the days following Kara’s death the college provided support and counseling on campus, as well as a candlelight vigil and a bus to transport students to Kara’s funeral in Ransom.

“As a community we will share all of our good ideas about the directions we might head, the initiatives we might embrace, and the opportunities we might seize.”

—Brad Andrews, President

might embrace, and the opportunities we might seize,” Andrews explained. “My goal is to turn out the lights at the end of each meeting. I’ll stay as long as it takes to ensure that we capture every idea and to ensure that everyone feels heard.”

The 10-month process is expected to result in a strategic plan final draft that will be shared with the college by the end of this academic year. The

will organize ideas and draft strategic priorities before the ideas are returned to the college community for review and feedback.

“It is very important that everyone on campus and at Professional Studies feel that they were able to participate in the process of mapping our strategic priorities and in charting the future of Southwestern College,” Andrews added.



The Southwestern College Percussion Ensemble, including Jordan Butler (shown here), performed John Luther Adams’s landmark composition “Inuksuit” at the Chaplin Nature Center in Arkansas City on Sunday, Nov. 6.

Library coffee on menu for next semester study

A coffee shop expected to be open soon after students return from Christmas break may make a double shot of espresso the newest study aid in Deets Library.

The shop will convert the open lounge inside the library's front entrance to a snack area that will feature open seating and contemporary décor. It will be staffed by a barista during hours the library is open.

Fresh Ideas, the campus food services contractor, is installing the coffee shop as part of its contract with the college. Taylor Strecker, area manager for Fresh Ideas, has been instrumental in the planning of the new facility.

"It's going to grow and evolve as it takes off, but we plan for it to be a full-blown running coffee house with coffee drinks, frappuccinos, smoothies, and other drinks," he says. "Ultimately we'll have sandwiches and wraps, salads, parfaits, and other food, but we'll have packaged food from the start."



The name for the new library coffee shop (shown here in designer renderings) will be chosen by popular vote among students.

More than snacks, though, the coffee shop is expected to provide a casual hub for students to meet, work on group projects, or relax between classes. The area will be convenient for meetings with campus visitors. The space may also be used for alumni or group gatherings, and can be closed off if coffee shop amenities are not needed.

Kristin Humphreys, associate vice president for business services, has worked with student life personnel to make sure the new space will be student-friendly.

"For example, there will be plenty of outlets for charging laptops, tablets, and phones," she says.

The idea of an in-library coffee

shop is not new, Strecker says – he was involved in the addition of a coffee shop to the Lindenwood University.

"It's a gathering place, but we expect a lot of studying to be going on in that area," he says. "There will still be plenty of quiet spaces in the building for students who prefer that study environment."

Lee named among nation's top CPAs

A change in approach to accounting education has led to Southwestern College's Patrick Lee being named one of "40 Under 40" by a highly-respected national accounting publication.

CPA Practice Advisor chose Lee, assistant professor of accounting and Enactus advisor at SC, out of all the certified public accountants in the nation to be among 40 "young leaders who are helping to positively shape the accounting and tax profession." Only three of the honorees were educators; nearly all of the remainder are partners or principals in prestigious firms.

Lee attributes his success to conversations he's had with employers, conversations that led to a change in the way he recruits students. Traditionally, he says, students got their undergraduate degrees here, then went to a different college or university to get their master's degrees and sit for the professional exam.

"At Southwestern we're changing our program so that we move students immediately toward the CPA exam and not necessarily toward getting their graduate degrees," he explains. "In talking to employers, it is clear that master's degrees are less important than licensure and whether the student is willing to work hard."

Lee proposed that the accounting program at SC emphasize preparation for the CPA exam, allowing students to earn their degrees in four years then take the certification exam while they're employed.

"We began looking at things differently, saying 'What does the profession want and how can we adapt to the profession?'" Lee explains.

This change in emphasis has led to early job offers for SC's accounting majors: The program will have four graduates in May 2017 and by early October half of these already had job offers.

Lee also credits his students' success to his own connections with the Kansas Society of Certified Public Accountants (KSCPA). His position on the KSCPA board of directors helps provide a network and jobs for Moundbuilder students.

"At the end of the day, I'd love to make Southwestern the premier accounting program in the state," he says. "Not one of the good programs, THE college for accounting because we have a history of getting our graduates jobs in firms without overloading them with debt."



Business Journal spotlights Lim

Ben Lim, vice president for institutional technology, has been chosen as a recipient of the *Wichita Business Journal's* 2016 CIO Awards. He was recognized at a November event in Wichita.

The awards recognize a handful of information officers in the Wichita area who "use information technology in innovative ways to optimize business processes, enable growth, create competitive advantage and impact the company's bottom line."

Lim joined Southwestern as a vice president in 2007. In nominating him, President Brad Andrews paid tribute to Lim's behind-the-scenes competence.

"Ben's capacity as a leader and intellect have allowed him to innovatively advance business processes. If asked, few students, faculty, or staff at Southwestern College could fully describe or comprehend Ben's work, which is testimony to his humble and diligent approach," Andrews wrote.

Lim's achievements have included relocating the data center from the top floor of Christy Administration Building to new facilities in the basement of the building that are more secure and have better environmental controls; migration of the college's digital information to a virtual platform for all servers, increasing availability and lowering down time; and implementation of a customer-oriented "help and train" model laptop help center now found in the student center.

