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**ON THE COVER:** The 2017 Homecoming court was a family moment for Emily Jones, Broken Arrow, Okla., and her father, Craig. See more pictures of Homecoming royalty in our special coverage on pages 6 and 7.

**SECOND COVER:** More than 320 students participated in the seventh annual Homecoming service project. See a story on page 2.

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It is often said that there is only one constant in life and that is change. However, I believe that family is another constant.

# What does Builder Family mean to you?

There are comings and goings, there are joys and sorrows, there are celebrations and struggles... and there is always family.

Interestingly, families who endure and enjoy change together are often the strongest and most loyal. This is true for the Builder family as well.

This has been an exciting year for Southwestern College. This year our Builder family joyfully welcomed more new faces to our campus than we have ever before. Each student brings to campus great possibility and new perspective, like that of freshman Thierry Ishimwe who immigrated to the U.S. with his family, escaping war in the African Congo (read his story on page 4).

This year has also brought several special and amazing gifts such as the Gateway to Success from the Hayward family and the Kopke Bible (see the story on page 5). Additionally, we just enjoyed the gift of our annual Builder family reunion; during Homecoming we exchanged hugs, reconnected, and celebrated our shared love for Southwestern College (see page 6).

But even as we grow and celebrate, we have simultaneously had to weather challenging change on campus and loss in our family. This year we have said goodbye to amazing Builders like Bruce DeHaven, Dave Dolsen, and Charles Kopke.

Though these Builders have left us in this life, they have also left behind great legacies and gifts that will affect Southwestern College and the Builder family for generations to come. They were servant leaders, hard workers, good listeners, and each is remembered for their generosity and kindness – these are defining characteristics of Builders.

Recently, while speaking at a town hall with the Student Government Association, Craig, a very involved student-athlete asked, “What does Builder family mean to you, President Andrews?”

I, of course, relished his question and shared all that I find special about our Builder family – it was not a brief answer.

At the end of my remarks, I returned the question: “Craig, what does the Builder family mean to you?”

He said without pause, “It means that we put others before ourselves.”

He got it just right.

Craig concisely articulated what generations of Builders have been learning and passing down; Builders like Bruce DeHaven, Dave Dolsen, and Charles Kopke.

As Builders we grow together, we celebrate together, and we mourn together. We put others before ourselves – and through it all we are made a stronger family.

Brad Andrews, *President*

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# SC launches women’s wrestling program

The Southwestern College Board of Trustees has approved the addition of a women’s wrestling program, with the inaugural season slated for 2018-2019. The college has launched a search for a coach to build the team.

“After much deliberation and research, and in full conversation with the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) and the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference (KCAC) we are enthusiastic to add women’s wrestling at SC,” said Brad Andrews, Southwestern College president. “We are excited for the class of students that the sport will bring to campus and proud to be one of the first schools in Kansas to award scholarships to these student-athletes.”

High school and club wrestling for girls has grown rapidly in the past decade. Initially in Texas, New Mexico, and California, now the sport is experiencing considerable growth throughout the country. Institutions of higher education are beginning to respond to the emerging sport by offering programs for student athletes to continue at a collegiate level.

“There are a lot of extremely talented athletes who are deserving of the opportunity to continue development in their sport while earning a valuable education,” said Matt Shelton, athletic director at Southwestern College. “I’m thrilled that we are going to offer an opportunity for these women to do just that and to become Builders.”

Southwestern’s program will be the

fourth in the school’s athletic conference. The KCAC joined the Mid-South Conference, based in Kentucky, in August 2017 as the first two conferences to offer women’s wrestling in the NAIA. Southwestern will be the 40th intercollegiate varsity women’s program in the country.

“In just two years, the conference has seen women’s wrestling grow from two programs at Ottawa University and University of Saint Mary in 2016-17 to the addition of three associate members (University of Jamestown, Midland University, and Missouri Valley College ) for competition in 2017-18 to seven teams with the recent announcement at York College of their women’s wrestling program in 2018-19 paired with Southwestern

College’s announcement today,” said Scott Crawford KCAC commissioner. “We could not be more pleased about the positive impact Southwestern College’s implementation of women’s wrestling will have for the conference as the NAIA works toward establishing women’s wrestling as an eventual national championship sport.”

Wrestling is one of the fastest-growing high school women’s sports in America. There are currently 16,000 high school participants and state wrestling championships are now sponsored in Hawaii, Alaska, Washington, California, Texas, and Tennessee. There are many more state high school athletic associations on the verge of hosting state championships. There are now 41 intercollegiate women’s wrestling teams across the nation and another 35 or so college club teams. Women’s wrestling is an Olympic sport and several months ago, Team USA finished second in the world.

I want to acknowledge the extraordinary leadership and vision of the Southwestern College administration for adding women’s wrestling as a varsity sport. This is a great opportunity for Southwestern and for the wonderful student athletes the sport will attract.

**Mike Moyer**  
Executive Director  
National Wrestling Coaches Association



**For the second consecutive year,** *Washington Monthly* magazine has recognized Southwestern College as a top ten value in higher education in its college rankings issue. In the 2017 issue, the magazine ranks SC seventh 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. *Washington Monthly’s* methodology for the rankings is rooted in a number of key areas including graduation rates, first-generation student ratios, graduate earnings, proportion of Pell Grant recipients, and net price of attendance.

