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The beauty within our students...



Myron

"Myron demonstrates the perfect blend of ability, aptitude, and intangibles. He utilizes all his gifts, like presence, intellect, leadership, focus, selflessness, maturity and grit. That mixture is what makes Myron so special."

Matt O'Brien, Head Men's Basketball Coach

Stories inside this issue profile Myron Fisher and his classmates, who exemplify the beauty within Builders.

Beauty is there, it is most certainly there.

If we take the time, with an open heart and focused mind, we will inevitably find the beauty within others. This happens every day in spaces all over campus. Faculty, staff, coaches, and advisors at Southwestern College invest time in our students. They discover the traits, both obvious and subtle, that define Builders.

This issue of the Southwesterner serves as a cross-section, a window, into the young people who are on our campus. Inside you will read about students whose curiosities and interests in the world are unexpected. Students who have unique perspectives and amazing commitment to purpose. Students who are bound to find success in whatever they endeavor. Students who at their core are excellent people – of whom we can be proud.

I invite you to take a moment as you read to celebrate the beauty that defines the hearts of these Builders.



Brad Andrews

Brad Andrews, President

Myron Fisher: *Dedicated and patient*

Myron Fisher arrives for an interview wearing a tie, a long-sleeved blue-checked shirt, and khakis, barely recognizable as the laser-focused guard whose relentless defense has helped lead the Moundbuilders basketball team to top national rankings this season.

He's just finished a day in a classroom of eighth-grade math students, and student teaching can be just as challenging as playing Friends. He shakes his head and laughs.

"They were lively today," he says.

But these lively students are teaching Myron about life, just as he is teaching them the fundamentals of algebra. He has learned many similar lessons working with underserved youth at summer internships at Project Transformation in Dallas, as a starter on the basketball team, and as a leader throughout campus.

"Patience, for one thing," he says. "I've learned that patience isn't just waiting, it's pouring yourself into somebody, and continuing to do that even when you don't see immediate results. Eventually you get to see little glimpses of what you're working toward."

A native of Allen, Texas, Myron has shown himself the same kind of patience as he has worked toward the math education degree he'll receive in May: He arrived at Southwestern a dramatically different person from the one he is today. One example of this is his attitude toward Builder Camp.

"I was an introverted and un-social person, and when I heard about Builder Camp I thought it was the sketchiest, scariest idea I could imagine," he says. "It was overwhelming, but it turned out to be a good overwhelming."

He found himself going back every year to greet new SC freshmen as an orientation leader, and last fall he was chosen to speak to the largest class in SC's history. He told them to set their intentions and decide where they wanted to go. To work toward their goals. And to trust themselves – to believe in themselves.

Many of these are the same lessons he has learned from on-campus mentors – coaches Matt O'Brien and Tim Miser, and his education professors. They have taught him that everything is connected, that his basketball roles and attitudes carry far beyond the court. And late in his senior season, when a partially torn patella tendon became his first-ever basketball injury and held him out of several games, they reminded him of a difficult lesson:

"That adversity is pure joy, and that we need to understand the highs and lows of life," he says.

But the most important lesson he's learned at Southwestern College is one he hopes will take him into a career as a math teacher, then help him establish a charter school for at-risk kids.

"We have a responsibility to reach as we climb," he says. "If I'm climbing a ladder, I need to reach back, and make sure others are coming up the ladder with me."

Tony Mendoza: *Caring and intentional*

Tony Mendoza only has a few minutes to talk. He's scheduled to give a tour to a group of prospective students, and he doesn't want to be late.

"I didn't take a tour," he admits. "I just showed up a week-and-a-half before school started and enrolled."

That's because he felt sure he already knew Southwestern College.

Every summer since he was 12 years old Tony had spent weekdays at the church behind his Dallas home, where a Project Transformation site was located. The



Tony

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group, with its mission statement that emphasizes connecting churches to communities in need, has for many years hosted Southwestern College students as summer interns.

Tony met Molly Just, who is now campus minister at Southwestern, when she was serving as an intern for Project Transformation at his site. A few years later, after he had finished his first year at a public college in Texas, Molly convinced Tony that he needed to be at SC. The moment he set foot on campus, just days before classes began, the Texan knew he Molly had been right.

“Tony is the type of student that Southwestern loves to nurture because he lives in the ethos of who we are as a college. He has a desire to grow, as a person and as a leader, and he cares deeply about serving others to make the world a better place.”

Molly Just, Director of Discipleship

Southwestern’s emphasis on each student discovering his calling and passion soon altered his life. Originally an elementary education major, he changed his major to philosophy and religion, and now his goal is to be a minister, and serve a nonprofit group such as the one that helped him in his youth.

Being at Southwestern, he also has had experiences he had never anticipated. Last year, for example, he took a theatre class taught by Roger Moon. As the semester ended, Moon suggested that Tony audition for a play. He since has been cast in several productions.

“I never had done theatre before, but I came to Southwestern, and I had the chance to do it,” he says. “I also started playing the guitar. I had no musical background before, but now I play in chapel with the worship team every month.