He also was a leader in the transition to an outsourced print shop on campus. "Ben's method for optimizing experience and improving quality reflects his Six Sigma background and certification," Andrews added. "He is an excellent listener and a thoughtful counselor to his team."



Southwestern sees what's NEXT

Imagine leading worship for 700 college students and campus ministers, and experiencing the work of God in new city, in a new venue, and with new people from all across the country. Southwestern students and staff had the opportunity to experience all of these things.

The group of 20 traveled Atlanta Nov. 4-6 as a part of the Imagine What's NEXT conference for collegiate ministries and young adults. NEXT is a biennial conference that connects dreamers and difference-makers who want to explore what is next in their faith and how they can make a difference in their schools, their communities, and the world.

In addition to participating in the exploration, Southwestern's worship team was chosen to be the official in-house band for the event, and senior Daniel Reffner included a pottery demonstration in his presentation as one of the worship and arts leaders.

"Southwestern College continues its proud tradition of excellence in ministry through our representation as attendees, worship leaders, speakers and planners at the Imagine What's NEXT conference," said campus minister Ben Hanne. "Our students had a major impact at a national conference and I could not be prouder."

A gallery of photos from NEXT is at www.sckans.edu/next2016.

Classroom readiness focus of SC teachers

A photocopy of the *Collegian* is pinned to a bulletin board in Cameron Carlson’s office. Carlson, who is dean of education at Southwestern College, points to a story headlined “For Ambitious Teachers.”

“Not only the discipline derived from the prosecution of the required work, but the prestige of being a graduate from some school of standing will enable such teachers to secure more desirable positions than they otherwise could do,” the story claims. “Many of our best teachers in rural schools can carry three studies during the time in which they are engaged in teaching.”

If the phrasing seems quaint there is good reason: An adjacent ad is dated Oct. 8th, 1894, only nine years after SC was founded.

Even before it was permanently named Southwestern College “The Southwest Kansas College” was taking seriously its mission to prepare students as teachers. Today that mission is as vital as ever, as the Division of Education continues to educate future educators. And despite a recent uncertain climate in Kansas educational funding, Southwestern graduates continue to be sought-after teachers.

“Any of our graduates who wants a job can get one,” Carlson says confidently. “They may have to move, but there is always demand. I even get two or three emails every fall semester asking me to recommend December graduates for second-semester positions.”

He attributes much of this demand to the unusual emphasis SC places on in-class competence for its beginning teachers. Where many universities don’t place aspiring teachers in classrooms until they reach their student teaching semesters just before graduation, Southwestern includes an embedded field experience that runs through its education requirements. This ensures what Carlson describes as a continuous cycle of knowledge and application.

This experience, known as the Professional Development School, is a partnership between the college and public school districts including Winfield and Oxford (soon expected to expand to Arkansas City). During their first three years at SC education students are required take at least three

courses in which they are paired with teachers in the classroom. Working in a team with an experienced teacher, the undergraduate selects one of eight recognized strategies for co-teaching, co-plans classes, observes and assists in these classes, and evaluates the results, all while in the safe mode of mentorship.

Professors visit the classrooms several times each semester to meet with the mentor teacher and student, observing strengths to be exploited and weaknesses to be corrected. As Carlson points out, the local classroom becomes the laboratory experience for what the future teachers are learning in their SC classrooms.

“An important part of our mission is serving and supporting our graduates who are in the field.”
— Cameron Carlson, Dean of Education

“Our students are exposed to different learning methods, and they discuss what works and doesn’t work in certain situations, but it also exposes the teachers already out in the classrooms to new theories in education that our students are learning,” he adds.

By the time the college students are ready for their own classrooms during the student teaching semester, they have dozens of hours of hands-on teaching experience.

The local schools’ investment of time not only pays off in a new generation of well-prepared teachers, but also gives them a head start on teacher recruitment.

“Because they’re connected with the field we have students who get job offers even before they begin their student teaching,” Carlson says, “and most of our candidates get more than one offer.”

And Southwestern keeps in touch with its graduates.

“We tell them ‘You’re educators for life but your home is here – come back and let us know how you’re doing,’” Carlson adds. “An important part of our mission is serving and supporting our graduates who are in the field.”

This personal attention has led many of SC’s grad-



uates to come back to their alma mater for graduate degrees at both the master’s and doctoral levels.

During the fall of 2015 SC had 160 undergraduate education majors, with about 70 of these in campus programs and 90 enrolled in Professional Studies. Its graduate programs had 158 students, 99 of these in Master of Education programs and 59 enrolled in the Doctor of Education program.

Whether on campus or in Professional Studies, education majors follow the same Professional Development School model. Professors teach in classes both on campus and online, modeling co-teaching in classes that their students will use in their own classrooms.

“Our students are prepared well,” Carlson says. “They know *how* to teach while they’re learning *what* to teach.”

As the clipping on his bulletin board confirms, at Southwestern that philosophy is a proven road to educational success.

Young SC teachers tops in profession

Hannah Podschun '13

Subjects taught: Seventh grade language arts, honors language arts, and eighth grade AVID at Brooks Center for STEM & the Arts Magnet Middle School in Wichita.

Awards/Recognition : Fall 2013, Good Apple Award as outstanding first year teacher. Fall 2014, Good Apple Award for AVID. “Best Teacher” trophy at Brooks Academy Awards (chosen by students).

