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Sophomore, Sheka Olenga takes notes during her class on nonprofit leadership in the outdoor classroom located north of Mossman Hall.





r t's been awhile...

We've been missing you, and we know you've been missing Southwestern.

What a time this has been. As I write this, we are passing the one-year mark of the COVID pandemic. So much has been disrupted, so much has changed.

We were not able to gather as a Builder family for Homecoming or Founders' Weekend. This is the first issue of the *Southwesterner* since before the pandemic. We have not been able to visit with each other in-person for quite some time.

One thing that has not changed is the Builder Spirit. Our resolve and resilience, our connections and relationships, remain at the heart of everything we do and everything we value. As the pandemic begins to ebb and we move into this next period of our lives, as hope and some normalcy begin to bloom again, there is much to be proud of and much to look forward to.

Southwestern College has not only made it through the past year in a fashion we all are proud of, but we also emerge as a stronger College, in a better position. Our enrollment is higher than it has ever been, with more full-time students than at any point in our history. This fall we welcomed an amazing Freshman class of 229 students, 20% larger than our previous all-time record incoming class. We are in a stronger and more stable financial position than we have enjoyed in quite some time. Our athletic programs are experiencing tremendous seasons. Our faculty are remarkable, demonstrating the incredible responsive attention and

A LETTER FROM THE President

care for students that has always been the hallmark of Southwestern.

When the pandemic hit last spring, we pivoted quickly, over the course of a single week, to finish the semester with virtual learning, even as over 100 students remained in residence on campus.

Over the summer, we put together a return to school plan that positioned us quite well. We were aggressive in terms of the safety measures for our students, faculty, and staff and aggressive in re-opening for the fall semester. In the face of great uncertainty and significant challenges, the Builder Way prevailed. We remained dedicated to our students' well-being, to their education, to their success. We were the first college in Kansas to open this past autumn.

What we've accomplished together since last July, when students arrived here to their home on the hill, is nothing short of amazing. Last fall, with all the precautions in place, students got back to learning in-person, back to building meaningful relationships, back to competing and performing. Faculty returned to classrooms, teaching behind plexiglass in rooms of spread-out and masked students. While the approach may look a bit different, the outcomes are the same; faculty are mentoring and advising, creating connection — changing lives. Coaches are busy helping studentathletes build character through competition while remaining healthy and getting stronger. Staff are working at full-speed, managing operations, and caring for students in the most profound ways.

Indeed, there have been many modifications here on campus. Proactive testing is constant, distancing, and masks required, but together we have managed and limited the spread of COVID-19. I am immensely proud of what we have accomplished and, while we've got a handful of busy weeks ahead of us before commencement, students, faculty, and staff are doing well and making great progress. To be sure, this year

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has looked and felt different in many ways, but it has been a very good year.

Now, after a long break, we are back to producing and sending out *The Southwesterner*. In this edition, you'll see in photographs, stories, and notes from our alumni what we've always known to be true; the Builder Way means always finding a way forward.

The relationships and care that have been continuously woven into the fabric of Southwestern College since 1885 have held us together during this time. Our strengths as an institution, ingenuity, resilience, and faithfulness have been on full display since this time last March. I am tremendously proud of our students, faculty, and staff. I hope you feel that pride too.

I am sorry that during this challenging time, we have not been able to gather, that we have not had *The Southwesterner* sharing news of the college and our fellow Builders, that we have missed out on traditions like gathering at Homecoming and welcoming new classes into our Halls of Fame. Mostly, though, I look forward with pride and great anticipation to all that will be in this coming year, all that will return, and all the ways we come together.

It is more evident to me than ever before just what our college is capable of – especially when we have the support of our alumni and friends. Many thanks for your continued prayers and support.

With gratitude,

Brol Andreus

Brad Andrews, President

Hall and Detter '20-'21 Scholars of the College

"Every year we have the remarkable honor of recognizing the Scholars of the College," says Ross Peterson-Veatch, academic dean of Southwestern College. "We are proud of this excellent pair of Moundbuilders for their commitment to their academic pursuits. In addition to their achievements in the classroom, these two Scholars of the College are



leaders in the true Builder Spirit. It is a great joy to celebrate their accomplishments."

Health on **Lock*

Head athletic trainer reflects on Southwestern's response to pandemic

 S_{12} years ago, Lock Schnelle has been on the sidelines to support and care for student-athletes. Schnelle has cheered, consoled, advised, and helped studentathletes heal.

In the spring of 2020, as the world responded to a fast spreading global pandemic, Schnelle's responsibilities at Southwestern took on new weight. He was appointed to the college's COVID-19 Action Team along with several other staff and members of faculty. The group developed the return to campus plan and has continued to review proposals and plans throughout the year. Additionally, Schnelle oversees on-campus testing.

In the fall, over 6,000 antigen tests were administered. By mid-March of spring 2021 over 4,000 tests had been conducted. He has also helped the college's dean of students, Dan Falk, manage quarantine, isolation, and the ongoing care of students who have tested positive for COVID-19.

How do you think students have responded to these extraordinary times?

Overall, they have adjusted and been willing to do what is asked of them. I believe they understand this year will be one for the record books. They are appreciative of the opportunity just to get back to learning and, for the studentathletes playing their sport, because they recognize that it is not always guaranteed.





Lock Schnelle has been the head athletic trainer at Southwestern since 2016 and in recent months he's played an important role in managing the college's response to COVID-19.

mix. I am fortunate in two ways, 1) I'm surrounded by an incredible staff that has been willing to jump in whenever and wherever needed and 2) I have a very supportive spouse, who has picked up more than her share as I have taken on more in the healthcare world.

What has brought you joy this year?

It's brought me a lot of joy to see all of the planning come together. There have been many individuals working countless hours since last spring with a shared end goal, focused on a successful academic year for our students. Playing a part in keeping our students learning in-person and seeing student-athletes do what they love is what it's all about for me.

What have you learned through this experience?

Together, there's not much that we can't figure out. Our faculty, staff, and administration came together to tackle this challenge in a proactive way. And I think we did an outstanding job in preparing the college for the return of students. We continue to protect the Builder family as best we can, and we'll keep working hard to keep everyone safe and healthy as we move forward.

Erin Hall is a senior from Norwich, majoring in philosophy and religion. She is the daughter of Don Hall and Laurie and Joe Hageman.

Nicholas Detter is a senior from Andover, majoring in sustainability and environmental studies. He is the son of Mark and Julie Detter.

These two students have achieved the highest gradepoint average among full-time students who are enrolled in campus-based programs for the 2020-2021 academic year, having earned 85 or more credit hours, and who have not previously been named to the honor.



The entire campus community was tested before the start of both the fall and spring semesters. Typically between 300 and 400 tests are administered on campus each week.

What has it been like to balance the demands presented this year?

Generally speaking, in the athletic training world, there are always a lot of balls to juggle. COVID added a few more to the

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A FOCUS ON Education

Learning at work

As S and Y Industries employees worked extra hours to supply circuit boards for ventilators, SC education students helped their children stay on track with remote learning.

his spring the Southwestern College Learning Center and S and Y Industries teamed up to provide remote learning support for children of S and Y employees.

Matt Miers, who is a 2008 Southwestern graduate, is the general manager at S and Y Industries which is a electronic component manufacturer specializing in circuit boards. S and Y has just over 100 employees who provide services for multiple industries including medical, aerospace, and commercial/ industrial. Miers said that S and Y employees were finding it difficult to manage a work schedule and child care, which included remote learning for many local elementary, middle, and high school students. Many area school districts in the area have toggled from in-person to remote learning dependent on case rates and outbreaks.



Systems, selected by GM and the U.S. Government, to mass produce portable ventilator systems. S and Y saw a resulting increase in manufacturing and employee hours. Simultaneously, employees important to the production process needed to take off of work to care for their children who's schools had temporarily ceased face-to-face learning.

"Our employees were struggling, having to work and then go home to watch and help their kids, and then coming back to work," Miers says. "We wanted to find a way to make this time easier on them, and started looking for ways to offer assistance."

According to Matt Miers, one option was to pay for the children of S and Y employees to attend the Southwestern College Learning Center, but the SCLC was already at capacity.

Fortunately, S and Y had recently

purchased a building adjacent to their existing facility for expansion, but with the space not yet ready for manufacturing, they quickly pivoted, and created a learning center in what was formerly office spac-Miers reached out to J.K. Campbell, education division chair at Southwestern College and to Alexis Miers '06, director of the SC Learning Center. Alexis Miers worked with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to obtain all of the necessary documentation and Campbell recruited Southwestern education students to staff the space.



George Reeves '24, elementary education major, helps Acen Estrada with a math assignment focused on addition and subtraction. Reeves is also a student worker at the Southwestern College Learning Center, a pre-school and after-school program open to the children of college faculty, staff and community members.

environment," Campbell says. "There is a large learning area with several adjoining offices which will allow our students to set up quiet, socially distanced learning areas for the children based on age, grade level, and learning needs.

"I'm grateful that I got a chance to witness and help out during this pandemic," – Annika Newby, '22

The building already has an entry area which accommodates safety protocols, including check-in and check-out of children by parents, and meets requirements specific to the pandemic such as temperature checks upon entry."

S and Y transformed the space and purchased school materials based off of a list Campbell provided to facilitate learning.

"I provided a list of items necessary to meet the needs of children in an all-day instructional setting such as whiteboards, tables, and chairs to fit the various ages of children. The team of SC students placed at the site provided children with brain breaks and promoted physical activity, in addition to supporting the children with their remote learning needs," added Campbell. Alexis Miers thought it was important to not only help out local industry, especially a business working to manufacture life saving equipment, but also to offer a teaching opportunity for SC students.

service that helped families by making it easier to learn and work and for SC students this was a great chance to learn while supporting young learners," Alexis Miers says. Campbell also agreed that this

partnership was a win-win situation.

> "Our students benefit anytime they can engage with children and build skills necessary to be successful teachers," Campbell said. "This setting helped SC education students develop skills, building positive

relationships with kids and their families, collaborating with experienced educators to benefit the children, learning what it takes to work one-on-one or with small groups, and finding ways to help children be successful," said Campbell

Campbell adds that he is pleased Southwestern College has students willing to step up and offer support to S and Y industry employees and their children in what is a difficult time for everyone.

Annika Newby, a Southwestern College junior from Oklahoma City, has been working at the SCLC and has taken a leadership role in organizing online learning support for children at the center. "Working with these kids has been a great experience for me and has given me helpful insight that I will take with me when I become an elementary school teacher. Although this journey hasn't been easy it's been very rewarding and I'm simply grateful for that," said

Jaron White '21, physical education major, answers Aianna Estrada's questions while completing a remote learning assignment. S and Y transformed an auxiliary space at their manufacturing facility into a temporary learning center for the children of employees.

As cases of COVID-19 climbed in the summer of 2020 demand for ventilators in the U.S. surged. S and Y partnered with Ventec Life

"The available building at S and Y was set-up to easily accommodate students in a remote learning

"We just really wanted to offer a

Newby.

The learning center at S and Y opened on January 4 and averaged 10 learners attending each day.

Teacher t the Y

Tabatha (McMullen) Rosproy '09 honored as the 2020 National Teacher of the Year.

66Because she's the best teacher in the world,"

four-year-old Lexy Gray confidently exclaimed at the end of a CBS This Morning segment featuring students of Tabatha (McMullen) Rosproy '09. The video was aired on national television moments after Rosproy was announced the 2020 National Teacher of the year.

As the host of the morning show cut back to Rosproy, who was sitting in her Winfield home, the background of her webcam framed a wall covered with colorful artwork from students, tears welled in her eyes. "I am overwhelmed with joy," she said.

