

# SOUTHWESTERN

NEWS AND STORIES FROM SOUTHWESTERN COLLEGE





“As the sun rose this morning,  
behind where I stand now,  
it broke through the low hanging clouds  
and lit up the sky with a brilliant purple light.

Light bathed this campus. Light bathed Jantz stadium where we now gather.

This light not only heralded a special day for all of us, it was a reminder of the promise – and the preciousness – of each new journey we begin.

Today is a powerful a day at Southwestern College.

We, as a Builder family are gathered here today in a spirit of celebration, marking the culmination of your hard work, sacrifice and focus over the past four years.

But we, as a college community, also are grieving. The sudden and heart-breaking deaths of two of our students last Wednesday night has affected us all deeply.

I want to invite us to begin our commencement exercise today by honoring the lives of **Jacobi Scott** and **Shelvin Keller**. As a college we were strengthened by their passion and energy, and in their deaths we struggle to find the words to express the depth of our loss. As we begin this ceremony today, I ask you to join with me in a moment of silence as we remember these two remarkable young men, and also remember our classmate, **Kara McLain**, who we lost two years ago...

... There is a lot that comes at us in life, and as Builders we face it all head on.

Today, this day, life brings us something special; it brings us you and your accomplishments.

Even as we remember and honor all that has come before – today it is right that we celebrate all that is to come in each of your journeys. Today, and every day, we have much to be grateful for, we have much to celebrate.”

With these words I began the 2019 Commencement Ceremony. Since that ceremony in mid-May we have suffered even more loss as a Builder family – some great people, good friends, incredible Builders, have left us much too early.

I know that it is difficult to make sense of the loss we feel. I know that we rely upon each other during these times, we lean on the Builder family and I am grateful for that. Certainly, we are blessed for this community, this family, that we share in.

I also know that times like these remind us of the importance of getting the most out of today, the most out of every day. Life is indeed precious.

Our Academic Dean, Dr. Ross Peterson-Veatch, reminded us in his remarks at the Graduate Hooding ceremony that this is the ultimate purpose of education. A Southwestern College education, at its best, prepares us to get the most we can out of today, out of each day, out of each journey we embark on.

We commit ourselves to this purpose of education; in class, in our offices, on the athletic field, in our residence halls, in activities, in relationships with each other, as alumni. We commit to preparing ourselves and future Builders to take advantage of every day, to respect the preciousness of life.

On the coming pages you will read about the losses we have suffered and the passings that we grieve. You will read about the celebrations we share, the dawning of new journeys for Builders. You will read about developments on campus, and the promises of the future. As Builders we come together around the past, around the present, and around our future.

Nothing is guaranteed us, and as Builders we have always known that. However, it is also true that everything is possible for us as Builders. Southwestern College is special in as much as it prepares us to pursue all that is possible, and provides us a Builder family for comfort in difficult times.

Life is precious, every day is precious. We respect this, and we celebrate all the possibilities promised by each sunrise. Vernon, and Ralph, and Paul, and Kara, and Jacobi, and Shelvin, and so many others, have taught us that.

Brad Andrews, *President*

# The Builder family encounters tragedy

Jacobi Scott, a sophomore from Denham Springs, Louisiana, and Shelvin Keller, a first-year student from LaPlace, Louisiana, were tragically killed in a car accident near Marshall, Texas on May 8. The two were traveling home together for summer break.

“Our community is tightly knit, and we all share in the tragic loss of these two bright, strong, young men – two Builders,” President Brad Andrews wrote to campus in the announcement of the accident “It seems impossible to make sense of tragedies as devastating as this. In these moments of grief, it is important that we offer each other support and comfort.”

Shelvin had not yet declared a major, but was interested in communications and was active on campus. He was a running back on the Moundbuilder football team. In addition to the friends he had made on campus, Shelvin had formed strong connections with several faculty and staff. He was looking forward to returning in the fall and to the upcoming football season.

Jacobi transferred to Southwestern last fall from Grambling University. He was a quarterback and had assumed a leadership position on the team this spring. Coaches described Jacobi as a student athlete who brought great ability to the quarterback position, but more importantly, they emphasized his character. He was majoring in computer science and digital arts.



Jacobi Scott



Shelvin Keller

“I’ve been here long enough you know a Builder when you see one and I know these two young men were the essence of that,” said Dawn Pleas, vice president for student success.

Shelvin and Jacobi were described by fellow Builders as “two of the nicest guys on campus.” A group of their friends organized a vigil at Cole Mound Plaza before leaving campus for summer break. Plans are underway to memorialize the two as classes and football season resume in the fall.

Student affairs and football staff are working to support students who were close friends of the two young men through the summer break.

“We don’t want friends of Jacobi and Shel to feel like they have to work through their grief alone, so we’ll be checking in on them,” said Alissa Shepherd, first-year advisor.

In the announcement sent to campus, President Andrews invited students, faculty, and staff to be thoughtful about all who are impacted by the tragedy “Please join me in praying for Jacobi and Shelvin’s families – for all of their friends so deeply affected by this loss, and for our Builder family.”

Quarterback, Jacobi Scott (*below left*) hands-off the ball to running back, Shelvin Keller during the spring scrimmage held April 26. The two friends were killed in a car accident while driving home to Louisiana for summer break.



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# New natural science learning lab to open in August

A major gift from Robert and Barbara Jewell has allowed construction of a premier learning space in Beech Science Center to begin.

The Jewell Family Learning Lab for the Natural Sciences will be located on the second floor of Beech Science Center and is set to open in early August.

Robert Jewell is a member of the Class of 1977 and comes from a family of Moundbuilders. He has made his career in information technology and development. Jewell earned a bachelor of science degree in mathematics and physics with a focus in computer science from Southwestern. He later earned a master's degree in electrical engineering.

"During my first semester in 1974, I was studying at 2 a.m. in Christy Hall, I can still remember where I was sitting – when I knew then what I wanted to do with my life," said Jewell. "I just want to give that opportunity to a student or, hopefully, to



Robert Jewell

many students – this learning environment will be helpful in the same way Christy Hall was for me, as they work to identify their passions and prepare for meaningful careers."