Impact of SC on teaching:

My SC experience impacted the way I teach through exposure to diverse views. At SC I met people of all different backgrounds, read a wide variety of texts, and had academic discourse examining each other’s ideas. That experience has helped me to encourage my students to expand their world views, and helped prepare me for the diverse backgrounds students bring to our classroom.

What sets SC graduates who are teachers apart from their peers? The caliber of the English courses definitely sets SC teachers who are grads apart. I am able to incorporate literary theory and concepts even with my middle school students, which helps them to push the boundaries of their critical thinking abilities. The relationships with other SC grads who are teachers is definitely also an asset. I have sought resources



and support from multiple other SC grads who teach in Wichita and outside of Wichita. Lastly, relationships were an inherent part of my experience at SC, and I think that relationships play a big part in the SC experience in general. This allows college students to practice relationships with many diverse people, which better prepares us to enter the work force and continue to build relationships.

Brent Wolf '03



Subjects taught: Sixth grade English at Derby North Middle School.

Awards/Recognition: Region 4 finalist for the 2017 Kansas Teacher of the Year award (to be presented by Kansas State Department of Education)

What sets SC graduates who are teachers apart from their peers? One of many experiences I cherish from Southwestern is the mindset and importance the college puts on

self-reflection. Throughout my B.A. and Ed.D. experiences at SC, self-reflection has been a pillar of the learning process. Never did I have professors just give me answers. Rather, Southwestern College gave me time to explore, resources to consider, and networking opportunities to delve deeper into what works for me. SC graduates know the importance of collaboration, self-reflection, and the specific sections of a lesson plan. Many college graduates know this, though. What sets SC graduates apart is that we know the importance of the village. The community-focused and family-style method of education is a part of SC’s core.

What advice would you give someone considering a career in education? While challenge after challenge is thrown to public education, I am empowered. I am inspired with the challenge. I need public education and public education needs me. It all comes down to the lens in which our world views public education. The lens through which policymakers and politicians look is significantly focused by dollars. Teachers’ lenses often are focused within the four walls of their classrooms...maybe even their buildings. We know that students learn at magnificently quicker and deeper trajectories when they are able to teach the concept, and by empowering our students to teach, we are giving them opportunities to change their lens. And, we know that changing the lens in which they view the world is a colossal opportunity to grow.

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HOMECOMING



TANNER SCHARTZ
(ABOVE, AS CARL FROM UP)

**What was your favorite part of
SC Homecoming 2016?**

My favorite part of Homecoming was the community service project! (See photo below.) It felt so good giving back to the community, strengthening both Southwestern and Winfield!



MATHEW CUSTARD
(WITH THE CROWN AT RIGHT)

**What was it like being named
Homecoming king?**

I was thinking I couldn't wait to celebrate as I pointed to my best friends Tanner Carlson and Cody Walther. My favorite thing about being a Builder is all the close relationships I have built these past four years.



WESTON LOWE

(GETTING A HUG FROM GRANDMA
SUSAN LOWE, LEFT)

**If you had enough balloons,
where would you float to?**

New York City!



WELCOME

Alumni and students gathered on campus Oct. 7 and 8 to celebrate an **UP** themed event complete with balloons, rocks, and special events. See more photos of the fun at sckans.edu/homecoming.



BRILEY WARE

(WEARS #4 FOR SC VOLLEYBALL)

Describe the energy in Stewart Field House the night of the game against Friends.

The crowd definitely had our backs and with them behind us, I knew that we would win that game. They helped us feel confident and pushed us to finish for the win!



ROGER LUNGREN '02

(CENTER ABOVE)

What is your favorite Homecoming event?

It's not so much a particular event, really my favorite part of Homecoming is the opportunity to see friends and connect at all of the events.

ANNA CHUA '11

(IN PINK ABOVE LEFT)

What was the best part about SC Homecoming 2016?

Spending time with my Builder family and seeing how it has grown over the years as folks brought their spouses and children with them. Also, walking around campus – a place where I think I will always feel at home





ALUMNI NOTES

Among honorees for the 2016 Winfield High School Wall of Honor induction ceremony held on Oct. 1 were four Southwestern College alumni: **Robert Strother '27**, **Dean Strother '29**, **Marilyn (Powers) McNeish '54**, and **Phil Jarvis '64**.

1950s

Leo Whalen '51 celebrated his 90th birthday party on Oct. 22, 2016, at the Toms River Country Club in New Jersey with nearly 100 family and friends in attendance. These included his sister **Shirley (Whalen) Hilliard '62**. Leo is cited as being “lucky” with his successful record of golf and his business at the famous Lucky Leo’s Amusements that sits on the Seaside Heights Jersey Shore. Leo has paved the way for future generations in the family who have graduated from Southwestern College, including **Westin Weeast '09**, **Tanner Weeast '11**, and **Justin Churchill '16**.

Brilla Highfill Scott '59 began her second retirement on Oct. 1, 2016. Brilla has been state executive director for the Kansas Association of Retired School Personnel since March 2010, and she retired as state executive director and chief lobbyist for United School Administrators of Kansas in 2003. Brilla’s career has included more than 50 years in the field of education. She and her husband, **Larrie '60**, make their home in rural Lawrence.

1960s

Dr. Barbara (Johnson) Isely '64 continues her work in India, where young people are taking part in choir performances. You can see some of her students singing on YouTube by visiting goo.gl/JA5VPe.