Now, more than a year after being named Kansas Teacher of the Year, as her term as National Teacher of the Year comes to a close, Rosproy continues doing the work she had intended, even if the honor came during a time of exceptional circumstance, a year of pandemic and physical distancing.



residents of the retirement village. Before the onset of the pandemic, residents regularly volunteered in the classroom. Rosproy shared that many of the most active and faithful volunteers also happened to be alumni of Southwestern. The classroom was in its second year of operation when students moved to online learning to mitigate the risk of spreading COVID-19.

"Safety has to be our number one priority, but I know it has been really hard for the residents who grew attached to seeing and working with our students," said Rosproy. "I'm really motivated to continue to find moments of connection with the volunteers even though I can't visit them right now. For instance, I like to send them cards."

If not for the pandemic, Rosproy would have been out of the classroom in 2020. As National Teacher of the Year. she would've been out on tour. Though the context for her tenure has been dramatically altered, many of the typical engagements

moved to an online format. Fortunately, Rosproy's creativity and optimistic spirit have allowed her to audiences across the nation, even if through video conference.

"I've always believed that teaching is 90% theater and I think that might even be more true when communicating through a screen." Rosproy added, "Just another reason I'm thankful for my experience at Southwestern, doing improv and theater, and being in various leadership roles on campus I learned how to have a presence and to engage others regardless of the setting." Typically honorees travel extensively, giving keynote addresses at national conferences

and high-profile gatherings. They meet with politicians and thoughtleaders and, in doing so, serve as an advocate for teachers and elevate the national conversation around education.

Even though she hasn't physically been able to attend many events, she has continued to find spaces to talk about what motivates

and inspires her as an educator and she's found a way to elevate the voices of teachers. Primarily her message centers around being an advocate for early childhood education and social-emotional education at all age levels.

"Since we were presented with this terrible situation, I've been constantly trying to think of what can I do – even if it's just one thing a day, one step

at a time, to empower teachers to have a voice to be advocates for themselves and their students," said Rosproy.

Just as young learners and teachers across the nation have found a way to carry on, in most cases by going to a virtual learning model, so has Rosproy. She has spoken at national symposiums and assemblies, commencement ceremonies, and to classrooms of aspiring educators. While most of the engagements have been virtual

we're doing in our community and the program we've started and the influence of an early childhood educator, like me, who doesn't even have a Wikipedia page - it's sort of unbelievable."

While it may have been a strange year to receive such an honor, Rosproy has enjoyed the experience immensely.



Rosproy taught Fine Arts in the Elementary School at Southwestern in the fall of 2019. J.K. Campbell, education division chair, describes Rosproy, "She is truly a champion for children and their learning, for teachers, and for public education."

As she reflects on the experience, she mentions all the people who have supported her and all of the people who she has had the opportunity to meet along the way.

In part, she credits Southwestern with helping her understand the value of interpersonal connection especially when trying to teach and learn.

"Relationships are the beginning and the end of everything," she said.

Rosproy's work as National Teacher of the Year and the relationships she continues to build with young students, retirees, and fellow teachers across the nation, is proof that connection is possible as long as we have hope and are willing to put in the effort. Rosproy has recently announced that she accepted a position with Olathe Public Schools as an early childhood support teacher. Additionally, she is planning to enroll in a doctoral program at Kansas University where she will study the impact of intergenerational learning.

continue to captivate

Rosproy poses with her class and Cumbernauld resident "grandparents" as they celebrated pajama day together in 2019.

Rosproy, who has spent her career dedicated to early childhood education, is the first preschool teacher to be honored as the National Teacher of the Year. She played a pivotal role in launching and leading USD 465's intergenerational classroom at Cumbernauld Village. The premise of the "Little Vikes" program is to forge relationships between the preschool students and the

they have still been meaningful.

"When I found out I would have the opportunity to share my message alongside all of these incredible people - like Ruby Bridges, LaVar Burton, and now President Joe Biden, just these truly incredible people and leaders of our country, it was a little overwhelming," said Rosproy. "The idea that this teacher from a small town in Kansas can have enough to talk about, a message important enough to share the stage with these incredible people – it really says something about what



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The Builder Way

T ogether, students, faculty, and staff have embraced a school year unlike any other. "The Builder Way" has been on full display since spring of 2020.

Students managed to uphold traditions formal and informal alike; building the Mound and sledding down our hill on dining hall trays, as they simultaneously modified their activities and limited contact, diligently working and learning while avoiding the virus and quarantine. So many lessons about responsibility and living and community have been learned on campus in this academic year. Examples of adaptation and problem-solving abound. The reality of the pandemic required increased flexibility and communication.

Whether students were performing musicals in masks designed to fit their characters or showing up for their weekly COVID-19 tests, Builders have continued to come together to make the best of this challenging and historic time.

As the redbuds bloom along the 77 and spring draws nearer to finals, students have had the opportunity to be vaccinated on campus and there is hope for a safe summer and a fall return to campus that looks and feels much more like normal.

Always forward, together.



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Builder sports spring forward

With the majority of fall athletics stretching into the spring to complete schedules, it has been a memorable and busy year for student-athletes, coaches and staff.

Cross Country

was the lone sport to complete all of their team events in the fall. Men's Cross Country finished 10th in the KCAC and the women finished in the 8th spot at the KCAC Championships. Junior, Elgin Messi, qualified for and competed at NAIA Cross Country Nationals on April 9. Messi finished



Women's Soccer set a program record with 11 wins this season making it to the semifinals of the KCAC tournament.

the men's 8k run with an official time of 27:37.52, putting him in 218th overall out of 317 participants. The time is a season-best for him.

Both men's basketball (18-11) and women's basketball (2-20) were

able to complete their seasons prior to the end of February. The men's team won two KCAC tournament games before bowing out to the eventual tournament winner in the semi-finals. Notably, two freshmen, received significant post-season honors. Amanda Graddy was named to the All-KCAC Freshman team and Steele Gaston-Chapman was named the KCAC Freshman of the Year and was added to the All-Freshman Team.



Alumni Notes

1940s

Lois (Dryden) Vasey '49 and Clyde Vasey Jr '51 celebrated their 60th anniversary on Aug. 21, 2019. Lois and Clyde met in the SC campus cafeteria in Smith Hall in 1948. Lois passed away in February of 2021, her full obituary will be included in the upcoming issue of *The Southwesterner*.

1950s

Ed '59 and Sharon Horton celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Dec. 6, 2019.

Lloyd '59 and Mary Stuckey celebrated their 60th anniversary on Aug. 14, 2020.

1960s

Larry Prather '62 was inducted into the Buhler High School Athletic Hall of Fame on Jan. 17, 2020. He joined Buhler High School as a teacher and coach in 1970, and has coached football, basketball, baseball, track and field, and golf.

Roger Lungren '62 was recognized by Buterbaugh and Handlin Agency in Winfield for achieving the most sales volume in 2019.

Russell O. Vail '63 competed at the USATF Outdoor Michigan State Championships and the Midwest Regional Championships at Olivet College on June 8, 2019 where he won the shot put and discus and placed 2nd in the javelin and 5000m Race Walk. He competed at the Michigan Senior Olympics Indoor State Championships on Feb. 11, 2020, at Macomb County Community College where he won the shot put (breaking the record he set last year in the 75-79 age group) and took 2nd in the 1500m Race Walk and 1500m Power Walk.

Armon Mills '64 was elected to the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department Foundation Board of Directors in Aug. 2020.



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Rod Strohl '66 has published a book, *Life is All About Relationships. Kirkus Reviews Magazine* has listed it as one of the 26 Great Indie Books Worth Discovering. He also received the Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award. This honor is reserved for Marquis Biographers who have achieved career longevity and demonstrated unwavering excellence in their chosen field.

1970s

Charles '73 and Bobbie (Earle) '69 Woosley celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Feb. 6, 2020.

Kathy Requa Brazle '69 was appointed to the Kansas State Fair Board by Gov. Laura Kelly. As part of the board, she will be responsible for presenting a format of entertainment and education that appeals to people from all walks of life in Kansas.

C. Darnell Jones '72 has been recognized as Jurist of the Year by the American Board of Trial Advocates. The ceremony took place on Oct. 3, 2019, in Philadelphia, Pa.

Gary Robbins '72 has written a book titled *The Madison Effect: An Inspiring Culture of Call.* The inspiration for his book came from the culture of call at the Madison Church that has sent 16 of its members into ministry or mission work.

Joe Sherman '72 has been appointed the chair of the Henderson County Big Brothers Big Sisters Advisory Council. He was also reappointed commissioner of the Henderson County Board of Equalization and Review, where he is vice chair.

Mona (Petrocco) Klein '74 was inducted to the Pueblo South High Hall of Fame on Oct. 26, 2019. Mona co-founded the Pueblo Division for the Alliance to Combat Human Trafficking in 2013. She is a certified trainer in Human Trafficking 101 and was among the first to receive a U.S. Department of Justice grant on the issue.

Celebrating live theatre

Allyson (Stark) Moon '76 and Roger Moon '70 were honored with the 2020 Ruth McCormick Educators of the Year award by the Mary Jane Teall Committee. The Awards Ceremony was held at the Crown Uptown Dinner Theatre in Wichita on Sept. 28, 2020.

The **cheer and dance** team welcomed new head coach Julia Kramm, who was hired in February. Kramm Builder Baseball has had an exciting spring including making the program's first-ever triple play against 10th ranked Oklahoma Wesleyan University.

is excited to begin this new chapter as the head cheer and dance coach at SC.

Football (7-2), **volleyball** (8-24), **men's soccer** (8-5-1), and **women's soccer** (11-5) each resumed play this spring. In total, 14 men's and women's sports have been in action this spring.

True spring sports, which missed competition in 2020, were anxious to return this spring. **Tennis, baseball, softball, golf,** and **track** each still have many competitions ahead of them before the end of the season, and all are exhibiting strong performances and picking up wins against NAIA ranked opponents.

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In their award biography several Southwestern graduates were quoted including, Wichita stage technician, **Scott Olney '19**. Olney writes, "Roger and Allyson inspired me to grow both as an artist and technician in theatre. They have a devotion to keeping tradition alive at Southwestern, while still encouraging growth and exploration among their students. The Moons had a significant impact on my college experience, and I am grateful for the opportunities I had while being their student."

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Richard Hatfield '75 was awarded an honorary doctorate by the New Georgian University in Poti, Ga. for excellence and leadership in Orthodox Christian Theological Education. He is the President of St. Vladimir's Orthodox Seminary in Yonkers, N.Y.

Lisa (Temple) Brunner '77 has written a new web series, Judgment Call, a Series About Mood Swings. This comedy series is about 5 middle-aged friends as they navigate the "other" change of life: menopause. You can find this web series on YouTube.

Suzanne (Henry) '77 and Steve Moore celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 27, 2020.

Dr. Steven Short '78 traveled from Manhattan (Kan.) to New York to provide critical care at New York City's largest COVID hospital.

Bill Stinson '79/'96 has joined Southwestern as the head men's and women's golf coach.

Rick Hathaway '79 was a featured speaker at the Cowley County Historical Society Museum. He discussed prehistoric Kansas and gave a brief overview of events that shaped the history of the 34th state.

1980s

Jim Robinson '80 was inducted into the National Center for State Courts' Warren E. Burger Society on Nov. 15, 2018. Robinson is a senior partner at Hite, Fanning, & Honeyman in Wichita. He has devoted himself to improving and defending the judicial system.

Kristin Hutchison '81 has been appointed by Gov. Laura Kelly to fill the district court vacancy in the 13th Judicial District.

Steve Hobus '81/'88 completed his doctorate in educational leadership from Grand Canyon University and defended his dissertation "Effectiveness of Drug Prevention Strategies: Perspectives of High School Administrators in Southern California" in May of 2020.

Tara Gray '81 is celebrating the 15th anniversary edition of her book Publish & Florish: Become a Prolific Scholar. Her book has been printed every five years since 2005. It aims to assist writers in tripling productivity, writing prose that is clearer, better organized, and more compelling so they can be publish in better journals and get more grants. Tara was inducted into the Southwestern College Scholars Hall of Fame in 2018.

appearances, including a runner-up finish in 2000, and three Southeast Kansas League titles.

