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“Bridge of Sighs” by Anna Carpenter ’16 won third place in the Facebook Fans’ Choice category in the 2014-15 Associated Colleges of the Midwest study abroad photo contest. More off-campus study photo contest entries are featured in this issue of the Courier.
BRITISH NAVAL SUPREMACY AND ANGLO-AMERICAN ANTAGONISMS, 1914–1930  
By Donald Lisio

During World War I, British naval supremacy enabled it to impose economic blockades and interdiction of American neutral shipping. The United States responded by building “a navy second to none,” one so powerful that Great Britain could not again successfully challenge America’s vital economic interests.

This book reveals that when the United States offered to substitute naval equality for its emerging naval supremacy, the British, nonetheless, used the resulting two major international arms-control conferences of the 1920s to ensure its continued naval dominance.

“British Naval Supremacy and Anglo-American Antagonisms, 1914-1930” sheds new light on the underlying military objectives of arms-control diplomacy during the 1920s, reveals the secret reasons why the Admiralty felt compelled to mislead both the British Cabinet and American leaders prior to the 1927 Geneva Naval Conference, and details the successful British diplomatic sleight of hand at the Washington Naval Conference of 1921-22 that ensured its continued naval supremacy.

The book was written by Donald Lisio, the Henrietta Arnold Professor Emeritus of History at Coe College. His previous publications include “The President and Protest: Hoover, Conspiracy, and the Bonus Riot” (1974) and “Hoover, Blacks, and Lily Whites: A Study of Southern Strategies” (1994). He received his Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin, Madison.


THE WAY WE WERE  
By the Rev. John Rosenberg ‘57 and Barb Williams Rosenberg ‘58

From humble beginnings as children of the Great Depression, “The Way We Were” chronicles the life’s journey of Coe College sweethearts John Rosenberg ‘57 and Barb Williams Rosenberg ‘58. After meeting when he was in the ninth grade, John and Barb began dating and the rest of the story tells of their shared joys and trials as they went on to Coe together, married and raised four children.

John knew he had a book to write, but wasn’t sure how to go about it. He got help from Linda Schmidt of Memory Echoes and met with her every week for a year as they collaborated on this book. While she usually writes based on client interviews, John is a good writer and provided handwritten chapters, photos, newspaper articles and letters to include. Barb also contributed much material and the book is a labor of love.

A football star in high school and at Coe, John’s love of sports shines in “The Way We Were.” In addition to three Kohawk football letters, he won All-Midwest Conference honors on the undefeated championship team of 1955 and he captained the squad in 1956. John also lettered in baseball, playing first base, and won Coe’s first individual wrestling championship after his brother, Dave Rosenberg ‘55, started the wrestling program at Coe.

“He gathered some previous wrestlers and asked Major Brooks from ROTC to be their official coach,” John wrote. “He had no experience and they taught each other. Dave asked me my sophomore year to come out and help them and I couldn’t say no. I reminded him that I had never wrestled before and he said, ‘I’ll tell you what to do during the matches, we need bodies.’ He made me a conference champ by literally yelling my moves to me.”

A charter member of the Coe Athletics Hall of Fame in 1973, John applied the same confidence and talent to his many business endeavors, including J.R. Sales Engineering, Cedar Terrace Mobile Homes, Cardinal Craft Inc., Hiawatha Mobile Homes, St. Andrew’s Golf, and the ABC Store.

John and Barb’s four children – Gretchen, Sonnie, Karlan, and Karl – are documented with many delightful stories and family photos. A chapter is written by Sonnie and her children, whose lives have been greatly impacted by husband/father Jim Boniface’s disability as he suffers a neural disease contracted during the time of his involvement in Operation Desert Storm.

John and Barb wrote of their love of running, biking and skiing. A chapter tells of their love affair with the Colorado mountains, where they built a house in Keystone. They were among the first investors for the Keystone ski resort in 1970. The whole family enjoyed skiing and many friends joined them on their skiing vacations.

Last but not least, John tells how he went to seminary at age 64 and became the oldest graduate from Wartburg Theological Seminary in 2003. Barb took classes along with John and was very helpful to him in his studies, especially with the Greek and Hebrew languages. John became ordained as a part-time pastor at St. Mark’s Lutheran Church, then was called as interim pastor for one year at Bethany Lutheran Church in West Branch. He moved on to pastor Seeds of Faith in Mt. Vernon/Lisbon. He spearheaded a building project at that church and helped the congregation realize their dream of a church building.

The book includes a couple of John’s sermons and many inspirational messages that he wrote for the church publication “The Seedling.” His testimony of Christian faith is shared throughout the book. At 415 pages, “The Way We Were” is the largest tome produced by Memory Echoes (www.memoryechoes.com). The book may be downloaded for free at http://tinyurl.com/ndfc3nd.

CONSTRAINTS OF AGENCY: EXPLORATIONS OF THEORY IN EVERYDAY LIFE  
By Craig Gruber, Matthew Clark ’95, Sven Klempe and Jaan Valsiner

Volume 12 in the Annals of Theoretical Psychology, this book explores the basic concept of agency and develops it further in psychology, using it to better understand and explain psychological processes and behavior. More importantly, this book seeks to put an emphasis on the role of agency in four distinct settings: history of psychology, neuroscience, psychology of religion, and socio-cultural theories of co-agency.

In “Constraints of Agency,” the contributors explore a number of new ways to look at agency in psychology. This volume seeks to develop a systematic theory of axioms for agency. It
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Gelhaus holds a bachelor's in biosocial science and psychology from Coe and a master's in preventative medicine and environmental health from the University of Iowa. After working

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driver's seat.

RESET YOUR LIFE PATH: FIND YOUR PURPOSE, CHANGE THE WORLD
By Mark Gelhaus ‘79

If you find yourself wanting to make a change but unsure of how to proceed, then “Reset Your Life Path” is for you.

More than a road map, “Reset Your Life Path” is a call to action written by trusted life coach Mark Gelhaus ’79, who left his marketing career to help others reinvent their careers or transform their lives. Packed with helpful tips, exercises, profiles and a proven 10-step method for enacting lasting, positive change, “Reset Your Life Path” will not only inspire you—it will set you ablaze on a brand-new trail!

In this guided journey, you will discover your “life’s purpose,” your true compass for moving forward; “hidden forces” that could be holding you back from “offering your gift” to the world; and then your journey will conclude with your new life path plan. Along the way, you’ll be inspired by celebrities like Ellen DeGeneres, historical figures, business icons, and other people just like you who’ve all reinvented themselves and are changing the world in extraordinary ways.

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driver's seat.

DOG TRAINING & TRICKS: THE GUIDE TO RAISING AND SHOWING A WELL-BEHAVED DOG
By Tammie Johnson Rogers ‘82

Have you ever gone to the park and gazed enviously as the nearby yellow lab obediently followed his owner’s commands? Have you endured the keen sting of public embarrassment as your Chihuahua deemed it appropriate to mark a stranger’s leg? Or perhaps your dog is completely

housetrained, but you’re hoping to take it to the next level with some competition-worthy talents.

If you nodded at any of the above, this book is for you. Written by professional dog-training instructor Tammie Johnson Rogers ‘82, “Dog Training & Tricks” (previously “4-H Guide: Dog Training & Dog Tricks”) is a fully illustrated, easy-to-follow guide for teaching your dog everything he needs to know from how to sit down to how to turn off the lights.

Strengthen your bond with your pup as you train him to follow confident commands drawn from three training methods: the Social Compliance Method, the Incentive Method, and the Comprehensive Method. Rogers’ clear, reader-friendly instructions are illustrated with

step-by-step, full-color photos so you can easily follow along.

Teach your young canine the basics of social manners; prepare your dog for competition through comprehensive obedience-trial exercises; or skip the formalities altogether and get straight to the tricks: jumping through hoops, crawling through tunnels, taking clothes out of the dryer, and more. With “Dog Training &

Tricks,” you and your dog can master some truly amazing feats – and have fun in the process.

Rogers and her husband, Robert, live in Brownstown, Illinois, where they operate DarnFar Ranch (www.darnfar.com), a full-service, professional dog-training facility. Assisted by

border collies, they also maintain a commercial flock of Dorper-cross sheep. Rogers provides instruction in basic through advanced obedience, service dog training and livestock herding,

and she teaches 4-H dog-training classes. Several of her students have earned high honors at the state fair. In 2002, Rogers left a 20-year career as a biologist in the biomedical field to
devote her full attention to dogs and their people. In 2011, they founded Committed Canine, a not-for-profit corporation dedicated to the training and education of service dogs and

their disabled handlers.


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Coe again named a top producer of U.S. Fulbright scholars

For the second time in three years, Coe College has been named a top producer of U.S. Fulbright scholars when compared with colleges across the country. The Fulbright Program is the U.S. government’s flagship international educational exchange program.

The U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs recently announced the colleges and universities that produced the most 2014-15 Fulbright awardees. This year, Coe is tied for 29th nationally for the number of recent alumni who received Fulbrights among bachelor’s institutions. The top-producing institutions are highlighted in the Feb. 12 edition of The Chronicle of Higher Education.

Coe has established itself as a leading national producer of Fulbright scholars, with 12 awardees in the past three years alone. This continues a rich tradition of Coe students, alumni and faculty who have received Fulbrights over the years.

“Once again, the Coe community is pleased to receive national recognition for the college’s large number of Fulbright recipients,” said Coe President David McInally. “The hard work and dedication of our bright scholars to earn these Fulbright grants results in life-changing experiences for each award winner. We are exceedingly proud of these recent Coe alumni, and we congratulate them for their achievements.”

Four graduating Coe seniors and a recent alumna received prestigious Fulbright awards for the 2014-15 academic year. The five recipients tie a previous record set in 2012 of Coe students and recent alumni who have received Fulbrights in a given year.

Coe graduates Megan Sioned Curoe ’14 of Bernard, Iowa, Hilary Gehin ’12 and Sandra Krueger ’14, both of Madison, Wisconsin, and Max Stanford ’14 of Superior, Colorado, were awarded Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship grants. Krueger and Stanford are teaching in Malaysia during the 2014-15 academic year. Meantime, Curoe is in Thailand, while Gehin is living in Turkey, both with Fulbright teaching assignments during the current school year.

In addition, Heidi Heaton ’14 received a special scholarship to France through the Fulbright program, but had to decline the opportunity. Curoe majored in Asian studies and creative writing at Coe, while Gehin studied biology. Krueger graduated with an interdisciplinary degree in social development, and Stanford majored in elementary education. Heaton majored in French with a minor in secondary education while a student at Coe.

All of the Coe award recipients received guidance from Professor Ann Struthers, who serves as the college’s Fulbright Program advisor, as well as other faculty members.

Since its inception in 1946, the Fulbright Program has provided more than 360,000 participants, chosen for their academic merit and leadership potential, with the opportunity to exchange ideas and contribute to finding solutions to shared international concerns. Over 1,800 U.S. students, artists and young professionals in more than 100 different fields of study are offered Fulbright Program grants to study, teach English, and conduct research annually. The Fulbright U.S. Student Program operates in over 140 countries throughout the world.

Alumni join trustees

Wale Adeosun ’84 and Craig Struve ’70 have been installed as the newest members of the Coe Board of Trustees. In addition, Steve Kennedy ’78 has joined the board as president of the Alumni Association. Originally from Lagos, Nigeria, Adeosun lives in New York City with his wife, Yvette Hill Adeosun ’84. He earned a double major in economics and business administration with minors in art history and computer science from Coe. He received his MBA with concentration in finance from Washington University in St. Louis.

Adeosun is the founder and chief investment officer of Kuramo Capital Management with offices in New York City, Lagos, Nigeria and Nairobi, Kenya. Kuramo Capital is the general partner of the Kuramo Africa Opportunity fund, which provides U.S. endowments, foundations and pension plans access to the tremendous sub-Saharan Africa growth opportunity.

Adeosun was recently appointed by U.S. Commerce Secretary Penny Pritzker, along with 15 private sector leaders, to President Obama’s Advisory Council on Doing Business in Africa (PAC-DBIA). Until recently, he was chairman of the Investment Advisory Committee of the $180 billion New York State Common Retirement Fund. He is a member of the U.S. Eximbank’s Sub-Saharan Africa Board Committee and president of the Nigeria Higher Education Foundation in New York City.