Senior vice president, Tracy Frederick, worked closely with Tammy McEwen, associate professor of biology and division chair of the natural sciences, to plan the project. Frederick spent time during the fall semester



Above, this rendering of the **Jewell Family Learning Lab for the Natural Sciences** by WDM Architects depicts the large monitors to be installed in the space for screen sharing, and the collapsible glass wall allowing for different learning configurations. The project, which is set to be completed before classes begin in August, is on schedule. Demolition is complete and construction has begun (right).



of 2018 hosting listening sessions on campus to collect the hopes and dreams of faculty and students regarding the creation of premier learning spaces in each of Southwestern's academic buildings.

"The idea is to transform a currently under utilized space into a collaborative environment that invites and inspires – that energizes the life of the

mind, and allows for greater collaboration and creativity," said Frederick.

Architects met with the natural sciences faculty as a group at the outset to ask questions and better understand how students would benefit from the future learning lab space. They returned with initial drawings and the project planning team moved forward with an aggressive time line – with a goal to have the space ready for students to use when classes begin next semester.

"Beyond what I learned, I think about many of the good friends I made at Southwestern – many went on to become very good doctors – we became friends sitting next to each other in science courses and because we studied together," said Jewell. "Those friends I made at Southwestern many years ago are still my best friends today."

The Jewell Family Learning Lab is designed as a flexible and interactive space which can be used for class-wide study sessions or partitioned by a large

moveable glass wall for more focused study groups. The space features new large wall-mounted monitors for screen sharing and group research, furniture optimized for flexible seating arrangements, and multiple whiteboards – all included to allow for greater utilization of the space.

"This project is focused on creating a space where students want to learn and faculty want to teach – an environment that inspires students to connect and collaborate, to engage academic curiosities together," said Pat Wagner, vice president for institutional advancement. "We are so grateful to the Jewell family – they are bringing that vision to life."

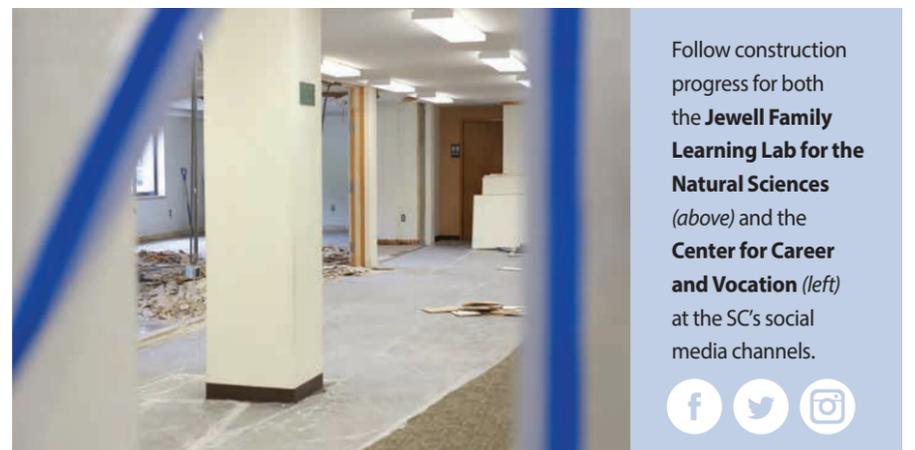
Jewell is optimistic about the impact this project will have in the lives of students, and about his investment in Southwestern.

"The college is under extraordinary leadership and this is the time to give to pay the most dividends possible," he said. "We are excited to be a part of this project."



## Masterbuilders

Masterbuilders for 2018-2019 include: (front row, left to right) John (Mack) Jensen, Oklahoma City; Asiah Greene, Chino Hills, California; David Matthews, Rowlett, Texas; (back row) Mitchell Hewitt, Wichita; X'zavier Preston, Shreveport, Louisiana; and Cameron Hunt, Duncanville, Texas.



Follow construction progress for both the **Jewell Family Learning Lab for the Natural Sciences** (above) and the **Center for Career and Vocation** (left) at the SC's social media channels.



# General Wesley Clark to present Docking Lecture in September

Former NATO Supreme Allied Commander and author General Wesley Clark will present the Docking Lecture on Leadership and Public Affairs, sponsored by Union State Bank, on Wednesday, September 25 at 11 a.m., in the Richardson Performing Arts Center. The public is invited to attend. While there is no admission charge, those planning to attend are encouraged to reserve seats by visiting [sckans.edu/docking](http://sckans.edu/docking).

“Many prestigious honors are testament to General Wesley Clark’s lifetime of distinguished leadership and service in both the military and civilian arenas,” said Bill Docking, Chairman of the Board at Union State Bank. “In 2000, he received the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation’s highest civilian honor. It is a pleasure to have a hand in bringing a speaker of General Clark’s stature to Southwestern College.”

In addition to the Presidential Medal of Freedom, Clark has been honored with Defense Distinguished Service Medal (five awards), Silver Star, Bronze Star, Purple Heart, honorary knight-hoods from the British and Dutch governments, and numerous other awards from other governments, including award of Commander of the Legion of Honor (France). He has also been awarded the Department of State Distinguished Service Award and numerous civilian honors for his civic contributions.

Clark retired as a four-star general after 38 years in the United States



Army. He graduated first in his class at West Point and completed degrees in philosophy, politics and economics at Oxford University (B.A. and M.A.) as a Rhodes Scholar. While serving in Vietnam, he commanded an infantry company in combat, where he was severely wounded and evacuated home on a stretcher. He later commanded at the battalion, brigade, and division level, and served in a number of significant staff positions, including service as the Director for Strategy, Plans and Policy (J-5). He was the principal author of both the U.S. National Military Strategy and Joint Vision 2010, prescribing U.S. war fighting for full-spectrum dominance. He also participated with Ambassador Richard Holbrooke in the Dayton Peace Process, and helped write and negotiate significant portions of the 1995 Dayton Peace Agreement. In

his last assignment as Supreme Allied Commander Europe he led NATO forces to victory in Operation Allied Force, a 78-day air campaign, backed by ground invasion planning and a diplomatic process, saving 1.5 million Albanians from ethnic cleansing.