“In a school this size it’s really easy to get involved,” he says with a smile, “and to get over-involved, so I sometimes say ‘no’ when people ask me to do something.”

Tony has plenty to do without adding more activities to the list: He’s in Discipleship, a leader in InterAct (international student group), and has an internship at Winfield’s First United Methodist Church.

“I’ve seen that students here are intentional in their commitment to the college and to people around them,” he says, “and I want to be intentional. What comes next? I don’t know what that looks like. I’m waiting for it to show up, but I strongly feel that God has called me here. What I’m to be doing is slowly unwinding, and it will continue to stretch me.”



Tierney

Tierney Sutton: *Selfless and genuine*

When she was in high school, Tierney Sutton knew she wanted to be a marine biologist, she just didn’t know where she wanted to go to school. In fact, she was well into the spring of her senior year and still hadn’t made her choice.

She knew most marine biology programs were in schools on the coasts, far away from her Colorado home, but on the off chance there might be one closer Tierney did a web search for colleges offering this major. To her surprise a small college in Kansas popped up.

“Tierney is selfless and genuine. She is a young lady who constantly puts others before herself and is never afraid to reach out and help others. She has the heart of a true Moundbuilder.”

Tim Testa, Head Cross Country Coach

Tierney had been a cross-country runner all through high school so she checked a box that indicated she might be interested in an athletic scholarship.

Five minutes later her phone rang, and a Southwestern College cross-country coach was on the line. A few weeks later she visited SC for the first time during a February Explore More Day, and by the time she left Winfield she had signed a letter of intent.

Tierney Sutton has the heart of a Builder. It was this heart that kept her running when her freshman cross-country season was derailed by an injury.

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“We had a meet where we had to run in mud and the next day I couldn’t run at all. It turned out I had a stress fracture of my ankle,” she says.

Tierney knew, though, that if she didn’t run the Lady Builders would be bumped out of a crucial competition: A KCAC rule requires schools to have five participating members to be eligible to compete as a team in the following year’s national championships. So for her team, Tierney ran.

“I didn’t finish in the top places, but if I hadn’t run, our team couldn’t have gone to nationals this year,” she says, “and that whole experience was super-rewarding.”

And this year, she’s delighted to add, the team has grown enough that having enough runners to qualify isn’t an issue.

It’s also Tierney’s Builder heart that makes her the student organizer of many of her classes. She had decided to major in communications rather than marine biology by the time she enrolled, and in these small classes she is often the one setting up study groups and offering to share Quizlet study guides. Her schedule includes 19 credit hours this semester, working as program director on the campus radio station, and participating in the IOU (It’s On Us) group. She’s often found volunteering for campus activities – during the solar eclipse she was one of the facilitators of the campus eclipse-watching event.



Kaela

“I didn’t expect to be as busy as I am,” she says with a laugh. “I’m the kind of person who always has to have something to do, so I’m fine with my schedule, but before I came to college I thought there would be a lot more time to just goof around.”

And as a girl raised in Aspen, she didn’t anticipate something else that seems tailor-made for her Builder heart:

“The thing that has shocked me the most is that people here are so nice,” she says with amazement. “I don’t think I’ve opened a door since I’ve been here – there’s always someone opening the door and smiling at me.”

Now she looks back on her college decision and shakes her head.

“I was just so stressed out about picking a college, and Southwestern seemed the right place for me,” she says. “My mother kept asking me if I was sure this was where I wanted to go, and I knew it was.”

The spur-of-the-moment decision that made her a Builder brought her home.

Kaela Massey: *Committed and passionate*

Kaela Massey’s friends sometimes ask her why she chose Southwestern College. She is, after all, a talented and hard-working musician as well as a good student, and she had her choice of schools. Why would a Winfield High School graduate attend a school in her hometown?

When she was deciding on colleges Kaela was looking for a place that would see her strengths and bring out the best of her abilities. She caught the attention of professors Allyson Moon and Brian Winnie, who Kaela says “made me feel important.”

“Kaela embodies the Builder spirit. She constantly uses her gifts and talents to help build programs, relationships, and most importantly herself as a leader, performer, and future educator. I value her drive to grow and become the best version of herself that she can be on any given day.”

Brian Winnie, Assistant Professor of Music and Director of Choral Activities

Winfield’s well-known tradition of supporting the arts was an added incentive in her decision to stay near home.

But she was also looking for a place that would encourage her to stretch her boundaries and try new things. So even though she hasn’t changed her childhood goal of becoming a teacher, she added a musical theatre major to her planned music education major.

Since coming to SC she’s added a goal “I’d love to be a performer, maybe in regional theatre, but as I’ve always been, I’m still passionate about teaching.”

This passion plays out in some long days – during the fall 2017 semester she was in 14 classes, which translated to more than 20 credit hours and in-classroom time from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. She teaches piano

through Southwestern's Community Music School, tutors beginning music theory students, and (when she is cast in a play) has rehearsals for several hours every evening. She's part of the South Kansas Symphony, the A Cappella Choir, the SC Singers and the Chamber Choir, and Campus Players.