Struve majored in history at Coe. He retired in 2008 after 20 years as director of television operations for Vail Resorts in Colorado.

The Struve Communication Center opened on the Coe campus in 2013 was made possible through a leadership gift from Struve and it is dedicated to the memory of his parents. The building is designed to enable and enhance the assets of the communication studies major at Coe and facilitate all aspects of the communication field.

Struve is an avid golfer, skier, hiker and mountain biker as well as a voracious reader. He spends his winters in Windermere, Florida, and summers in the mountains near Vail.

Kennedy received a degree in psychology and an elementary teacher certification from Coe. He was a member of the Men’s Honor Society, the basketball and
track teams, and music ensembles. In 1986, he received a master's in social work from the University of Denver. Kennedy has been a career-long public educator – two years in Idaho, the remaining years in the Denver area. He has served schools and school districts as a teacher, social worker, principal and special education director. In the late 1990s, Kennedy was director of the Colorado School-to-Career initiative for the Governor's Office. He has been active in school reform initiatives and in training the next generation of public educators.

He is currently an adjunct faculty member with the University of Northern Colorado Graduate School of Special Education. He has served on the boards of several community-focused non-profits. Kennedy continues to pursue his love of music, playing bass in a small jazz group. He and his wife, Debbie LaPour Kennedy '77, live in Aurora, Colorado, where they enjoy bicycling, hiking, bird watching and volunteering at their local elementary school and state park.

Coe and emergency shelter partner with volunteer initiative

Coe College and the Willis Dady Emergency Shelter are partnering on a new volunteer initiative. Under the agreement, the Coe community will cover 100 overnight shifts at the shelter during the next year. This volunteer presence will save Willis Dady over $11,000 in operation costs and help keep their doors open to those in need in the Cedar Rapids community.

The Coe commitment is straightforward. Every Monday and Tuesday, at least one Coe volunteer will be spending the night at Willis Dady. Overnight volunteering begins at 10 p.m. and ends at 6 a.m.

Once Coe students, faculty and staff have successfully completed their initial one-year volunteerism commitment, Willis Dady has pledged $2,500 to Coe to support Alternative Spring Break service trips for students.

Coe President David McNally serves on the board of directors of the Willis Dady Emergency Shelter. He commended Willis Dady Executive Director Tim Wilson and the Coe College Office of Community Engagement for forging this agreement.

“Many Coe students have helped at the Willis Dady Emergency Shelter in the past, and we are pleased to expand the volunteer pool to include new students, faculty and staff,” McNally said. “With this partnership, members of the Coe community can make a significant positive difference in our community at large.”

According to Wilson, this particular initiative provides an excellent way to let the Coe community and Willis Dady’s staff, board and clients engage on a more informal level.

“Willis Dady has benefitted from engagement with Coe through volunteers, work-study students and interns,” Wilson said. “We are currently in the midst of discussions about developing new areas of collaboration involving academics. Ideas being discussed include students helping clients with communications skills and longitudinal research on client success after they leave the shelter.”

The Willis Dady Emergency Shelter has served thousands of homeless single men and families since opening in 1987. The organization provides about 8,000 nights of shelter per year, which is roughly 25 percent of nights of shelter provided in Linn County. Further, Willis Dady serves nearly 400 single men and families living in or relocating to Cedar Rapids and/or Linn County each year. All services are provided free of charge.

Write-in candidates pull Student Senate surprise

Junior Gabe Etzel ’16 and sophomore Sean Donaldson ’17 staged a successful write-in campaign to force a runoff election before topping incumbents Cinnamon Moore ’16 and Lucas Plumb ’16 to become Student Senate president and vice president for 2015-16.

In initial voting on Jan. 27, Etzel and Donaldson received 292 write-in votes, nearly twice the number needed to qualify as candidates for the runoff but a few votes shy of the 50 percent majority required to win the election outright. The runoff election was held Jan. 29, with Etzel and Donaldson receiving 430 votes (56.73 percent).

Etzel, a business administration and public relations major with a minor in political science, described the election experience as surreal.

“Originally, we started out as a write-in campaign because the incumbent candidates were running unopposed,” he said. “Sean and I decided the student body deserved a choice in their student government, and they chose us.”

From neighboring Marion, Iowa, Etzel is a resident assistant at Coe, a captain for the college’s ultimate Frisbee team, a founding member of the Coe Fencing Club and he’s involved in Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia music fraternity. Donaldson is a history, business administration and music major from Aurora, Illinois.

Etzel said he and Donaldson hope to get students more involved in Senate and, in turn, for Senate to be more active on campus. “We hope to bring a more transparent and representative government – one that’s centered directly around what the student body wants,” he said.

Coe named to President’s Community Service Honor Roll

Coe College has been named to the 2014 President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll. The award represents the highest federal recognition a college or university can receive for its commitment to volunteerism, service-learning and community engagement.

The Corporation for National and Community Service, which administers the annual honor roll award, recognizes colleges and universities for their impact on issues from poverty and homelessness to environmental justice. On campuses across the country, thousands of students joined their faculty and staff to develop innovative programs and projects to meet local needs using the skills gained in their classrooms.

During the 2013-14 school year, Coe students served more than 19,000 hours and raised over $57,000 in funds and in-kind donations of food, clothing and books. Coe students mentored and tutored over 730 at-risk youth in the Cedar Rapids area, and participated in 14 large-scale service events throughout the year.

The efforts were organized in large part by Director of Service-Learning and Campus Engagement Kayla Lyftogi Vande Haar and Program Coordinator Tess Werner ’13.

“Once again this year, we are honored to receive this national award in recognition of the work our students have done to support the Cedar Rapids community,” Lyftogi Vande Haar said. “We are excited about the momentum that this award gives our program and plan to deepen our community involvement in the year to come.”

Some of the Coe programs that represented the highest levels of volunteerism were the Iowa College AmeriCorps Program and the Greek community’s service philanthropy projects. The 375 Coe students involved in Greek life served more than 7,000 hours, raised approximately $26,000 for charity, collected and donated over 600 pounds of food, and saved community organizations $122,850 in time and resources.

Coe is a participant in the Iowa Campus Compact and other state volunteerism programs, and hosts a site for the AmeriCorps VISTA program. In the past few years, the college has had 37 students participate in the Iowa College AmeriCorps Program and AmeriCorps VISTA Summer Associate Program, one AmeriCorps recruiter, and seven full-time VISTA members. Together, these individuals have contributed more than 30,000 hours of service to the college and community, which equates to about $515,000 worth of service.

Coe is one of 766 colleges and universities named to this year’s honor roll. This is the fourth time Coe has received the award.
All-American honors cap championship volleyball season

Coe volleyball crowned its first All-Americans in program history with the selections of Mackenzie Harbaugh ’16 to the third team and Rachel Schaefer ’15 as an honorable mention.

Harbaugh, the only Iowa Conference player named to the first, second or third teams, finished with a single-season school record 81 service aces. She finished fourth in single-season attack percentage at .351, fourth in assists with 1,339, fifth in assists per set with 10.22, fifth in service aces per set with .62, tied for ninth in sets played with 131 and tied for third in matches played with 38. Currently, Harbaugh is the career leader in attack percentage at .306 and is ranked fourth in assists with 2,588, fifth in assists per set with 7.01, sixth in service aces with 143 and fourth in service aces per set with .39.

Harbaugh’s 81 service aces were good enough for eighth best in the country. She also came in at 11th in total assists, 20th in hitting percentage, 25th in assists per set and 47th in aces per set.

This season, Schaefer became Coe’s career leader in kills, attack attempts and points. She finishes her career with 1,615 kills on 3,983 attempts and 1,892 points. Additionally, Schaefer ranks in the top 10 in multiple categories. She finishes her Kohawk career fourth in kills per set with 3.32, fourth in attack percentage at .265, fourth in service aces with 155, eighth in block assists with 154, eighth in total blocks with 199, sixth in points per set with 3.89, seventh in sets played with 487 and third in matches played with 141.

During the 2014 campaign, Schaefer ranked second in kills in a single-season with 468, third in kills per set with 3.60, third in attack attempts with 1,140, 10th in attack percentage at .285, third in points with 522, sixth in points per set with 4.02, 10th in sets played with 130 and tied for third in matches played at 38. She also ranked 10th for kills in a single match, with 17 in both the Olivet and Wisconsin-Stout matches and fifth in attack percentage at .600 in the Elmhurst match.

Nationally, Schaefer ranks 25th in total kills, 58th in kills per set, 65th in total attacks and 79th in points per set. She became the first four-time all-conference honoree in program history.

Joining Schaefer and Harbaugh on the All-Iowa Conference First Team were Rachel Bosworth ’15 and Alissa Wittenberg ’15. Brianna Smith ’16 was an honorable mention selection, giving Coe a league-high five all-conference players.

This is the third consecutive year that Bosworth was named to an all-conference team. Her .269 hitting percentage and 337 kills were good enough for seventh and 10th in the conference, respectively. She became only the seventh player in school history to record 1,000 kills in a career, finishing with 1,078. Bosworth played in 144 matches in her career, tied for most by any Kohawk.

Wittenburg has also been selected to an all-conference team for three-straight years. She posted 65 service aces this season, ranking second in the conference. She also had 642 digs this season for third overall in the conference and second all-time in a single season by a Coe player. Her 39 digs in the Warburg match were the most in a single match by a Kohawk. Wittenburg finishes her Coe career as the leader in digs with 2,326 and in sets played with 508. Along with Bosworth, she is the record holder for matches played with 144.

Being honored for the first time in her career, Smith finished the season with 250 kills on 623 attempts for a hitting percentage of .238. She ranked fourth on the team in each category. Smith was also one of only four Iowa Conference players named to the CoSIDA/Capital One Academic All-District Team. Smith, who received second-team honors, is double majoring in biology and neuroscience.

The Kohawks finished the season with a 29-9 overall record and a 7-0 record in Iowa Conference. The 29 wins are the fourth most in a single season in school history. Coe won the Iowa Conference regular season title for the second time in school history, while also earning the first Iowa Conference Tournament title in school history.

The Kohawks earned a bid to the NCAA Tournament, where they knocked off eighth-ranked St. Thomas for the first NCAA Tournament win in school history. Coe was ranked 23rd in the final AVCA Top 25 poll and spent five weeks ranked among the nation’s best, including the highest ranking in school history at 20th.
Four women, one man earn all-conference soccer honors

Four members of the Coe women’s soccer team received all-conference honors after a season that saw their return to the Iowa Conference Tournament.

Sarah Fathallah ’16 and Jordan Holmes ’18 were named to the first team, Kelsey Fauser ’17 was selected to the second team and Katilyn Yaneeck ’16 was an honorable mention selection.

Fathallah, who sat out the entire 2013 season due to injury, recorded a team-high 11 goals for an average of 0.65 goals per game. Those totals were good enough for second-highest in the conference in each category. Fathallah also recorded a conference-high six game-winning goals this season.

In addition to being the only freshman named to the first team, Holmes’ eight assists were the second-highest total in the conference this season.

Fauser, who was also named second-team all-conference for the 2013 season, posted five goals, the second most by a Kohawk this season.

An instrumental part of the Kohawk defense, Yaneeck also had 16 shots on the season, the sixth-most by a Coe player.

For the men’s soccer team, Masine Zakaria ’18 was named honorable mention all-conference. Zakaria was one of only five freshman to be honored by the Iowa Conference and recorded one of the most productive freshman seasons in school history. He posted a team-high six goals this season, good enough for eighth all-time by a freshman in a single season. Zakaria’s four assists on the season were also a team-high and were fourth all-time by a freshman in a season and 10th best by any Kohawk player. His 16 points were eighth-most by a freshman and 12th-most by any player in team history.

In just the second year with separate coaches leading the programs, the Coe men’s and women’s soccer teams looked to build their identities coming into the 2014 season. The women finished the season with a 9-10 overall record, including a 3-5 Iowa Conference record and a berth in the Iowa Conference Tournament for the first time since 2010. A 1-0 win over undefeated, #22 Luther was the season’s highlight. The men faced tough competition all season, wrapping up the season with a 4-14 record and a 1-6 Iowa Conference record.

Matt Schmitz ’15 drops the Loras running back in the end zone for a safety. Schmitz earned All-American honors playing defensive tackle for the Kohawks.