A best-selling author, General Clark has written four books and is a founding member of the Clinton Global Initiative, and director of the Atlantic Council.

General Clark currently serves as chairman and CEO of Wesley K. Clark & Associates, a strategic consulting firm; chairman and founder of Enverra, Inc., a licensed investment bank; board member of Growth Energy; senior fellow at UCLA’s Burkle Center for International Relations; advisor at the Blackstone Group; advisory board member of SICPA; trustee of International Crisis Group; founding chair of City Year Little Rock/North Little Rock; chairman of Energy Security Partners, LLC; as well as numerous corporate boards including BNK Petroleum, Leagold Mining, and Rentech.

The Docking Lecture is underwritten by Union State Bank and by William and Thomas Docking. The Docking family has played a prominent

role in Kansas government and politics for over half a century. In 1956 George Docking was elected governor of Kansas. He served two terms, leaving office in 1961. His son, Robert Docking, was elected governor in 1966 and served four two-year terms, more than any other Kansas governor, leaving office in 1975. Robert Docking’s sons have continued the family’s commitment to public service. William Docking was appointed to the Kansas Higher Education Board of Regents in 1995, and served as its chair. Thomas Docking was lieutenant governor of Kansas from 1983 to 1987, during the governorship of John Carlin.

“We are thrilled to announce General Wesley Clark will present the 2019 Docking Lectures on Leadership and Public Affairs,” said Brad Andrews, president of Southwestern College. “The Docking Lecture Series encourages academic discovery and broadens our students’ perspective of leadership by allowing them the opportunity to engage remarkable people with diverse and notable experiences, people such as General Clark. We are incredibly grateful to the Docking family and Union State Bank for making the Docking Lecture Series possible.”

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## NORTH & SOUTH Builders travel the globe to serve



### DISCIPLESHIP TO BELIZE

Thirteen Discipleship students traveled to Belize May 13-22. The group worked with children in Orange Walk Town, Belize. The students organized and taught a Vacation Bible School program and worked with kids at a local elementary school. “Service-learning travel awakens students to new experiences, and helps them see the world – places, but also people – through a new contextual lens. The world simultaneously becomes smaller and bigger, beckoning wonder, prompting reflection, and nurturing skills in em-

pathy,” said Rev. Molly Just, director of Discipleship. “For the discipleship team, travel helps us see how Christ is at work in other parts of the world, and allows us to share stories from the global church here in Winfield.”



### LEADERSHIP TO ICELAND

Students from the Leadership team traveled to Iceland for their international service learning trip. In Reykjavik, the group partnered with Whales of Iceland and the International Foundation of Animal Welfare to advocate for tourists to not eat whale meat while visiting Iceland. The team also completed service work at Daladýrð

Petting Zoo helping farmers dig fence post holes, build a goat playground (and watch the goats play on it in the end), and help with the farm chores in general. The team also traveled to the Blue Church, a popular tourist destination, in Seyðisfjörður, where they partnered with the local community to clean, organize, landscape, and paint in the church cemetery.

“... the top three memories for students from our trip to Iceland are the dramatic and beautiful scenery, laughing together while cooking and enjoying our family style team meals, and the meaningful service work we performed at the petting zoo, particularly, in light of the strong servant leader practices modeled by our service host.”

– Brae Wood, director of Leadership Southwestern



# \*applause

SC celebrates it's 130th Graduating

**T**he 130th graduating class of Southwestern College, the Class of 2019, proudly claimed their bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees on May 12. After weeks of rain and flooding in the region, there was a fortunate break in the weather. Graduates and their families enjoyed a beautiful sunny and cool day on campus – sharing in the celebration of accomplishment and all to come.

Videos and full photo galleries from all of the commencement-related events can be viewed at [sckans.edu/commencement](http://sckans.edu/commencement).



*The 2019 Charles H. and Verda R. Kopke Award for Distinguished Teaching was awarded to Jackson Lashier (above left). Lashier is an associate professor of religion and serving as the chair of the social science division.*



## Q&A with 2019 Jabara Leadership Award Recipients



Class

### David Matthews

is from Rowlett, Texas, he graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Biology. He was recognized by his peers, faculty, and staff as a Masterbuilder – and as a leader in the classroom, on the football field, and across the campus community. As a linebacker he recorded quite a career with Moundbuilder football. Additionally, he was involved in pre-health professionals and served as an executive for Student Foundation.

Dave exhibits the characteristics that define a true Builder – he’s selfless, driven, respectful, and compassionate – his instructors describe him as a quiet leader, who has great integrity and quite a sense of humor. Matthews will be attending Langston University in the fall to begin the doctor of physical therapy program.

#### Q What does it mean to be a Builder?

A To be a Builder means to go the extra mile in everything that you do and to make sure that those around you are taken care of as well.

#### Q As you set out on a new venture, what will you carry with you from your time at SC?

A I’ll carry the relationships I’ve made at SC with me forever. There are numerous people who I could call on if I ever needed some assistance, who I know wouldn’t hesitate to lend a helping hand in any way they could, and vice versa. The relationship between faculty/staff and amongst students is what makes Southwestern so special and what makes it feel like home.



### Catabrean Baumann

came to Southwestern from Tulsa, Okla. She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education. Baumann holds a variety of titles in the volleyball record book at SC – including all-time assists and attack percentage. She was first-team all-conference this season and was a leader on the team and was recognized with the 2019 Female Outstanding Student-Athlete award.

Baumann was honored by the Kansas Department of Education as a 2019 Teacher of Promise – in her award nomination, faculty expressed that Baumann demonstrates the ideals of teachers and teaching valued and espoused by the academic program at Southwestern. The nomination went on to share that Baumann shows a great commitment, dedication, and a desire to continue to grow professionally and personally.