In total, 364 institutions of higher education were ranked in the Midwest category. The seventh-place ranking put Southwestern ahead of all other schools in Kansas.

“We are proud to be recognized by *Washington Monthly* magazine again; this particular ranking is the one that is most directly tied to our mission as a college,” says Southwestern College President Brad Andrews. “The dedication Southwestern College faculty and staff demonstrate in helping our students realize their potential results in an extremely valuable education.”

Southwestern was also ranked in the magazine’s lists for “Top 150 Master’s Universities” and “Best Four-Year Colleges for Adult Learners.”

# Hundreds of students serve together to improve fire safety

Southwestern College’s commitment to service was underlined Oct. 22 when more than 320 students participated in the seventh annual Homecoming service project.

Teaming with the American Red Cross and the Winfield Fire Department, students helped install 240 smoke alarms in 114 homes in just over two hours during the “Sound the Alarm” project. On campus the effort was headed by the Service Learning Council made up of Discipleship, Leadership, and Green Team directors and students.



Participants were divided into groups for the community visits, with teams consisting of educators, recorders, and installers. Each group was given a sector of Winfield to visit, and free alarms were installed immediately on request.

Madison Adams, a sophomore leadership team member, was part of a group that installed 10 alarms during the two hours.

“In some houses we were assigned they didn’t have any smoke alarms at all,” she said. “To me that was kind of shocking because smoke alarms were something I had grown up with and taken for granted – it’s not something you think about, that some people might not have them.”

In addition to installing alarms, teams checked to make sure the warning devices were situated where they would do the most good. In some cases, this meant moving existing smoke alarms to better locations. House residents who couldn’t have the alarms installed during the Homecoming project were able to request later installation, and it was estimated that more than 300 alarms would eventually be installed.

The teams also worked with recipients to make sure fire escape plans were in place.

“Without the effort of Southwestern College students and the support of American Red Cross it would’ve taken our crew months to accomplish what this group helped us do in a matter of hours,” said Joshua Dobbs, lieutenant and paramedic for the Winfield Fire Department. “Seeing a project like this come together makes me feel so proud; this is a great community because we care about each other.”



Winfield is a safer city after the Service Learning Council teamed with the American Red Cross and the Winfield Fire Department to install smoke alarms during 2017 Homecoming. Participants gathered on the 77 Steps before heading out on the “Sound the Alarm” project. (See photo on second cover.)

The Service Learning Council has already begun work on next year’s project. Coordinating a meaningful project that allows the whole campus to participate requires careful planning.

“Our annual Homecoming service project invites our students into a place of collective service, reflection, and teamwork,” said Molly Just, director of Discipleship at Southwestern. “Though the project happens on a large scale, everyone has a vital part to play. It’s beautiful to see all the pieces come together.”



# Escaping danger to find opportunity at SC

Thierry Ishimwe’s face lights up when he talks about playing soccer.

In this respect, he isn’t much different from several dozen other Moundbuilders who have come to Winfield to get an education and play their favorite sport. But most of these current students began playing soccer in preschool leagues, and came up through traveling teams and high school club organizations. Thierry’s journey to the Jantz Stadium pitch was much more circuitous – and dangerous.

Thierry began playing soccer in his home country of Congo, a central-African nation that has been at war for much of its history. He and his four siblings lived with their parents on a farm, but the country’s political instability was becoming more and more dangerous around the turn of the century. He explains it simply:

“The war went on for a long time, and when it got worse, some people stayed, some left,” he says.

Thierry and his family left their country suddenly, so quickly that only his mother, three sisters, and brother were able to reach safety in Uganda; they had been separated from his father and didn’t know where he was.

Thierry was 10 years old. For the next five years they lived as refugees in Uganda, working through the application process that would let them come to the United States. Thierry’s mother sold clothing in the street while her children were at school.

At that point, the fate of Thierry’s family was in the hands of other people. According to the U.S. State Department, the United States provides opportunities to thousands of the world’s most vulnerable refugees to resettle here, and is the largest refugee resettlement country in the world. But acceptance to the program is long and can be complicated, with interviews, fact-checking, security clearance, and other requirements.

They were nearly finished with the five-year-long process when Thierry’s mother heard that his father was alive and looking for them in Rwanda. Before the family could be reunited, the refugees’ visas were approved, and they were informed they would be living in Dallas. Catholic Charities had agreed to sponsor them as they resettled, so they boarded a plane for the United States. It was two more years before his father could join them in Dallas, seven years



“The war went on for a long time, and when it got worse, some people stayed, some left.” – **Thierry Ishimwe**

since Thierry had last seen his dad. Through all of this time Thierry had continued to play soccer, and the international language of sport helped him adjust to his new life in Texas. He began to dream of playing in college, and during a mission trip to Louisiana with the Lovers Lane United Methodist Church, he shared that dream with one of the church’s associate pastors.

Scott Gilliland, associate pastor at Lovers Lane, would become Thierry’s friend and mentor, and would be the person who helped with the logistics of pursuing a dream: Because college recruiters tend to look at club soccer players rather than at high school teams, Gilliland made sure Thierry had the resources he needed to play on a club team. And when a Southwestern recruiter saw the high school player and invited him to make a campus visit, it was Gilliland who accompanied him to Winfield.