Schmitz leads Coe football honorees

Matt Schmitz ’15 was named to the D3football.com All-American Second Team. It is the fourth-straight year Coe College has had a selection.

Schmitz had previously been named to the All-Iowa Conference First Team and the D3football.com All-West Region First Team. A defensive tackle, Schmitz led the Iowa Conference in tackles for loss with 9.5 and tied for the league lead with two fumble recoveries. He also ranked second in sacks with 4.5 and tied for 19th with 51 tackles. He ranked 20th in the nation with two blocked kicks and 123rd in tackles for loss. He ends his career ranked fourth in school history in blocked kicks and tied for 10th with eight quarterback hurries.

With the selection, Schmitz becomes the third defensive lineman in school history to be named to the D3football.com All-American teams. Mitch Montgomery ’14 earned the honor last year, while Frank Weymiller ’13 was an All-American in 2009, 2011 and 2012.

Joining Schmitz on the All-Iowa Conference teams were second-team selections Mitchell Berendes ’15 and Dylan Stepleton ’17. It was the first time being named to the teams for all three players. Stepleton was one of just five sophomores named to the first or second team.

Berendes, a linebacker, led the Kohawks with 107 tackles on the year. He was tied for second in the league with two forced fumbles, while ranking fourth with 75 tackles and eight passes defended. He ranked 36th in the nation in total tackles. He finished his career tied for 12th with 101 assisted tackles and tied for 20th in quarterback hurries.

Stepleton, a defensive back, led the Kohawks with five interceptions. He ranked second in the Iowa Conference with four interceptions and 11 passes defended. He ranked 32nd in the nation in interceptions and 58th in passes defended. His five picks this year were tied for 20th in school history.

Schmitz was one of three Kohawk football players to participate in college all-star games in December. He played in the Tazón de Estrellas in Mexico on Dec. 20 while, that same day, linebackers Gaetano Tarantino ’15 and Dustin Elsbury ’15 played in the D3 Senior Classic in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

Tarantino was third on the team in tackles with 55. He recorded four pass breakups and recovered two fumbles. Elsbury was just behind Tarantino in tackles, finishing the year with 54. He had 5.5 tackles for loss and 2.5 sacks. He led the team with 11 quarterback hurries.

In a rebuilding year, the Kohawks were never able to put together back-to-back wins, finishing the year at 5-5 and 4-3 in Iowa Conference play. Coe finished third in the league.

Kohawks place 19 on fall Academic All-Iowa Conference team

Coe College placed 19 student-athletes on the fall Academic All-Iowa Conference team. The football and volleyball teams led the way with four selections apiece, while women’s cross country had three selections. Nine Kohawks were named to the team for the second time.

To be eligible for IIAC All-Academic Team honors a student-athlete must compete at the varsity level, be at least a sophomore in academic standing with at least one year in residence and attain a 3.5 or better grade point average (on a 4.0 scale).

Academic All-Conference honorees listed alphabetically by sport were: men’s cross country – Tanner McClenahan ’15 and Austin Springsteen ’17; women’s cross country – Brianna De Jong ’16, Abie Mellick ’17 and Allison Rogers ’16; football – Mark Atwater ’16, Austin Ciesielski ’15, Ben Jacobson ’17 and Ben Perez ’16; men’s soccer – Eric Hoar ’16; women’s soccer – Hannah Torry ’16; women’s tennis – Kaitlin Fosler ’17 and Amy Sebastian ’16; women’s golf – Erin Lang ’17 and Bethany Lehman ’17; volleyball – Olivia Lescinger ’17, Meghan McClimon ’16, Devon O’Connell ’17 and Brianna Smith ’16.
FOR THE LOVE OF THE GAME

DEATH GIVES ADDED MEANING TO ANNUAL BASEBALL TRIPS

"IT’S A PRIORITY FOR US. IT’S A TRIBUTE TO HIM NOW."
A QUEST AMONG KOHAWKS

with a shared love of America’s pastime to visit each Major League Baseball stadium has become a memorial to one of the instigators.

While attending games at Miller Park (home to the Milwaukee Brewers) and Wrigley Field (home to the Chicago Cubs) in 2007, Jeff Fink ’02, Nat Tagtow ’04 and Brad Axdahl ’06 planned to start an annual baseball tour. The goal was to eventually visit all 30 Major League stadiums, the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York, the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum in Kansas City, Missouri, and both spring training venues in Florida and Arizona.

In 2008, one of Fink’s co-workers accompanied the trio to games at PNC Park (Pittsburgh Pirates), Comerica Park (Detroit Tigers), Fifth-Third Field (home of the Triple-A Toledo Mudhens), Progressive Field (Cleveland Indians) and Great American Ball Park (Cincinnati Reds). In 2009, Travis Wiltgen ’06 joined in on visits to Chase Field (Arizona Diamondbacks), Petco Park (San Diego Padres), Angel Stadium in Anaheim, California, and Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles.

“We just loved planning the trip and checking stadiums off the list,” said Tagtow. “For us, it’s just a great time to get together and share something we love.”

Fink, Tagtow, Axdahl and Wiltgen were joined by Josh Stanek ’02 and Kristin Smith Stanek ’03 for a game at Miller Park in Milwaukee and Dave Randa ’02 joined the group in Chicago for games at Wrigley and US Cellular Field (home of the White Sox). The 2010 tour also included Target Field in Minneapolis (home of the Minnesota Twins).

The trio had knocked 12 Major League ball parks off their bucket list in only three years before tragedy struck in 2011. While competing in a Warrior Dash – an extreme obstacle course event – in Kansas City on July 30, Fink collapsed in sweltering heat and was hospitalized for heatstroke. He died 10 days later from multiple organ failure. Tagtow, Axdahl and Nate Clapham ’06 were pallbearers at their 31-year-old friend’s funeral.

“We decided to carry on with the trip and now view it as an annual celebration/remembrance of Jeff,” said Axdahl.

That September, Tagtow, Axdahl and Wiltgen made an emotional trip to attend games at Camden Yards (Baltimore Orioles), Citizens Bank Park (Philadelphia Phillies) and Nationals Park in Washington, D.C. Fink’s sister, Brianne Kopecky, joined them using the tickets he had already purchased. In 2012, Tagtow, Axdahl, Wiltgen and Clapham attending games at Rogers Centre (Toronto Blue Jays) and again at Comerica Park in Detroit. When the Royals advanced to the World Series for the first time since 1985, Axdahl and Clapham made an unplanned trip to Kansas City and joined Karnik for game one.

Although the Royals lost to the Giants, 7-1, Fink’s friends did witness the only run allowed by San Francisco pitcher Madison Bumgarner, who was named series MVP after the Giants’ 4-3 victory.

“Jeff was on our mind and always is at a Royals game,” Axdahl said. Fink is remembered on every trip and Scotch is raised as a toast in his honor.

To date, the baseball fans whose friendship was formed at Coe have attended 23 games at 20 Major League stadiums, plus a Triple-A stadium and the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum. They haven’t worked out the details on this year’s trip, but have only yet to visit Texas, the Pacific Northwest, New England, the Southeast and spring training before the bucket list turned memorial is complete.

“It’s sad every year still, but it’s a priority for us,” Tagtow said. “It’s a tribute to him now.”

An Arizona Diamondbacks game at Chase Field was on the 2009 baseball tour itinerary for Travis Wiltgen ’06, Nat Tagtow ’04, Jeff Fink ’02 and Brad Axdahl ’06.

LEFT: Family and friends of Jeff Fink ’02 touch the brick placed in his honor at Kauffman Stadium when attending Kansas City Royals games. On Oct. 21, Brad Axdahl ’06 and Nate Clapham ’06 touched Fink’s brick with a World Series ticket.

RIGHT: Brad Axdahl ’06, Nate Clapham ’06, Travis Wiltgen ’06 and Nat Tagtow ’04 paid tribute to Jeff Fink ’02 by visiting his Royals in Kansas City in 2013.
From 66 photos submitted by 17 students in the annual Coe off-campus study photo contest, 10 were entered in the 2014-15 Associated Colleges of the Midwest study abroad photo contest. Among four fall 2014 photos from Italy by Niles George '16, three were nominated for the ACM contest and one was awarded first place, a first for a Coe student. See more of the Coe student submissions on the Web at www.coe.edu/studyabroad1415.

“Inventive” by Niles George ’16: “Many people marvel at the ruins of the Roman Forum, but one thought sticks with me: more than 90 percent of the ancient city of Rome is still undiscovered or undocumented, buried mere feet beneath the modern city we walk on today. This photo represents a reflection of what other great discoveries we may uncover in the future or some that may forever be a mystery.”
Molti Archi” by Kelsey Tardrew ‘16: “Getting lost exploring the streets of Venice. While Venice is famous for its canals, I feel people forget to simply look up.”
"Almost" by Sara Sweeney ’16:

“The metro system is built for the hustling suit-and-tie professionals of Washington, D.C. It can be a half hour before a train arrives, and there are few benches. I captured this "light at the end of the tunnel" moment on my first night when a train's arrival was still an exciting moment. However, the novelty had worn off for this insouciant waiter, who had likely stood around for 20 minutes.”
“Bride to Be” by Kelan Chang ’16:
“Koreans live a complicated life filled with expectations and conflict between traditions and influences from the outside world. Looking at this bride to be, I felt the influence from the western world. The focus of the wedding changing from the beautiful Korean traditional wedding to a, though still special, ordinary western ceremony. I felt the pressure to get married to someone successful and before the age of 30, even though that person may not truly be the one for them. I also felt the radiant Korean beauty that is their sense of modesty, something they express every day.”

“Medical Care of Blind Gogo” by Sam Orvis ’15: “A major part of our internship was traveling to rural, impoverished areas with experienced home-based care teams to provide medical care to those unable to afford care in the cities. The two “gogos” (an endearing term for an elderly Swazi woman) at the homestead in the picture were totally reliant on each other for care. The gogo being fed was completely blind, and the gogo getting her vitals read in the background was suffering from crippling arthritis. It was incredible to see these two women with debilitating conditions surviving only on each other’s support.”

“Diligent” by Niles George ’16: “In Italy, art and art restoration is done by simply getting down and dirty to make something beautiful. Glenys Hunt (Grinnell), featured here, applies a homemade stucco to a piece in the workshop of Rossella Larip (a Florentine restorer and curator of the Galleria dell’Accademia in Florence) for class.”
“Vietnam River” by Amanda Restuccia ’15: “My classmates and I were visiting a number of historical sites in Vietnam that were related to the war. We were given a chance to walk over a significant bridge and take in the scenery, and I happened to look over the side and see several people in the water – some fishing, some swimming – everyone having a good time. It was nice to take a moment to forget about the past, as difficult as it was, and enjoy the present.”

“Bridge of Sighs” by Anna Carpenter ’16 won third place in the ACM’s Facebook Fans’ Choice category. “The Bridge of Sighs is a small hallway in the cramped cement passageway leading to the prison in Venice. A crime committed in Venice was considered a crime against the entire community and thus trials were always public affairs. After the individual was sentenced, the Bridge of Sighs was their last glimpse of the outside world and sunlight before being placed in their tiny cement cells. To me, this image represents my world prior to study abroad. My world had been small, consisting only of the familiar. Study abroad allowed me to have the opportunity to glimpse a larger world, if only for what feels like a moment. My sigh on the bridge was one of content.”
“October Triumph” by Kelsey Tardrew ’16: “Exploring the vineyards at Villa le Corti in Tuscany at the beginning of grape harvest.”
“Observant” by Niles George ’16 won first place in the cross-cultural encounters category. “Italy prides itself on history and tradition. This includes the passing of workshop trade and knowledge from master to pupil—even present today. Here Rossella Lari (a local Florentine restorer) shows her student (Laura Turco, Luther) the importance of technique and attention to your work with a hands-on demonstration.”
Coe Founders’ Medal recipient S. Donald Stookey remembered

CorningWare inventor credited with 60 patents

S. Donald Stookey ’36, a magna cum laude graduate of Coe College and the serendipitous inventor of CorningWare, died Nov. 4 of complications from hip surgery. One of just seven recipients of Coe’s prestigious Founders’ Medal, Stookey was 99.

A resident of Pittsford, New York, Stookey had more than 60 patents to his credit and received numerous awards over the years for his inventions and contributions to the development of ceramics, eyeglasses, sunglasses, cookware, defense systems and electronics.