Art '68 and Kathy (Mall) Morgan '71 have been living in Wichita since he retired from his educational career in 2012. Art taught instrumental music for 18 years, then served as principal of Christian schools in Kansas and Missouri for 25 years. In Wichita, the Morgans enjoy being near extended family and five of their seven grandchildren. They celebrated their 48th wedding anniversary in August 2016.

G. Jason Johnson '69, **Roger Moon '70**, **Anita Wareing '69**, and **David Froman '68** were all part of a group of young Methodist youth from around the USA who traveled to the other side of the world in 1967 and spent two months in all parts of the Soviet Union and Scandinavia. Jason has created a Facebook page for anyone who was in the group of 40 persons, and is hopeful that they can reconnect either through social media, or perhaps an actual 50-year reunion in 2017.

1970s

Donnie Davison '78 received a citation of meritorious service from the Oklahoma state legislature for more

than 33 years as a coach and mentor throughout the Tulsa community. He is presently a behavioral specialist with the Tulsa public school system.

Gary Gonzales '85 retired from the United States Postal Service on Sept. 30. He looks forward to spending time with his grandkids and wife.

LaMar Burks '79 was recently selected to the Booker T. Washington High School all-time football team as an honorable mention selection. Burks, a graduate of Booker T. Washington, was a three-year letterman at SC.

1980s

Kelly Rundell '82 spoke at the City Attorney Association of Kansas meeting on Oct. 7 in Overland Park. Her presentation compared the professional ethics of private attorneys to those of government attorneys.

Lu Ann King '84 married Joe Hill on Oct. 8, 2016. The Hills are at home in Winfield.

1990s

Susan Lowe '95 will see her first book of poetry published within the next few weeks. The book’s title is *A Well-Versed Life ~ Poetic Contemplations and Photos*. Susan is retiring as Southwestern’s director of alumni programs at the end of 2016.

Sterling Hinson '88 has accepted a position as senior account executive for server solutions, for Oracle Corporation in Tampa, Fla.

Brian Dutton '92/'02 has accepted a position on the trust and investment team at Community National Bank and Trust. Brian graduated from Canon Trust School where he obtained the designation of Certified Trust Financial Advisor (CTFA).

Eric Lybarger '92/'96 has been named administrator at Pawnee Valley Community Hospital in Larned.

Kelley (Rogers) Graham '94 received her first \$1 million grant this fall from the Department of Defense Education Activity Program (DoDEA) as a grant writer on behalf of the Derby public school district where she works. The money will help pay for academic and social-emotional supports for military students and their families. Since Derby is so close to McConnell Air Force Base, many of the students are military connected.

Zac Mathews '99 was promoted to commander, United States Coast Guard, on Oct. 1, 2016. A career search and rescue helicopter pilot, Cdr. Mathews currently serves on the staff of the Commandant of the Coast Guard in Washington, D.C.

2000s

Dr. Ali Wait '02 received board certification as a general surgeon this year from the American College of



Celebrating Outstanding Alumni

Daniel Nutter (*second from right*) spoke for all award winners at the Homecoming dinner Oct. 7 when he concluded his speech “I will always be a Builder.” Nutter, who received the SC Ambassador Award, was librarian at the college from 1968 to 1986. With him are (l. to r.) Jim and Margaret (Nutter) '87 Wofford, President Brad Andrews, and Charles Nutter. Daniel’s granddaughter, Leslie Wofford, is an SC sophomore. Awards were also presented to Brett Annis '06/'10, Young Alumni Award; and to Vernon '66 and Cindy (Batt) '66/'92 Goertz, Outstanding Alumni Award.

Surgeons, and is currently undergoing subspecialty training in vascular surgery at Loma Linda University in California.

Dr. Brent M. Wolf '03/'15, a sixth-grade English language arts teacher at Derby North Middle School (Derby USD 260), was a named Region 4 finalist for the 2017 Kansas Teacher of the Year award. This award recognizes excellent teaching in the elementary and secondary classrooms of the state.

Erick Byrd '06 was promoted to sergeant in the United States Army on April 1, 2016. Erick became a criminal investigator, special agent, for the United States Army Criminal Investigation Division Command on June 1, 2016.

Andrew Pearson '07/'09 married Christian Nicole Reyes on July 2, 2016. The Pearsons are at home in Oklahoma City.

Tim Sentz '07 is now a data consultant for VinSolutions in Overland Park. On Sept. 1, 2016, Tim passed the certification exam for MCD (MuleSoft Certified Developer) – Integration and API Associate.

Sarah (Benton) VenJohn '07 received her master’s in curriculum and instruction with an emphasis in leadership from Emporia State University in May.

Tommy Castor '08/'10 and Morgan Deutsch were married Aug. 6, 2016. The Castors are at home in Andover.

Trisha Roudybush '08 has added another responsibility to her music teaching position and working part time at a bank in Sedan: She has joined the volunteer fire department in Sedan as the lead ropes expert for rescues and helping in other areas of the department.