“He’s like a big brother to me,” Thierry says. “I wouldn’t be here if it were not for him.”

Later the pastor’s recommendation would reference this first trip: “When he visited your campus,” Gilliland wrote, “his face lit up at the thought that HE could be a Moundbuilder.”

Today Thierry is a Moundbuilder. He hasn’t played on the college soccer squad yet, although he has practiced with them. He’s decided to major in business and hopes to start his own company someday. He has gotten over his surprise that Winfield doesn’t have mass transit, and that shopping is concentrated in a few areas of town rather than shops being located on every block.

He still marvels at the country he has come to call home.

“There are so many opportunities here,” he says. “I don’t know if there is this much opportunity in every country, but here everyone can make a living. There are jobs for everyone.”

“My dream is still to be a professional soccer player, but I want to start a business, too,” he says. And then he smiles. “It will be good to do both.”

## 2017 Athletic Hall of Fame

Inductees: (left to right) Steve Hobus, Ray Nichols, Mike McCoy, Whitney Corley. Rico Marquez was also inducted, but unable to attend as he was recently deployed to Afghanistan.

## Class of 1967

Members of the Class of 1967 gathered for their 50-year reunion dinner at the Winfield Country Club following the Homecoming football game. Back row (left to right): Arlyn Hackett, Jim Christie, Mark Pittman, Ken Hathaway, Steve Anderson, Jim Wilson, Nelson Warren, Will Hanks, Dayna (Nittler) Richardson, Dean Angeles, Sandra (Wade) Patterson, Marcia (Speer) Gruever. Front row (left to right): Paul Morris, Mike Lennen, Ron Haynes, Judy (Martin) Haynes, Nancy Springsted, Freeda (Lee) Steyer, Bev (Rader) Manuszak, Arby Rector, Mike Farrell.

## CROSS COUNTRY

PHOTO BY HUEY COUNTS

The Southwestern College women’s cross country team concluded its 2017 season Nov. 18 on the highest stage the NAIA has to offer. The Lady Builders finished 29th at the NAIA women’s cross country championship in Vancouver, Wash. The team qualified after finishing second at the KCAC championship. Jersey Boydstun, a senior on the men’s team, also qualified for nationals and finished the 8k course at Fort Vancouver in 27:10.



# A legacy of kindness and care

## REMEMBERING CHARLES H. KOPKE

Charles Kopke was within a year of completing his Southwestern College degree when World War II interrupted his studies. He had completed 5½ semesters when he was called up from the Army reserves for a three-year term in the United States Army Air Corps (now the U.S. Air Force).

He had loved his years at Southwestern College, where he had earned money to pay expenses by waiting tables in the women's dorm. "I'd have waited tables in Smith Hall for free," he later said with a smile. "How many fellows got to see their girlfriends coming down for breakfast in their robes and curlers?"

When his war service had ended and he was ready to return to Southwestern, though, his sister, Ada Louise, told him she had delayed her own graduation from the University of Kansas so they could graduate together. He believed strongly in family, so he finished his degree at KU.

But Southwestern never stopped being his family as well.

Kopke, who died Sept. 29 at age 95, became one of Southwestern's most generous and involved donors, taking a personal interest in the success of the school and its students.

He and his wife, Verda, endowed a fund that would encourage top faculty through the Kopke Award for Distinguished Teaching. They funded a scholarship in honor of his mother (Jennie Howell Kopke). And when the recipient of that scholarship was hired as an intern in a Kansas City law firm, he clipped the notice out of the newspaper and made sure college personnel had seen the news.

That recipient, current Board of Trustees chairman Scott Hecht '90, observed that this was the kind of thing a grandpa would do. But while one facet



of Kopke's personality was that of a courtly, generous grandfather ("a complete gentleman," long-time friend and gift officer Ronnie Jenkins described him), he also was a businessman.

He spent his entire career at Commerce Trust Company, Kansas City, Mo., retiring as senior vice president of the company after 40 years. As a commercial lender and head of the real estate and construction loan department, Kopke facilitated loans to build hospitals, churches, shopping centers, and sub-divisions, and loans that assisted colleges and individuals.

His career was about people, points out DeAnn Dockery, vice president for institutional advancement.

"He kept making friends," she notes. "People were attracted to him because he was a smart, tough businessman who enjoyed people."

Kopke also enjoyed surprises, and these surprises were often gestures of generosity. When Jenkins visited him for the final time before the gift officer retired in 2015, the former banker handed his friend a sealed envelope to be delivered to the college president. In the envelope was a generous gift to endow the Fine Arts Hall of Fame and to rename the institutional advancement conference room in Jenkins' honor.

President Brad Andrews told friends at Kopke's funeral of the 2006 inaugural presentation of the Kopke Award.

"The award was to be announced and presented at our Commencement exercises, and Charles was on hand to announce and present the very first award. After lots of communication and making all appropriate arrangements, we were ready," Andrews said. "We had the gorgeous Steuben apple to present to the recipient, and President Dick Merriman (my predecessor) even had a \$500 check cut and in his pocket to hand to the winner."