Born in Hay Springs, Nebraska, Stookey moved to Cedar Rapids with his family when he was 6. He attended Coe – where his grandfather, Stephen Stookey 1884, was previously a professor, dean and interim president from 1904-05 – and graduated with a bachelor’s in chemistry and mathematics. He went on to earn his master’s in chemistry from Lafayette College and his doctorate in physical chemistry from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Stookey went to work for Corning Glass Works in 1940, performing research on glass and ceramics that led to several inventions. “Glass chemistry research had barely started,” he once told the American Ceramic Society Bulletin. “My main objective was to be a pioneer, discover new things, produce things that had never been seen before.”

In a 1986 interview with the Cedar Rapids Gazette, Stookey recalled what he initially thought was a bad day at the office in 1952.

“I put some photosensitive glass into a furnace to heat it to 600 degrees,” Stookey said. “When I came back, the temperature gauge was stuck on 900 degrees, and I thought I had ruined the furnace.

“When I opened the door to the furnace, I saw the glass was intact and had turned a milky white. I grabbed some tongs to get it out as fast as I could, but the glass slipped out of the tongs and fell to the floor.

“The thing bounced and didn’t break. It sounded like steel hitting the floor.”

Stookey had accidentally created the first glass ceramic, Fotoceram, which was later known as Pyroceram and eventually led to the development in CorningWare,
a durable cookware able to withstand extreme heat and cold. By 1958, Corning was selling CorningWare dishes as fast as they could be produced. Just one of Stookey’s multi-million dollar inventions, CorningWare influenced the development of the transparent cookware VisionWare, which was patented by Corning in 1966.

“He was one of the great glass scientists in the history of the world,” said B.D. Silliman Professor of Physics Steve Feller. “Virtually everyone has had CorningWare at some point in time, and there were all sorts of spinoff applications from his fantastic work.”

Pyroceramic glass is used today by the military for the nose cones of supersonic radar domes in guided missiles and is the basis for Gorilla Glass used in iPhones and other LCD screens. Stookey also developed photochromic glass used to make ophthalmic lenses that darken and fade with light conditions. He also invented photosensitive glass using gold in which permanent colored photographs can be produced.

Stookey retired from Corning in 1987 after a career of 47 years. He received Coe’s Alumni Award of Merit in 1955, an honorary doctor of science degree in 1963, and the Founders’ Medal in 1980. In 1986, he received the National Medal of Technology from President Ronald Reagan and he was inducted into the National Inventors Hall of Fame in 2010. His autobiography, “Explorations in Glass,” was published in 2000.

Stookey was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth Watterson Stookey ’38; a daughter, Margaret Zak; and a brother, David Stookey ’37. He is survived by two sons, Dr. Robert Stookey of Pittsford, New York, and Donald Stookey of Utica, New York; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Coe College, 1220 First Ave. NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402.

Ceramics pioneer S. Donald Stookey ’36 took some time during his 2006 return to campus to visit with members of Coe’s Glass Research Group in Peterson Hall. Pictured are (front row, left to right) Barb Feller, Ian Hempe ’09, and REU students Jennifer Croskrey and Emma Norbrothen. (Middle row) Physics Professor Steve Feller, REU student Ray Burns, Manh Vu ’09, Dan McCallon ’09, Amy Marquardt ’09, Stookey, Joe Wang ’07, Physics Professor Mario Affatigato ’89 and Devin Toll ’09. (Back row) Brad Hemesath ’08, Sam Hegland ’08, Jim Borden ’08, Tom Britton ’09, Trent Edwards ’09, Matt Sonntag ’08, Mike Burgess ’09, Matt Roberts ’09, Iryna Boelter ’08 and REU student Jason Veatch.

LEFT: Pictured with former President James Phifer, S. Donald Stookey ’36 was honored at the 2006 Heritage Club dinner.

RIGHT: B.D. Silliman Professor of Physics Steve Feller, S. Donald Stookey ’36 and Fran Allison and Francis Halpin Professor of Physics Mario Affatigato ’89 at the 2003 American Ceramic Society meeting in Nashville, Tennessee.

Coe collecting information on Kohawk patent holders

Add Cedar Rapids attorney Darin Luneckas ’96 to the growing list of U.S. patent holders from Coe. More than three years after applying for a patent on Slick Shield – a device to combat downspout icing – he received his official patent certificate in January.

Luneckas joins such Kohawks as CorningWare inventor S. Donald Stookey ’36, who had more than 60 patents to his credit, automotive seat belt inventor Francis Gaynor Evans ’31, and Patrick Garinger ’70, who patented a device to facilitate hog head removal.

To date, the Alumni Office has documented 32 Kohawks who have patents on file with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. The information is being gathered for inclusion on a plaque honoring Coe alumni who hold U.S. patents.

If you or a Kohawk you know has a patent, please notify the Alumni Office so they can be included on the plaque. Inventors’ names can be sent by email to alumni@coe.edu or by calling 1-877-KOHAWKS (564-2957).

Indicates membership in the Coe College Heritage Club.

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Gathering for a photo on the steps inside the Palmer House in Chicago for an October reunion of Chi Omega sorority were Nancy Nissen Reinecke ’60, Fran Bailey Fruestneau ’64, Bonnie Bilharz Quinn ’62, Judy Bowman Holtz ’63, Barbara Moninger May ’63, Franci Anderson Bolen ’63, Rae Dicks ’64, Elaine Henecke Fox ’60, Linda Eichmeier DeGrand ’63, Carolan Weiker Weaver ’63, Beth McKnight Hand ’64 and Ruthellen Warren Englander ’63.

“Hank Williams: Lost Highway” at American Blues Theater. Established in 1968, the Jeff Awards honor excellence in Chicago theatre.

‘79 Steve Schnoebelen of Naperville, Illinois, is managing partner of SolomonEdwards’ Chicago practice.

1980s

‘80 ›› 35TH CLUSTER REUNION: HOMECOMING 2016

‘81 ›› 35TH CLUSTER REUNION: HOMECOMING 2016

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David Eshnaur of Kansas City, Missouri, joined Pan American Life Insurance Group in May as a director and senior investment officer.

‘84 Vicki Dewell Hamdorf of Lowden, Iowa, gave a presentation on the HiMCM at the Iowa Council of Teachers of Mathematics annual meeting at Iowa State University in October. She teaches math at North Cedar High School.


Wade King of Davenport, Iowa, was inducted into the Iowa High School Athletic Association Wrestling Hall of Fame at the state wrestling tournament Feb. 21 in Des Moines. Currently the head football coach and director of athletics at Assumption High School, he was an outstanding mat coach with a 260-103-1 career mark in 16 years at Assumption and two at Cedar Rapids Washington. He led the Knights to three traditional state titles (1995, ’98 and ’99) and to state dual team crowns in 1995, ’96, ’98 and ’99.

1990s

‘90 ›› 25TH REUNION: OCT. 15-18, 2015
Steven Zimmerman of Ottumwa, Iowa, was a finalist for the 2015 Iowa Assistant Secondary Principal of the Year Award sponsored by the School Administrators of Iowa. The associate principal at Ottumwa High School, he will be recognized at SAI’s awards reception next August in Des Moines.

'96 20TH CLUSTER REUNION: OCT. 15-18, 2015

Anthony Groff of South Park, Pennsylvania, retired from the Army on July 1.

Judith Johnson-Mekota of North Liberty, Iowa, was appointed by the Department of Veterans Affairs as the new director of the Iowa City VA Health Care System. She has served more than 20 years in health care leadership positions within VA, most recently as director of the VA Central Iowa Health Care System. A fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives, Johnson-Mekota holds a master’s in nursing administration from the University of Iowa and a bachelor’s in nursing from Coe. The Iowa City VA Health Care System provides health care to more than 40,000 veterans with an operating budget of about $182 million. It includes 10 community-based outpatient clinics. With 1,100 employees, the system covers 32 counties in eastern Iowa and 16 counties in western Illinois.

Sean Lyness of Omaha, Nebraska, was promoted to senior director of logistics for Werner Enterprises.

Rick Stewart of Cedar Rapids received 2.4 percent of the vote as an independent candidate for the U.S. Senate seat won by Republican Joni Ernst.

'94 20TH CLUSTER REUNION: OCT. 15-18, 2015

Davis Eidahl of Ottumwa, Iowa, was a finalist for the 2015 Iowa Superintendent of the Year Award sponsored by the School Administrators of Iowa. Superintendent of the Ottumwa Community School District since 2011, where he previously served as an associate superintendent, middle school principal and elementary principal, he will be recognized at SAI’s awards reception next August in Des Moines.

Jennifer Haldeman Doak of Freeport, Illinois, is membership and marketing director at the Family YMCA of Northwest Illinois.

'95 20TH CLUSTER REUNION: OCT. 15-18, 2015

Drew Davies of Omaha, Nebraska, received the AIGA Fellow award from the professional association for design’s Nebraska chapter at its annual exhibition Nov. 15. There are fewer than 200 AIGA Fellows nationwide, and AIGA Nebraska has awarded the Fellow only once previously in the chapter’s 24-year history. He founded the information and design firm Oxide Design in 2001.

'96 20TH CLUSTER REUNION: OCT. 15-18, 2015

'97 Elisa Borchert Davies of Omaha, Nebraska, was recognized by Progressive Railroading Magazine as one of their 2014 Rising Stars, a national award showcasing up and comers in the railroad industry. She is a senior counsel for franchise access at Union Pacific Railroad.

'98 Andrea Conner of Grinnell, Iowa, was promoted to associate vice president of student affairs at Grinnell College.

Angie Huittink Fuentes of Noelensville, Tennessee, was promoted to specialist leader with Deloitte Financial Advisory Services.

Greg Swartzendruber of Cedar Rapids was recognized at the Corridor Business Journal’s 2014 Forty Under 40 awards banquet. On its 10th anniversary, the awards recognize 40 leaders under the age of 40 who are making a difference in the Cedar Rapids and Iowa City corridor. He is director of business development for Hunter Companies.

Nialle Sylvan of Iowa City, Iowa, was featured in a holiday gift-giving article in the Gazette for turning finding the perfect gift into a game. The owner of The Haunted Bookshop asks shoppers to tell her three things about the giftee to help pick out a present.

Debra Walton Quinlan of Marengo, Iowa, is a charge nurse at Rose Haven Nursing Home.

2000s

'00 15TH CLUSTER REUNION: HOMECOMING 2016

'01 15TH CLUSTER REUNION: HOMECOMING 2016

Wendy Andrews Nielson was recognized at the Corridor Business Journal’s 2014 Forty Under 40 awards banquet. On its 10th anniversary, the awards recognize forty leaders under the age of 40 who are making a difference in the Cedar Rapids and Iowa City corridor. She is assistant vice president at Union Pacific Railroad.

Information compiled in “Class Notes” comes from a variety of sources, including direct correspondence from alumni, clipping services and news releases. The college received these class notes by Feb. 1. The deadline for the summer issue is May 1. Announcements older than one year at the time they are submitted will not be published.

Please follow these basic guidelines when submitting information:

News
At least the following basic information should be provided with any submission: name and class year, spouse name and class year if Coe alum, city and state of residence, and your news. Please spell out acronyms. Milestones (anniversaries, birthdays, etc.) will be noted only in five-year increments (25th, 30th, etc.).

Marriages and Anniversaries
Marriages and Anniversaries – Include both spouses’ full names (including birth/maiden names, where applicable) and complete date. Please notify us after your wedding; we cannot publish based on an engagement announcement.

Births and Adoptions
Include child’s first name, legal names of parents (mother’s birth/maiden name will be published if Coe alum) and complete date.

Deaths
Include full name, complete date and city/state of residence at time of death. Please include a newspaper obituary, if possible.

Photos
Digital photos must be at least 300 dpi when sized to 3.75 inches wide. Please save the file as a TIFF or JPEG file. We must have the photographer’s permission to print a copyrighted photo. Please indicate if you would like prints returned.

Submit information to: Courier editor at courier@coe.edu or phone (319) 399-8613 or fax (319) 399-8210. Mail to 1220 First Ave. NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402. Information may also be submitted online at our new online community Always A Kohawk. Visit http://alumni.coe.edu to register or login.
Crimson swept Grey in a pair of alumni basketball games Feb. 21 at Eby Fieldhouse.