Class of '66

Southwestern’s Class of '66: **1**) Janice (Moore) Hill, **2**) Wendy (Hodges) Estes, **3**) Sharon (Ring) Hill, **4**) Marcia Wilson, **5**) Sharon (Reed) Hendershot, **6**) Lois (Ramsey) Somer, **7**) Jeannie (Christianson) Wilson, **8**) Cindy (Batt) Goertz, **9**) Mary Lou (Shelton) Grove, **10**) Sue (Lewis) Hale, **11**) Leora (Martin) Kline, **12**) Eileen Broadie, **13**) Vernon Goertz, **14**) Marvin Estes, **15**) Don Reed, **16**) George Parkhurst, **17**) Jeanne (Moore) Parkhurst, and **18**) Bob Firebaugh.

Bo Webster '08/'14 has accepted a position as realtor for Albright Realty in Winfield. Although based in Winfield, he can work in real estate in all of Cowley County and the Wichita area.

Amos Scott Dailey '09 has accepted a position as a software developer for an online company.

Gio Garcia '09, videographer for KSHB-TV in Kansas City, Mo., won his first Emmy for General Assignment Reporting on Oct. 1 at the 40th Anniversary Emmy Awards.

Mathew Hanson '09 has accepted a position as quality analyst at Patheon in Bend, Ore.

Katy Maddox '09 has accepted a position as an occupational therapist at USD 353 in Wellington.

2010s

Nathan Buchmueller '10 completed a master of science degree in electrical engineering at Wichita State University in 2016.

Alex Hutchins '10 has been accepted into the Transition to Teaching program at Fort Hays State University. This is his second year of teaching business at Wichita South High School.

Jeff Schaefer '10 joined the staff as a barber at the Palace Barber Shop in Winfield in July 2016.

Larrissa Marie Vasquez '10 married Terry Lynn Mills Jr., a flight engineer with the Air Guard and flight instructor at Tarrant County Community College, at a destination wedding in Mexico on May 14, 2016. Larrissa is a doctor of chiropractic medicine in Fort Worth, but hopes to move back to her beloved home state of Kansas someday.

Katie (Bipes) Morrison '12 has accepted a position as pediatric nurse in the pediatric acute care unit at Via Christi Health – St. Francis campus in Wichita.

Alex Fernandez '13 and **Caitlin Hays '15** were married on Aug. 13, 2016. They reside in Lemon Grove, Calif.

Christian Butler '13/'14 and **Morgan Givney '15** were married Sept. 10, 2016 in Sulphur Springs, Texas.

Trey Bruton '14 has accepted the position of head men's and women's cross country coach for MacMurray College in Jacksonville, Ill. Bruton will be relaunching the MacMurray cross country program that was discontinued in the early 2000s. In addition to his coaching duties, he will also teach math and physics for the college.

Tyler O'Quinn '14 has been accepted to Wichita State University. He will be majoring in communications, and plans to become a motivational speaker after graduation.



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Pacific Rim Area Experience Reunion

The Pacific Area Experience (two weeks at SC then two weeks in Hawaii studying at the university) celebrated its 50th anniversary this year with a reunion at Homecoming. Among those attending were group leaders Ina and Wallace Gray (second and third from the left).

McKenzie (Myser) Wheeler '14/'16 is grades 5-12 music director at Central School District #462, Burden.

Gene Hartman '15, former assistant basketball coach at Southwestern College, was inducted into the Oklahoma Wesleyan Hall of Fame on Oct. 29, 2016.

Allison Totty '15 married Robert “Robbie” McKinney on June 25, 2016. The McKinneys are at home in Wichita.

Esther Oliver '15 married **Stephen Stogner '16** on June 11, 2016. The Stogners live in Winfield.

Jake Henson '15 and **Kelsey Buf-fum '16** were married July 23, 2016.

The Hensons live in Emporia.

NOTES ON FRIENDS

Anita Judd-Jenkins, wife of Institutional Advancement gift officer **Ronnie Jenkins**, was elected to the Kansas House of Representatives, District 80, in the Nov. 8 election.

Mike Burton, husband of **Kelly Rundell '82**, died on Sept. 4, 2016. In addition to his wife, Mike is survived by his children DeeAnn Burton and Shawn Burton, and two grandchildren.

Lillian Joan Bush died on Aug. 13, 2016. Joan was a registered nurse at St. Francis Hospital in Wichita, and later at the Eureka Hospital, as well as a private nurse. She is survived by

her husband James “**Jim**” **Bush '64**, daughter Cheryl Kassin Harris, son Steven Bush, two grandsons and two great-grandchildren.

Christopher Caldwell died on Oct. 14, 2016. Chris was a lifelong educator, serving on the faculty at various colleges and universities, as well as at Southwestern College from 2006-2007. He is survived by his wife, Delilah, and his son, Jay.

Irving Yabroff died on June 19, 2016. **Irving and Lou (Dalbom) Yabroff '43** were married for 60 years. He is survived by his wife, Lou, and children: Martin Yabroff and Richard Yabroff.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Angela McWilliams Goodson, affiliate faculty, was consecrated as a deaconess at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church (Wichita) in December 2015 and now serves Cross of Glory Lutheran Church in Derby.

Patrick Lee, assistant professor of accounting and Enactus advisor, as named to *CPA Practice Advisor's* list of “40 Under 40 Accounting Professionals.” He also was appointed to the Kansas Society of CPAs Board of Directors, where he will chair the Learn Task Force. He was guest speaker for the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants Diversity and Inclusion Team attending the following conferences:

- ALPFA (Association of Latino Professionals for America) Student Regional Conference at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
- NABA (National Association of Black Accountants) Western Regional Conference in Houston.