Ed Kingsley '84 retired in June of 2018 after 34 years in education. He taught at Moscow, Burrton, and Sedgwick. Ed is currently teaching at the Kansas Learning Center for Health in Halstead.

Paul Bean '85 has been named the Executive Director at Franklin County Development Council. He served as the Senior Vice President for Advancement of Ottawa University since 2009.

Rita '87 and Jerry Ashenfelter celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 13, 2020.

Standard Brown '87 and Lori Williams '86 were married July 6, 2019, in an outdoor ceremony on the Southwestern College campus.

Brad Johnson '88 has retired to his family farm in McPherson after 20 years of teaching interrelated students in Wichita.

_____ 1990s

Kent Lundy '90 graduated from Wesley Seminary in Washington, D.C., on May 13, 2019, with a doctor of ministry degree. The title of his project paper was "Held Together and Sent Out in Grace: The Interplay Between Prevenient Grace and Evangelism." He is currently serving as the senior pastor at Churubusco United Methodist Church in Indiana. Kent also serves as an Air National Guard Chaplain with the 181st Intelligence Wing in Terre Haute, Ind.

Amanda (Callison) Porter '91 has been honored with the 2020 Kansas National Education Association (KNEA) Human and Civil Rights Award.

Paul McDonald '91 has recently been appointed as Area Commodore for Sea Scouts. In this new volunteer role, he will be promoting Sea Scouting in Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri, and Iowa. Sea Scouting is a part of the Boy Scouts of America and focuses on providing practical maritime skills with scouting values.

Diane Musson '92 has accepted a position to teach middle school English at Hendersonville Christian Academy in Hendersonville, Tenn. She will also lead upper school choirs and assist in leading special programs.

recently appointed to the Supreme Court for the Comanche Nation. A tribal member of the Cherokee Nation, he serves as a tribal court judge for the Kaw, Seminole, Iowa, and Miami Tribes. Don is also a special judge for the City of Oklahoma City.

Chris Douglas '94 has been hired as the head football coach for Lyon College in Batesville, Ark.

Amber (Martin) Plumlee '97 passed the Oklahoma Bar in July of 2019 and recently published her essay "Don't Put a Ring on it: Abolishing the Martial Defense to Statutory Rape" in the Women's Rights Law Reporter. Amber passed the Kansas Bar in spring of 2020.

Carey (Eskridge) Keller '97 has been selected as the Kansas High School Engineering Teacher of the Year.

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 advanced to win 16 individual medals at UIL Regional and State competition (including a State News Writing champion) since 2010. Larsen has advised the County Line print magazine and online student media as well as the Panorama vearbook 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.

Kyle Woodrow '99 has accepted the chief development officer position at Seward County Community College in Liberal.

Mick Shaffer '99 has been named the sports director at KSHB-TV in Kansas City.

2000s

Leah (Brant) Monigold '01 has moved to Oklahoma City, Okla., and is now the director of operations at City Wide of Oklahoma.

Gloria Tham-Haines '02 continues as an adjunct professor of class piano at Oklahoma Baptist University. She is a Trust-Based Relational Intervention(R) Practitioner, after completing her training with the Karyn Purvis Institute of Child Development, Texas Christian University on Sept. 27, 2019. Gloria presented at two national conferences on Trust-Based Relational Intervention(R) Tools for the Trauma-Informed Piano Studio in Spokane, Wash., and Lombard, Ill., and she was awarded Teacher of Distinction 2019 by the Royal Conservatory of Music, Canada. Gloria was also awarded the Teacher Enrichment Grant by the Music Teachers National Association Foundation to defray the costs associated with her TBRI(R) Practitioner training.

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Heidi Kirby '03 has been promoted to Senior Master Sergeant (E8) in the United States Air Force.

Steven Farber '03 has been named the director of sales and customer service at GlobalParts.aero.

Yazmin (Zink) Wood '03 has been named a Community Champion by the Winfield Area Chamber of Commerce for her work with Legacy Regional Community Foundation. She started the Rally Cowley Program to ensure local needs were being met during the shutdown due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Nicole (Howie) McQueen '04 has been a special education teacher for De Sosto School District since Aug. of 2018.

Sean Miller '04 has been named principal energy engineer for Integrated Consulting Engineers in Wichita.

Mary Shearn '06 is celebrating 10 years with Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. She is an ASCP-certified medical laboratory scientist who exclusively works in the microbiology laboratory.

Nick Gronseth '07 recently completed certification to become a Paraoptometric. As a CPO, he will continue to assist patients at Family Vision Center in Carrington, N.D.

Kelly Rowe '07/'08 has accepted a kindergarten teaching position at Sacred Heart Catholic School in Arkansas City.

D'Andre Foster '07 is serving as an advisor for the National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice (NABCJ) at Frederick A. Douglass High School in Oklahoma City, Okla. This is the first high school in the country to form a NABCJ chapter.

Hayley (Holthus) Stolzle '07 is the new resilience program director for Turning Point and the University of Kansas Health System in Kansas City. She oversees an evidence-based program for combating burnout and improving the resilience skills of healthcare professionals, area schoolstaff, and other organizations within the community at large.

Nicole Guthrie '07 married Kristen Stegville on June 20, 2020.

Bob Juden '84 was recognized by Cowley College for his dedication and exemplary work while on the Board of Trustees. There were numerous accomplishments during his tenure on the Board, such as the creation of the Sumner Campus in Wellington and the improvements made on the main campus in Arkansas City and other Cowley College Centers in Winfield, Mulvane, and Wichita.

Brad Smith '84 has retired from Labette County High School after 25 years of teaching and coaching boys basketball in Altamont. He led the team to 289 wins and five state tournament

Phil Moorhouse '92 was one of 15 teachers nationwide selected for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Teacher at Sea program. Phil spent three weeks aboard the NOAAS Oscar Dyson off the coast of the Aleutian Islands conducting Fisheries and Oceanography Coordinated Investigations. He was also part of a team of high school science teachers working with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation to conduct research on the water quality and health of biological species in the Chesapeake Bay.

Steve Schneider '92 has become president-elect for the Kansas Bowling Proprietor's Association.

Robert "Don" Gifford '93 was

Joni (Leeper) Rankin '02/'04 and her husband, former campus minister Stephen Rankin, have co-founded the Spiritual Maturity Project with friends.

Bryant Andrews '08/'09 has

accepted a position teaching science in the Millwood School District in Oklahoma City, Okla. He is the head coach for the high school and middle school boys track teams and the assistant coach for the high school boys basketball team.

Bo Webster '08/'14 has accepted a position as a financial sales advisor at BBCA in Austin, Texas.

Tommy Castor '08/'10 and a business partner have founded AMP Digital Innovations. This digital media and marketing firm will serve Wichita and the surrounding areas.

Abbey (Lowry) Elliott '08 has accepted the national senior manager of

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simulation position at Purdue University Global.

Brandon Hessing '08 was honored as Outstanding College Employee by Metropolitan Community College Longview in Kansas City, Mo. He serves in the enrollment center.

Kaci (Groom) Lockyear '08 has been named the 2021 Janet Sims Memorial Teacher of the Year by the Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom. This award recognizes teachers who instill passion for learning about agriculture within their students.

Meg (Mojica) Calvin '08 has written a book titled I Am My Own Sanctuary: How a Recovering Holy-Roller Found Healing and Power.

Nicole (Pierce) Yarnell '09 has accepted a fifth grade teaching position at Mulvane Grade School.

Shelley Soldan '08 married Jason Schlyer on Aug. 8, 2019.

Susan Loveall '08 has accepted the assistant professor of special education and communication disorders position at University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Trisha Roudybush '08 has been selected to perform at the Rose Bowl Parade as part of a 200-piece marching band made up of band directors from across the United States.

Kayla (Tibbs) Dingus '09 has accepted a position as a seventh grade math teacher at Shawnee Middle School in Oklahoma.

Andrew Manley '09 has been named the vice president and chief financial officer at First Bank Kansas in Salina.

Gio Garcia '09 married Shelby Todd on Sept. 21, 2019, in Kansas City.

Katy (Raybern) '09 has accepted an

occupational therapist position at USD 418 in McPherson.

Leonard Momeny '09 recently cowrote an article for *Aviation Digest*, "The Army, NASA, and their Shared DNA in Space Exploration." It explores the shared history between the Army and NASA.

Nick Mondero '09 joined Hattan and Mondero Family Eye Care in Hays as an optometrist.

Rebecca (Richmond) Young '09 has accepted a promotion with Heartland Hospice. She is now the mobile clinical lead Nurse Practitioner for the West Division covering Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arizona, and California.

Robbie DeLong '09 has been named the Winfield police chief. He has 15-plus years of experience in emergency response management, patrol, investigations, and tactical operations.

Tabatha (McMullen) Rosproy '09 has been named 2020 National Teacher of the Year. As the National Teacher of the Year she will step away from her teaching duties and serve as a spokeswoman and advocate for the teaching profession. Tabatha is the first-ever preschool teacher to win National Teacher of the Year

2010s

Lyndsie Oathout '10/'14 has accepted a position with Haysville Middle school as a seventh grade science teacher.

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

Aaron '11 and Rene (Schwan) '10 Duell moved to Cheney where Aaron is the pastor at Cheney United Methodist Church.

Byron Williams '10 earned his doc-

torate in business administration from Capella University in May 2020. Dr Williams authored a book titled *The Promise is Still Valid*. His book centers around God's promises that are actively working in the life of believers.

Monique Garcia '16 has been appointed to the Court of Appeals Nominating Commission by Gov. Laura Kelly. She is serving as the public member for the Fourth Congressional District and is the director of community relations at the Kansas Health Foundation.

Randi Dierksen '11 married Derek Brenner on October 3, 2020.

Josh Plummer '11/'12 accepted a territory sales manager position for Ecolab in San Diego, Calif.

Justin Williams '11 and Anjaih Clemons '11/'13 were married on June 6, 2020, on the 77 Steps.

Bobby Kindle '11 has been named the director of quality for Excel Industries in Newton. In this role, he will provide strategic and tactical leadership for the manufacturing quality team.

Isaac '11 and Anna (Stevens) '11/'13 Chua have moved to Wellington where Isaac is the new pastor at Wellington First United Methodist Church.

Alissa Sheppard '12 graduated with a master in leadership from Southwestern College on May 10, 2020.

Jordan Lytton '12 has been named the general manager of the Winfield Country Club.

Brady May '13 has been promoted to the head track coach for McAlester Public School in McAlester, Okla.

Daina Elliott '14 graduated with a master in business administration from Southwestern College on May 10, 2020.

Michelle Schoon '14 was named to the *Wichita Business Journal's* list of Woman Who Lead in Education. Michelle serves as the vice president of academic affairs at Cowley College.

Robbi (Lee) Moore '14 has accepted an expansion executive position at Profitable Practice Corp.

Tony Crouch '14 has been named the vice president for finance and chief financial officer at Southwestern College. Tony has served at four different institutions, most recently at Seminole State College in Oklahoma.

Daniel Sherron '15/'17 was recognized as a National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development (NCAIED) 2019 Native American 40 Under 40.

James Driscoll '15 graduated with a master in leadership from Southwestern College on May 10, 2020.

Whit (Slayton) Rogers '15 graduated with a master in business administration from Southwestern College on May 10, 2020.

Brandi Young '16/'17 is the box office manager/bookkeeper at the Corn Stock Theatre in Peoria, Ill.

Cierra Ross '16 and Shirley (Jones) Sigmon '16/'17 founded Expressuns Tanning Company. Expressuns is a mobile tanning salon in the Dallas area that services clients inside the comfort of their own home.

Brenna Truhe '16 has been announced as the new technical services manager at Wheat Law Library. She was previously the librarian at the Kansas Supreme Court Law Library.