In the women’s game, Crimson led by 13 at halftime and held off a ferocious Grey comeback for a 57-51 victory. Mackenzie Reed ’14 scored a game-high 18 points and Brooke Wheelwright ’14 added 10 for Crimson. Leslie Ware ’12 led Grey with 14 points and Kelsey Jipp ’13 added nine.

Front row, left to right – Kelsey Jipp ’13, Kalais Kuhlmann ’13, Abby Biedenfeld ’10, Kerri Miller ’12, Leslie Ware ’12, Equipment Manager Dougie Peters ’81, Erin Jones ’08, Brooke Wheelwright ’14, Hannah Breitbach ’14 and Maggie Schneidermann ’14. Back row – Caitlin Kray ’13, Sarah Anciaux ’11, Sarah Waskow ’12, Kayla Lincoln ’11, Head Coach Randi (Peterson) Henderson, Calie Sobaski ’11, Mary Halvorson ’14, Mackenzie Reed ’14, Noor Amr ’14 and Lindsey Buckles ’14.

It was Crimson 66, Grey 63 in the men’s game after Crimson led by six at halftime. Kale Peterson ’08 led all scorers with 20 points. Also scoring in double digits for Crimson were Andrew Wirth ’14 with 17, Kyle Kuenstling ’08 with 12 and Brian Brungard ’08 with 11. Grey had a trio of double-digit scorers in Dan Borngraebner ’11 and Joe Parys ’11 with 14 points apiece and Brandon Yansky ’07 with 13.

Front row, left to right – Kale Peterson ’08, Andrew Wirth ’14, Brian Brungard ’08, Scott Jackson ’88, Equipment Manager Dougie Peters ’81, Ryan Baade ’12, Dan Onorato ’11 and Steven Irlbeck ’13. Back row – Head Coach Bryan Martin, Brad Axdal ’06, Zach Dillon ’07, Kyle Kuenstling ’08, Brandon Yansky ’07, Joe Parys ’11, Jake Raney ’12, John Raley ’81 and Dan Borngraebner ’11.

Fred Jackson was named the 2015 recipient of the Jefferson Award Foundation’s award for Greatest Public Service by an Athlete. He was previously named the Walter Payton Man of the Year by the Buffalo Bills for the second time in his career. The four-year team captain has been a record-setting athlete for the NFL and the Bills. In 2009, he became the first player in NFL history to rush for more than 1,000 yards and total more than 1,000 kickoff return yards in the same season. He and Joseph Addai are the only players in NFL history to rush, catch and throw for a touchdown. After eight years in Buffalo, he ranks 97th all-time with 5,646 career rushing yards and is one of just five undrafted players in NFL history to total over 5,000 rushing yards. Off the field, Jackson is a strong community advocate supporting the Bills’ breast cancer awareness and community service initiatives, as well as the team’s youth player safety and fitness programs. Jackson founded D3-Nation, an initiative that strengthens the pride of and relationships between Division III athletes, while also offering scholarships. He and Danielle Allen Jackson ’05 live in Hamburg, New York.

Kacie Oster Maslowski of Trenton, New Jersey, is business development director at Hill, Barth, and King LLC.

‘04 Abby Sweet Schmitz was named 2014 assistant cross country coach of the year by the Iowa Association of Track and Cross Country Coaches. She is an assistant cross country and track coach at Waukee High School and teaches fifth grade at Eason Elementary in Waukee. She and Brandon
Thank You.

This year, the Office of Admission held five recruitment events across the country in West Des Moines and Dubuque, Iowa; Chicago; the Twin Cities; and Castle Rock, Colorado. Several of these events were held in homes or spaces provided by some of Coe’s generous alumni. These receptions are an opportunity for prospective students and their families to connect with current students, alumni and their admission counselors. Our office considers these events a crucial element of our recruitment process.

We extend a warm thank you to our reception hosts: Charles Davis ’86; Ken Golder ’82 and Sue Golder ’82; as well as President Emeritus James and former First Lady Linnie Phifer. Without your help, these events would not have been possible.

The Office of Admission staff would also like to thank the following current students and alumni who assisted during the receptions:

### 2015s
- Jaime Jackson
- AJ Reuter
- Ryan Rey
- Taylor Rowell

### 2016s
- Megan Smith
- Spencer Stout
- Cinnamon Moore
- Kristin Scott
- Nora Dietz-Kilen

### 2017s
- Paris Hall
- Bailey Dixon
- Mari Hunt

### 2018s
- Grace Yun
- Katleyen Reding
- Colin Meier
- Addie Lounsbury
- Laura Deininger

### 2010s

- ’10 Lauren Garcia of Cedar Rapids received her master’s in public administration from Upper Iowa University in December.

- Ryan Schisler of Cedar Rapids accepted a position with Management Recruiters of Cedar Rapids.

- ’11 Chelsea Dunn of Cedar Rapids is orchestra director at Wilson Middle School.

- ’12 Alec Herr is pursuing his master’s in electrical engineering at the University of Colorado-Boulder.

- Joseph Langenberg of Waukee, Iowa, was inducted into the Collins-Maxwell/Baxter Athletic Hall of Fame. The 2008 graduate of Baxter High School still holds the career record for rushing yards, rushing touchdowns and scoring for the CMB football team.

- Candace Sutton of Nevada, Iowa, teaches seventh and eighth grade algebra and geometry and is assistant volleyball coach at Colo-Nesco Community Schools.

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Coe alumni in the Cedar Rapids Creative Corridor are invited to join a newly formed group of working professionals. Formed by a steering committee of 27 alumni volunteers, the Coe Corridor Network is focused on three core values:

- Develop as individuals: professionally and personally
- Strengthen our network of professional business contacts and exchange knowledge, information and best practices that drive business results
- Community engagement: support and mentor current Coe students and the corridor community

The mission, driven by these core values, is to strengthen connections, enhance networks and exchange knowledge. The group aims to serve the classes of 1988-2014, but is open to all area alumni.

To accommodate schedules, this group meets twice monthly with lunch (second Tuesday) and breakfast (second Wednesday) options. Every meeting includes time to network with fellow Kohawks as well as features a focused topic presentation. Register for Coe Corridor Network meetings at Always a Kohawk (www.alumni.coe.edu). Cost is $10. Please check the Alumni Event page for upcoming social and community engagement activities of the Coe Corridor Network.

All updates, reminders and invitations will be sent via the email address on your Always A Kohawk account. Update your record today by logging in.

Contact the Alumni Office if you need your ID number for first-time log in:
Email: alumni@coe.edu
Phone: 319-399-8561 or 1-877-KOHAWKS (5642957)

Find the Coe Corridor Network on Facebook. Join this group to connect with fellow alumni and get reminder updates about meetings and events.

Staff and steering committee members responsible for formation of the Coe Corridor Network are (left row, bottom to top) Director of Alumni Programs Jean Johnson, Coe Fund Director Barb Ernst Tupper ’89, Kim Lillibridge Vogel ’91, Elaina Svaldi Kempin ’89, Melissa Tapke Mensen ’03, Greg Kanz ’96 and Scott Shoemaker ’01. (Middle row) Alumni Relations Coordinator Anna Barton ’14, Anne Laugen ’91, Petra Crabb Wiezorek ’12, Emily Weber ’13, Elias Randel ’11 and Lucas Ptcak ’06. (Right row) Cristiane Daoud AbouAssaly ’00, Chandra Hale Wiezorek ’09, Josephine Visser ’14, Lauren DuBay ’13, Chad Zenisek ’06, Jase Jensen ’06 and Chris King ’13. Other committee members not present for the photo were Chelsea White ’12, Holly Landsgard Zimmerman ’97, Justine Brady ’11, Lana Hemann Sellner ’94, Maggie Snell Owens ’05, Michele Henley Moore ’00, Michelle Smothers Omar ’01, Sierra Boley ’13 and Stacie Johnson ’03.
1999
Scott Mathers and Haley Dixon of Spokane, Washington, on July 26. He received his Ph.D. in sociology from Mississippi State University in May and teaches at Eastern Washington University.

2005
Kohawks in attendance at the July 27 wedding of Eric Hemesath ’05 and Michelle Stevens were (left to right) Brad Hemesath ’08, Josh Hoeg ’04, T.J. Wagner Jr. ’05, Eric, Andrew Borders ’03, Jase Jensen ’06 and Kari Spilman ’06. The couple lives near Portland in Hillsboro, Oregon, where Eric is a process engineer at Intel.

2006
Erinn Odell and Kurt Barclay of Minneapolis on Sept. 6. She is an accountant at the University of Minnesota.

2007
Kiley Finke and Josh Scroeder of Cedar Rapids on Aug. 16. She is a nurse at St. Luke’s Hospital.

2009
Amy Hanse and Nathan Kelley of Marion, Iowa, on Dec. 13.

2011
Marisa Graham and Logan Ginkens of Cherokee, Iowa, on Aug. 31.

Katy Heater and Nate Anderson of North Liberty, Iowa, on June 28.

Among those attending the Sept. 27 wedding of Clayton Rush ’11 and Ashlee Simon ’12 were (front row, left to right) Cami Reifschneider Hennings ’12, James Gotto ’14, Dan Luce ’12, Kelly Bream ’12, Jake Gotto ’16 and Danielle Schlotterbeck ’14. (Second row) Micah Nardini Benes ’12, C.C. Williams Jones ’11, Ashlee and Clayton, Miranda Rogers ’12 and Ashley Hood ’12. (Third row) Abby Burger ’12, Devin Bain ’16, Madison Sackett ’12, Scott King ’13 and Nikki Simon Lichthardt ’06. (Fourth row) Dimitri Boyer ’14, Mollie Kleopfer ’14, Maddison Woodruff ’14, Nick LeClere ’12, Jason Tyler-Ohmes ’12, Kelsey Jipp ’13, Amanda Hanson ’12, Brandi Haight ’12, Courtney Steinfeld ’14 and Danny Bieshaar ’12. (Fifth row) Chris LeClere ’13, Johnny Siegel ’12, Dale Handley ’12, Ethan Ball ’14 and Lindsey Bruns ’14. (Sixth row) Mitch Sander ’10, Mike Jones ’11, Robbie Kramer ’10, Jacob Seaton ’13, Zeb Hammes ’13, Jacob Frederick ’12, Ross Yeast ’10, Alex Burkle ’13 and Seth Rehn ’11. (Back row) Spencer Sobba ’12 and Josh Hennings ’10. The couple lives in Cedar Rapids and they both work at Coe.

2012
Alli Burkholder and Michael Voss of Shorewood, Wisconsin, on Oct. 25. She is pursuing her master’s in nursing at Marquette University while working as a nurse at Aurora Medical Center in Grafton.

Abby Hayes and Charles Schrup of Dubuque, Iowa, on Sept. 20. She is a gallery assistant at Outside the Lines Art Gallery and also works at River Lights Bookstore.

Among those attending the July 12 wedding of Ryan Kesler ’12 and Sarah Gierach ’13 were Nathan Rowland ’10, Angelea Presti ’12, Kevin Gaster ’13, DeAnna Marguglio ’13, Emily Weber ’13, Curtis Stochl ’13, Elise van Holsteijn ’14, Dan Borngraeber ’11, Aly Barger ’12, Rachel Kingham ’15, Holly Bouma-Johnston ’11 and Colin Conway ’14. The couple lives in Sibley, Iowa, where Sarah teaches elementary music. Ryan is working as a pharmacy intern at Walgreens while pursuing his Pharm.D. at Creighton University.

2013
Meghan Hunter and Leif Zalewski of Cedar Rapids on June 14.

2014
Marissa Anderson and Bryan Bral of Marengo, Iowa, on Oct. 4. She works at Nordstrom Direct.
Welcoming new Kohawks into the nest

1993
Pamela Fisher Roemmich and Clark Roemmich ’94 of Elmhurst, Illinois, a daughter, Lydia, on Nov. 11.

1997
Bart Barner and his wife, Laura, of Springville, Iowa, a son, Colton, on Oct. 28.
Bruce Johanson and his wife, Krista, of Cedar Rapids, a son, Jack, on Aug. 9.