"Always more generous than expected, Charles stepped to the podium, announced the winner, and also announced that with the award would come a \$5,000 stipend. The president quickly slipped the \$500 check back into his pocket, smiled, shook the hand of the faculty recipient, and let him know that a check would be forthcoming."

Kopke's attention to detail extended to the faculty recipients' Steuben apples: Even in the final weeks of his life he made sure the college had enough Steuben apples on hand to outlast him by many years.

Kopke retired from Commerce Trust in 1986, and

although he complained to Jenkins that he had retired too early, he channeled his keen intellectual abilities and generosity into volunteer work. He served as an officer and board member for several organizations, and was president of both the Kansas City and Missouri affiliates of the American Diabetes Association. The ADA created the 'Charles H. Kopke Medal for Distinguished Service' which is presented each year to the association's national treasurer.

**"Charles' philanthropy, service, and leadership were always focused on making a difference."**

**SC PRESIDENT BRAD ANDREWS**

He read multiple newspapers every day (clipping articles of interest and sending them to friends and acquaintances), and was a scholar dedicated to the lifelong stewardship of Abraham Lincoln and Lincoln's role in changing the course of this country. The two-car garage in Charles' home was converted into a huge library and office. Every inch of wall space was filled with books about a variety of subjects, but especially about Lincoln and the Civil War.

"His desk was piled with books, and there were books piled on the floor and on the easy chairs, but he knew where everything was," Jenkins recalls. "He was interested in lots of things."

Kopke never stopped watching for ways he could help others. One day, for example, an ad touting a seminar on creativity caught his eye and he called the Southwestern president. Would this be something that would benefit someone on campus? As a result, the college's webmaster attended the conference and returned to his duties with a new perspective – Kopke paid his way.

And only days before his death, he gave the college a valuable Bible printed in 1611 that had been in his personal collection for decades. (See related story)

"Charles' philanthropy, service, and leadership were always focused on making a difference," Andrews reiterated at the funeral. "Generations of students, faculty, and presidents are the recipients of his graciousness."



### KOPKE BIBLE ADDED TO DEETS LIBRARY COLLECTION

Trustees and donors who contributed to a special display case had the opportunity to take a close look at the 1611 Bible donated to the college by Charles Kopke. The Bible is on display in the Harold and Mary Ellen Deets Library. The dedication reads: Donated by Charles H. Kopke '44 in dedication to his parents, Herbert H. Kopke 1889-1939 and Jennie Howell Kopke 1894-1981. A formal dedication and lecture about the Bible are planned for the spring.

**ABOVE: David Smith '73, President Brad Andrews, Michael Lewis '74, and DeAnn Dockery, vice president for institutional advancement examine the genealogies presented in the first pages of the 1611 Bible donated by Charles Kopke.**



# Coming Home

The front of the refrigerator offers  
a sentimental welcome.

The faces of your family and friends smile back,  
magnets gripping the corners of loved ones' photos.  
Carefully-drawn artwork overlaps a grocery list,  
and a scribbled note reminds you  
to call your mom.

Homecoming, in many ways,  
offers a similar heart-warming view.

Here's that friend, the one you haven't seen  
for decades but still so dear and well-known  
that you pick up the strings of conversation  
from the last time you talked –  
"As I was saying...."

Bright colors and smiling faces fill Main Street  
as you pull your old purple letter jacket  
a little closer during a chilly morning parade.

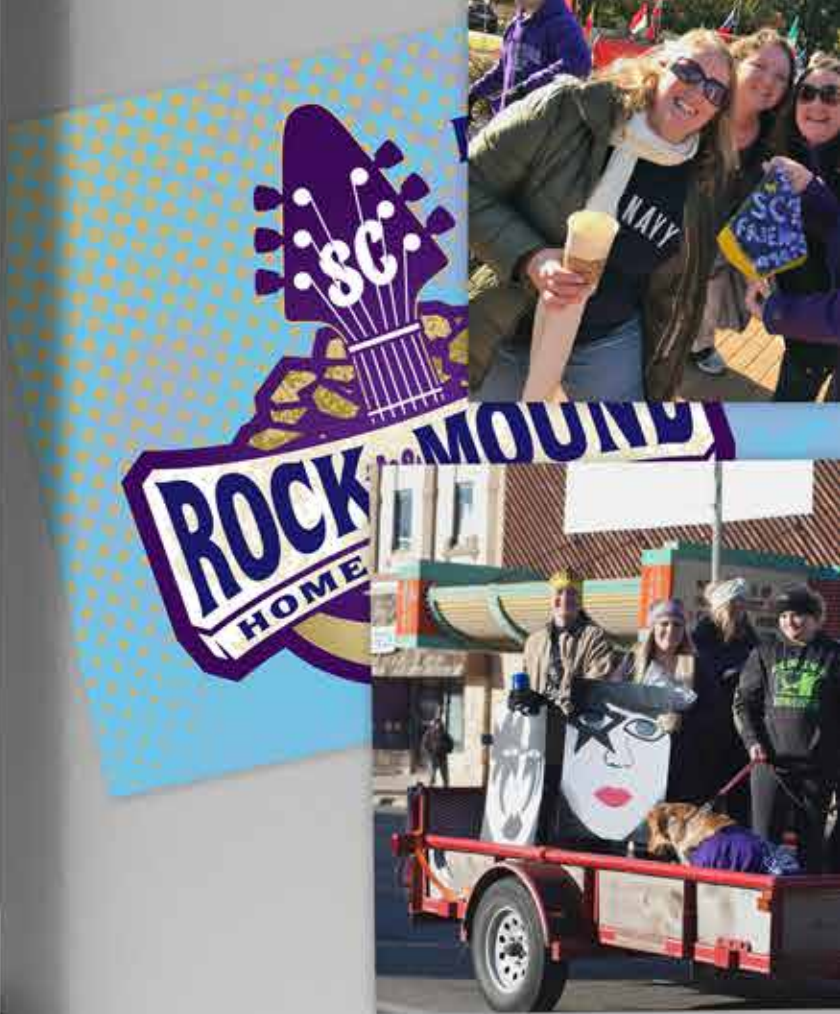
Over there children paint colorful rocks  
depicting Jinx cats and hearts and  
an occasional rainbow to place in the Mound,  
building on the tradition of their parents.