A full schedule is enjoyable, she says, because of her Southwestern friends and classmates.

"We're all together, literally, all the time," she says.

Kaela admits that they spend a lot of time in Darbeth Hall, where music and theatre students not only take most of their classes, they practice, rehearse, and support each other by running scenes or critiquing tricky passages.

And this, she says, is part of having the heart of a Builder: generosity, passion, willingness to sacrifice for others, courage, dedication. Kaela groups her professors with students as true Builders.

"In high school I was told that professors didn't care if we did well or not, but that hasn't been true," she says. "If I miss a class or a rehearsal I get an email – 'Is everything okay?'"

For Kaela Massey, everything is just fine. She's attending her dream school, even if it is in her home town.

Jay Buffum: *Driven and engaged*

With just a little imagination it's easy to see that Jay Buffum might have been a challenge for his grade school teachers.

"I've known since I was a first grader that I was a leader – maybe even in situations where I shouldn't be," he says with a grin. "Teachers tended to point this out." But this leadership has brought him a political position of authority that is unusual for a college junior.

Jay serves as chair of the Cowley County Republications, an involvement that means he is earning experience as an administrator and has voice in state conventions. The opportunity also led to an internship in Washington, D.C., at the office of Congressman Ron Estes last summer.

A business administration and marketing major from Winfield, Jay admits that his immersion in the political system began out of ignorance when a high school classmate griped about how much he hated politics.

"I didn't even know what 'politics' meant so I began digging into it, and I was hooked," he says. "I was struck by what a big process it is, how many people have to be involved to make the system work."

So as a freshman at SC in 2016, he founded the College Republicans. This led to work on the 2016 presidential campaign and local races when he was



barely old enough to vote – he was 18 years, five months old when he organized the college group.

"Toward the end of the 2016 election, the chair of the Cowley County Republications decided to step down," he recalls. "They knew they had to find someone and I realized I was that someone."

"Mark my words: Jay Buffum is destined to become one of Southwestern College's preeminent Moundbuilders over the next several decades. His name will be known across the nation for his distinction in rebuilding and leading the Republican party. When it comes to politics, Jay is passionate, gifted, and implacable."

**Kurt Keiser, Associate Professor of Business,
Business Division Chair**

Instead of taking the helm of a defeated and demoralized local organization as many had expected, Jay found himself chair of an energized group that included township and precinct representatives from throughout the county. Even though only about 30 of the approximately 50 available positions are filled, this is twice as many as when Buffum was first elected.

"They represent their constituencies and I represent them," he explains.

And, he admits, this means he comes under fire from those who are unhappy with the actions of his party.

"It's a lot of weight on my shoulders," he says. "I do feel a responsibility to represent the party the best I can, and I understand why people think of me as a target." Then he grins. "It's preparing me for a long career of having thick skin."

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That's because Jay Buffum sees his local leadership as the first step in what he hopes will be a long political career. Southwestern has been the ideal spot to solidify his political aspirations.

"I have friends across the state who were afraid to wear Republican shirts, but I've never felt bullied or indoctrinated by left-leaning people on campus," he says.

In his limited spare time Jay sings in A Cappella Choir and until this semester was in SC Singers. A top swimmer on his high school team, he continues to coach youth swimmers.

"Someone told me that you don't have to make a career out of your passions but you need to make your passions part of your life," he says.

His greatest passion, though, remains politics.

"I want to take every opportunity God puts in front of me," Jay says, "and when I'm 70 years old I want to be able to kick back in my recliner and be satisfied with what I did to help people."

coupled with her love of numbers has led to Marissa's calling to teach middle school math – and in doing so, to help the next generation of awkward 13-year-olds. Until she's in her own classroom, though, she's finding ways to help others on the Southwestern College campus.

A sophomore guard, Marissa starts for the Lady Builder basketball team. In fact, that was all she planned to do when she arrived at SC.

"I really intended to focus only on basketball," she says, "but then someone suggested I run for StuFu executive so I became vice president for traditions."

She's also a student ambassador and a resident assistant, and though she had never acted before she was convinced to act with the Nine Lives improv troupe.

"As an improvisational actor, I experience Marissa as a performer for whom being fearless is fun. There is so much risk in improvisational acting, but Marissa's eyes sparkle and she flashes a smile every time she takes the stage!"

Allyson Moon, Associate Professor of Theatre and Speech; Director of the Theatre Program

In all of these activities, her focus not only is on making sure she does her best, but also on making sure others reach their highest potential.

"I like to create for others, but I also want to do whatever it takes to win," she says. "I'm not that big (she's 5'6"), there are a lot of people on the floor who are bigger than I am, so I pressure the ball. I guess you could call me scrappy."

While there is no doubt that Marissa has a competitive spirit she also has a natural friendliness that she acknowledges is a characteristic of the entire college as well.