2001
Erica Burgland Gunther and her husband, Jason, of Chicago, a daughter, Olivia, on Sept. 29.

2002
Bobbi Cairney Daugherty and her husband, Sean, of Colorado Springs, Colorado, a son, Colin, on May 6.

2003
Alicia Crowl Fedewa and her husband, Mark, of Lexington, Kentucky, a son, Eric, on Nov. 16.
Katie Moon and her husband, Matt Hidlebaugh, of Marion, Iowa, a son, Ryan, on Aug. 26.
Candice O’Connor Wisdo and her husband, Jeff, of Marion, Iowa, a daughter, Grace, on Oct. 3.

2004
Mark Wachwitz and Keanna Smith ’07 of Colorado Springs, Colorado, a son, Ethan, on Nov. 24.

2005
Melissa Lajoie of Clinton, Massachusetts, a son, Bennett, on Oct. 25.
Sally Sandberg Wiley and Landis Wiley ’07 of Cedar Rapids, a son, Beckett, on Aug. 30.

2006
Michael Geneser and Sheila Farrey Geneser ’08 of Coralville, Iowa, a son, Lincoln, on Oct. 24.
John Greiner and his wife, Jenna, of Washington, Iowa, a son, Laken, on Aug. 17.
Chris Paasch and his wife, Andie, of Cedar Rapids, a daughter, Adelynn, on Aug. 30.

2007
Sara Kopp Mackey and her husband, Gary, of Marion, Iowa, a son, Braxton, on Nov. 18.

2008
Ross Weidner and his wife, Meghan, of Washington, Iowa, a daughter, Reese, on Jan. 10.

2009
Cassie Milbert Costigan and her husband, Jesse, of Cedar Rapids, a son, Isaiah, on Jan. 25.

2011
Justine Brady of Cedar Rapids, a son, Moses, on Nov. 24.
Seth Rehn and Kelsie Emerick Rehn ’13 of Cedar Rapids, a daughter, Hensley, on Oct. 15.

2012
Jordan Kuehner and Kaitlin Mitchell Kuehner of Cedar Rapids, a daughter, Ella, on Dec. 16. Joining in on the Kohawk photo opportunity are Kaitlin’s parents, Todd Mitchell ’03 and Carolyn Heit Mitchell ’89.

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1934

Gesina Schutter, Munson, 103, of West Bend, Iowa, on Nov. 13. She taught upper elementary English and social studies at Halfa-Armstrong, Goldfield and Wesley. She taught Sunday School at the United Presbyterian Church, sang in the choir, was the church pianist, Clerk of Session, and held offices in the United Presbyterian Women and Rodman Mariners. She was a Cub Scout den mother, Brownie and Girl Scout leader and band mother for all four of her children, and taught piano lessons. She was a member of the Ladies Social Literary Club for 49 years, district officer of Republican Women, UNICEF Chairwoman for over 21 years, charter member of the West Bend Historical Society, pianist and officer in the Legion Auxiliary, a volunteer in the Lauback Literacy program and volunteer pianist at the West Bend Care Center for 25 years. In the late 1960s, she renewed her teaching certificate at Mankato State College and earned the reading endorsement from Vermillion, South Dakota Unified School District. She was a substitute teacher and taught remedial reading in West Bend. She is survived by two sons, Jerry of Silverdale, Washington, and Paul of Manotick, Ontario; a daughter Joyce Munson ’72, 302 Fifth St. SW, West Bend, IA 50597; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

1936

Corinne Yaw, 92, the wife of Robert Yaw, on Dec. 9. She was preceded in death by Robert. She is survived by five children, Glen ‘Sandy’ Harvey III of Sister Bay, Wisconsin, Robert ‘Copper’ Yaw II of Palm Gardens, Florida, Campbell Yaw of Boston, Nancy McCullough of Des Moines, Iowa, and Virginia Rowe of Harrington Park, New Jersey; and four grandchildren.

1940

Jean Erbe Formanek, 97, of Keystone, Iowa, on Dec. 22. She worked at Mutual Fire and Tornado Insurance Co. in Cedar Rapids before traveling with her husband to Florida, Georgia and Texas while he served in the Army Air Corps. She was preceded in death by a sister, Winifred Erbe Mooney ’42, and her husband, Robert Formanek ’40. She is survived by a son, Dr. Robert Formanek Jr. ’65, 262 Sundown Terrace, Orinda, CA 94563; a daughter, Katha Ricciardi of St. John, Virgin Islands; and two grandchildren.

1941

Dorothy Donnan Herrington, 96, of Cedar Rapids, on Jan. 15. After graduating with her nursing degree in 1941, she moved to New York City to attend the Orthopedic Hospital advanced studies for operating room nurses. In 1943, she entered the Army Air Nurses Corps and served until 1945. After her husband, Gene, left the Navy in 1947, they returned to Cedar Rapids and opened the city’s first Dairy Queen. In 1974, she returned to the University of Iowa for a refresher course in nursing. She then returned to work at St. Luke’s Hospital until her retirement in 1985. She is survived by four children, Nancy Klein, Sally Stendel, Clancy Herrington, all of Cedar Rapids, and Molly Herrington of Guangzhou, China; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

1943

Caroline Benesh Bosh, 92, of Chester, Virginia, on Sept. 28. She was a talented artist who, along with her husband and daughters, operated M/C Studio for over 20 years. She was preceded in death by her husband of 63 years, Norman Bosh. She is survived by two daughters, Sue Sutherland and Mary Lou Pope; three grandsons; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Barbara Ferguson Wallick, 93, of Tipton, Iowa, on Nov. 8. She was a teacher and a homemaker. She is survived by three daughters, Chris Weber of Mechanicheville, Claudia Wallick of West Branch and Elisa Wallick of Iowa City; a son, Kermit Wallick of Mechanicheville; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a brother, David Ferguson of Mechanicheville.

1944

Patience Flanagan Soper, 91, of Salem, Massachusetts, on Oct. 14. She was a teacher in the Salem School System for many years. She is survived by two daughters, Elizabeth Ryan of Salem and Ann Alexion of Maine; her sons, Michael of Peabody, Erle, James and William, all of Salem; five grandchildren; two great-grandsons; and two brothers, Eugene and Robert Flanagan.

Jean Hedberg Selden, 92, of Des Moines, Iowa, on Sept. 7. She is survived by her husband, Marv Selden Jr. ’43, 3721 Grande Ave. Apt. 310, Des Moines, IA 50312; four children, Carl Selden, Jane Wagner, Nancy Bassett and David Selden; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, including Thomas Wagner ’95 of Elkhorn, Nebraska.

Lila McCormick Klemme, 91, of Naples, Florida, on Nov. 24. Marrying in 1943, she missed her college graduation while her husband was serving in World War II. She was a successful Realtor in Rowayton, Connecticut, during the 1960s. She earned a new bachelor’s and master’s in social sciences from the University of Bridgeport and in 1982 she earned her Ph.D. from New York University. She was a professor at the University of Bridgeport for several years before retiring. She was preceded in death by her husband, H. Douglas Klemme ’42. She is survived by three daughters, Sharon Carmody of Manchester, Vermont, Heidi Pastore and Barbara Mulford, both of Madison, Connecticut; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Thomas Pratt, 92, of Sun City West, Arizona, on Sept. 10. After service in the Army during World War II, he worked for E.R. Squibb & Sons Pharmaceutical Co. for more than 44 years, first as a sales representative in northeast Iowa, later moving to its corporate offices in New York City and Lawrenceville, New Jersey. He retired from Squibb as director of scientific services. He was active in Rotary Club, on the advisory board of the New Mexico Cancer Research and Treatment Center, and a volunteer with Sun Health Auxiliary and at Del Webb Hospital. His wife of 70 years, Jeanne Stepanek Pratt ’47, died Sept. 23. He is survived by a daughter, Sheryl Pratt Guter; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Maribel Mullins of Tempe, Ariz., and Patricia Lusted of Cedar Rapids.

Shirley Sullivan, 92, of the Village of Oak Creek, Arizona, on Dec. 16.
3. She worked at Eaton’s Dude Ranch near Sheridan, Wyoming. She is survived by a son, Brock of Sedona.

Lois Wessale Krabbenhoft-Capron, 92, of Iowa City, Iowa, on Jan. 1. She was an administrative assistant at Coe followed by 12 years at Iowa Electric. She was preceded in death by her husband, William Capron ’43. She is survived by a daughter, Sharon of Scottsdale, Arizona; three sons, Robert Beggs of Scottsdale, John Krabbenhoft of University Park, Florida, and Jay Krabbenhoft of Iowa City; six grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

1945 Darlene Payne Fitts, 91, of Santa Rosa, California, on Nov. 2. She is survived by her husband, Marv Fitts, 41 Autumn Leaf Dr., Santa Rosa, CA 95409; four children, Peggy Rhoads, Susan Plummer, Polly Eisenberg and George Plummer; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Marie Zimmermann Staman, 90, of Amana, Iowa, on Sept. 1. She was an elementary and middle school teacher in the Amana Schools for 12 years and a substitute teacher for more than 20 years. Later in life she worked in retail sales for the Kitchen Sink in Amana. She is survived by her husband of 58 years, Gilbert Staman, 302 F Dr., Amana, IA 52220; a son, Paul of High Amana; and a granddaughter.

1946 Zadonna Hall Sharp, 90, of Loveland, Colorado, on Nov. 26. She first taught school in the Amana Colonies, where she lived with a family of her students and took the school bus with them. She taught middle school in Lake Bluff, Illinois, for over 25 years. She is survived by two children, Lucea and James; and two grandchildren.

Bill Ikert, 91, of Lombard, Illinois, on Nov. 26. He received his master’s from Northwestern University and completed his CPA. He is survived by his wife, Kay Siegert Ikert ’48, 2400 S. Finley Rd. Apt. 429, Lombard, IL 60148; three sons; a daughter; many grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

1947 Kenneth Harden, 90, the husband of Marjorie Clapp Harden, on Nov. 4. He is survived by Marjorie, 2500 Grant St. Apt. 119, Bettendorf, IA 52722.

Jeanne Stepanek Pratt, 90, of Sun City West, Arizona, on Sept. 23. She worked at Collins Radio, West High School in Waterloo, Iowa, and Mobil Oil Corp. in New Jersey. She was a member of Kappa Delta sorority and PEO. She was president of Kachina Greeters in Albuquerque, and volunteered at the Sun City West Visitors Bureau and with the Del Webb Hospital Auxiliary. She was preceded in death on Sept. 10 by her husband of 70 years, Thomas Pratt ’44. She is survived by a daughter, Sheryl Pratt Gutert; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and a brother, Louis Stepanek Jr. of Cedar Rapids.

1948 Mildred “Mylle” Fuller Schaut, 88, of Racine, Wisconsin, on Nov. 15. She was a member of Kappa Delta sorority. She began her singing career at a local radio station when she was in junior high school. She continued to sing throughout her life at many churches and civic events. She is survived by six children, David Schaut of Andover, New York, Jan Campbell of Pond du Lac, Charles Schaut of Owensboro, Kentucky, Richard Schaut of Hidden Valley, California, Amyse Schaut of Racine, and Jonathan Schaut of Union Grove; 10 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Doris Moore Cammack, 90, of Cedar Rapids, on Jan. 23. For two years, she taught at Blairstown Consolidated Schools and then substitute taught for many years in the Cedar Rapids Community School District. She is survived by her husband, Clyde Cammack, 2115 First Ave. SE Apt. 1310, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402; five children, Jeffrey Corell of Vacaville, California, Patricia Berlinger of Buffalo, Wyoming, Elizabeth Brown of Rhodes, Charles Corell of Fort Dodge and David Corell of Marion; a sister, Marjorie Gibbs of Prescott, Arizona; 12 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Helen Parker Stanger, 92, of Mercer Island, Washington, on Jan. 21. She began her teaching career in a one-room country school, where she taught all eight grades. Later she taught fifth grade in Manchester, Iowa. She enlisted in the Navy WAVES during World War II. She resumed her teaching career in Springfield, Hopkinton and Monticello before becoming postmaster in Hopkinton in 1954. She was a reading specialist in the Mercer Island Schools for 24 years, retiring in 1987. She then worked in the Seattle SuperSonics office as a per diem specialist for 20 years. She was preceded in death by her husband, William Stanger, in 1987.