Nearby students play one of your favorite  
worship songs during a concert –  
echoes bouncing back softly off of the 77 Steps.

There's the Moundbuilder football team  
waving an American flag and chanting in unison  
as it runs onto the field before victory  
under a flawless October sky.

And everywhere,  
the magnet of memory  
pinning these faces,  
this place, this Builder family,  
to your heart.

I ♥  
a Builder







## Sports

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# DEFENSIVE HOMECOMING

*Moundbuilders return two picks for touchdowns*

By SCOTT NUSS  
Southwestern College Athletics

A pair of pick-6s and three breakaway touchdowns runs led the Southwestern College football team to a 35-7 victory against Bethel on Homecoming Saturday at Richard L. Jantz Stadium.

The Moundbuilders (3-6, 3-4 KCAC) amassed 229 rushing yards to win their second straight.

Southwestern took a 7-0 lead before the offensive unit ever took the field.

On the third play of the game, freshman Travon Crockett jumped in front of a pass from Bethel quarterback Zach Esau, returning the interception 46 yards to end zone with 13:28 remaining in the opening quarter.



# FAMILY



1967 KCAC  
UNDEFEATED  
FOOTBALL TEAM  
50TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY



milk  
broccoli  
pop-tarts  
eggs  
bread  
cat food  
onions  
tomatoes  
hamburger  
beans  
tomato paste  
green chiles  
sour cream  
yogurt  
cheese





## 1960s

**Brilla (Highfill) '59 and Larrie Scott '60**, Lawrence, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Aug. 23, 2017. They were married in 1957 at the First Presbyterian Church in Winfield while both were students at Southwestern. The Scotts were educators throughout their careers. A celebration dinner was hosted by their daughter-in-law, Diane Cole Scott, and their four grandchildren. Larrie and Brilla's son, **Eric '06**, died in December 2016.

**Bruce C. Birch '62** has been asked to come out of retirement and serve full-time as dean again at Wesley Theological Seminary. The previous dean stepped down unexpectedly and his appointment gives time for a national search for a replacement. This will mark Bruce's 13th year as dean at WTS and his 46th year on the Old Testament faculty at WTS. Bruce also is co-author of a new book published by Fortress Press in November of this year, titled *Bible and Ethics in the Christian Life: A New Conversation*.

## 1970s

**Leonard Wolfe '79**, is being appointed to serve a three-year term with the State of Kansas Banking Board. Wolfe has been the president/chairman of the board, United Bank & Trust, since 2004.

**Connie (Feste) Wooldridge '79** has been appointed pastor for the Chapman (Kan.) United Methodist Church.

## 1980s

**James "Jim" Robinson Jr. '80** has been awarded the Phil Lewis Medal of Distinction by the Kansas Bar Association. In addition, in June the *University of Florida Law Review* published an article he co-authored titled "A New Era for Judicial Retention Elections: The Rise of and Defense Against Unfair Political Attacks." Jim is a business litigation partner at Hite, Fanning & Honeymann L.L.P. in Wichita and is a 2009 member of Southwestern's Leaders in Service Hall of Fame for the Social Sciences.

## 1990s

**Dawn (Miller) '92 and Troy Young** celebrated their 25th wedding on Oct. 10. Troy is employed at Webster Combustion in Winfield as the inventory control/production control supervisor. Dawn is the controller at S and Y Industries. The couple has two daughters. **Brandi, '16** is completing her MBA at Southwestern College, and Brittni is a sophomore at Pittsburg State University. In honor of the occasion, the family enjoyed a land and sea cruise tour of Alaska in May.

**Kenneth '95 and Linda (Pond) Mayberry** celebrated 50 years of marriage on Sept. 23, 2017. Kenneth was part of Southwestern's EMS

training program in the mid-'90s. The couple retired to the family farm in Geuda Springs.

**Heather (Rucker) Hawkins '96** is a 2018 Kansas teacher of the year secondary nominee for the USD 385 (Andover) school district. She is a media specialist at Andover Central Middle School.

**Vince Warren '96** has been named fire and EMS chief for the city of Winfield. Warren had been serving in that position on an interim basis. Previously, Warren had served as the city's fire marshal. Warren has 19 years in fire service, with 15 years in Winfield. In addition to being fire marshal for the city of Winfield, he is a member of Task Force 5, the Haz-Mat Response Team for Kansas, and the Arson Strike Force for south central Kansas. He is a fire investigator II with the Kansas state fire marshal's offices and is a member of the Kansas Chapter of International Association of Arson Investigators.