"People here like each other. 'Nice' is kind of a little kid word, but people at Southwestern are nice," Marissa says. "When we have discussions in class you can hear everyone else's insights, and they're considering your input. Whether they're students or professors, people here are always trying to help others."

This caring environment is a good incubator for Marissa's future; she sees herself 10 years from now focused on helping others.

"I hope to... no, I'm GOING to have a classroom somewhere, maybe in the Kansas City or Lawrence area." Then she grins, imagining herself teaching middle school students. "And I'm going to be wearing a Southwestern College shirt."

Read the full-length interviews with these beauty filled builders at BeABuilder.com



Marissa Evans: *Fearless and scrappy*

You might expect a basketball player's hero to be another basketball player. Marissa Evans's hero, though, is her middle school math teacher.

"You know how junior high school kids are in kind of an awkward stage? In eighth grade I was in a VERY awkward stage," she says now with a laugh. "My math teacher was the one who really related to me and helped me though that stage."

This ability to have an impact on the lives of others

1940s

Stewart Boone '49 has moved from his Garden City home of over 60 years to West Chester, Ohio, to be near his daughter, Brenda. He continues to enjoy music and plays the national anthem on his trumpet when called upon. Most recently, he played at the Sgt. York State Park in Pall Mall, Tenn., on Veterans Day 2017.

1950s

Gyla (Brock) Conklin '58 was named 2017 Woman of the Year by Beta Sigma Phi. This honor was presented for her service to Hugoton and Stevens County with a positive attitude, commitment to service, and ever-present "big heart." Gyla was a 2015 inductee into the Southwestern College Educators Hall of Fame.

Rex A. Wade '58 has had a busy year on the hundredth anniversary of the Russian Revolution of 1917, the main focus of his many books and articles over his academic career. This year he published the third edition of *The Russian Revolution, 1917* (Cambridge University Press), which has been translated into Spanish, with Chinese and Turkish translations forthcoming. He also published *Russia in Upheaval*, an edited version of a 1918 book on the revolution by E. A. Ross, one of the founders of the

field of sociology, this year. In addition, during the past 12 months he has brought out seven articles about the revolution, published in Russia, Spain, India, and Great Britain as well as the U.S. He has also given numerous talks. Rex and his wife, Beryl (Schreiber) '59, live in Annandale, Va.

1960s

Larry Jantz '67 was selected for the 16th consecutive year to be an SHPTV announcer for both eight-man Division I & II state football games held in Newton, on Nov. 25, 2017. Prior to that, he completed his second year as television announcer for the Wild West Bowl six-man football games held in Dodge City on Nov. 4, 2017. A six-man game is a track meet on a gridiron, he says.

1970s

Joe Coles '72 received the "National Values in Action Award" from the National Character Education Center at Rancho Mission Viejo, Calif., for his work in student leadership and with staff and students in stopping bullying behavior.

Dana Smith '76 moved back to her hometown of Lebo, Kan., this past October and is enjoying substitute teaching. She is excitedly expecting two grandchildren next spring.

1980s

Michael Lenhart '82 has retired from his practice in neonatology. He is planning a trip to Puerto Rico next year to aid in the rebuilding efforts.

Kelly Rundell '82 is serving as the 2017-2018 president of the Wesley E. Brown American Inn of Court. Kelly is of counsel with the law firm Hite, Fanning & Honeyman in Wichita.

Brad Smith '84 is celebrating his 30th year as a varsity head basketball coach. He has been teaching for 34 years – 10 of those at Maize and 24 at Labette County High School.

1990s

Robert "Don" Gifford '93 was selected as the chair of the Oklahoma Bar Association's criminal law section. As chair, Don will lead the state bar section in educating other attorneys and the public, as well as advocating for criminal justice issues within the state. He is a trial attorney with the Oklahoma City firm of Gungoll, Jackson, Box, and Devoll, P.C.

Christa (Pickens) Kagin '93 has recently published a book titled *Implementing the Expressive Therapies Continuum: A Guide for Clinical Practice* with Routledge Press. Christa is the department chair for art and architecture at Benedictine College in Atchison.

Wes Keely '96 retired in December 2017 after 42 years working for the city of Winfield. At the December city commission meeting he was recognized for his years of service. Wes has worked for several departments, including police, fire, and natural gas utility, where he completed his final years of service.

Marvin '97 and Cheryl Percival celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Jan 26, 2018. They held a come-and-go for friends and family at the Oxford United Methodist Church on Jan. 20. Marvin and Cheryl grew up in northwest Oklahoma and met at the Disciple Student Fellowship at the Christian Church in Alva while attending Northwestern Oklahoma State University in Alva. After marriage, they relocated to Newton, where Marvin taught junior high

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Builders collaborate for fossil lesson

Alumna Brooke Rowzee '10 gave a digital tour of her work place, the American Museum of Natural History, to alumna **Tabatha Rosproy's '09** pre-K class at the Winfield Early Learning Center. The class is currently learning about dinosaurs and Brooke taught them about fossils while showing them one of the most extensive dinosaur fossil collections in the world.

school. They later returned to Carmen and started their family grocery store business, C&M Grocery. After 13 years of business, they moved to Oxford where Marvin returned to education and retired with USD 358 in 2010. Cheryl retired in 2013 from Graves Drug in Winfield. Marvin and Cheryl enjoy camping and spending time with their family, as well as attending and serving at the Oxford United Methodist Church.