1949 Oscar Niebes, 91 of Fairborn, Ohio, on July 14. He served in the Marine Corps from 1942-45. After his discharge, he enrolled at St. Louis University’s Parks College graduating with a bachelor’s in aircraft maintenance engineering. At Parks, he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Air Force Reserves, eventually being assigned to Wright-Patterson AFB. He resigned his commission in 1953 and joined the Civil Service as a flight test program planner. His career spanned more than 44 years before he retired. He received the “Outstanding Civilian” award by the Wright Memorial Chapter of the Air Force Association in 1982. He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy Kucera Niebes ’45. He is survived by three sons, David of
Peachtree City, Georgia, Alan of Houston and William of Fairborn; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Byron Peterson, 88, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, on Jan. 25. He was a Navy veteran of World War II and Korea. In 1956 he moved to Tulsa, where he was a mechanic and inspector for American Airlines until his retirement. He continued his passion for airplanes by building an ultralight experimental airplane and his dream plane, a World War I German Fokker DVII. His plane was used in the movie “The Aviator” and is now on display at the World War I Biplane Museum in Virginia Beach, Virginia. He built several other planes, one that is on display in Japan and a Fokker DVII that is on display in a museum in Denmark. His craftsmanship was not limited to just planes, as he also made handmade scale cannons, exquisitely crafted jewelry boxes, ceramic egg Christmas ornaments and fireworks for the family to enjoy. He was preceded in death by his three wives, Florence, Irene and Donna Deen Peterson. He is survived by five children, Jeff Huber, Tricia Peterson Martin ’74, 2136 S. Florence Pl., Tulsa, OK 74114, Gina Jones, Robert Huber and Paul Peterson; 14 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren.

1950 William Biederman, 93, of Cedar Rapids, on Nov. 9. He served in the Air Force during World War II. He worked in the service department at Royal Typewriter Co., retiring after 40 years. He is survived by three daughters, Terry Claassen of Unionville, Missouri, Jane Baldus of Montezuma and Patti Schulte of Cedar Rapids; a brother, Jim of Hiawatha; 12 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-granddaughter.

Theodore Birdshall Jr., 90, of Stuart, Florida, on Aug. 5. He served in the Marine Corps during World War II. He was deputy auditor for Linn County, Iowa, before accepting a position with the Cryovac Division of W.R. Grace & Co. Following his retirement, he lived in Oxford Junction, Iowa, where he was elected mayor three times. He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Eileen, 3400 SE Aster Lane Apt. 102, Stuart, FL 34994; two sons, Paul and Dennis; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Leroy “Buzz” Engeman, 89, of Aurora, Colorado, on Nov. 9. He entered the Army Air Corps and served through the end of World War II. He was a standout basketball player at Coe. He received his juris doctor from the University of Denver Law School in 1951. He was recalled by the Air Force that same year and served on a B29 before going to pilot training. He returned to Denver in 1952 and opened his law practice, which he maintained until retirement. He retired from the Air Force Reserve as a senior JAG officer and as a Lt. Colonel with 20 years of service. He is survived by his wife, Colette; 11108 East Wesley Ave., Aurora, CO 80014; a son, Fred Mason; a daughter, Vicki Kelley; and four grandchildren.

Robert Griffin Sr., 86, of Kansas City, Missouri, on June 26. He served in the Air Force during the Korean War. He embarked upon a successful career as owner of Griffco Inc. He was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, Joan Brown Griffin ’53. He is survived by a son, Peter of Kansas City; and two grandchildren.

Edwin Hemphill, 89, of Cedar Rapids, on Oct. 4. He served in the Navy during World War II. He was a marketing manager at Rockwell Collins for more than 30 years before retiring in 1981. He was preceded in death by his wife, Joan Thiesen Hemphill ’48. He is survived by two daughters, Lisa Morris and Lori Bobenhouse, both of Cedar Rapids; four grandchildren, including Chris Morris ’08, 3831 Tomahawk Trail SE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52403; a great-grandson; and two brothers, Gerald of North Liberty and David of Roland.

Royal Nold, 88, of Algona, Iowa, on Nov. 2. He served in the Army Air Force from 1944-46. He graduated from the Wisconsin School of Banking in 1962. He began his banking career in Inwood and served several banks in Iowa and Makato, Minnesota, for 44 years until retiring in 1991. He was a 60-year member of Kiwanis, serving as Lt. Governor from 1979-80. On Oct. 16, he was awarded the Walter Zeller Medallion by the Algona Noon Kiwanis Club. He was also a 50-year member of the Masonic Lodge, and was an adult scout member of the Boy Scouts of America for 30 years, earning the Silver Beaver Award, the highest award given to an adult scout. He was preceded in death by his wife, Charlotte Shanks Nold ’47. He is survived by four daughters, Sharon Hobart of Emmetsburg, Jane Herrig and Rebecca Stegmair, both of Loves Park, Illinois, and Nancy Craven of Glastonbury, Connecticut; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and a brother Curtis Nold of Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Retired Air Force Lt. Col. Roland “Gene” Roupe, 89, of Marion, Iowa, on Jan. 15. He entered what was then the Army Air Corps as an aviation cadet and received his commission as a second lieutenant. He was assigned to a B-29 bomber crew which was dispatched to Guam to fly missions against Japan. He later re-entered the Air Force and during the Cuban Missile Crisis was assigned as an Atlas SCBN launch crew commander. Following that he attended Staff Transportation Officer School and then assumed command of the transportation squadron at Ramey Air Force Base in Puerto Rico. Next, he was sent to Vietnam, where he served as deputy director of operations of the Transportation Management Agency of MACU Headquarters. On returning to the U.S., he commanded the transportation squadron at Minot Air Force Base in North Dakota, followed by an ROTC assignment at Michigan State University.

Nearing the end of his career, he was assigned by the Air Force to the Defense Logistics Agency at the Detroit and Boston Regional Headquarters. Among his awards and decorations were the Bronze Star, Air Medal with Oak Leaf Clusters, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Clusters, several campaign medals and the Vietnam Honor Medal awarded by that country. He is survived by four children, Sheryl Roupe of Hiawatha, Teresa of Santa Barbara, California, Jeff of Fort Worth, Texas, and Greg of Inverness, Florida; two granddaughters; and three siblings, Dorothy Harlan of Cedar Rapids, Marvin of Windsor, California, and David of Crestline, California.

1951 Donald Petersen, 87, of Prescott, Arizona, on Jan. 16. He served in the Navy and worked many different jobs before attending Coe, where he played football. He moved to Phoenix and worked for the U.S. Postal Service while obtaining his master’s in education from Arizona State University in 1955. He accepted a position to teach boys physical education at Prescott Junior High School, where he also coached track and field, football and basketball throughout his career. He is survived by three daughters, Linda Theriault, Teri Petersen and Leslie Boone; four grandchildren; a sister, Phyllis Carey of Princeton, Kansas; and a brother, Louis of Memphis, Missouri.

Retired Air Force Lt. Col. Richard “Jim” Thrakold Sr., 86, of North Fort Myers, Florida, on May 24. He was preceded in death by his wife Marilyn MacKenzie Thrakold. He is survived by his wife, Sylviane, 3821 Schefflera Dr., North Fort Myers, FL 33917; three children, Richard, David and Anne; seven grandchildren; and a great-grandson.
1952 Robert Burk, 89, of Cedar Rapids on Jan. 30. He served in the Army during World War II. After serving again in the Korean conflict, he graduated from Coe and worked for Collins Radio from 1959 until his retirement in 1982. He is survived by his wife, Carolyn, 4545 Armar Dr. SE Apt. 76, Cedar Rapids, IA 52403; a brother, LeRoy; a son, Steven of DeLand, Florida; a daughter, Susan Presha of Orlando, Florida; and four grandchildren.

Richard “Mac” McBride, 84, of Wichita Falls, Texas, on Sept. 10. He was a graduate student in industrial psychology at the University of Louisville. He was an Air Force captain from 1954-61. He began his banking career with the trust department of the First Wichita National Bank. In 1963 he helped organize Southwest National Bank and became executive vice-president when it opened in 1964. Shortly thereafter, he was promoted to president and later elected chief executive officer of the bank. In 1969, he announced his resignation from Southwest National Bank, but continued to serve on the board of directors of both banks and their successor banks. He left the banking business to become managing partner in J. R. & Adam Seitz, Ltd., an oil exploration and production company headquartered in Wichita Falls. In 1976, he was nominated as president of North Texas Oil & Gas Association and re-elected for a second term in 1977. In 1980, he was named vice-president of the Independent Petroleum Association of America for the North Texas area and later served on the executive committee for several years. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Ann, Box 1700, Wichita Falls, TX 76307; a sister, Mary Lee of Galway, NY 12074; three stepchildren, Kathryn Kreski of Middle Grove, Joanne Hayes of Galway and Suzie Hunter of Galway; 10 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

1953 Patricia Kuning Veseth, 82, of Tucson, Arizona, on Aug. 29.

1954 Ronald Peck, 82, of Blue Bell, Pennsylvania, on Oct. 26. He earned Phi Beta Kappa at Coe and starred on the Kohawk basketball team. He played forward on the 1953-54 Coe team that shared the Midwest Conference championship with Carleton College and advanced to the runner-up spot in the regional NAIA tournament for small colleges. While at Coe, he enlisted in the Air Force ROTC program and was commissioned second lieutenant upon graduation. He was also a member of the Delta Phi Epsilon fraternity. Throughout his 37-year career with Maytag Corp., he managed sales operations in the metropolitan areas of Connecticut, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. He won several awards for his work as regional and division manager. He is survived by five children, Christopher of Lansdale, Julie Fuqua of Lincoln, California, John of Colchester, Connecticut, Barbara Baltz of Lebanon, Connecticut, and Leslie Gardner of Pittsburgh; a sister, Marge Deal of Cedar Rapids; 15 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

1958 Lynn Howell, 81, of Denver, on Aug. 16. He was a member of Sigma Nu fraternity, started at first base on the Kohawk baseball team and started at quarterback on the Coe football team. He also served in the Army. He tried out for the St. Louis Browns professional baseball organization. Upon graduation from Coe, he began his sports career working for Al Davis and the Oakland Raiders. He found his passion in sports reporting and writing, working for the Cedar Rapids Gazette, the Colorado Springs Sun, the Rocky Mountain News (where he was a beat writer for the Denver Rockies of the American Basketball Association), and ended his career at the Denver Post as a sports copy desk editor. He is survived by his long-time partner, Dan Riley, 2355 Ivanhoe St., Denver, CO 80207; and a brother, Donald “Dixie” Howell of Corona, California. Memorial contributions may be made to the Lynn B. Howell Scholarship for Journalism and Creative Writing or the Lynn B. Howell Baseball Endowed Fund at Coe College, 1220 1st Ave. NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402; or the Denver Dumb Friends League (Humane Society), 2080 S. Quebec Street, Denver, CO 80231.

1959 John Stemlar, 80, Coupeville, Washington, on June 8. He spent one year at St. Ambrose College before entering the Army. He graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Coe and settled in to a long and successful business career. After earning his certificate in public accounting in 1961, he joined McGladrey, Hansen, Dunn & Co., where he eventually became a partner. In 1974, he joined Lee Enterprises, a Davenport-based newspaper and television conglomerate, serving as chief financial officer, secretary, treasurer and director. During his tenure at Lee, he also served as the chairman of the board at NAPPS Systems. He retired in 1987. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Barbara, P.O. Box 1260, Coupeville, WA 98239; five children, Mike of Bettendorf, Iowa, Tom of Indianapolis, Kathy Weigand of Denver, Sharon Theuerkauf of Bettendorf and Anne of Boston; seven grandchildren; and a brother, Tom of Milwaukee.

1962 Jennie “Cathie” Curtis Simmons, 74, of Vinton, Iowa, on Jan. 14. She received the Crawford Music Prize upon her graduation from Coe. She is survived by her husband, Jim Bright, 5909 28th Ave., Vinton, IA 52349; a son, Ted Simmons of Cedar Rapids; a daughter, Diana Simmons of Marion; and a sister, Elaine Dice of Cedar Rapids.

1963 Laverna Mae ‘Bev’ Bevans Coyle Goughnour, 94, of Cedar Rapids, on Nov. 26. She taught in rural schools near Plainfield and Kesley until 1944, when she accepted a teaching position in the Monticello Community Schools. She taught junior high community studies until she retired in 1983.