**Scott Hartley '97** and his blown glass were recently featured on the cover of *SPLURGE* magazine, a Wichita regional entertainment publication. Scott was inducted into the Southwestern College Fine Arts Hall of Fame in 2016.

## 2000s

**Sarah (Benton) VenJohn '07** was nominated in March for the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science and Mathematics Teaching and was nominated as the USD 465 (Winfield) Secondary Teacher of the Year. In September she was honored as a Kansas Teacher of the Year nominee at the Region IV Banquet in Wichita. At that banquet Sarah was selected as the Region IV Secondary Teacher of the Year. Currently Sarah is one of eight teachers that will form the 2018 Kansas Teacher of the Year team. In November one of the eight regional winners was to be named Kansas Teacher of the Year.



**Amy Kellner '07/'09** and Shail Shrestha were married on Oct. 5 near Kathmandu, Nepal. Amy's friends and Builder golf teammates **Jessica (Wood) Kapavik '07/'08** (left) and **Kaydee Riggs-Johnson '11** (far right) traveled nearly 24 hours each way to be there for the wedding. Amy and Shail have made their home in Tampa, Florida.



## Builder alum rocks the classroom

Erin (Rankin) Jewell '01 gave her Texas students a healthy dose of Builder pride recently. Erin teaches middle school gifted and talented students at Hunt Middle School in Frisco, Texas, and her door became a Southwestern pride point. "It's college week on our campus," she explained. "I talked to my kids about the Mound and Moundbuilding ceremony last week. We made 'rocks' and put them on the door."

**Meggie Lee "Meg" (Mojica)**

**Calvin '08** has written a book, *The Bluebonnet Child: Finding Grace in Poor Soil*. It was recently released by Wipf and Stock Publishers and is available for purchase from their website and on Amazon.

**Thomas Guess '08/'11** was recently elected president of the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA). Currently the boating law administrator for the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, Tom will serve as president of the national nonprofit organization for the 2017-2018 year. In Tom's work as the legislative and policy manager for the Virginia department, he manages the agency's legislative efforts including coordination with the executive director, the Board of Game and Inland Fisheries, the secretary of natural resources, the Office of the Attorney General, key agency staff, and stakeholder organizations and legislators. Tom began his career there in 2008 after retiring from a 21-year career with the U.S. Coast Guard. He spent the majority of his Coast Guard service working in law enforcement, search and rescue, and maritime environmental operations, and in leadership and command roles at small boat stations.

**Giovanni "Gio" Garcia '09** was recently honored at the Mid America Emmys with two awards, one for

general assignment reporting and the other for continuing coverage.

**Joey Kreft '09** is currently working as a software engineer for Match.com. He lives in Dallas.

## 2010s

**Judith Marks '12** has since graduation been working at Newman Regional Health in Emporia as a registered nurse.

**Rebecca (Bustaan) '14 and Tanner Robidou '14** were married on March 25, 2017. Rebecca and Tanner were on the Leadership Team together.

**John Allen, Ed.D. student** at Southwestern and former superintendent of the Wichita school district, has been named Kansas Superintendent of the Year and will have the opportunity to enter the selection of the national superintendent of the year. Allen is currently superintendent in the Olathe school district.

## Correction

A Southwestern College faculty member was incorrectly identified in an Academic Achievement recognition of the Fall 2017 *Southwesterner*. The name of Jacob Goodson, assistant professor of philosophy, was incorrect in a list of summer accomplishments. We apologize for this error.



## ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

**Bill DeArmond**, professor of mass communications and film, is author of two stories accepted for publication: “You’re Only As Jung As You Feel” by *Jitter Press* and “Mirror Image” to be published in an anthology in December by the MiFi Writer’s Group.

**Abby Elliott**, director of nursing, presented “The Use of Simulation in an Online Leadership Course to Address Lateral Violence” at the American Association of Colleges of Nursing Nov. 16–17 in Atlanta. She also is co-author of “Identifying Appropriate Interruption-Handling Strategies During Healthcare Care Processes” in *IISE Transactions on Healthcare Systems Engineering*.

**Brenda Hicks**, director of financial aid, is author of *Awaken the Wonder: Laying the Foundation* being published by WestBow Press (a division of Thomas Nelson and Zondervan). The first in a three-part walk through the Bible, this curriculum is designed to help children experience both the technical aspects of using the Bible and the content of the Bible. The second in the series is *A Promise Fulfilled*, and *The Birth of the Church* completes the trilogy.

**Timothy Shook**, chair of the division of performing arts and professor of music, has been recognized in two professional organizations. He has been appointed to a committee charged with the expansion of MTNA (Music Teachers National Association) to international through certification (NCTM – National Certified Teachers of Music), and he continues his work as chair of the National Certification

Commission. In addition, the National Association for Schools of Music (NASM) has invited Shook to become an evaluator for accreditation by NASM. The primary purpose of this appointment is to conduct NASM on-site reviews of member and potential member institutions.