Baumann will begin teaching kindergarten at Irving Elementary in Winfield next fall.

#### Q What does it mean to be a Builder?

A To be a Builder is to always be looking for ways to contribute to the community. To be a Builder means to do everything to the best of your own ability and to uplift those around you so that they can also perform at the best of their abilities.

#### Q As you set out on a new venture, what will you carry with you from your time at SC?

A Southwestern College gave me the opportunity to grow intellectually and emotionally. I was able to form opinions and beliefs that will help me in my future classroom (career) and I was able to build a foundation for the kind of character I want to present to the world for the rest of my life.



## 1960s

Gary and **Billie (Utterback) '61 Mooney** celebrated 50 years of marriage March 24 in Salina. Gary was in sales most of his life and helped open the Sutherlands Lumber Company store in Salina. Billie graduated from William Newton Memorial Hospital School of Nursing and practiced nursing for 40 years until retirement, then attended Brown Mackie College (to get computer literate), and worked at Consumer Credit Counseling Services for nine years. Although the couple has no children, they are very close to their nieces and nephews.

**Russell O. Vail '63** participated in the Michigan Senior Olympics 2019 Winter Games at Macomb Community College Feb. 26 in the 75-79 age group. Vail won the shot put (setting a new Michigan Indoor Senior Olympics record), and was second in the 1500m race walk and fourth in the 1500m power walk.

## 1970s

**Otis Morrow '70** was recognized in February by Arkansas City Mayor Jay Warren with an award for his years of service to South Central Kansas Medical Center. The board met in February and presented him this recognition.

**Richard Hatfield '75** was awarded an honorary doctorate by the New Georgian University, Poti, Georgia, for excellence and leadership in Orthodox Christian theological education. Hatfield is president of St. Vladimir's Orthodox Seminary, Yonkers, New York.

## 1980s

**F. James Robinson Jr. '80** was inducted by the National Center of State Courts into its Warren E. Burger Society. He is a partner at Hite, Fanning and Honeyman LLP in Wichita.

**Marcy Cone '82** is now assistant director at Creek Wood Academy Child Care Center in Franklin, Tennessee.

**Scott Nonken '85** was ordained a deacon in the Episcopal Diocese of Southwest Florida at the Cathedral Church of St. Peter on Dec. 1, 2018.

## 1990s

**Xavier Whitaker '96** assumed the role of interim vice president for student affairs and enrollment management at the University of West Georgia on April 1. Xavier had served as associate vice president of student life at UWG for more than three years as part of 20 years in higher education. He has been a vice president and chief student affairs officer at East Texas Baptist University, but the bulk of his experience was at Baylor University and the University of Texas, Austin, serving in both leadership and teaching roles. His doctoral research focused on the role of psychological, cognitive, and behavioral factors in the academic success of students at a large public research university.



**Beth Barbiers '02** has been training with the Deaf National Soccer Team for two years. As a member of this pool of elite soccer players, Barbiers is being considered to represent the USA in the 2020 Deaf Soccer World Cup and in the 2021 Deaflympics. If selected this would not be Barbiers first Deaflympic appearance. In 2016, she tried out for the U.S. Women's track team and was accepted into the 2017 Summer Deaflympics held in Turkey. Barbiers, an NAIA All-American in track and cross country, placed 6th at the 2017 Deaflympics and set the record for American Deaflympic Women's Marathon. Barbiers lives in Atlanta, Georgia where she works as a freight export specialist. She invites the Builder family to follow her journey by following USA Deaf Soccer on Twitter, @usdeaf\_wnt.

**Ed Larsen '97** was recognized by the Texas Association of Journalism Educators with the Edith Fox King Award for distinguished contribution to Texas journalism education. Larsen's Cinco Ranch High School journalism students in Katy ISD have won the Texas Academic UIL Journalism Team District Championship eight of the last 10 years, and won 16 individual medals at UIL regional and state competition (including a state newswriting champion) since 2010. Larsen has advised the print magazine and online student media as well as the yearbook at the school of 3,200+ students since 2006. His student publications have been recognized each year with Award of Distinguished Merit ratings by the Texas Interscholastic League Press Conference.

## 2000s

**Justin Olmstead '01** has recently published a book titled "*The United States' Entry into the First World War: The Role of British and German Diplomacy*." The book reinforces the importance of diplomats and diplomacy, discussing how they impacted American decision-making alongside public opinion, U.S. domestic politics, and financial and economic considerations. Boydell & Brewer are publishers.

**Rev. Wendy Mohler-Seib '01** has been named the 2019-2020 visiting scholar at Southwestern College. The Richard and Julia Wilke Institute for Discipleship at Southwestern College's visiting scholar program began in 2006, and supports a person nearing the completion of Ph.D. work in the field

of religion. Wendy is the 10th visiting scholar in the program. She is pursuing her doctoral work in practical theology through Nazarene Theological College at the University of Manchester in Manchester, England. After earning her undergraduate at Southwestern, she attended Princeton Theological Seminary in Princeton, N.J., where she earned both a M.Div. and a M.A. in youth ministry in 2012. She currently serves as the director of faith formation for the Institute for Discipleship. She will continue in this capacity while serving as visiting scholar at the college.

**Beth Barbiers '02**, see photo and story above.

**Ben Carden '05** married Stephanie Oleksyk on May 27, 2018. They live near Boston, Massachusetts.

**Anthony McKissic Sr. '06/'09** was recently promoted to associate pastor of Faith Walk Ministries in College Park, Georgia.

**Mary (Bagot) Shearn '07** is celebrating 10 years of employment at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. She is an ASCP-certified medical laboratory scientist who works exclusively in the microbiology laboratory at Wesley.

**Olinthus "Lin" Roberts '08/'09** has earned credentials as a Certified Professional Travel Agent from Evolution Travel Academy.

**Tommy Castor '08/'10** has recently joined in partnership to create Wichita-based Allied Media Partners

which purchased six area radio stations. Tommy is the company's COO.