Daniel Reffner '16 is serving as an associate pastor at Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Wichita.

Academic Achievements

Alice Bendinelli, associate professor of English, published an essay in a scholarly book about *Life of Pi* authored by Yann Martel. The title of Dr. Bendinelli's essay is "Regarding Others: Ethical Human-Animal Encounters in Life of Pi."The book is *Critical Insights: Life of Pi by Yann Martel*, edited by A. Bogar and R.S. Szigethy, Salem Press (2020).

Chris Duszka, assistant professor of criminal justice, conducted a survey on registered sex offenders in Florida. The survey consists of 968 respondents and it assessed their attitudes towards and compliance with SORN policies. United States; Freeman, A.J. & Negley, J.H. (March 6–7). *Self Talk: Does positive and negative talk affect competitive performance?* [Poster presentation].

Dawn Pleas, vice president for retention and student success, has been elected to serve a third term as an Alumni Board Member for the Executive Doctorate in Higher Education Leadership Program which is a part of the University of Pennsylvania's Graduate School of Education. Additionally, this spring Pleas served as a University-wide Quality Enhancement Plan Specialist on the Accreditation Team for Eastern Mennonite University. Pleas also was the featured speaker for the School Eve Fireworks Celebration held on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the night before spring classes began.



Wendy Mohler-Seib '01, director of faith formation for youth and young adults for Institute for Discipleship, and Cheryl Rude, professor leadership studies, were published in the December 2020 Journal of Youth Ministry. The article title is "Wesleyan Band Meetings and the Formation of College Leaders."

Jacob Negley, assistant professor for psychology, contributed to a presentation as part of the Great Plains Students' Psychology Convention, St. Joseph, Mo., **Constance Sorrentino,** friend of SC, has coauthored an article "Making volunteer work visible: supplementary measures of work in labor force statistics."Her article was published as part of the *Monthly Labor Review* for the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Rich academic exploration

Students, faculty, and staff took a short field trip to tour Marland Mansion in Ponca City, Okla., as part of the social sciences honors course, *Money*. This course gives students an opportunity to explore ideas from a multitude of academic areas: history, political science, leadership, philosophy, religion, and psychology.

Stephen Woodburn, professor of history, published "The Danilevskii Problem" in the Russian journal *Tetrady po Konservatizmu* (October 2020), a special almanac devoted to Nikolai Danilevskii (1822-1885). Woodburn was invited to contribute an article to this collection as the translator of the first English versions of Danilevskii's *Russia and Europe* (2013) and *Woe to the Victors!* (2014). The project

was completed while Woodburn was on sabbatical in Fall 2020.

David Youland, assistant professor of business, authored the book Driving Organic Business Growth: Actionable Strategies for Smart Innovation (self-published) and academic anthology, Readings in Qualitative Market Research: Practical Approaches for Managers (Preliminary edition) Cognella Academic Press.

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Jasmine Zhao '16 married Curtis Johnson in April of 2019.

Luke Nicolay '16 has accepted a position as the director of worship and music at Faith Lutheran Church in Chico, Calif.

Nolan Smith '16 married Aubree Burkhart Aug. 29, 2020, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Mulvane. The wedding party included Tyler Stafford '17.

Maddi Stuart '16 married Cade Pfleider on Sept 19, 2020, in Thomas, Okla. The wedding party included Jenn Myers '17 and Kenzi Taylor '17.

Andrew Landrum '17 graduated with a master in business administration from Southwestern College on May 10, 2020.

Ashleigh Hollis '18/'19 has accepted the director of annual giving position at Bethel College in Newton.

Jenn Myers '17 graduated with a master in education degree from Southwestern Oklahoma State University. She has accepted a position with Mustang Public Schools in Mustang, Okla. as a support school psychometrist.

Julianna Smarsh '17 married William Steiner on Sept. 28, 2019.

Kenzi Taylor '17 graduated with a doctorate in physical therapy in 2019 from Hardin-Simmons University and is now a physical therapist at Ignite Physical Therapy and Sports Rehab in Alva, Okla.

RanRan Jiang '18 graduated with a master in early childhood education from Southwestern College on May 10, 2020.

Tomunci Whitfield '18/'19 has been added to the Flying Aces roster as a defensive back. The Flying Aces is the only professional indoor football team in Oklahoma. Spring 2019 was their inaugural season.

Bryant Belden '18 married Mariah Patillo '18 on Jan. 3, 2020, at Distillery 244 in Wichita.

Jacob Sigmon '18 and Shirley Jones '16/'17 were married on Feb. 1, 2020, at the Springs in Aubery, Texas. The wedding party included Ricky Higuera '17, Braden Langston '17, Zack McDowell '15, Delaney Osborne '18, Cierra Ross '16, Connor Seaba '15, Kacey Stout '16, and Eric Walker '15.

Jersey Boydstun-Larson '18 has accepted a position as a process technician at Rubbermaid in Winfield.

KaDarius McQueen '18 married Hailey Jazmyne Laskey '20 has been named Bliven '17 on Sept. 20, 2019.

Quinlan Stein '19 has accepted a new position as digital development officer at the Kansas State University Foundation.

Tabeth Mazunga '18 has accepted the position of hotel account manger at FLEETCOR in Wichita.

Uly Cisneros '18 became licensed with Series 65 in the summer of 2019 as an associate with Personal Capital and was promoted to financial advisor in January of 2020.

William Montgomery '18 moved to Grand Rapids, Mich., and is working at a part-time youth minister and part-time assistant program directors at the Salvation Army.

Brandon Poche '19 graduated with a master in business administration from Southwestern College on May 10, 2020.

Carvontez Gates '19 graduated with a master in business administration from Southwestern College on May 10, 2020.

Chase Carr '19 graduated with a master in business administration from Southwestern College on May 10, 2020.

Bryson Barrett '19 married Alexis Ruger on Aug. 24 2019 in Celina, Texas.

Cameron Hunt '19 has received a threeyear contract extension to play basketball for Wuerzburg in Germany.

Deardin Kelley '19 has been hired as the assistant volleyball coach at Labette Community College in Parsons.

John Lehnherr '19 has been promoted to captain and is now in command of the Kansas Highway Patrol's Troop G, which oversees traffic law enforcement on the Kansas Turnpike.

Kim Zant '19 has accepted the vice president for academic affairs position at Cloud County Community College in Concordia. She was most recently the career pathways manager at Grossmont/ Cuyamaca Community College District in El Cajun, Calif.

2020s

Curtis Rylant '20 and Tessa Castor '20 were married on May 23, 2020, at the Stone Hill Barn in Augusta. The wedding party included Abby Bertholf '20, Tommy Castor '08/'10, and Zach Castor '12. Tessa has accepted the social media and communications coordinator position at the Better Business Bureau of Central Oklahoma.

the assistant coach of women's basketball and is a graduate student at Iowa Wesleyan University.

Births

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A daughter, Sylvie Mae, born May 3, 2019, to Jonathan '00 and Melissa (Strauss) '02 Conard.

A daughter, Avery Clare, born Jan. 27, 2020, to Tracy Crockett '02 and Jon Statton.

A son, Cooper Allen, born Jan. 18, 2019, to Brian '04/'16 and Caitlin Carr.

A daughter, Eleanora "Nora" Faith, born Sept. 18, 2019, to Joe '05/'07 and Brae (Johnson) '07/'09 Wood.

A daughter, Jane "Janey" Lynne, born Sept. 23, 2019, to Caleb '07 and Leah (Rankin) '07/'08 Hartman.

A son, Demias Hakeem, born Nov. 1, 2019, to D'Andre '07 and Krystle (Robinson) '07 Foster.

A son, Lionel Aiden, born June 19, 2019, to Jenna (Swisher) '07 and Hernan Nunez.

A daughter, **Heidi Nichole**, born Aug. 2, 2020, to Kyle '07/'08 and Lauren (Pettey) '08 Lewis.

A daughter, **Sidney LaRue**, born Oct.





Builder babies clockwise from upper left: Penelope Isabella Sianuqui, Kate Morris Wilke, Heidi Nichole Lewis and Sidney LaRue Winn.

A son, Hank Landry, born Aug. 30, 2019, to Katie (Allender) '09 and Aaron Ford.

A son, Tucker Andrew, born May 7, 2020, to Jess '10 and Katy (Raybern) '09 Maddox.

A son, Ronald Steven "RJ", born Sept. 10, 2019, to Greg '10 and Ann (Weese) '09 Jeffers.

A daughter, Amelia Marie, born Oct. 31, 2019, to Stuart '10 and Rebecca Mann.

A daughter, **Rylann Mackenzie**, born Dec. 3, 2019, to Krystal Tyree '10.

A daugther, Kate Morris Wilke, born June 25, 2020, to Julie '09 '11 '18 and Emilee Wilke.

A son, Brecken Cody, born May 8, 2019, to Lindsey (Knak) '10 and Mason Keck.

A daughter, Phoebe, born April 16, 2019, to Isaac '11 and Anna (Stevens) '11/'13 Chua.

A daughter, Adrianne Sarah Avie, born May 18, 2020, to Ashlie

Myron Fisher '18 has accepted the character coach position for the Southwestern College men's basketball team. As a character coach Myron will be focused on the development of young men, teaching them about not just winning and losing, but what it takes to be a leader and a man of integrity.

Sheldon Hawthorne '20 has accepted the assistant coach position for the men's and women's tennis teams at Southwestern College.

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23, 2019, to Brendt '14 and Krystal (Cole) '08 Winn.

A son, Kai Andrew, born Oct. 30, 2019, to Mike and Erin (Gaughan) '08/'09 Visitacion.

A son, Leo, born March 5, 2019, to Jacque Engelbrecht '08 and Kristen Womack '08.

A daughter, Abigail Grace, born May 6, 2019, to Anna (Macy) '09 and John Middleton.

A daughter, Nina Danielle, born Nov. 19, 2019, to Joey '09 and Jessica Kreft.

(Edwards) '12 and Jason Dennis.

A daughter, Elyne Carol, born Jan. 1, 2020, to Colton '14 and Stacie McNinch.

A daughter, Willow Elaine, born Feb. 2, 2020, to Hayley Weston '14.

A daughter, Caralee Amelia Rose, born June 20, 2019, to Julianna (Smarsh) '17 and William Steiner.

A daughter, Penelope Isabella, born March 8, 2020, to Javier '17 and Becky (Gamez) '17 Sianuqui.

📕 In Memoriam

Maxine (Gilmore) McColey '37 died Dec. 21, 2018. Maxine lived a good life loving and nurturing her family and many friends and always faithful to the Lord. She is survived by three children, six grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Mary Jane (Dean) Battaglia '41 died May 11, 2019. She was loved and cherished by many people. Mary Jane is survived by her husband, Angelo, and three daughters.

Mary (Kantz) Chase '41 died May 29, 2019. Mary spent most of her career teaching in the Andover School District where she was honored with the Master Teacher of Kansas Award. She was active in her church and was part of the choir for 81 years. Mary is survived by three children, five grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Olive (Kissick) Anderson '41 died Nov. 21, 2018. Olive enjoyed watching KU basketball and decorating. She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church and active in the United Methodist Women. Olive is survived by four children, including **T. Jeffrey Anderson '63** (**Rogene Bahm Anderson '66**), **T. Jan Dwyer '65**, and **C. Joan Strano '66**, nine grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-granddaughters.

Marvin Bean '43/'48 died Aug. 26, 2019. Marvin completed all but eight hours required for a bachelor of music degree before leaving between semesters to enlist in the Army in 1942. Marvin graduated in 1943

after completing the required hours while in the army. He taught band and chorus at Preston High School from 1947 to 1950. After receiving a second degree from SC



in 1948, Marvin attended dental school in Kansas City. Marvin set up practice in Wellington where he resided until 2012 before moving to Overland Park. Marvin is survived by four children, including **Marla Thomas '78 (Jim Thomas '76)**, **Bob Bean '82**, and **Paul Bean '85** (**Chris Bean '07**), five grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. a faithful follower of Christ, and an excellent card and Chicken Foot player. She was an active member in the United Methodist Church. Dolly is survived by five children, 11 grandchildren, and 23 great-grandchildren. The family suggest gifts to the Harold and Lucille Bender Scholarship at Southwestern College in her memory.