Jackson Lashier, assistant professor of religion, published an essay, “‘Moving Forward’ as Return: The Redemptive Journey of Don Draper” in ‘The Universe is Indifferent’: Theology, Philosophy, and Mad Me’ edited by Ann W. Duncan and Jacob L. Goodson. In addition, Lashier presented a paper, “Paul and Irenaeus on the Exchange Theory,” at the North American Patristics Society in May 2016.

Tamara McEwen, assistant professor of biology, had her dissertation work published in *Developmental Biology*. The title of the article is “Small RNA in situ hybridization in Caenorhabditis elegans, combined with RNA-seq, identifies germline-enriched microRNAs.”

Timothy Shook, professor of music and chair of the Division of Performing Arts, serves in the following roles in national organizations.

- Chair designate, National Certification Commission for Music

Teachers National Association. He will automatically become chair of the commission in March 2017.

- MTNA West Central Division Junior Performance Competition coordinator
- Nominated for National Association of Schools of Music Ethics Committee and Nominating Committee. The election was to be held Nov. 21, 2016, for a two-year term.

Brian Winnie, assistant professor of music and director of choral activities, published an article for the Voice Foundation titled “Exploring Breath Management and Rib Expansion’s Connection to Onset.” He was guest conductor for the Pioneer League North Junior High Honor Choir in Buhler, and will guest conduct the Pennsylvania American Choral Directors Association’s “Mucho Macho Young Men’s Junior High Choral Festival” in Pittsburgh, Penn.

Donald D. Bryant '42, Copeland, died on June 4, 2016. He was a member of the Southwestern men's basketball team while in college. After that, he enlisted in the Army Air Corp and served his country during World War II in the Pacific Theatre.

Kathleen Joann (Ogle) Hildebrand '51 died on March 17, 2016.

Glayda (Toothaker) Wilcoxon '57 died on Oct. 15, 2016. Glayda taught language arts and coached debate and forensics at Winfield High School and Oxford High School, and also taught speech and debate at Southwestern College in the early 1970s. She was a lifelong volunteer. Glayda is survived by her children, Teresa Woodward, Roger Wilcoxon, Tom Wilcoxon, and Angie Jenkins; eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Lester "Les" Hogue '58, died Aug. 28, 2016. He had an extensive career in procurement and in sales, and was an always-willing alumni volunteer for his alma mater. He never knew a stranger, had a ready smile for all he met, and was well-known for his wonderful singing voice. Les is survived by his wife **Maurine (Ziegler) '60**; his sons, **Brent Hogue**, **Mark Hogue '83**, and **Lynn Hogue '85**; his daughter, **Sharilyn (Hogue) Hill '87**; his brother **Don Hogue '62**; his sister **Betty (Hogue) Weber '51**; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to the Frances M. Zeigler Scholarship fund at Southwestern College.

Ralph E. Bonnell '61 died on May 24, 2016. Ralph is survived by a son, John.

Helen Joanne "Jody" (Strohl) Darfler '63 died on Oct. 13, 2016. Jody was the daughter of C. Orville and Helen Strohl, former Southwestern College president and First Lady, for whom the Strohl House is named. She is survived by her husband Gary Darfler; children Kirk Darfler and Elizabeth Bernier; nine grandchildren; sister **Sheryl (Strohl) Holt '58** and brother **Rod Strohl '66**. Memorial gifts may be sent to the Joanne Strohl Darfler Scholarship Fund at Southwestern College.



Jane (Broadie) Wilson '63 died on Oct. 25, 2016. She came from a Southwestern legacy family that included her grandfather, **Wilber Estein Broadie, class of 1905**, her parents, **W.E. "Steve" Broadie '36** and **Winifred (Jones) Broadie '37**, and two of her sisters. Jane was a music teacher and also sang with her sisters in the Broadie Sisters Trio, making a total of four CDs. She is survived by her husband, the Rev. Richard Wilson; three children; 12

grandchildren, and siblings **Joan (Broadie) Feldmeier '63**, **Eileen Broadie '66**, Mary (Broadie) Morgan, and John Broadie.

John Lyle McDaniel '63 of Winfield passed away on Sept. 22, 2016. After obtaining his degree in history, John went on to serve in the Navy. John's hobbies included collecting die cast cars, being a Civil War buff, and playing in the Winfield City Band for 63 years. Survivors include his wife, Carolyn Dove-McDaniel, and stepchildren Michelle Armstrong, Michael Dove, and **Deborah (Dove) Badley '97**.

Bruce D. Watson '69 died on Sept. 13, 2016. Bruce was an instructor of psychology and the athletic trainer at Cowley College, and also started a foster program that is still in use there and has been adopted by other colleges. In addition to his wife, **Tamra Watson '96**, he is survived by his children, Michael Segree, **Nisha Meza '06**, and John Raney; his siblings Randy Watson, **Meredith Watson '72**, **Connie Rowe '75**, Delphia Jennings, and Brenda Hall; 11 grandchildren, and many other family members.

Perry Potter '73, Manhattan, died on Sept. 28, 2016. With a strong passion for music, Perry was music director for USD #364, Marysville, as well as at other school districts in Kansas. He is survived by his children, Tawn Rockwell, Jennifer Potter, and Grant Potter; his brother, Kerry Potter; and several grandchildren.