**Brandon Hessing '08** was honored as outstanding college employee by Metropolitan Community College Longview in Kansas City, Missouri. He serves the college in the enrollment center.

**Richard Losurdo '09** graduated with a Master of Arts in Homeland Security in 2015. He is currently a lieutenant with the Oklahoma Highway Patrol and an adjunct professor of criminal justice at Rose State College in Midwest City, Oklahoma.

**Leonard Momeny '09** co-authored his first academic published paper titled "Communication that Develops" through Sage Publications Inc.'s Christian Education Journal. Leonard earned his pastoral studies degree through SC's Professional Studies program while serving active duty at Fort Rucker, Alabama. He is currently working toward an Ed.D. in Christian Leadership at Liberty University.

**David Robertson '09/'14** reports that his business, GrassFire Industries LLC, celebrated its first year in business in April. GrassFire is a leadership training and development company in Wichita.

## 2010s

**Sasidi Flores '10/'15** was recently promoted to senior operations manager at CAMP Systems International.

**Cynthia Standlee '10** has been named chief nursing officer for Mercy Hospital Ada, Ada, Oklahoma. Cynthia has earned numerous awards in nursing during her lengthy career, including Heart of Healthcare Award nominee, St. Catherine of Sienna Award winner, Nightingale Award nominee and selection as one of Becker's Healthcare Report 60 CNOs to Know. Most recently, she served dual roles as a chief nursing officer and chief operating officer at Estes Park Medical Center in Colorado. She has extensive experience in cardiac, pediatric, and flight nurse care.

**Randi Dierksen '11** has been promoted to the position of emergency room manager at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. She has been at Wesley more than four years, working in the ER the entire time.

**Lucas McConnell '12** is active duty Army chaplain with the 4th Infantry Division, Fort Carson, Colorado. He is currently deployed with that division. Until recently he had been pastor of Silver Lake (Kansas) United Methodist Church. Lucas earned his M.Div. and Master of Sacred Theology degree from Yale University Divinity School.

**William Montgomery '18** recently became director of youth ministries at Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Olathe.

## ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

**Bill DeArmound**, professor of mass communications and film, is author of “The Emperor’s New Brain” in the August issue of *Waxing and Waning Magazine*. He also had two stories “The Name Game” and “The Policeman” published in the anthology *Equal* and a poem in the *Nationalism Anthology* released by the African Cooks Collective.

**Jacob Goodson**, associate professor of philosophy, gave two conference presentations during the spring semester: “William James’s Theory of Emotions: Three Interpretations,” at the American Philosophical Association Central Meeting in Denver, and “Should We Sever Hope from Faith and Knowledge? Richard Rorty, Rhetoric, and the Future of Reli-

gion,” at the American Society for the History of Rhetoric in Austin. In summer 2019, Goodson’s first co-authored book was published: *Introducing Prophetic Pragmatism: A Dialogue on Hope, the Philosophy of Race, and the Spiritual Blues*, co-authored with Brad Elliott Stone.

**Jackson Lashier**, associate professor of religion and division chair of social sciences, published an essay this spring: “Perpetua and the Meaning of Christian Identity,” in *Wesleyan Theological Journal*. In March, he presented an essay titled “There and Back Again: The Non-Linear Emergence of Pneumatology” at the Wesleyan Theological Society Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C.

**Jacob Negley**, assistant professor of psychology, **Tammy McEwen** associate professor of biology and division chair of natural sciences, and **Troy Fort ’18** are authors of “Drinks Like a Fish: The Effects of Ethanol on Associative Learning in Zebrafish (*Danio rerio*)”, which is in press with the *International Journal of Comparative Psychology*. Dr. Negley also made two presentations with **Cristian Gardner ’18** – “Mathematics Education: The Unclear Relationship Between Mathematical Ability” and “General Creativity,” presented as a poster session in May at the Association of Psychological Science Convention, Washington, D.C.; and as a spoken session at the Great Plains Student Psychology Conference, Springfield, Missouri.

**Patrick Ross**, professor of biology, attended the annual meeting of the Human Anatomy and Physiology Society (HAPS) in Portland, Oregon, and presented a workshop titled “Packing an Undergraduate Cadaver Laboratory for High School Field Trips.” He shared some of the lessons that he has learned from developing the “Cadaver Experience” show at Southwestern College over the last 15 years. This past year, Dr. Ross presented 18 separate shows to almost 250 students from 14 different area high schools and community colleges. These outreach efforts have proven to be an effective recruitment strategy for new students as well providing a unique hands-on science experience to the larger educational community.

## IN MEMORIAM

**Warren O. Shockey ’49** formerly of Tulsa and Winfield, died Feb. 8, 2019, in Glen Carbon, Illinois. He was preceded in death by his wife of 56 years, Harriet, and is survived by his wife, Edna; sons Nolan and Robert; and two grandsons. Warren was an ever-fervent Builder and cherished his many connections to Southwestern.

**Betty (Eckl) Bean ’50** died March 3, 2019. While at Southwestern, Betty was the vocal soloist with the orchestra on tour for two years and was active in the Opera Workshop, Campus Players, and as student conductor for the A Cappella Choir. While at Southwestern, Betty met Marvin Bean when she was paired with him at a student mixer, and they were married Dec. 24, 1949, at her mother’s home in Hoisington. Betty and Marvin moved to Kansas City, where Marvin attended dental school and Betty taught elementary school. Betty and Marvin moved to Wellington in 1954 where they started Marvin’s dental practice. Betty was active in the community, including two terms on the Wellington Library Board. She often served as a substitute teacher. Betty is survived by her husband, **Marvin ’43**; and her children: **Marsee Bates; Marla Thomas ’78; Bob Bean ’82; and Paul Bean ’85**. Memorials have been established with the Marvin and Betty Bean Scholarship Fund at Southwestern College.