Helen (Jennings) Stanley '45 died March 14, 2020. Helen was a teacher at the high school in Dighton and taught music for the Lane County Country Schools. She enjoyed gardening, golfing, and volunteering. Helen is survived by four daughters, four grandchildren, and seven greatgrandchildren.

Virginia (Roberts) Fikes '46 died Feb. 13, 2020.

Lucile (Richardson) Stacy Dalke '46 died Aug. 31, 2019. Lucile worked for the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Service as an administrative assistant for 27 years, retiring in 1989. She was a member of First Baptist Church, Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, VFW Auxiliary, and Oriental Chapter #58 of the Order of the Eastern Star. Lucile is survived by two children, five grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

William Wakefield '47 died June 6, 2020. Bill served his country in the U.S. Navy. After his time in the service, Bill joined his father in the family oil business, becoming the president upon his father's death in 1975. He was a member of the VFW, the American Legion, and a lifetime member of the NRA. Bill is survived by four children, 12 grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren.

Doris Howell '47 died Dec. 15, 2019. She is survived by three sons, niece Deborah Helmer '71 (Jim Helmer '71), and nephew Curtis Settle '70.

Masako (Kamei) Nagumo '47 died Nov. 16, 2019. Masako had a deep love of biochemistry. She was active in the PTA, the League of Women Voters, and other civic activities. Masako also was on the LWV California Board of Directors and served on the San Mateo Library director of youth fellowship with the United Methodist Church. Exercising an uncommonly adventurous spirit, she traveled to Europe with her mother and sister in the aftermath of World War II. The Methodist Church was a pillar of Mildred's life and she was a lifelong member of the United Methodist Women. She combined her love of travel and service, helping build a dental clinic in Haiti in the '70's, establishing a doctor's office in the highlands of Mexico in the '80's, and digging wells for clean water in Zimbabwe in the '90's. Mildred is survived by three children and five grandchildren.

Alverna (Mills) Malcom '48 died March 20, 2020. Alverna taught for four years at one-room schoolhouses near Mulvane. She was deeply involved in her church, teaching Sunday School, serving as Sunday School Superintendent, and singing in the choir. Alverna is survived by her husband, Charles, brother, **Kenneth Mills '56,** three children, seven grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

Barbara (Cattar) Robison '48 died Sept. 28, 2019. Barbara's spirit for adventure took her to La Paz, Boliva, and for a year and a half she taught at the American Institute. She retired from her work with the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries in 1983. Barbara was an active member of Grace UMC where she sang in the choir and was a member of the bell choir into her 80's. Barbara is survived by five children, including **Ann Robison '75**, five grandchildren, a great-granddaughter, and sister, **Mary Hartley '58**.

J.R. Majors '48 died Jan. 18, 2019. J.R. worked at Family and Children Services of Kansas City, Inc. and served as its executive director for 25 years. He also served on many community boards: National Association of Social Workers, Child Welfare League of America, and Kansas Children's Service League, and was a trustee of the UMKC Starr Education Funding Committee. J.R. is survived by his wife of 68 years, **Ruth Majors '45**, two daughters, six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Albert James Rymph '49 died Feb. 16, 2019. Bert served in the Army for both WWII and the Korean Conflict. He served as clergy for the Kansas West/Great Plains Conference of the United Methodist Church for 41 years. Bert is survived by his wife, Edna, four children, including Brad Rymph '77, Carol Carlson '79 (Jim Carlson '77), and Karen Smarsh '80, ten grandchildren, including Julianna (Smarsh) Steiner '17, and four great-grandchildren. Spring 2019 - Fall 2020

until 1972 when he became Assistant Superintendent of the Junction City/

Ft. Riley Schools. Church was a lifetime priority; he served in the roles of Sunday School Superintendent and teacher, and Elder. Stanley is survived by his wife, **Grayce**



(Abrahamson) Abel '49, three children, seven grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren.

John Ramsdale '49 died Feb. 2, 2020. John was an engineer at Boeing Aircraft and was a member of the United Methodist Church. John is survived by 10 children, including Karen Nonhof '75 and Lori Ramsdale '83, and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Merrill Christy '49 died April 29, 2019. Merrill was a financial business manager at Glen Berry Manufacturing Company, an operational manager and loan officer at Condon National Bank, and managed operations at Christy Farms. Merrill was active in the community and served on many boards. In retirement, Merrill delivered Meals on Wheels, played golf, hiked, and rode mountain bikes. Merrill is survived by his wife, Norma, three children, seven grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

Donna (Farris) Kemp '49 died Aug. 20, 2020. Donna worked as a secretary at Oxford Grade School and later in the Office of the Superintendent before retiring. Her greatest joy was her family and watching them grow. Donna is survived by three children, including **Diana (Kemp) Wheeler '81**, 10 grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

Marjorie (Mulligan) Benoit '49 died on June 29, 2019. Marjorie worked as a substitute teacher and at Seneca Federal Bank and First Bank and Trust, later working at the assessor's office for Town of Lysander until her retirement. She was a long-time member of the United Methodist Church, Eastern Star, and Daughters of Rebekahs. Marjorie is survived by six children, 13 grandchildren, and 16 great-grandchildren.

William Archer '44 died May 15, 2020. Bill joined the U.S. Navy in 1944, serving with the Amphibious Corp in the Pacific. After the war, Bill returned to Winfield to work as clinical chemist and lab supervisor for Snyder Research Foundation. He was recalled during the Korean Conflict to serve the Navy as an aviation physiologist, and he continued to serve in the Naval Reserve until retiring as LCDR in 1982. He enjoyed tinkering in his woodshop. Bill is survived by his wife, CoNette, six children, and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Celia "Dolly" (Bernder) Doss '44 died March 29, 2020. Dolly was the creator of a large, loving family,

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Board of Trustees. She enjoyed reading, sewing, and gardening. Masako is survived by two children.

Dr. William "Bill" G. Stanley '48 died June 8, 2019. Bill was employed by Amoco where he developed propellants for NASA. He enjoyed performing choral music and researching civil war history. Bill is survived by his wife of 72 years, Cloyce, three children, 10 grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. The family suggests gifts to the William and Cloyce Stanley Endowed Scholarship in his memory.

Mildred (Shrauner) Gilbert '48 died May 16, 2020. Mildred taught home economics and served as the **G. Stanley Abel '49** died Aug. 20, 2020. Stanley taught high school science in Lincoln. In 1955, he took the position of high school principal of Osborne where he was promoted to Superintendent, a position he held

Mary Ann (Reighley) Boman '49 died Feb. 6, 2020. Mary was a member of the Lincoln West Optimist Club, Daughters of the King, and Nebraska Airstream Club. She is survived by her husband, **Samuel Boman '48**, two children, 10 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and a great-great-grandchild.

William Laggren '50 died July 18, 2019. William worked at Lake Hurst Naval Air Station and sold real estate and yachts. After moving to Ft. Lauderdale in 1965, he began selling yachts for Pacemaker, Hatteras, and Chris Craft becoming the top salesman in the country. William is survived by his daughter.

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Benjamin Uyesato '51 died Dec. 27, 2019, after a brief illness. After four years of active duty in the U.S. Air Force, Ben embarked upon his long and dedicated career in the YMCA. While he retired as the executive director of the Downtown St. Louis YMCA in 1990, he continued to lead his exercise class at the Kirkwood YMCA until he was 85. Benjamin is survived by his son and granddaughter.

Kenneth Miller '51 died Sept. 22, 2020. Ken taught industrial arts and drafting at the high school level and was a football, basketball, and track coach. During his teaching career, he taught and coached at Coats, Sylvia, Inman, Kingman, and Solomon. He enjoyed the mountains and skiing. Ken is survived by his wife, Kaylene, four children, nine grandchildren, and 16 great-grandchildren.

Leona (Larkin) Brinkmeyer '51 died April 18, 2020. Leona worked for Trinity Insurance Company as a casualty underwriter until she retired in 1994. She was an active member of the Topeka Business & Professional Women, Insurance Women of Topeka and the Midwest Brittany Club. Leona is survived by her daughter and two granddaughters.

Thomas Clark '51 died May 7, 2019. Tom owned and operated Clark's Shoe Store for almost 40 years before retiring in 1994. He enjoyed bird-watching, gardening, going for long car rides, and was an active member of Trinity United Methodist Church. Tom is survived by his wife, Agnes, five daughters, 10 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Thomas Tanaka '51 died June 28, 2020. Thomas continued his studies at the School of Dentistry-University of Missouri, Kansas City receiving his PhD. He spent most of his career in dentistry and was a self-employed dentist in Honolulu, Hawaii for many years. Thomas later served in the military as a Dental Officer General in the Air Force in 1957. His passion for music and vocals drew his interest into singing and became one of his active hobbies. He also enjoyed golfing, tennis, and swimming. In recent years Thomas formed his own karaoke singing group/ensemble, Green Valley Karaoke Club, in Las Vegas and performed at many events and shows in Nevada, California, and Hawaii. Thomas is survived by his son Nolin Tanaka '92 and a grandson.

Phyllis (Semisch) Shanline '51 died May 23, 2020. Phyllis was a supportive wife and loving mom. She was known for her creativity, kindness, and love of music. Phyllis is survived by five daughters, eight grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and cousin Vickie (Worrell) Bender '68.

Anna Jane (Smith) Goetz '52 died Sept. 23, 2020. Anna Jane taught in one-room schools for 10 years before taking time off to raise her children. She returned to teaching in 1967 and taught in the Nashville, Willowdale, and Zenda school systems retiring in 1990. Anna Jane is survived by five daughters, 12 grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren.

Don Fulghum '52 died May 12, 2019. Don was a World War II veteran and long-time Colorado College Business Manager, retiring in 1986. He volunteered at the Olympic Training Center, was a member of the VFW, and served as a deacon and elder at his church. Don adored his mountains, was an avid skier and accomplished aviator, and loved traveling the world. Don is survived by his wife, **Vesta (Baker) Folghum '50**, sister, **Joan (Fulghum) Collier '52**, four sons, and four grandchildren.

Marshall Brentlinger, husband of Doris (Burdette) Brentlinger '52, died Dec. 7, 2019. He is survived by his wife, two children, and four grandchildren.

Shirley (Bailey) Coad '53 died Oct. 7, 2020. Shirley was a homemaker. She was an accomplished

cellist and was involved in community music. Shirley is survived by four children, including **David Harms '81**, sister, **Janet (Bailey)**



Goforth '56, 17 grandchildren, and 21 great-grandchildren. The family suggests gifts to the Southwestern College Music Department in her memory.

James Pake '53 died May 4, 2020.

Velma Grier '53 died in Feb. 2020 after suffering a stroke. No formal obituary available.

Grace Brooks: a dedicated teacher and friend



Grace (Andrews) Brooks '52 died Sept. 22, 2020. Grace was a stay-at-home mother for ten years before going back to school and becoming a teacher. She taught in elementary schools in Ohio, Indiana, and Kansas before her career led her to becoming a college educator at Purdue University, Bethany Nazarene College, and Friends University.

Grace enjoyed travel, clubs, church activities, the symphony, the zoo, musicals, and opera concerts. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church and was a leader of United Methodist Women.

Grace served on the Board of Trustees for Southwestern College for several years. Grace is survived by four children, 10 grandchildren, and 17 great-grandchildren.

years of service. She was an avid Iowa Hawkeyes fan and loved spending time with her family and tending to her roses. Colleen is survived by two sons and two granddaughters.