Nancy Ann Gilger '75, St. Paul, Minn., died Oct. 1, 2016. Inurnment was in Winfield. In St. Paul she had taught band in inner city middle schools, furthering her flute studies by taking a master class with Pierre Rampal and playing in flute choirs and jazz groups in the Twin Cities. She also attended Hazledon, graduating with a master's degree in addiction counseling. Most recently, she was a private contractor in the banking industry. Passionate about serving, Nancy helped those in need, whether by fostering dogs or volunteering in a homeless shelter. Her caring heart and joyful nature garnered lifelong friends from all walks of life. Survivors include her mother, **Margaret (Dungan) Gilger '49** and her sister, **Robbie (Gilger) Banks '72**.

Mike "Bear" Bishop '77 died on Aug. 30, 2016, of metastatic prostate cancer and salivary gland cancer that had spread to his spine. He battled the cancer for eight years and was an inspiration to all who knew him. Mike is survived by his wife, Shirley.

Sandra Hynes '80 passed away in Vero Beach, Fla. on Aug. 30, 2016. Sandra was an educator, retiring in 2012 as principal of Thomas Elementary in Davison, Mich. Among survivors are her husband, Eugene; daughter,

Mary Martyn; son, Michael; and one granddaughter.

Lisa Kelley-Smith '83 died on Oct. 10, 2016. Her hobbies included spending time outdoors, camping, and taking cruises to different places around the world. She is survived by her daughter, Lorna Smith, and two sons, Raymond Smith and Robert Smith.

Patricia Ann (Lindsey) Williams '93 passed away on Aug. 31, 2016. She lived in Winfield for more than 35 years before relocating to Topeka in February 2015. She is survived by her daughter, **Kris (Williams) DeLano '84** and husband **Steve DeLano '84**; daughter **Lori Williams '86**; and son Lindsey Williams and his wife Dena Register; five grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Mark Conard (1948-2016): God's heart in Africa

The loss of the Rev. A. Mark Conard '70 is being felt by United Methodists in both the Great Plains Conference and in an African nation where he helped establish a partnership. Conard died Oct. 18 at age 68.

Conard's wife, **Joyce (Fieser) '71**, survives him, as do his son **Jonathan '00** and wife **Melissa (Strauss) '02**, son Andrew, daughter Kristin, and four grandchildren.

Conard had a 42-year career as a pastor – serving churches in Geneseo, Maize-Bentley and Wichita Pleasant Valley – before retiring in 2013 from First UMC in Hutchinson. He also served six years as district superintendent in the Salina District. Conard led delegations to the United Methodist General Conference and served on the episcopacy committee for the South Central Jurisdiction.

But colleagues most recently recalled his efforts to establish connections with the Great Plains and Zimbabwe conferences through a movement called "Chabadza," a Shona word meaning "come alongside." Conard introduced a Chabadza covenant at the 2010 session of the former Kansas West Conference, making five trips to the African country and appearing at a convention of 50,000 people.

"He was a quiet leader, and he had a dry sense of humor," recalled Rev. Linda Louderback. "He had a fun way, and yet a serious way, of looking at life. It always involved Scripture and his faithfulness.

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Natural Sciences Hall of Fame

The newest inductees into the Natural Sciences Hall of Fame were honored Nov. 12. Entering the hall were (l. to r.) Arthur Hertzler 1986 (represented by great-grandson Dan Hertzler Huebert), K. Charles "Charlie" Hunter '67, and Gerald E. "Eddie" Weigle II '93.



BIRTHS

A son, Elvis Bo, born Aug. 17, 2016, to **Jason '00 and MariaElena Teubner**. The Teubners live in Wichita.

A daughter, Eleanor Rey, born Aug. 31, 2016, to **Peter and Julie (Sapp) Purin '05**. Brothers are Ezra (8) and Henry (4).

A son, Leif Warren, born Dec. 30, 2015, to **Warren '06 and Brittany Hanson** of Albany, Ore.

A daughter, Amelia "Millie" Caroline, born Sept. 24, 2016, to **Josh '06 and Jennifer Melcher**.

A daughter, Claire Thérèse Mendoza, born Sept. 1, 2016, to **Eloy '06 and Andrea (Carlson) Mendoza '08**. Claire has three sisters, Katherine (6), Layla (6), and Josephine (3).

A daughter, Jayde Allyn, born Sept. 11, 2016, to **Hernan and Jenna (Swisher) Nunez '07**. The Nunez family is at home in Davenport, Fla.

A son, Dean Calvin, born Sep. 9, 2016, to **Caleb '07 and Leah (Rankin) Hartman '07/'08**. Proud grandparents are **Craig '77 and Leslie Hartman** and **Steve and Joni Rankin '02/'04**. Dean was welcomed home by sister Claire and brother Wesley.

A daughter, Ember Jade, born Oct. 20, 2016, to **Tanner '10 and Candice McNinch**.

A daughter, Sophia Lynn, born July 8, 2016, to **Eric and Christine (Rude) Sponsel '12**. Proud grandparents are **Martin and Cheryl Rude**, faculty at Southwestern College.



Notes from the Dole Center

DeAnn Dockery, Vice President for Institutional Advancement

Coming Home. I felt it the first time I stepped foot on the Southwestern campus nearly three years ago. The sense of family and belongingness at SC is palpable, even for someone new to the Builder Nation. It is a joy to witness the connection that inspires hundreds of Builders to return each year for Homecoming.