Ashlee (Alley) Crawford '98 married Todd Crawford of Grand Island, Neb., on Oct. 14, 2017, at First United Methodist Church in Winfield. Ashlee is currently serving as the clergy recruitment and development coordinator for the Great Plains United Methodist Church and works from the Lincoln office. Todd works for Congressman Adrian Smith of the 3rd District in Nebraska. They make their home in Lincoln.

2000s

Timothy Myers '00 recently led the Florida Grand Opera Orchestra through Strauss's *Salome* which was played through Feb 10. Last year Tim concluded a nearly decade-long appointment as artistic and musical director of North Carolina Opera, highlights of which included repertoire from *Das Rheingold*, Act II of *Tristan und Isolde* and Act I of *Die Walküre*, *Eugene Onegin*, and *Rusalka*. He accomplished this while being equally visible on the international scene. In 2016 at Wexford Festival Opera he conducted a widely-acclaimed staging of Samuel Barber's opera *Vanessa* and at the same festival in 2017 a production of Jacopo Moroni's *Margherita*. In March he'll be conducting Puccini with Utah Opera and then Bernstein's *West Side Story* with Houston Grand Opera in April and May. His season will conclude in June when he conducts Sondheim's *Sweeney Todd* with the Atlanta Opera in a new production by Tomer Zvulun.

Bradley J. Newell '02 has accepted a new position with the University of Kansas School of Pharmacy – Wichita Campus as a clinical assistant professor and residency program director. Newell currently serves on the Southwestern College Board of Trustees.

Dion Brown '04/'10 will start Feb. 26 as president of the National Underground



Alumnae adventure in Europe

Montana Rickey '15, Stevie Heidzig '15, Alyssa Richardson '15, and Tavinia Tucker '15 (left to right) recently went on a journey together to see notable and historic locations throughout Europe. They are pictured overlooking Athens, Greece, from the site of the Acropolis. "At one point there were six Builder alumni gathered together in a tiny town in Ireland– it was an amazing experience and I'm so thankful I could share it with my best friends," said Tucker reflecting on the trip.

Railroad Freedom Center. He will be transitioning from his current position as the founding executive director of the National Blues Museum in St. Louis, where he had been since June 2015. Previously he was executive director of the B.B. King Museum and Delta Interpretive Center in Indianola, Miss. In 2013 he was recognized by the *Delta Business Journal* as one of its "Top Minority Business Leaders." Prior to his leadership at the BB King Museum, Brown served as the chief operating officer for Exploration Place in Wichita. In addition to his two degrees from Southwestern, Brown holds a certificate of fundraising from the Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis School of Philanthropy. He retired from the United States Air Force in November 2002 after 21 years.

Nicole René (Howie) McQueen '04 married Michael McQueen on Sept. 2, 2017, in Baldwin City, Kan. Also part of the family are Mike's four children – Lily, Sam, Della, and Levi.

Ricci Tucker '07 was recently recognized for completing 10 years of service with the Winfield Recreation Commission. Ricci

serves as the sports and special services director for the WRC.

Russell Kolins '08 reports that earning his B.S. in security management through Professional Studies has catapulted his career. He has acquired a national reputation as a security expert and has been extensively lecturing. He is currently working as the security expert on three high-profile cases including the Pulse Nightclub shooting, the Little Rock, Ark., nightclub shooting, and the Mandalay Bay/Las Vegas shooting. He attributes much of his success to his Southwestern degree. Russel is the president of Kolins Security Group in Philadelphia.

2010s

Ted Shinneman '11 was recently promoted to rank of master police officer with the Arkansas City Police Department.

Corey Allen Shaffer '13 is attending Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, to earn his Master of Divinity. This is his first year of classes in a four-year program. He has two children – Paige, 6, and Scott, 4.

Adelaide (Baden) Barnard '40 died Jan. 2, 2018. She was a distinguished musician and music teacher, known particularly for her performances on the harp and the piano. During her senior year at Southwestern, she was elected May Queen by the student body. Adelaide was the granddaughter of John Peter and Adelaide Baden, who were early Winfield leaders and founded the former St. John's College in Winfield.

Richard L. "Dick" Brummett '42 died Jan. 21, 2018. After receiving his music degree from Southwestern, Richard married **Mary Williams '47**. He taught in Atlanta, Kan., and in Harper before returning to Winfield, where he taught music for over 30 years, retiring in 1983. He was the supervisor of Midwestern Music and Art Camp at the University of Kansas from 1961 to 1974. He enjoyed judging music contests, serving as a judge in five states. Dick is survived by his wife; his three children, **Jeana Hahn, Mike Brummett '79 and wife Karla**

'74; Nan Hinson '97 and husband Hal '74; seven grandchildren including Moundbuilders **Chris Brummett '01 and wife Jamie (Carpenter) '01; Abby Snodgrass '04; and Dane Brummett '06**; and seven great-grandchildren.