John Malin '53 died Sept 1, 2020. John served in the United States Army for two years and was a farmer and rancher. He also worked as a real estate broker. John was a member of Fellowship Baptist Church, the American Legion, Seward County Farm Bureau, the Hospital Auxiliary, the Chamber of Commerce, and volunteered for the American Red Cross. John is survived by his wife of 69 years Beverly (Headrick) Malin '53, brother Ralph Malin '64 (Carol Lee Malin '67), sister, Estelle Boles '61 (Steve Boles '60), three children, six grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Miles Henry '54 died Feb. 5, 2019. Miles taught music for a few years before being called to ministry. He pastored at various churches and ended his ministry years as Care Pastor at Victory Church in Tulsa, Okla. He is survived by his wife, Ruth, and three children, including **Dana Mettling '93**.

Carolyn (Fulton) Cullop '54 died Oct. 9, 2019. Carolyn was a teacher at Pratt, Winfield, Sterling Union 2, and Sterling Grade School for 35 years, retiring in 1995. She enjoyed stamping, quilting, playing bridge, and cooking for the holidays. Carolyn is survived by two children, five grandchildren, including **Jacie** (**Cullop) McDaniel '12 (Sam Mc-Daniel '14**), and six great-grandchildren. Carolyn, for 45 years before her death in 2010. Everett is survived by two children. The family suggets gifts to the Southwestern College Education Department in his memory.

Jack King '55 died Aug. 18, 2019. Jack taught history and coached baseball, basketball, track, and tennis at Mulvane, Derby, Arkansas City, and Independence. He was a member of the First Christian Church where he chaired several committees and served as Deacon and Elder. Jack is survived by his wife, Marsha, three children, six grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Gerald "Gerry" Beason '55 died March 6, 2019. Gerry spent two years in Georgia serving in the military and several years farming in Kiowa before moving to Idaho to work for Simplot, retiring in 1983. He loved camping, fishing, hunting, and flying his ultra-light airplane. Gerry is survived by his wife of 66 years, Margaret, four children, 12 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren and one greatgreat-grandchild.

Joyce Bolinger '56 died Oct. 15, 2020. Joyce began her teaching career in Kendall, and later taught in Lenora. In her retirement, she lived on the family farm and enjoyed gardening, fishing, and family events. Joyce is survived by her sister, **Voncile** Bolinger '61.

Peggy (Anderson) Giesen '56 died Oct. 13, 2019. Peggy worked as a registered nurse with the Sedgwick County Health Department for 30 years. She enjoyed taking family vacations, reading books, taking pictures, and playing with her grandchildren. Peggy is survived by four daughters, four grandchildren, and a great-grandchild.

Ward L. Akers '51 died Feb. 24, 2020. Ward worked as an environmental engineer for the E.P.A. for over 50 years. He was a member of the NRA, Sangamon County and Menard County Ducks Unlimited, and K & O Steam and Gas Engine Club. Ward is survived by two children, including **Ruth Akers '82**, sister, **Ruth Majors '45**, and four grandchildren. Alice (McFall) McCauley '53 died Jan. 14, 2019. Alice substitute taught in Haysville and held many other positions through the years, retiring from the State of Wyoming in 1992. She was a lifelong Methodist and active in her church womens organizations, taught Sunday School, and was a vocalist, organist and choir director wherever she lived. Alice is survived by her husband, Earl, seven children, 18 grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

Colleen (Tarrant) Warren '53 died Aug. 5, 2020. Colleen taught elementary education for the Cedar Rapids School District, retiring after 29 **Betty (Herpolsheimer) Roberson** '54 died May 10, 2020. Betty was a sixth-grade teacher in Rose Hill for 40 years. She was a member of the Mulvane Methodist Church and enjoyed playing games and doing crafts with her grandkids. Betty is survived by two sons, four grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Everett Newman '55 died Aug. 5, 2019. Everett taught math in the Cincinnati school system for many years. He was married to his wife, **William Cobb '56** died May 29, 2020. Bill taught high school science at Marion, Valley Center, and Wichita. Later. he worked for Pratt and Lambert until his retirement. He was a member at First United Methodist Church and will be remembered for his smile, unending stories, and ability to teach in every situation. Bill

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is survived by four children, including **Joe Cobb '83**, and his brother, **Rhea Cobb '56**.

Catherine (Reber) Molzen '56 died May 27, 2019. Catherine was the retired postmaster of Belvue. She is survived by three children and two grandsons.

DarlAnn (Swayze) Rial '58 died June 17, 2019. DarlAnn was employed at various newspapers while raising her children. Upon retirement, she continued to work supporting the renovation/preservation of Nemaha County historic buildings as a grant writer-administrator. She served 35 years as a Girl Scout volunteer at troop, district, and council level-programs. DarlAnn is survived by four children, 12 grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Naomi "Jo" (Brosius) Call '58 died Dec. 11, 2019. Jo worked for Phil Stop for many years until her retirement. In her retirement, she became a foster grandparent for USD 470. She was a longtime member of the United Methodist Church and enjoyed sewing, baking, and spending time with her family. Jo is survived by five children, including **Darla (Call) Mann** '86 (Darin Mann '97), 15 grandchildren, and 19 great-grandchildren.

James Ballinger '59 died Sept. 4, 2018. Jim worked as an electronics technician for Sears for 22 years and later retired from American Salt, where he worked as powder man and hoist operator. He loved fishing and spending time on his computer. Jim is survived by his wife, Clarita, and a son.

Glenn Combs '60 died May 31, 2020. Glenn sptent his career working for Boeing. He is survived by his wife, Linda, son, **Troy Combs '01**, and two grandchildren, including **Chase Combs '10**.

Max DaMetz '60 died Aug. 16, 2020. Max was a pastor for 35 years and served churches in Udall, Stanley, Kinsley, Wichita, and Drummond, Okla. He also served as vice president and president of the Kansas Oklahoma Conference of Churches. Max is survived by his wife of 77 years, Lillie (Bishop) DaMetz '65, two daughters, nine grandchildren, and 16 great-grandchildren.

Isaac Koby '60 died June 6, 2019. Isaac taught for six years before changing careers and becoming a marketing representative for Mobil Oil. He retired as a manager in the purchasing department for MCI in 1998. Isaac and his wife enjoyed traveling, they visited all 50 states and four continents. Isaac is survived by his wife, Irene, two children, three granddaughters, and three great-grandchildren. Church and enjoyed reading and playing bridge. Linda is survived by her cousin **Dorothy Fisher '92**.

Herman Hoberecht '61 died May 8, 2020.

Jerri (Krehbiel) Rang '61 died Aug. 19, 2020. Jerri taught piano for 50 years and had a select handful of students when she died. She enjoyed playing the piano and organ, reading, doing puzzles, playing bridge, canoeing, fishing, and bicycling. Jerri served on the boards of the New Richmond Fine Arts Council and Friends of the Friday Memorial Library and served on many committees in her church. Jerri is survived by her husband, Charles, two children, and three grandchildren.

Dennis Faris '61 died March 7, 2019. Dennis worked as a finance manager for the Boeing Company for 36 years. During his retirement, he enjoyed playing golf. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Mareta, two sons, five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Harold McCormack '62 died July 2, 2020. Harold was a farmer and rancher. He was a member of the United Methodist Church and served as a board member for Rural Water District #1, Greenwood County Farm Bureau, Farm Service Agency, Fall River township board, and was a past 4-H Leader. He is survived by his wife, Linda, four children, 10 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Mark Arthur, Jr '62 died May 2, 2019. Mark joined the law firm Holland, Thompson, & Arthur in 1964 after graduating with a law degree. He helped establish the Russel Community Theatre where he enjoyed acting and directing. He loved to hunt and fish, bird watch, read, eat gourmet meals, and dance with his wife, Judy. Mark is survived by, two children, including Danica Hoffman '88, and seven grandchildren.

Phillip "Phil" Logan '62 died on June 30, 2019. Phil retired from teaching in 1989. He was a French teacher in the Anchorage school district. He was actively involved in his church in various roles which included Sunday school teacher, youth leader, and church Deacon. In retirement he enjoyed caring for his grandchildren, attending the Great Alaska Shoot Out, and Glacier Pilots Baseball games. He is survived by his wife, Betty, four daughters, 11 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

Benn Gibson: brilliant and kind



Benn Gibson '61 died July 29, 2020. Benn taught at the University of Georgia, Oberlin Conservatory and Bennett College, and for several years he chaired the music department and led the choir at Hiram College. Benn returned to Winfield in 1977, joining Southwestern as associate dean. He was vice president for college services at the time of his retirement in 2002.

A skilled computer programmer, Benn taught courses at Southwestern and St. John's colleges, and consulted for a number of Winfield businesses as they adopted computerized record keeping. For several years he helped Philip Kelley to develop research materials for the Wedgestone Press publication of the Browning Correspondence.

Benn loved reading, travel, art, architecture, Colorado, and especially his family and Winfield. Benn is survived by his husband, James Leland.

and sixth grades in Ohio and Kansas. She also worked at Sears and Hertz Farm Management. Jo Ann is survived by three children, four grandchildren, sister, **Virginia (Farney) Farish '59**, and cousin, **Dr. Jim Farney '53 (Bette Farney '52)**.

Sharon Zimmerman '63 died May 2, 2020. Sharon worked at Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, retiring in 2003. She enjoyed playing tennis, reading, and gardening. Sharon is survived by three children, 12 grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Thomas Hafner, husband of Florence (Stauffer) Hafner '63, died Jan. 20, 2020. He is survived by his wife.

Gladys (Kessey) Lockyear '64 died Dec. 17, 2019. Gladys taught at South Vernon School until retiring in 1991. She was an avid doll collector and enjoyed flying all over the country as a member of the Civil Air Patrol, including trips to NASA. Gladys is survived by two children, five grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Carol (Fast) Rader '64 died Feb. 26, 2019. Carol was a retired Swaney Elementary teacher. She was a youth group leader, piano player and teacher, and a member of PEO, United Methodist Women, and Assistant League of Oklahoma and enjoyed traveling and playing golf. Carol is survived by her husband, Larry, two children, and two grandsons.

Gala (Knifley) Tharp '64 died Jan. 5, 2019. Gala was an administrative assistant for the ORU Center for Instructional Services until becoming the assistant to the dean of the dental school. Upon the closing of the dental school, she worked the last 26 years as office manager and administrative assistant for scientific Computer Applications, Inc. Gala is survived by husband, Robert, three children, and her four grandchildren. husband, Paul, three children, eight grandchildren, and one great-grand-child.

William Veach '64 died April 9, 2020. Bill was a radioman/telegrapher during the Vietnam conflict and worked as a professional photographer for several years in Colorado. In the 80's, Bill began working as a recreation therapist at the Enid State School for the developmentally disabled. He then worked for Braum's Stores in Enid, Okla for 24 years until he began having health issues.

Harry Betts '65 died March 10, 2020. Harry was a retired United

Methodist minister. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Annette, two children, Jerald Betts '90 (Annelle Persinger '91) and Heather (Betts) Williams



'94, and five grandchildren.

Jim Elland '65 died Jan. 1, 2020. Jim served as Pastor of West Alameda Community Baptist Church, located at Eaton Senior Communities in Lakewood, Colo., for 33 years. During that time, he also served as Director of Mission and Ministry at Eaton Senior Communities, where more than 250 low- and moderate-income seniors made their home. Jim is survived by his wife, Beth, two daughters, and two granddaughters.

Judith (Williams) Alley '64 died March 5, 2019. Judith owned Judy's

Linda Ormiston '60 died Nov. 7, 2019. Linda enjoyed a lifelong career in public service, working as an eligibility employee for the State of Kansas. She was an active member of ESA Sorority and the Presbyterian Sheldon Bergstrom '62 died April 23, 2019. Sheldon taught school for 15 years prior to owning and operating Bergstrom Greenhouse and Nursery for 39 years. Sheldon is survived by his wife, Jean, three children, including Dallas Bergstrom '88 and Chris Bergstrom '86, 11 grandchildren, including Sierra (Bergstrom) Eberle '10, and nine great-grandchildren.