**Gary E. Garzoni ’72** died Nov. 11, 2018. Gary taught 43 years at Mapleview Elementary School and Punxsutawney Middle School, as well as coaching for 43 years. He loved classic cars and was instrumental in getting the Classic Car Unit and the Geography Bee started. He was inducted into Southwestern’s Athletic



Hall of Fame in 2007 and was inducted into the Punxsutawney Area Sports Hall of Fame. He was voted an All American for football in college and coached on two undefeated teams. In his spare time, his hobby was collecting pigeons. Gary is survived by his loving wife of 32 years, Pamela K. (Reitz) Garzoni. He is also survived by his daughter, Jenna Garzoni-Myers and husband Matthew.

**Marcelee Gayl Gralapp ’52** died Jan. 17, 2019. She became associate library director of the Boulder Public Library in 1959 and library director in 1966, a post she held for the next 37 years. She was a tireless advocate for literacy and the arts in Boulder and used her influence to help establish everything from the Boulder Library Foundation to the Boulder Dushanbe Teahouse, Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art and the Dairy Center for the Arts. A political force to be reckoned with, she also was thoughtful, kind, giving and supportive.

**Marjorie Ann “Marge” Gillig ’54** died May 10, 2019. Immediately after graduation from SC she began teaching at Pratt North School and taught as a second grade teacher at Southwest Elementary, Pratt, until she retired in 1995. In 2010, she was inducted into the Kansas Teachers Hall of Fame. Marge loved to travel and went to all 50 states and many countries, often with her sister, Ethel, for missionary purposes.

**Isolde Rose LeBrie ’54**, died April 17, 2019. After Southwestern she married Homer Baker, with whom she had her five surviving children. After enjoying several years on her beloved Marco Island (Florida) with her second husband, Stephen LeBrie, she returned to Ohio. After the loss of Steve, she met her surviving partner and best friend to the end, **Tokuro Narazaki ’56**, while attending a 50-year reunion at Southwestern in 2004. Later in life she enjoyed working as a realtor and was proud author of a cookbook, *Joyous Feasts*.

## Goertz: A Builder in many ways

**Vernon Goertz ’66** passed away May 22, 2019, at age 75. Vernon attended Southwestern College on a football scholarship, graduating with a bachelor’s degree in education. He served as a student assistant coach during his final year at Southwestern College, and continued to coach throughout his life.



He is survived by his wife **Cindy (Batt) ’66**, the two were married for 53 years. They have two daughters **Lori and Kelle (Thompson) ’93** married to **Craig Thompson ’97** and four grandchildren. Vernon started his teaching career in Arkansas City and began teaching math at Winfield Middle School in 1969. He remained at the middle school for 34 years, retiring in 2003. Vernon was an assistant football coach at Southwestern College for 22 years – a position which allowed him to impact the lives

of many young Builders. He was also the Head Wrestling Coach at Winfield High School from 1981 until 1996, the year he led the Vikings to their highest place in the state wrestling tournament. He was named State Wrestling Coach of the Year in 1993, 1995, and 1996. Vernon was inducted into the Southwestern College Athletic Hall of Fame in 2004. He and Cindy received the Southwestern College Outstanding Alumni Award in 2016.

Along with his business partners, he also built more than 30 custom homes and several commercial buildings in the Winfield area.

Vernon was an active member of the First United Methodist Church, serving on various committees including the board of trustees. He also served as a member of the board of trustees at Camp Horizon and led the team responsible for building the Welcome Center, the Sanctuary, and worked on several other remodeling projects. As a Rotarian he helped with numerous community projects. He was crew chief for Island Park when the original playground was built and helped with both rebuilds. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, traveling, attending Southwestern College athletic events, and spending time with his family and friends.

A memorial has been established in Vernon’s name for the Southwestern College Athletic Department.

**Gerald Wayne Beason ’55** died March 6, 2019. After serving in the military and several years farming in Kiowa, he followed his brother to Burley, Idaho. Gerry married his school sweetheart, Margaret Ann Hankey. They celebrated their 66th Wedding anniversary in 2018, but had been together for nearly 70 years total.

**Paula (Forsyth) Henry ’55** died March 15, 2019. Paula taught high school at Larned, Winfield, and Marion High School before her family moved to Anderson, Ind., in 1978, where

she taught for 17 years before retiring. She moved to Winfield in 2001, where she enjoyed being close to family and 15 years of substitute teaching. Paula is survived by her son, Dart (Zita) Henry, and daughter, **Dana Mettling ’93**; brothers, **Don Forsyth ’58** and **Charley Forsyth ’70**, and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren

**Geraldine Marie (Christy) Frambers ’57** died Monday, April 22, 2019, in Farmington, Minn. She was a school teacher in the Arkansas City School system for 24 years. She was married to

Howard David Frambers for 55 years. Survivors include six grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and seven great-great-grandchildren.

**Charles Loyd Martin '60** died Jan. 12, 2019. Chuck taught history in south-central Wisconsin. He moved to Washington state in 1980 as principal of Lake Washington High School in Kirkland. An active leader in his profession, Chuck spent that part of his life running a high school -- events, sports, the arts, countless graduations. Chuck was preceded in death by his wife of 34 years, Joanne.

**Donnis F. (Pettigrew) Whaley '60/'88** died April 22, 2019. Donnis was the stay-at-home mother of three sons: Steven, Todd and Greg. She gave private piano and voice lessons and continued to do so for the next 30 years. After her children were in school Donnis taught fourth grade and junior high before becoming the music teacher for Washington and Eisenhower Elementary for 20 years. She played the organ for many weddings and funerals in her lifetime and was the organist at several Wellington churches. Donnis and Robert Whaley were married 59 years.

**John Hadsall '62** died May 3, 2019. He taught band for many years including at Wellington and was on the staff at Southwestern. He was an avid supporter of directing young people to Southwestern.

**Norma Jean "Jeanie" (Snyder) Clay '64** died Feb. 6, 2019. After marrying **Michael Clay '94** on Christmas Eve in 1966, she moved to Douglass where she taught for 30 years. She is survived by her husband, Mike; three sons; a brother; and three grandchildren.