James "JB" Story '42 died Feb. 1, 2017. He was a bomber pilot for 30 years in World War II, Korea, and Viet Nam. Jim flew the Martin B-26 in operations out of Guadalcanal and other islands in the South Pacific during WWII. Following the war, he joined the 47th Bomb Group with the A-26 aircraft. This organization later flew the first jet bomber, a B-45 aircraft. Later assignments took him to London (3rd AF Headquarters), a B-26 unit rotating from Korea, the Tactical Reconnaissance Wing in South Carolina, Germany, France, and the 7th Air Force HQ in Saigon. After retirement from the USAF in 1968, Jim and Glen built a home in Shalimar and later resided in Bluewater Bay, Niceville, Fla. He pursued a real estate career for 15 years.

He was active in a barbershop singing group for many years. Jim was a committed member of the Niceville United Methodist Church and sang in their senior choir.

Clara Marie (Light) Mace '45 died Oct. 7, 2017. She was an accomplished musician in voice, piano, organ, and clarinet. She married Lloyd Mace in 1945. She was actively involved in the Methodist church as organist, choir director, and choir member, but her paramount gift was being a devoted wife, mother, and homemaker. Survivors include sons, Steven and Robert; a daughter, Suzanne M. Mace-Tresko; seven grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Nancy (Sullivan) Swartz '45 died Sept. 28, 2017. Nancy was a piano soloist and performed with the Southwestern College orchestra beginning at age seven. A true lady, Nancy was a talented pianist who studied with E. Marie Burdette, Mr. and Mrs. Crosby Adams, and Rudolph Ganz. Nancy later obtained her teaching certificate and enjoyed teaching kindergarten. She served her church as a chancel choir member and church secretary until her retirement. Nancy was preceded in death by husbands **William F. Swartz '42** and Benjamin A. Sullivan.

Jane Matthews '46 died March 26, 2017. She married **Glenn Matthews '46**. Jane's passion in life was teaching kindergarten in Kansas and Long Island, N.Y. Jane and Glenn retired to Delray Beach, Fla., their boat on Lake Champlain in New York, and Marion, Kan.

Beulah Lee (Dungey) Shafer '50 died Dec. 2, 2017. Following high school graduation she was employed at Strother Field as a bookkeeper. She retired from William Newton Hospital in 1995 as a switchboard operator. Beulah was a 90-year member of Winfield's First United Methodist Church; Eastern Star; American Legion Auxiliary serving as state chaplain and state president; and had volunteered at the Winfield Veterans Home receiving recognition as Top Volunteer. She also had written and published articles about Alzheimer's disease. Survivors include her daughter, **Margaret Wells '76**.

Donald (Don) Adams '51 died Sept. 21, 2017, in Tulsa. His parents were **Ralph '23 and Maud (Morgan) Adams '23**. He

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BIRTHS

A son, Bentley Cole, born Sept. 27, to **Jeremy and Addie (Lambing) James '09/'10**. Bentley has Moundbuilder grandparents **Danny Lambing '78 and Nancy (Swope) Liston '79** and Builder great-uncles **Michael Lambing '83 and Bob Marsh '79**.

A daughter, Ryann Elizabeth, born Nov. 14, 2017, to **Chet and Taylor (Kinnamon) Skinner '12/'13**. The family lives in Macksville, Kan.

A son, Samuel Dean, born Dec. 27, 2017, to **Kyle '11 and Jennifer Luttegharm**. He is home with sister Elaina (2) in Ankeny, Iowa.



A son, Mayer Jack (*above*), born Jan. 31, 2018, to **Jordan '13 and Rachel Barrett**. The Barretts also have a daughter, Ella Dee.

A daughter, Quinn Abigail (*left*), born Dec. 31, 2017, to **Matt and Alexis (Morrison) Miers '08 '06**. The Miers family lives in Winfield and includes a son, Logan (3).



served in the U.S. Army in Korea, then obtained a master's degree in accounting from Oklahoma State University. He worked for 48 years as an accountant and controller. He was a member of the Tulsa chapter of Oklahoma Society of CPAs (OSCPA), and the Institute of Management Accountants, where he served on the board and as president. He also was chair of the Tulsa University Conference of Accountants. 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**; one sister, **Lois Carson '61**; many nieces and nephews and their families.

Dale Hollis Snyder '51 died Dec. 18, 2017. He was a retired past president of the Lyons State Bank, chairman of the Coronado Financial Corporation Board, and served on numerous other boards and community organizations. Dale was a private pilot and enjoyed playing the trombone in community, jazz and Dixieland bands. Dale was preceded in death by his wife, Marilyn Patton. Survivors include his wife, Barbara; son, **David '78**; daughters, **Melinda Chambers '78** and Susan Crosby; a stepdaughter, Debbie; and seven grandchildren and stepgrandchildren. Memorial gifts were suggested for the Southwestern College choral program.