Jo Ann (Lewallen) Sievers '61 died Sept. 17, 2020. Jo Ann taught fifth

Wendy (Downs) Wagler '64 died May 26, 2019. Wendy worked at Mercy Medical Center, Antenna Craft, Winegard, Champion Spark Plug, and American Greetings. She enjoyed playing cards, singing, and playing the clarinet. Wendy is survived by her Dust Dolls. She enjoyed painting ceramics, working in her flower beds, playing bingo, and was a huge dirttrack racing fan. Judy is survived by four sons, eight grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Judith (Marvel) Barrett '65 died Feb. 6, 2020. Judy taught and substitute taught in Pensacola, Fla., Brunswick, Ga., and San Diego, Calif. After moving with her family to Kansas in 1970, she taught and substitute taught in the Shawnee Mission School District and later worked for a CPA. She enjoyed spending time with her family and friends and cherished her time with her grandchildren. She was an active member of Asbury United

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Methodist Church and a dedicated volunteer for Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) and Harvester's Back Snack program with Santa Fe Trail School. Judy is survived by her husband, **Orville Barrett '65**, two children, her sisters **Cynthia Swanson '63**, and Sara Townsend, and four grandchildren.

Carolyn (Sims) Sneed '66 died May 29, 2020. Carolyn taught first, third, and fourth grades during her 34 year tenure at Oxford Elementary. She was an active member of Oxford United

Methodist Church, where she loved singing in the choir and teaching Vacation Bible School. She enjoyed doing crafts, playing piano,



singing, snuggling with her cats, and baking elaborately decorated cakes. Carolyn is survived by three children, including **Camille Richert '97**, and six grandchildren.

David "Bob" Spears '66 died April 19, 2020. After Bob received his master's degree in 1970, he began practicing as a psychologist working at the Winfield State Hospital for 33 years. He was a member of First United Methodist Church and enjoyed playing golf. Bob is survived by his wife, Mary Carol, two children, five grandchildren, and two great-granddaughters.

James McQuown '66 died Aug. 10, 2020. Jim was a physical education teacher in the Punxsutawney, Pa., Area School District for 36 years where he also coached football and track and was the Special Olympics coordinator. In 2004, he was inducted into the Southwestern College Athletic Hall of Fame. Jim is survived by his wife of 52 years, Evie, and three children.

Dorothy (Lee) Emert '66 died Jan. 23, 2020. Dorothy worked as an insurance filing clerk for the Halstead Hospital. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, the Order of the Eastern Star, and was serving as the president of Ruth-Wilson American Legion. Her most important work was opening her home as a foster parent to many children. Dorothy is survived by two sons and three grandchildren. **William Dymacek '67** died Dec. 6, 2019. Bill taught middle school for 34 years. He was honored with a Southwestern Bell teaching grant and was voted Earth Science Teacher of the Year in 2000 by the Kansas Earth Science Teachers Assoc. and the Kansas Geological Foundation. Upon his retirement in 2001, he substitute taught in four districts until 2016. He is survived by his wife, Merilee, and two daughters.

John Kent, Jr. '68 died June 27, 2019. John worked at Boeing for 27 years, spending the majority of his career working as a second level manager over structural/metal bonding processes. John is survived by his wife, Kelley, two daughters, and three grandchildren.

Joe Perrigo '68 died Nov. 11, 2019. Joe served several churches across the United States. During his ministerial years, much of his focus was on the deaf community. He enjoyed painting, researching his family's genealogy, and playing many instruments. Joe is survived by his son.

Craig Dial '68 died Nov. 4, 2019. Craig served in the U.S. Army where he was awarded two Purple Hearts, two Bronze Stars, two Army Commendation Medals, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, and other recognitions for his valor. From 1987 to 2013, Craig worked at Red Bird Mission. After retirement, he was very active in the Covenant United Methodist Church where he served as a choir member, Sunday School teacher, and Crossroads volunteer. Craig is survived by his daughter, twin brother Keith Dial '68, sisters, Jolene Davis '69 and Jeanette (Kuhns) '72 married to Les Kuhns '72, four grandchildren, and a great-grandson.

Arthur "Bob" McClure '69 died Sept. 20, 2020. Bob taught eighth grade social studies for 21 years until his retirement in 1989, after which he enjoyed RVing. Bob is survived by two daughters, including Chris Hutchens '93, four grandchildren, including Catherine Clause '05, and seven great-grandchildren.

Susan (Brown) Haverkorn '69 died May 30, 2019. Susan taught third and

fourth grades in the Widefield School District for 35 years, retiring in 2006. She was a member of the Colorado Springs Corvette Club and the Classic Chevys of Colorado Club. Susan is survived by her husband of 50 years, Dwight, and three children.

LeAnn Stephens, wife of Bill Stephens '69, died April 19, 2020. LeAnn is survived by her husband, son, and granddaughter. The family suggests gifts to the Southwestern College Builder Fund in her memory.

Rebecca (King) Solberg '70 died Dec. 24, 2019. Becki worked as a teacher with the BIA. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, and was involved with the bell choir and helped with Sunday School music. Becki is survived by her husband, Keith, two children, and two grandchildren.

Carol Fanshier, wife of David Fanshier '70, died Aug. 12, 2019. She is survived by her husband, five children, 12 grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

William "Perry" McKeen died Jan. 20, 2020. Perry retired from Marysville High School where he taught history and government and coached football and girls track. He enjoyed hunting and camping. Perry is survived by his wife, Shirley, three daughters, and five grandchildren.

Gordon Peters '71 died July 16, 2019, after a hard fight with pancreatic cancer. Gordon was a conductor for the Santa Fe/BNSF Railroad. He built a family farm south of Emporia where he enjoyed many amazing adventures. Gordon is survived by his wife, Mary, three children, and five grandchildren.

Steven Brass '71 died Sept. 3, 2019. Steve managed several ranches and was involved in the Beefmaster Cattle Industry for 20 years. He was a passionate musician, gifted in playing the guitar and piano. Steve is survived by his wife, **Patti (Smith) Brass '73**, three children, five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Janet (Brownlee) Kirchner '71 died Feb. 4, 2020. Most of Jan's career was spent teaching sixth grade at Pawhuska Indian Camp where she was also the jr. high girls basketball coach for a few seasons and the high school softball coach. She loved the KC Royals and all things softball. Janet is survived by her husband, Joe, two daughters, and two grandchildren. **Elvin Hatfield '72** died June 28, 2019. After Elvin completed his military service in the U.S. Army he joined the Arkansas City Police Department,

where he soon earned the rank of detective. Elvin taught Criminal Justice at Cowley College and earned many accommodations, including being named



one of the top 50 community college instructors in the nation. Elvin is survived by his wife of 52 years, **Dixie Hatfield '89/'94**, two daughters, and four grandchildren.

John Miles '72 died March 13, 2020. John specialized in oil and gas accounting, working for Garvey, Eagle, Range, and McCoy. He enjoyed complicated accounting questions, philosophy, history, literature, and football. John is survived by his wife, Ann, two children, and three grandchildren.

Donald Snyder '73 died July 28, 2020. Don was called into the ministry later in life and served numerous congregations in the Kansas West Conference of the United Methodist Church. He was dedicated to helping young men through Boy Scouts of America, serving as a Troop Scoutmaster, National Chaplin, and Dean of the Canadian Wilderness Canoe Camp. Don is survived by his wife of 68 years, Darlene, two sons, including **Robert Snyder '75**, seven grandchildren, including **Stacie Danks '00**, and three great-grandchildren.

Debra (Bower) Rhea '76 died Aug. 7, 2019, after a courageous battle with breast cancer. Debra taught elementary physical education until the arrival of her children. Later, she worked at Trio's and the Plaid Giraffe for 25 years where she applied her design talent and love for beautiful home décor. She was a member of the Wichita Junior League and was actively involved with her sorority, Beta Sigma Phi. Debra is survived by her husband, **Terry Rhea '75**, two sons, and four grandchildren.

Jean (Schneider) Golway '77 died Sept. 4, 2019. Jean was the director of nutrition for Friendship Meals. She was a master gardener and a longtime member of Delta Gamma Sorority. Jean is survived by her husband, Har-

Lorine Kieler: Builder and Renaissance woman



Lorine Martin Kieler '70 died Nov. 20, 2019. Lorine studied, taught, and/or was employed at many colleges and universities where she focused on the study of history and religion, and teaching. Her passions included the appreciation of other cultures, living an inclusive life, music, literature, beauty, and the arts, as well as an enjoyment of nature. She enjoyed traveling and had a love for nature.

Lorine is survived by her husband, Harold, son, **Bill Kieler '85**, and five grandchildren.

The family suggested that gifts in her memory be made to the Gilmour-Martin-Kieler Foreign Language Scholarship Endowment at Southwestern. **Cheryl (Phillips) Hainkel '72** died Feb. 4, 2019. Cheryl was employed by the Social Security Administration rising to the position of claims representative. She was also Regional Vice President of Council 220 of the AFGE, retiring in 2015 after 40 years with the agency. Cheryl was active in the VFW and Military Order of the Cooties. She is survived by her husband of 34 years, TJ. rison, three children, and six grandchildren.

Linda "Gail" (Keasling) Burkett, '77 died April 5, 2020. Gail spent most of her career working in special education in Arkansas City. She loved to travel and had been all around the world, including Germany, Austria, France, Ireland, Italy, Iceland, and most recently the Panama Canal. Gail is survived by her husband, Dennis, two children, and three grandchildren.

Debra Crow, wife of Norman

Crow '77 died July 13, 2019. She is survived by her husband, four children, and five grandchildren.

Anita (Lawrence) Stull '78 died June 21, 2019, after a valiant battle

with cancer. She was an avid explorer

and enjoyed annual Jeeping vacations in the Colorado Rockies and San Juan Mountains. Anita is survived by her husband, William, sisters, Nancy



(Lawrence) Travis '69 and Martha (Lawrence) Fitzwater '71, and her beloved rescued Cairn Terrier, Catey.

Chrystal (Partin) McKinney '80 died June 20, 2020. Although she graduated with a teaching degree, Chrystal enjoyed a career as an interior designer, some of her work was featured in Better Homes and Gardens magazine. She was an adventurer, dreamer, and the life of the party. Chrystal is survived by her husband of 40 years, Rick McKinney '81, two children, and five grandchildren.

Stephen McCollum '80 died Aug. 17, 2020. Stephen worked for Texas Instruments, the Dallas Airport, and taught in multiple districts across Kansas. He was a great cook, an avid reader, and loved all things science. Stephen is survived by his wife, Susan.

Kody Kearns '80, died May 15, 2020. Kody's work experiences included Winfield State Hospital Training Center, the information technology department at the University of Nevada as webmaster at both the Henderson and Las Vegas campuses, and most recently was with Audiovisual Innovators in Lafayette, La. He was an avid reader, particularly fond of science fiction, and became fascinated by computers. Kody is survived by two daughters and one grandson.

Shirley "Coleen" (Morris) Estep '81/'94 died April 17, 2020. Coleen

worked as an accounting analyst for General Electric Engine Service at Strother Field for 25 years, retiring in 1992. She was a member of First



United Methodist Church, served

on the USD 470 school board, and served as accountant for the Arkansas City chapter of Habitat for Humanity. Coleen is survived by her husband, Gil, three children, five grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and a great-great-grandchild.

James Sigurdson '82 died Dec. 26, 2019. Jim worked for the JM Smucker Company for 21 years. He enjoyed camping, golf, and spending time with his friends.

Melinda Ross, wife of Stephen Ross '82, died Aug. 1, 2019. She is survived by her husband, three children, seven grandchildren, and a great-grandchild.