**Linn W. Wainner '64** died Feb. 15, 2019. He married Judy Thurman in 1962. Linn began his career in environmental quality in 1969 at the Oklahoma City-County Health Department, and moved to the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality in 1990, retiring in 2006.

**Frances "Fran" L. Clark '66** died Feb. 20, 2019. Fran influenced many

lives through her passion for teaching, first as a teacher then as a university professor, teaching other teachers. She was a member of Hesston United Methodist Church and served on the Council of Exceptional Children. Fran's greatest joy was her family.

**Janet I. (House) Craig '67** died March 9, 2019. She married Charles Craig and they lived in Winfield, where Janet worked as a registered nurse at William Newton Hospital until the birth of their first child. She was a dedicated homemaker and enjoyed cooking for and caring for her husband and children.

**Roger Biby '70** died May 4, 2019. He spent the majority of his working career in the construction industry and was self-employed as a stone mason for a number of years. A significant amount of his meticulous work can still be seen throughout Winfield and surrounding areas. A recent grandfather, Roger loved being involved with anything involving his grandchildren.

**Lee Anna (Muret) Moorman '70** died April 17, 2019. Lee spent most of her working life as a computer programmer for companies including the City of Winfield, Edward B. Stephenson, Farm Fresh, and Cupid of Blackwell. She retired from the Kansas Turnpike Authority in 2013. Her family includes her husband, Phil Moorman; her brother and sister-in-law, **Joe and Christie Muret '90, '71**; her nieces, **Jennifer Muret Bate '96 (Seth Bate '93), Jessica Muret '98, and Sarah Muret '07.**

**Gary Lee Rowe '71** died April 1, 2019. Gary served in the U.S. Army and completed a tour in Vietnam with the Big Red 1 infantry in 1969. After Southwestern he earned his master's degree in healthcare administration from George Washington University. Gary spent his professional career working to improve health care for patients in each of the hospitals where he served as chief executive officer.

**Cheryl Joyce (Phillips) Hainkel '72** died Feb. 4, 2019. Cheryl was employed

## Kallenbach: An accomplished chemist

**Lyle Ray Kallenbach '61** died May 13, 2019. He married **LaReta (Guthrie) '62**; she survives. After earning his Ph.D. from Texas A&M University in 1969, Lyle began his professional work as a chemist for Gulf Oil Research. In 1980, he joined Phillips Petroleum (later ConocoPhillips) in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. He retired as a senior research chemist in 2003. Over the course of his career, Lyle was awarded over 30 U.S. patents for his research in the fields of petrochemicals, plastics and refining. In 2009, Lyle was inducted into the Natural Science Hall of Fame at Southwestern College. During his retirement years in Lawrence, Lyle savored time with his family. Lyle sang in the FUMC church choir, was an active vegetable gardener, and spent many hours tracing his family's genealogy. He was an accomplished woodworker and delighted in the furniture and decorative pieces that he created for family members. He also enjoyed the time that he spent building stage sets for Theatre Lawrence. Lyle savored time with his family, including his son and daughter, their spouses, and two grandsons.



by the Social Security Administration, rising to the position of claims representative. She was also regional vice president of Council 220 of the AFGE. She retired in 2015 after 40 years with the agency. Cheryl was active in the VFW and Military Order of the Coonies. Survivors include her husband of 34 years, TJ; her father; a sister; and two stepchildren.

**Nancy Juhlin '73** died Feb. 15, 2019, in Brunswick, Maine, after a long battle with endometrial cancer. Nancy is remembered for her warmth, kindness and determination. She was the 2005 recipient of the Marilyn McNeish Award for Special Education, presented



as part of Southwestern College's Educators Hall of Fame honors. Nancy began her career with the Winfield school district in 1977 and soon began teaching special education at Winfield High School. She was named Cowley County Special Ed Cop Outstanding Teacher in 1981, and she was awarded the Winfield Unified School District Teacher of the Year in 1991. She became the assistant director of the Special Services Cooperative in Cowley County and led PALs early education program that served 3-year-olds. When Nancy retired from the school district, she began a new career in the early intervention field as the director of birth-to-three programs for Greenbush in Cowley County, Southeast Kansas, along with Ottawa and North Central Kansas from 2006 to 2016. Nancy is survived by her husband of nearly 50 years, **David '69**; and her daughter and son-in-law, Molly Juhlin and Bob Zager.

**Paul Wayne Steele '85** died May 7, 2019 in Scottsburg, Indiana. He is survived by his daughter, Alex. During his career, Paul worked as a high school English and computer teacher, a grade school teacher, and for Crop Production Services in Scottsburg. Paul was a member of the Lexington Presbyterian Church. While on campus, Paul was

a four-year player for the Southwestern College Moundbuilder basketball team. He was named All-KCAC three times and an All-American. Paul was a prolific scorer for SC. His 1,424 points are in the top 10 for all-time scoring at SC, which he scored before the three-point line was introduced to the game. In 2018, Paul was inducted into Southwestern College's Athletics Hall of Fame (*below, center, with Mike McCoy, current SC athletic director, and President Andrews*) and the school retired his jersey. He was a great supporter of Southwestern College athletics and was beloved by many, known for his great sense of humor and friendly spirit.



## IN MEMORIAM OF FRIENDS

**Sarabeth Farney**, former associate professor of education at Southwestern, died March 14. She was a retired teacher and administrator in USD 259 as well as a professor at both Southwestern and Wichita State University. Sarabeth is survived by her husband, Gary; two daughters, a son, six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

**Lewis E. Gilbreath**, longtime friend of Southwestern, died March 22, 2019. Lewis served in the U.S. Army during World War II in the United States and Europe. After college, he was employed with schools in Russell and Hutchinson, and retired from Southwestern College after 22 years having served as both dean of students and admissions director. Later he was marketing director for Cumbernauld Village. Memorials have been established in Lewis's memory to the Southwestern College Endowment Scholarship Fund.