Jerry Dossey Smith Sr. '56 died Oct. 17, 2017. He had lived in Owasso, Okla. Jerry served for 32 years with the Oklahoma National Guard and retired with the rank of colonel. He received a Purple Heart in Korea and was in the Hot Brigade during the Viet Nam War period. He retired in 1993 as a rural mail carrier after 31 years of employment. He is survived by his wife, Tiny; and children.

Marjorie L. Tiner '56 died Nov. 28, 2017. Marjorie married **James Tiner '52** in 1951. Marjorie had a 35-year career as an educator. She taught in New Jersey, Massachusetts, Bushton (Kan.) and finally 31 years in El Dorado, most of those years teaching first grade. She is survived by her husband; a son **James Jubal Tiner '88**; and a daughter Carrie Lou Tiner-Johnson.

Wanda D. Donley '57 died Oct. 16, 2017. As the daughter of two Methodist ministers

she was raised at many locations throughout the state of Kansas. Wanda married Donald Donley in 1957. They made their home in Rock, Kan., for 44 years, and moved to Winfield in 2010. Wanda was a first- and second-grade teacher as well as a substitute teacher and librarian. For many years she was housewife and helper to her husband on the farm. Survivors include her sons, David, Mark, and Brad; her sisters, **Neva Woerner '50**, **Mona Booth '54**; and many grandchildren.

Terry Eugene Allen '61 died Sept. 30, 2017. He taught English and art at Winfield High School for a short time before teaching 40 more years in Denver. He was a well-read intellectual who pursued a rich life of music and art.

Beverly Ann (Howard) Dillman '61, Emporia, died Nov. 3, 2017. Throughout her life she maintained close friendships with her classmates from Southwestern College. She was a dedicated first-grade teacher from 1975 to 1999. She and her husband traveled to England, Germany, and the Holy Land and throughout the United States. She was active and involved in the Emporia community and with her First United Methodist Church family. She is survived by her husband of 55 years, **Jimmy Earl Dillman '61**. Memorial gifts were suggested for the Jim and Beverly Dillman Endowed Scholarship Fund at Southwestern.

Edwin "Ed" Angus Jr. '68 died July 21, 2017. He married **Pamela (Schuster) '67** in 1967. Until retirement in 2000, Ed taught high school social studies and math and was a wrestling and football coach. He was a dedicated educator, coach and family man who never missed his children's and grandchildren's school and athletic events. Ed is survived by his wife of 50 years, **Pamela**; three children and six grandchildren.

Sue Marie Enholm '71 Bowling Green, Ohio, died Dec. 23, 2017. She married Donald King Enholm and he preceded her in death April 15, 2011. Sue enjoyed spending time going to antiques stores and flea markets. She is survived by her sons Eric and Chuck; daughter Kirsten Palmer; two grandchildren and a Moundbuilder cousin **Eldon Snyder '52**.

Joyce Elaine Baughman '75 died July 22, 2017. After attending Southwestern she earned a degree in science education

from Kansas State University. In August 1977 she married **Gary Bughman '75**. Joyce worked alongside her husband at the Animal Health Center for over 30 years. In addition to her husband, she is survived by children, and grandchildren.

David Lee Massey '75 died Nov. 25, 2017. He was stationed in Germany with the Army before attending Southwestern, then he began teaching and coaching at Dexter High School. In 1982, he began farming as well as working for Rubbermaid in Winfield, remaining at Rubbermaid until 1998. He then worked in plastics and manufacturing all over the country, including Georgia, South Carolina and Arkansas. He retired in 2012 and moved to Winfield.

Michelle Leann "Shelly" Davis '94 died Nov. 26, 2017. Shelly married Mark Davis in 1980. During their younger years, Shelly and Mark played in country music bands. They moved to Winfield in 1985. Shelly began her nursing career at Via Christi St. Francis Hospital in Wichita and worked in several area nursing homes specializing in geriatric and psychiatric nursing. In 2008, she retired. She enjoyed carving, woodworking, and writing poetry, and loved music and animals.

Mary LouAnn Law '94 died on Jan. 24, 2018. Mary ran a home day care for 10 years and after graduating from Southwestern taught high school English and business for 15 years in South Haven and Arkansas City. She is survived by her husband, **Chris**, who is part of the Southwestern facilities team (Sodexo); four children and 13 grandchildren. Her son-in-law, **Regan Hess**, is a records specialist at Southwestern.

Rachel Deanne Lankton '00 died Jan. 22, 2018. After graduating from Southwestern, she taught at Edison Elementary in Wichita before teaching in Arkansas City until 2015. Rachel married Jeremy Lankton in 2004. She was involved in committees and youth work at the First Presbyterian Church in Winfield. She is survived by her husband, Jeremy; her daughters, Becci Rochat, Rory and Lucy Lankton; her father, Lindsay Rochat; her brothers: James Rochat, Philip Rochat, and David Binyon; and her stepbrother, Bryan Masten.