**Marjorie Snyder**, technical services librarian and interim director of Deets Library, attended the American Library Association (ALA) conference in Chicago in June and the Kansas Library Association-Kansas Association of School Librarians (KLA-KASL) conference “Libraries Transform Learning” in October. At ALA, sessions attended include “Everybody’s Everyday Work: Diversity and Inclusion Foundations,” and sessions on teaching computer-coding concepts to encourage problem solving using technology, creativity, and social skills.

## BIRTHS

A son, Henry Michael, born Sept. 18, 2017, to **Taylor (Fogle) ’15 and Joe Schwartz ’15**.

A son, Hank Everett, born Sept. 23, 2017, to **Katie (Bipes) ’12 and Nathan Morrison ’10**.

A daughter, Leyah Braelyn, born July 25, 2017, to **Carmon (Bliss) ’09 and Brian Younker**.

A son, Benjamin Kyger, born in May 2017 to **Nicole (Bustram) ’11 and Kyger Veatch ’11**.



## silly soccer

During Homecoming week Student Foundation (StuFu) hosted a bubble soccer tournament on the Sutton Lawn. It was a fierce competition but at the end of the week Lady Builder basketball team won the 2017 Homecoming Sweeps.

## IN MEMORIAM

**Charles Howell Kopke ’44** died on September 29, 2017 at the age of 95. Charles had a notable career in banking in Kansas City and was well known for his philanthropic efforts. (See page 5.)

**Betty Lou (Dozer) Blair ’50**, retired librarian, died Aug. 19, 2017. She was a librarian for the Wichita and Topeka School districts for 21 years. After retirement, she was chaplain for TROW at McConnell AFB, wrote her memoirs, and volunteered at Saint James Episcopal church as the Dozers were founding members of the church. Betty was preceded in death by her husband, **Lt. Col. Tunice Keith Blair ’46**. Survivors include many family members including brother-in-law **Etcyl Blair ’47**.

**Richard T. “Dick” Jones Jr. ’50** died Sept. 4, 2017, in Ponca City, Okla. He was 90 years old. Dick served in the U.S. Navy in the South Pacific and Okinawa. He married **Joan Fennema ’52** and in 1952, they moved to Ponca City where he was an accountant in the tax department at Conoco until 1985. He was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church in Ponca City and acted in a number of plays at the Ponca Playhouse. Dick and Joan were drivers and coordinators of the Meals on Wheels program in Ponca City. After his retirement, he and Joan traveled to all 50 states, all seven continents, and several Pacific Islands.

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## Trunk-or-Treat



For the second year, Education Builders has organized a Trunk-or-Treat event hosted at Kirk Drive the Sunday before Halloween. Student organizations and teams lined the drive up to the 77 Steps with tricked-out trunks and plenty of treats. This year more than 600 children and family members made their way around the Keyhole collecting candy.



**Donald (Don) Adams ’51** died Sept. 21, 2017, in Tulsa. He served in the US Army, including combat duty with the Third Infantry Division, in Korea. He worked for 48 years as an accountant and controller. He was a member of the Tulsa Chapter of CPAs and the Institute of Management Accountants, where he served on the board and as president. His wife, Lois, preceded him in death. He is survived by two sons: Douglas and Kevin; two daughters, Twila Rios and Lori Daskam; five grandchildren; three brothers, **John Adams ’51, Harold Adams ’55** and **Roger Adams ’58**; and one sister, **Lois Carson ’61**.

**Patricia (Bird) Skerlong ’53** died on Sept. 26, 2017. Pat was an outstanding musician who attended Oberlin College on a violin scholarship and graduated in 1953. Through the years, she played in symphonies across the country while raising five children. Pat is survived by husband, Dick; their children, David, Joel, Alison, Kaid, and Cathlyn; and their families.

**Thomas R. Fitz ’56** died Sept, 3 2017. He spent his career in the University of Wisconsin system and retired as lead librarian of the UW Washington campus in 2001. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Judith.

**James Ronald “Jim” Miles ’60** died Sept. 18, 2017. Jim retired from outdoors sales in 2003 and was known locally as the “lightbulb man.” He was a member of the Asbury United Methodist Church in Wichita. In addition to his wife, Alice, he is survived by his two daughters and their husbands; six grandchildren; a brother, **Stanton**

**Miles ’51**; and the mother of his children, **Barbara Miles ’60**.

**Judith Kathryn Arthur ’62** died Sept. 9, 2017, at her home, in Russell, Kan. She is survived by her husband, **Mark D. Arthur, Jr. ’62**, whom she married on Dec. 17, 1961.

**Warren York Randall ’63** died Aug. 22, 2017, after a long battle with cancer. He was 75 years old. After graduation from the Baylor College of Dentistry, Randall began his dental career in Lewisville, Texas, and practiced there for 45 years until his retirement in 2012. Dr. Randall was a man of strong faith and enjoyed golf and tennis.

**Roger Lee Williams ’68** died Sept. 7, 2017. After graduation Roger began working for Dawson Monument. He then took a position in maintenance at William Newton Hospital where he worked for many years. He later worked in maintenance for several area businesses, and was known as a man who could fix anything. He enjoyed working on cars and computers.

**William (Bill) Lyon ’70** died on Sept. 5, 2017, after a long battle with cancer. Bill was retired from the Cuba Independent School District (New Mexico) where he was a high school math teacher and football coach. He also taught and coached football in Kansas and Iowa.