Donald Himpel '85 died July 7, 2019, from acute respiratory distress syndrome. Don worked as an estate

planning attorney at the law firm Stone & Wood in Santa Monica, Calif., where he became partner and co-owner. Don



Gay Men's Chorus in Los Angeles and was a skilled sewer and knitter. Don is survived by his husband, William, and a daughter.

Mark Richardson, husband of Janice Richardson '87, died June 16, 2020. Mark is survived by his wife, two sons, and two grandchildren.

Reed Brammer, husband of Vicki (Gonzales) '87, died June 17, 2020. Reed is survived by his wife, two children, including Carmen Brammer '13, and one granddaughter.

Suzanne Underwood '89 died July 14, 2020. Suzanne earned a master's degree from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. She loved gardens, outdoor music, kittens, singing in the church choir, cheering loudly for the Razorbacks, and her friends.

Lori Branine '92 died April 18, 2020. Lori dedicated her life to serving the children as a kindergarten teacher and later librarian at Belle Plaine Elementary School. She is survived by her husband, Terry, two

sons, and two grandchildren.

Karen Mitchell '94 died June 23, 2020. She is survived by two children and a grandson.

Shirell (Stout) Jordan '96 died Aug. 12, 2020. Shirell worked at Beech Aircraft in Wichita for 21 years. She enjoyed reading, playing card games, going to the lake, skiing, and boating. Shirell is survived by two daughters and six grandchildren.

Donald Hansen '98 died June 22, 2020. Donald worked as a metrologist and he worked for Beechcraft for 23 years. He enjoyed cooking, 70's music, collecting Frankoma Pottery, and spending time with his family. Donald is survived by his wife, Jansie, four children, and five grandchildren.

Doug Demaree, husband of Lisa (Darland) Demaree '99, died June 13, 2020. Doug is survived by his wife, three children, and nine grandchildren.

Deirdre "Dee" (Baxter) Thornton '00 died June 7, 2019. Dee worked as a civilian Budget Technician at McConnell AFB for over 25 years. She was a faithful member of St. Mark United Methodist Church for over 25 years. Dee is survived by her husband, Steven Thornton '00, a son, and two grandchildren.

Larry Jones '03 died Nov. 28, 2019, from pancreatic cancer. Larry worked as an over-the-road truck driver for FedEx Freight. He enjoyed fishing and hunting. Larry is survived by his wife, Beverly, a son, and two grandsons.

Kelly Duncan '04 died on April 14, 2020. He worked as an avionics technician at Honeywell until retirement. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, winning, and the KC Chiefs. Kelly is survived by two daughters.

Ken Morse, husband of Nancy Morse '04, died April 19, 2020. He is survived by his wife, three daughters, and nine grandchildren.

Sadee Kay McCorgary, infant daughter of Shana (Biddle) '06 and Aaron McCorgary, died on June 6, 2019. She is survived by her parents, and seven siblings.

nician for various aircraft companies before finding a home at the Veterans Affairs assisting those in need. Jospeh is survived by two daughters.

Frank Glenn '17 died July 20, 2020. Frank was retired from the Kansas Air National Guard. He is survived by his wife, Melinda, two children, and four grandchildren.

IN MEMORIAM **OF FRIENDS**

Eleanor King Richardson, friend of Southwestern College, died July 20, 2019, at Cumbernauld Village. Eleanor was preceded in death by her husband, Leonard Richardson '50. Survivors include her children, Ann L. Richardson '77, Beth (Wilke) '78 married to Steve Wilke '78, and David Richardson, five grandchildren including Joel Wilke '07 (Lindsay (Morgan) Wilke '08) and Julie Wilke '09/'11/'18, and nine great-grandchildren.

Mildred Helmer, friend of Southwestern, died Sept. 11, 2019. Mildred is survived by her children, Ron Helmer '70, Jim Helmer '71 (Deb Settle Helmer '71), and Lynnette St. Vrain '76, eight grandchildren including Cory Helmer '99 (Nichole Ferguson '10), Victoria Arther '99, Cassie Turner '02/'08, Kristi Rowe '03 (Luellic Rowe '04), Justin Helmer '04, Ashley (Helmer) Riley '08 (Wendell Riley '06), and 16 great-grandchildren.

Newton Richardson, longtime friend of the college, passed away on Aug. 2, 2019. Newt, along with brother Leonard Richardson '50, were the force behind Richardson Bros. Con-

struction Company. For over three decades, they were the builders of Winfield. Strother Field, and surrounding communities, and in recognition of their work,



were given the first Business Builder Award bestowed by Southwestern. In 2009, the brothers gave the college a commercial building in downtown Winfield, which enabled the college to move Little Builders preschool program off campus, making it more convenient for the parents of preschoolers. Newt is survived by his wife of 70 years, Doris Richardson '63, daughters Susan Lowe '95 (George Lowe '74) and Alice Simmons, son Stan Richardson (Ann Myers Richardson '77), seven grandsons including Builders Scott Lowe '98 (Dana Campbell Lowe) and Jeffrey Newton Lowe '01 (Brooke Youle Lowe '01), and 22 great grandchildren.

Daniel Nutter: a passion for books and nature



Daniel Nutter, former librarian, died March 21, 2019. Daniel was awarded the Southwestern College Ambassador Award in 2016. He became a Master Gardner and a Master Naturalist and was a member of the Burnet County Fair Board, Birds and Wildflower Society, and the First United Methodist Church of Marble Falls.

Daniel is survived by his two children, Charles Nutter and Margaret Wofford '87, and granddaughter Leslie Wofford '19. The family has suggesed memorial contributions be made to the Southwestern College Builder Fund in his memory.

Manuel "Manny" Mendoza Jr. '07 died Jan. 2020. Manny was an eloquent gifted writer and was a known staple of the LGBT Community and volunteered at Pride many times. He loved music, dancing, and being the life of the party. Manny is survived by his beloved dog Rugby who he called his son.

Joseph Couture '11 died May 22, 2019. Joe joined the U.S. Navy reaching the rank of Petty Officer 2nd class. After six years of honorable service, Joe worked as an avionics tech-

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A mound of good Memories



















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Forward / Now campaign launches toward \$12M goal

n the evening of February 25, 2021, President Brad Andrews and Patrick Wagner, vice president for institutional advancement, hosted a live broadcast from the 77 steps. In the background, Christy Administration Building was emblazoned in dramatic purple light calling attention to the special event.

The livestearm began and the two officially kicked-off the public phase of Southwestern's capital campaign, Forward / Now. They took turns introducing video segments featuring alumni, students, and staff of the college who outlined the importance each component included as part of the campaign.

"While we weren't able to host an in-person

event to celebrate the initiatives of this campaign, going live from the 77 was an exciting way to gather the Builder family to celebrate the future of Southwestern College," said Wagner.

Forward / Now was born of a campus-wide strategic prioritization process and is focused on positively impacting the student experience in an immediate way.

As a project is funded, work begins. Accordingly the Center for Career and Vocation has been staffed and in operation since construction concluded nearly two years ago. It has been an important resource for students since.

Additionally, as a part of the campaign, a learning

space on campus has already been transformed. The Jewell Family Learning Lab for the Natural Sciences hosts formal and informal study groups and tutoring sessions in addition to numerous classes.

"Moundbuilders move the world forward in positive and important ways, and our students, these Builders need Southwestern College now more than ever," said Andrews during the live broadcast.

At the time of publication \$9.5 million of the \$12 million campaign goal has been raised. The Forward /Now campaign is set to complete in early 2022.

The archived video of the Live from The 77 event may be viewed on Southwestern's YouTube channel or by visiting sckans.edu/ForwardNow.



CAMPAIGN LEADERSHIP

David Smith '73 | Co-Chair

Students and faculty have identified specific projects that Forward / Now will immediately impact:

// GROWING BUILDER FUND

Unrestricted gifts to Southwestern's Builder Fund provide critical resources to enhance the Southwestern College experience—by supporting academics, scholarships and financial aid, athletics, arts, student life, sustainability and every other aspect of the college.

// DEVELOPING AN INTERDISCIPLINARY HONORS PROGRAM

The Honors Program at Southwestern College will offer opportunities for highly motivated students to dive deeper into their academic interests, while simultaneously developing critical thinking skills and community. The SC Honors Program will be rooted in the tradition of liberal arts, establishing an interdisciplinary academic experience that draws on innovative approaches to teaching and learning.

Linda Smith | Co-Chair Scott Hecht '90 | Co-Chair Shelley Hecht '90 | Co-Chair Bob Jewell '77 Steph Kesler '80 Angela Mayorga May '97 Hal Reed '71 Rod Strohl '66 Robin Walker '99

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// ESTABLISHING PREMIER LEARNING SPACES IN EACH ACADEMIC BUILDING

Leveraging feedback from the campus community, underutilized spaces in each academic building on campus will be transformed into innovative, engaging and resource-rich educational environments where faculty are proud to teach and where students are excited to learn.

// BUILDING THE BRUCE DEHAVEN ATHLETIC CENTER

The traditions of team athletics and of character development through sport are intricately woven into the history of Southwestern College. A new training and practice facility on campus will create attractive and much-needed indoor team meeting, locker room and weight training space.

// OPENING AND STAFFING A CENTER FOR CAREER AND VOCATION

The Center for Career and Vocation supports and empowers students as they identify personal values, interests, skills, and strengths. The center provides opportunities for students to explore occupations, gain valuable experience and make connections to employers, graduate programs, and other resources.

// RESIDENCE HALL RENOVATIONS

The comfort and amenities provided in residential spaces are of great importance to prospective students and their families as they consider a college. Renovating campus residence halls will create more inviting and comfortable accommodations for our growing student population.

Day of Giving Surpasses Goal

DAY OF GIVING TOTALS:

2021 \$203,299 397 Donors





DONOR MAP

Most donors were from Kansas, Texas, Oklahoma, Missouri, and Colorado



DONOR AFFILIATIONS

- 53[%] ALUMNI
- **STUDENTS**
- PARENTS

Builders connect online and Step Up for SC

he strength and dedication of Builder Nation never ceases to amaze me. In the words of Larry Williams '60, "We Builders always find a way to move forward and lead." In a time when much of the world feels disconnected, the alumni office has been hosting Virtual Alumni Meet Ups to share what is happening here at the college.



President Andrews gave a state of the college, Rodney Worsham gave us a glimpse into the admissions process, Dawn Pleas spoke about the strong tradition of diversity, and so much more. If you've missed one of our Virtual Meet Ups, video recordings are available at *sckans.edu/MeetUp*. Even as we are looking forward to hosting more virtual gatherings in the near future, we can't wait to see you on campus next year for homecoming, Winterfest, Founders Weekend and more.

On March 25, 2021, we held our second annual day of giving-Step Up for Southwestern. On this special day of giving all gifts made to the Builder Fund were matched dollar-for-dollar by a group of generous donors. Builders from across the world joined in support of the students of Southwestern College. Two special Builders in particular, Joe '61 and Clesteele (Justice) '62 Anderson, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary by stepping up for Southwestern. To see all of the statistics for the day visit *sckans.edu/StepUp*.

Please, don't forget if you've moved, started a new job, received an award, expanded your family, etc., we want to know. Submit your updates by visiting sckans.edu/WhatsNew.

Go Builders!

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Director of Annual Giving and Alumni Engagement

Check out the virtual meet up archive: sckans.edu/MeetUp







lissa Sheppard '12



Brad Andrews



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CLASSES WITH THE MOST DONORS:

- 1971
- 1972
- 1970
- 1975
- 2009
- 2011
- 1964
- 1976
- 1977



Rodney Worsham



Molly Just '12



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Krystal Winn '08

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We lit Christy up in purple to celebrate the launch of the Forward / Now campaign. If you missed the live broadcast of the event you may watch it, learn more about the campaign initiatives, and make a gift at sckans.edu/ForwardNow

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