**Thomas Milton Schneider**, longtime friend of Southwestern, died Aug. 26,

## Hanna: A dedicated friend and volunteer

**Ralph Hanna '60** died May 20. He married his high school sweetheart **Annetta (Smith) '85**. He was a teacher, football coach, guidance counselor, and school psychologist in the Winfield School system. Ralph was dedicated to youth with special needs and established the Special Education Cooperative of Cowley County. He started



his second career as a State Farm insurance agent in 1979 and retired in 1999. After Annetta's death in 2000, Ralph met and married Robin Belden in 2003. Ralph enjoyed hunting, fishing, coaching, and watching his grandchildren. He was a member of the First Baptist Church and served in several community service organizations and on the USD 465 Foundation. Ralph is survived by his wife, Robin, sons **Ralph '78 (Carol Thorne '77)**, and Barry Hanna, daughters, Betsy Sullivan and Sally Vessels, 20 grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. The family has requested memorial gifts to the Annetta Hanna Endowed Scholarship Fund at Southwestern College.

## BIRTHS

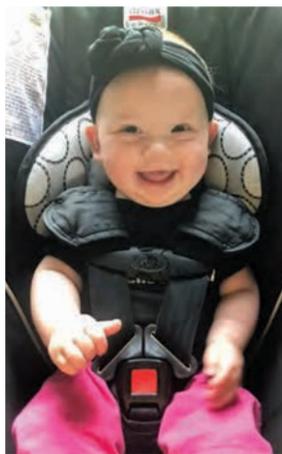
2018. Tom served as pastor at many different churches over his lifelong career for the United Methodist Church, was Concordia district superintendent, and was a staff member at the United Methodist Conference Office. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis; by two sons, **Steve '92** and wife Nancy and **Jon '96** and wife Dedre; and three grandchildren.

**Helen J. Throckmorton**, longtime friend of Southwestern and daughter of two Builders, died Feb. 8, 2019. Helen was head of the Wichita State University English department for many years and retired in 1992 as professor emerita. She co-authored several books and was published in major journals with an Honorable Mention in the *Atlantic Monthly* for her poem "Coming of Age." While a prolific poet, she also played a mean game of Scrabble. She is survived by her brother, **Robert W. Throckmorton '51**.

A son, **Ezra Haviv**, born in March 2019 to **Joel and Jennifer Alejandre '12, '09**. Ezra has a brother, Asher (4).

A son, **Denver William**, born in December 2018 to **Luke and Katy (Buffum) Arneson '14, '14**. Denver has many Builder relatives.

A son, **Van Cable**, born May 14, 2019 to **Chris Cole '12** and wife Quila. The Coles reside in Bristow, Oklahoma.



A daughter, **Adelynn Marie**, born March 8, 2019, to **Torbin and Rachel (Vieyra) Harper '14, '16**. The family lives in Wichita.

A son, **Brendon Wayne**, born February 27, 2019 to **Tyson and Jessica (Bernhardt) Heidebrecht '09, '09**. The family lives in Omaha, Nebraska.

A son, **Brantlee Ames**, born in May 2018 to **Kari (Groom) '05/'09** and Scott Kent. Brantlee has two brothers, Sawyer and Easton.

A son, **Silas Hendrix**, born in October 2018 to **Chandler and Jennifer Kirkhart '12/'13, '12/'13**. Silas has a brother, Aris Bronson (3).

A daughter, **Elsie Marie**, born in February 2019 to **Roger and Brooke Klein '09, '09**.

A daughter, **Abigale June**, was born November 11, 2018 to **Amanda (Manske) '07** and Nathan McDaniel. The McDaniels make their home in Collinsville, Oklahoma.

A daughter, **Tomlyn Kate** born March 22, 2019 to **Kenna (Corley) '08** and Matthew Morrison.

**Bruce and Karen Rowe '79, '79** have recently adopted their two grandchildren. The family lives in Wellington.

A daughter, **Adilyn Shinneman**, born March 24, 2019 to **Ted and Tiffany Shinneman '11, '13**.

Photos clockwise from upper left: Kenna and Tomlyn Morrison, Abigale McDaniel, Adilyn Shinneman and Van Cole.

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## Institutional Advancement

### New role includes Homecoming and Alumni Directory responsibilities

Since September of 2013, I have been serving as the director of the Builder Fund. I have had the privilege of working with Builders across the globe to help ensure our Builders on campus have ample opportunity to explore their academic and co-curricular curiosities and to more fully discover their potential.

My role has expanded to include alumni engagement. In the past few weeks, I've spoken with many Builders as we plan for Homecoming 2019, *All the World is a Stage*. Along with class reunions, the parade, and football game, we are featuring several exciting events including a centennial celebration for the Campus Players. The Richard and Julia Wilke Institute of Discipleship and Philosophy and Religion department are sponsoring the live recording of two podcasts. We will also be inducting alumni into our Athletic Hall of Fame. Indeed, it is sure to be a great production!



In addition to my work on Homecoming, I am also helping to publish the **2020 edition of the Alumni Directory**. You may receive post cards, emails, and/or phone calls from Publishing Concepts (PCI). This is a legitimate survey to help us gather information so that we can share your achievements and help us stay in contact with you.

As I reflect on my love for Southwestern and for the many Builders who I have come to know since my first days on campus as a freshman in 2005 – I am so grateful and excited for all that lies ahead. Our college is a beautiful and meaningful place. I am pleased to be working alongside a wonderfully talented and generous alumni base to build more opportunity for our current students and to deepen the powerful relationships formed here at our beloved alma mater.

If I have not yet had the chance, I look forward to meeting you. Please make plans to join us for Homecoming on October 25, 26, and 27. If you have questions about Homecoming or simply would like to connect, please reach me at 620.229.6155 or [jessica.dibble@sckans.edu](mailto:jessica.dibble@sckans.edu).

Go Builders!

Jessica

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Cory Helmer '99 and  
Larry Ewart '73



**EDUCATORS (ABOVE LEFT TO RIGHT)** Gary King '63,  
Judy (Martin) Haynes '67 and Janet Doud '16



**FINE ARTS (ABOVE RIGHT TO LEFT)**  
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