**Katherine “Lucille” (Chisham) Campbell ’71** died Sept. 11, 2017. Lucille taught elementary school in Neodesha and Arkansas City, and elementary gifted classes for the Winfield Educational Cooperative. Lucille enjoyed genealogy, music and writing. She published many articles,

three children’s books, wrote many poems and was named Poet Laureate in a MENSA activity. Her third and most recent book, *Irish of Mulberry Hill*, is in its final stages of publishing at this time.

**Lonnie Mills ’77** died on Nov 27, 2016. He was a teacher at Circle Middle School in Benton for many years. He was an avid antique collector and enjoyed auctions and sales where he would find pieces to add to his collection. Lonnie is survived by his brother, Clayton.

### IN MEMORY OF FRIENDS

**Gwen Ann Kamas-Herd**, wife of **Mac Herd ’72**, died July 28, 2017. Gwen and Mac had married in 1999. She is survived by Mac, a daughter, a son, two stepchildren, 11 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

**Kyger Don Veatch**, longtime Winfield businessman, died Sept. 30, 2017, after a hard-fought battle with cancer.

## David Dolsen: Lifetime Builder

**David H. Dolsen, ’77**, Winfield, died Oct. 4, 2017. Dave was a life-long supporter and 20-year employee of Southwestern College whose diligence and attention to detail was crucial in his work as director of purchasing. He served three presidents in top administrative positions that included director of development, special assistant to the president, and director of plant operations.



Born in Durango, Colo., David earned a bachelor of arts degree from Southwestern College in 1962, followed by a master of science degree in mortuary science in Dallas. He and his wife, **Jo Pat (Johnson), ’63**, met as students at Southwestern and would have celebrated 55 years of marriage in December.

Dave was active in leadership in the United Methodist Church. He

was director of administrative services and treasurer of the Rocky Mountain Conference of the United Methodist Church when he became executive

director of planned giving at SC in 1997.

In addition, he had been a delegate to the General Conference of the United Methodist Church each quadrennium between 1980 and 1992 and a delegate to the jurisdictional conference five times,

and was on the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry from 1988 to 1996. He also served on the board of directors of Africa University and Iliff School of Theology.

David is survived by his wife, Jo Pat; Winfield; his daughter, **Wendy (Dolsen) Coleman-Owens, ’90** and husband, Kevin, Fort Worth; son, Doug Dolsen, Las Vegas; and four grandchildren.



## What’s new with you?

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## Notes From the Dole Center

DeAnn Dockery, Vice President for Institutional Advancement

## We are family

As I write, we are still enjoying the fall leaves that have made our campus even more beautiful over the past few weeks, and the cooler weather harkens the coming Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. It is a time for celebrations and family reunions.

We just had a family reunion here in Winfield ... our Builder Family reunion. Homecoming has a special meaning at Southwestern because Builder Family is not just a phrase, it is real. The sense of family is expressed in so many ways and is strengthened by our relationships with each other. We see it on campus every day, as we meet alumni across the country, and especially in October when students and alumni come together to celebrate our home sweet home – Southwestern College.

Just as a home is not defined by the place, but the people and memories in it; Southwestern is not defined by our campus, but the relationships and lasting ties that bind the Builder Family.



## Telephone Town Hall

On Wednesday, Nov. 15, President Brad Andrews hosted a telephone town

hall. President Andrews answered questions and gave an update on all that is going on at Southwestern College. Listen to archived audio from the telephone town hall at [sckans.edu/TownHall](http://sckans.edu/TownHall).



## SAVE THE DATE:

Southwestern College Performing Arts will present *The Liar*, David Ives' 21st-century adaption of Corneille's 1644 comedy about respectful reinvention. The show runs Feb. 22-25 in Helen Graham Little Theatre. Learn more at [sckans.edu/theatre](http://sckans.edu/theatre).



## Homecoming awards

At the 2017 All-Class Homecoming Dinner President Andrews (far right) presented the annual Homecoming awards. Left to right, David Andreas received the Ambassador Award, Jean (Miles) Price '67 was the recipient of the Outstanding Alumni Award, and Jonathan Leeper '07 was honored with the Young Alumni Award. "It is important to recognize and celebrate those who have both represented the college well in their work and service, and who have time and time again gone above and beyond for the college," President Andrews remarked during the presentation.



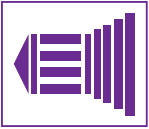
## Bruce DeHaven Day



On Sept. 23 Southwestern College celebrated the lifetime achievements of the late Bruce DeHaven '70. Family, friends, and former players of Coach DeHaven gathered on campus for a special luncheon and halftime recognition as Moundbuilder Football took on McPherson College. A plaque dedicated to DeHaven was unveiled on the the press box at Richard L. Jantz Stadium and a commemorative Builder football jersey presented to the DeHaven family (pictured at left are Bruce's wife, Kathy, and daughter, AnnieMaude). During a 30 year career in the National Football League, DeHaven coached special teams for five NFL teams and reached the Super Bowl five times.

*"A knowledgeable and hardworking coach, DeHaven's dedication to developing great players, and people of great character, is his lasting legacy."* – EXCERPT FROM PLAQUE INSCRIPTION





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