In my time at Southwestern, it has also been a pleasure to witness the grace and seeming ease

with which Susan Lowe has worked to support and nurture that connection. Her own Builder spirit has shone through in every event, meeting, and

alumni visit. She has been the keeper of stories, the voice on campus for our alumni and the person alumni know they can call.

Susan may be irreplaceable, but she has laid a strong foundation. She now passes the torch to someone who will not replace her, but will build on what she has started. The alumni torch will be in the hands of someone who already knows and genuinely loves SC ... someone with the ideas and skills to carry out existing and new programs ... someone who enjoys building relationships with alumni and with today's students ... someone who values the stories, the connections and the traditions.

I am delighted that Charles McKinzie will be working on behalf of our alumni and be the welcoming face at future Homecomings and events as, together, we celebrate the family that is Southwestern.

McKinzie to head SC's alumni engagement

A face already familiar to hundreds of Southwestern College alumni will become director of alumni engagement soon.

Charles McKinzie, who has been a gift officer in the Office of Institutional Advancement since 2013, will transition into this new role at the start of 2017, following the retirement of Susan Lowe.

"I am excited to pick up the torch Susan has carried so well and am looking forward to running the next leg to further advance SC," McKinzie says.

"He is the perfect fit for this position," says DeAnn Dockery, vice president for institutional advancement. "Charles has a genuine love for Southwestern and already knows many alumni. With his skills and knowledge, he'll hit the ground running."

McKinzie has been part of the SC community since his Wellington childhood, when he sang in the Walnut Valley Youth Choir and was part of Horsefeathers & Applesauce.

Before he joined the advancement staff he had been a development officer at the United Way of Wichita, but his SC duties have encompassed a far wider geographical responsibility.

"I've gotten to meet a lot of people in every corner of the United States," he says. "Just in the past few weeks I was on my first swing to the northeastern corner of the country."

Charles also has been responsible for alumni and donor connections in Kansas, northeast Oklahoma, Texas,

Arizona, California, Oregon, and Washington. His special academic and interest areas have been performing arts and social sciences.

On his first trip to meet California Moundbuilders, he says, he was struck by the instant connection with the SC graduates.

"I called my wife and told her what a strange feeling it was to walk in the door and be welcomed like a long-lost cousin," he recalls. "They told me 'Because you're from SC, you're one of us.'"

During his time on campus, McKinzie has especially enjoyed some of the newer

alumni gatherings – Sandwiches on the Green preceding Moundbuilding, for example, has reminded him how undergraduate traditions remain part of students' lives for life.

"And of course, since my heart is in the fine arts, I love our Christmas concerts, especially some of the newer customs such as inviting community groups to participate as we stop and celebrate the beauty of the arts," he adds.

As he looks to the future Charles hopes to begin to develop programs that will more fully engage students from Professional Studies programs. He is a current student in this venue and plans to use his knowledge of the special issues that face adult learners to help these graduates continue their bond with the college.

Charles and his wife, Carrie, live in Douglass with their children—Cambria, 9; Catriona, 7; and Charles III, 5. They are active in Winfield's Grace United Methodist Church.



Jerry Kill '84 is shown hugging his wife, Rebecca (Smith) '87, during a special halftime ceremony Nov. 12. Athletic director Matt Shelton (left) presented the recognition. Kill also was inducted into the Kansas Sports Hall of Fame in October. (SEE STORY BELOW)

SC athletes honored

Two out of a dozen 2016 inductees into the Kansas Sports Hall of Fame were Moundbuilders, as Lafayette Norwood '56 and Jerry Kill '84 were ushered into the hall on Oct. 2.

Lafayette Norwood played in state and national championships at every school he attended – Wichita East High School, Cowley College, and Southwestern. After graduation his record of success continued when he began teaching and coaching in the Wichita school system. In 1969 he became the first African-American head coach in any sport in the Wichita school district. Norwood led the Wichita Heights Falcons to two state tournaments, and coached one of the greatest teams in Kansas high school history, the 1997 Wichita Heights team. He also was an assistant coach at the University of Kansas (the first African-American assistant coach in KU history) and later head coach at Johnson County Community College.

Jerry Kill began his coaching career as an assistant to Dennis Franchione at Pittsburg State University in 1985. His first head coaching position came in 1994 at Saginaw Valley State in Michigan before stints at Emporia State University (1999–2000), Southern

Illinois (2001–2007), and Northern Illinois (2008–2010). In 2010, Kill was named the head coach at the University of Minnesota. There he won four conference championships while posting a career coaching record of 152–99. Kill was honored with National Coach of the Year awards three times and was named the 2014 Big Ten Conference Coach of the Year. In 2004, Kill was inducted to the Southwestern College Athletic Hall of Fame. Following a public battle with epilepsy, Kill resigned as head coach at Minnesota in 2015 before taking a position in the athletic department at Kansas State University.



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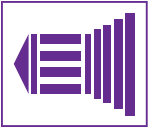
Five new members were honored during Homecoming when the 2016 inductees to the Southwestern College Athletic Hall of Fame were recognized. Greeting the crowd at halftime were (l. to r.) athletic director Matt Shelton; Brant Littrell '04; Gerald Houser '93; Lisa Buller-Brummer '04; Keitha Adams '89; and Tony Gray '80.

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