Danielle Renea McNaught-Dighero '12/'15 died Sept. 19, 2017. She earned

numerous degrees in both medical and business fields. Danielle had worked as a firefighter and paramedic for the Iola Fire Department from 2013–2016 and was a paramedic for Miller EMS in Fairfax, Okla., at the time of her death. Danielle was a loving mother, daughter, sister, aunt, wife, and friend.

DEATHS OF FRIENDS

Rev. Robert Eades died Dec. 4, 2017. Southwestern had awarded him an honorary doctorate in education. His professional experience included 28 years as chaplain at Wesley Medical Center, 20 years as a Navy Reserve chaplain, four years as a parish pastor in Texas and Japan, and eight years as chaplain at Larkfield Place. He led support groups for clergy, provided counseling services and conducted CPE training through the Counseling & Mediation Center. He is survived by Dee, his wife of 59 years, and two daughters.

Judith Barbour, long-time friend of Southwestern, died Nov. 19, 2017. She was the wife of Lucien Barbour and embraced the role of stay-at-home wife and mother of three children. She took pride in her cooking and bridge playing skills. She was involved with the Grace Episcopal Church and loved to travel, read and nurture houseplants, but most of all she loved to be around her family. Survivors include daughters Becky Winblad and Robin Barbour; son Randy Barbour; eight grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Lexi Bruner died Nov. 20, 2017. Survivors include her husband, **Dr. Bradley Bruner '81**; her children, Kayme, Shelby, David, Brittney, Kelsy, Matthew, Daniel, Dallas, and Hana; and two grandchildren.

Della Raye (Trekell) Dowell died Dec. 19, 2017. Della Raye married Troy Dowell in 1949. Della Raye taught in the Hunter and Pond Creek school systems from 1955 until her retirement in 1978. She was active in the music department at the Hunter United Methodist Church for approximately 65 years. She was preceded in death by her husband. Della Raye is survived by her children, **Denise Neighbors '73**, Damaris and husband **Mel Hett '73**, Deryl Dowell, and **Deanne Fort '85**; 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Richard Leftwich: Noted economist

Richard H. “Dick” Leftwich '41 died Nov. 10, 2017. Dick was the fifth of nine children born to Rush and Nellie Leftwich on their tenant farm near Burden. He enlisted in the Army Air Force in 1942 and spent World War II in India. On his return in 1945, he married his college sweetheart, **Maxine '42**. They settled in Stillwater, Okla., where they raised three children.

Because he had served in World War II, the G.I. Bill enabled Dick to attend the University of Chicago, where he received a Ph.D. in economics. In 1948, he joined the faculty at Oklahoma State University, remaining there until he retired in 1985 as Regents Professor of Economics.

Dick was highly regarded as both an economist and a teacher. Of the many books and articles he authored, he is best known for his textbook, *The Price System and Resource Allocation*, which went through 10 editions and was translated into eight languages, selling more than a million copies. He headed the OSU Department of Economics for 10 years and organized and directed the university's Market Economy Education Center.

His career took him around the country and world. In 1962–63, Dick supervised the University of Chicago's economics project at the Catholic University in Santiago, Chile. He took temporary appointments as a distinguished visiting professor/lecturer at such institutions as the American University of Cairo, and Tunghai University in Taichung, Taiwan. He loved teaching, and even after “retirement,” he took a series of visiting positions at colleges and universities around the country (including at Southwestern College).

His honors include Oklahoma State University Amoco Foundation Outstanding Teacher Award; the Freedoms Foundation's National Leavey Award for Excellence in Teaching Private Enterprise; and induction into the Oklahoma Higher Education Hall of Fame and the Southwestern College Scholars Hall of Fame.

Dick was a wise counselor to the Southwestern College Board of Trustees when he served from 1996 to 2005. He was designated a Trustee Emeritus in 2006.

Dick was a fan of the opera, but he also liked singing old-time country songs he learned as a boy in Kansas. He and Maxine enjoyed traveling, visiting some 80 countries on every continent except Antarctica. He was an enthusiastic aviator, holding a commercial pilot's certificate with an instrument rating.

After retirement the Leftwiches moved to Bloomington, Ind. Dick was a loyal husband and father, and became Maxine's caregiver as she yielded to Alzheimer's disease. He was preceded in death by Maxine, a daughter, and a son. Surviving him are his son Bradley; a grandson; his dear friend, colleague and companion, Shirley Yu; and a brother. Memorial gifts were suggested to the Richard H. and Maxine D. Leftwich Scholarship Fund at Southwestern College in Winfield.



In 45 years of flying, (Leftwich) logged more than 5,000 hours in everything from antique biplanes to complex twin-engine aircraft, covering the Americas from Alaska to Costa Rica and the Bahamas.



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"If SC alumni or friends are in Wichita and would like to know more about the ministry-related work happening at the college, we'd love to have them," says Britt Bradley, director of marketing and communications for the Institute for Discipleship. A donation of \$10 is suggested.

Questions and RSVPs should be directed to miranda.priddy@sckans.edu.