1965 Beatrice Gorecki, 61, the wife of Joseph Gorecki, on Dec. 3, 2013. She is survived by Joseph, 5693 Lake Rd., Galway, NY 12074; a son, David Crouse of Fonda; a daughter, Rebecca Hancock of Amsterdam; three stepchildren, Kathryn Kreski of Middle Grove, Joanne Hayes of Galway and Suzie Hunter of Galway; 10 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Linda Martuscello and Kathleen Grab.

1966 Joanne Gensicke Berchenbitter Lamb, 86, of Cedar Rapids, on Sept. 2. She received a two-year teaching certificate at Coe and taught at Williamsburg Elementary. In 1961, she went back to teaching in Urbana and then Cedar Rapids after completing her degree at Coe. She retired after 25 years. During retirement, she volunteered with Meals on Wheels, at the Cedar Rapids Science Station at the Cedar Rapids Public Library and as an Invention Convention judge. She became a master gardener in 1987. She was preceded in death by her parents, Henry and Lillian Armstrong Gensicke ’16. She is survived by her husband, Shirel Lamb, 2115 First Ave. SE Apt. 3204, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402; a son, Dean; three daughters, Ann Tiedt, Lynn Goya and Dawn Trudear; a brother, Bob Gensicke; a sister, Edith Henningsgaard.
1967 Robert Hoffman, 71, of Littleton, Colorado, on July 18. He served in the Air Force for 15 years and retired after a long career at Lockheed Martin. He is survived by a son Mike; a brother, Alfred; and a grandson.

1968 Stuart Parke, 68, the husband of Susan Shellenberger Parke, on Nov. 24. He is survived by Susan, 3435 Forest Edge Rd., Center Point, IA 52213; three children, Jonathon of Holland, Michigan, Kelly Magers of Fairfax and Andrew of Marion; five grandchildren; and a brother, David of Cedar Rapids.

1969 Leslie Mandelstein, 67, of Vernon Hills, Illinois, on Aug. 31. He is survived by his wife, Barbara, 9 Altoona Ct., Vernon Hills, IL 60061; a daughter, Michelle; his father, Lester; and a sister, Linda Rukin.

1971 Doris Kucera Nelson, 86, of Keystone, Iowa, on Dec. 1. Before retiring, she taught school at Garwin and at Benton Community and had been employed at Wal-Mart. She is survived by four children, Loretta Herzberger of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, Corene Criger of Norwalk, Dora Zmolek of Toledo and Roger Junge of Keystone; 24 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and two sisters, Wilma Kalina of Cedar Rapids and Marge Crandall of Marshalltown.

1972 Edward Vinzulis, 84, of Tacoma, Washington, on July 18.

1973 Linda Putman Roerig, 63, of Saugatuck Township, Michigan, on Sept. 13. She retired from Honeywell and worked for Huntree Nursery in Ganges, was the president of Baragar Pines Farm, was on the Saugatuck Township Parks Commission, and was a school board member for the Allegan Area Educational Service Agency. She is survived by her husband, Christopher Roerig, 2661 64th St., Fennville, MI 49408; and two brothers, Scott Putman of Green Bay, Wisconsin, and Michael Putman of Minneapolis.

1974 David Herzog, 62, of Iowa City, Iowa, on Nov. 7. He was a member of the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity. He received his master’s from the University of Iowa. He was a revenue agent for the state of Iowa for 36 years. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Gail; two children, Jenny Herzog Stuhr of North Liberty and Tim of Iowa City; three grandchildren; his father, H. Fred Herzog of Cedar Falls; and two sisters, Heidi Rowe of Cedar Falls and Linda Bachman of Spring, Texas.

1975 Greg Dreier, 63, of Glenview, Illinois, on Nov. 16. He worked for the village of Morton Grove. He was preceded in death by his mother, Elaine Eklind Dreier '45. He is survived by three brothers, Don, Ken and Chris. Memorial contributions may be made to Coe College, 1220 1st Avenue NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402.

1980 Kimberly Gibney, 57, of Olathe, Kansas, on Dec. 28. A four-year letterwinner in volleyball, basketball and softball, she was inducted into the Coe Athletics Hall of Fame in 1996. She received her master’s in education from Webster University in 1997. She was a teacher and coach for 27 years in the Blue Valley School District. She was preceded in death by her father, P. Dean Gibney '56. She is survived by her mother, J’Andrea of Maynard, Iowa; a brother, Kevin of Charles City, Iowa; three sisters, Kathie Beacom of Maynard, Kristie Gibney Hooper ’90, 13712 145th St. Ct. East, Puyallup, WA 98374, and Kara Gibney McRoberts ’92 of Chicago; nieces April Rueber Mattson ’06, Ashley Rueber ’08; and her partner of 23 years, Christi Posey.

1974 Shirley Fennern, 76, of Cedar Rapids, on Sept. 17. She was a nurse at Vinton Lutheran Home, Evergreen Estates and Hiawatha Care Center until retiring in 2010. She is survived by two children, Brian of Bartlesville, Oklahoma, and Lynne Simpson of Powder Spring, Georgia; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

1974 Siulin Klein, 50, of Hiawatha, Iowa, on Dec. 30. She was a nurse at Unity Point Urgent Care in Marion. She is survived by her husband, Kenneth Klein, 2485 Creekside Dr., Hiawatha, IA 52233; three daughters, Rachel of Murrieta, California, Kaitlyn of Des Moines, and Sarah Klein ’16 of Cedar Rapids; two grandchildren; her parents, Mavis and Dan Shaw of Murrieta, California; and two brothers, Dan Shaw of Fort Worth, Texas, and Mark Shaw of Minneapolis.
Amy Anderson joined the Office of Advancement as donor stewardship and prospect research coordinator.

Assistant Professor of Physics Ugur Akgun was selected as a research fellow for the Fostering Undergraduate Talent - Uniting Research and Education (FUTURE) in Biomedicine Program at the University of Iowa's Carver College of Medicine.

Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty Marie Baehr was one of 25 people invited to mentor the Higher Learning Commission’s Academies and Workshops for Student Persistence and Completion. She also served as one of two ACM deans on the draft committee that led to a grant from the Mellon Foundation to ACM for continuation of Faculty Enhancement Grants. She will continue to support this initiative by serving as one of three deans on the FaCE selection committee.

Howard Hall Professor Emeritus of English Charles Cannon, 89, of Cedar Rapids, died Feb. 1. He served in the Army during World War II. He received his bachelor’s and Ph.D. from Yale University. In 1956, he began his teaching career as an English literature professor at Coe, specializing in Shakespeare. Before returning to Coe, he taught at Drake University from 1965 to 1970. He retired as a full professor of English from Coe in 1990. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Martha Cannon, 100 Thompson Dr. SE #204, Cedar Rapids, IA 52403; and two daughters, Mary Cannon of Cedar Rapids and Elizabeth Cannon of Columbus, Wisconsin.

Assistant Professor of the Stead Department of Business Administration and Economics Jia-Yuh (Jay) Chen earned the Chartered Financial Analyst designation, also known as the CFA charter.

Retired Physical Plant mover Kenneth Cook, 86, of Cedar Rapids, died Nov. 8. He worked over 30 years for Coe College before retiring in 1993. He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Neva, 942 20th Ave. SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404; his children, Doug of Chattanooga, Tennessee, Bob of Fairfax, Steve of Ely, Ron of Cedar Rapids and Judy Schwarz of Cedar Rapids; 16 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and five siblings Dennis Cook of Cedar Rapids, Cathy Stober of Fairfax, Ray Cook of Bedford, Texas, June Cabrnoch of Cedar Rapids and Norma Boetel of Cedar Rapids.

Assistant Professor of Anthropology Julie Fairbanks, Professor of Chemistry Martin St. Clair and Professor of Theatre Arts Susan Wolverton have been chosen by the Associated Colleges of the Midwest to participate in the 2015 Summer SAIL Seminar “Sustainability on the Margins: Investigating Adaptation and Change in Jordan.” The on-site portion of the seminar is July 20-30.

Debbie Green joined the Office of Advancement as senior development officer.

Assistant Professor of Religion Christopher Hatchell wrote a book, “Naked Seeing: The Great Perfection, the Wheel of Time, and Visionary Buddhism in Renaissance Tibet,” that was published by Oxford University Press in October.

Associate Professor of Art History Andrea Kann was selected as the Fall 2015 Affiliated Scholar for the ACM Florence: Arts, Humanities and Culture Program.

Brandon Kula joined the IT department as a computer technician.

Associate Professor of Biology Michael Leonardo was selected as a research fellow for the Fostering Undergraduate Talent - Uniting Research and Education (FUTURE) in Biomedicine Program at the University of Iowa’s Carver College of Medicine.

Joan and Abbott Lipsky Professor of Political Science Bruce Nesmith was appointed vice president of the Capitol Hill Internship Program.

Trustee Chuck Peters was inducted into the Junior Achievement of Eastern Iowa Business Hall of Fame on Sept. 25.

Kim Pribyl became the new assistant to the president on March 1, following the retirement of Mary Miskimen, who joined the Dean’s Office in 1974 and became assistant to the president in 1996. Kim has served Coe since 2011 as the advancement assistant and Clark Alumni House director.

Professor Emeritus of English James Randall, the first tenured African-American professor at Coe College, was recognized as one of four African American Museum of Iowa’s History Makers.

Lindsay Shedek joined Student Affairs as director of health services.

Laura Van Buer was promoted to director of campus life.

Former Assistant Professor of Mathematics Craig Zemke, 66, of Klamath Falls, Oregon, died of cancer July 12. He received his bachelor’s, master’s and Ph.D. in mathematics from the University of Idaho. From 1976-80, he was an assistant professor of mathematics at Coe and served as an advisor for Sigma Nu fraternity. He was instrumental in the development of a computer science major at the college. He was director of manufacturing and distribution systems and IS manager at Jeld-Wen in Plymouth, Indiana, for 13 years. Previously, he was a systems analyst and the IS manager for the Young Door Company, from 1980-84, returning in 1986. From 1984-86, he had a consulting company, Zmax Software Group located in Irving, Texas. He served on various committees over the years, including most recently State of Oregon Engineering Technology Industry Council (ETIC) from 2003-12, and Oregon Tech Engineering Technology Advisory Council. He was vice president of information systems at Jeld-Wen in Klamath Falls from 2003 until retirement in 2012. He is survived by his wife, Mary Ann; a son, Ron; a daughter, Lisa; two grandchildren; his mother, Naoma; and four siblings Ron, Dennis, Mike and Peggy.

Secretary to the President Doris Gitzy ’90 and retiring Assistant to the President Mary Miskimen were photographed at a faculty and staff donor appreciation reception Feb. 10.
ONCE A KOHAWK, ALWAYS A KOHAWK isn’t just a slogan. Coe alumni have access to services offered by the college long after they’ve walked across the commencement stage.

Staff in the Office of Financial Aid stands ready to assist graduates with questions or concerns as they navigate the increasingly complex student loan repayment process. “We have dedicated more time to assist alumni than most colleges our size,” said Financial Aid Director Barbara Hoffman.

Several years ago, the office would send students a letter after graduation and that was it. Back then there was only one federal student loan servicer, but now there are four. The government has also changed its formula for categorizing defaults.

Now, Financial Aid Counselor Janet Boddicker Rampulla ’94 devotes about 30 percent of her time to working with alumni to avoid defaulting on loans. “If we can get them on track, it will help them throughout life,” she said. “These loans are our loans as much as theirs.”

Boddicker Rampulla also spreads the word about various loan forgiveness programs, repayment plans and consolidation options available to alumni. By building relationships with alumni before they fall behind on loan payments, the college has been able to maintain a low default rate.

“If you don’t reach out to them until they’re three to four months behind, you’re probably not going to get them,” Boddicker Rampulla said.

As a small college, Coe has a vested interest in helping graduates manage the debt they acquired as students. “We’re not required to have a default prevention program, we want to,” Hoffman said.

Ben Schmidt ’14 said he was grateful for Boddicker Rampulla’s assistance after trying to set up a repayment plan on his own left him confused and frustrated. “She answered all of my questions and helped me figure out what I was doing wrong,” he said. “With the help of Janet, I was able to get my situation figured out and get on a payment plan that best fits me.”

The office has won three awards from the Iowa Association of Financial Aid Administrators for its Financial Aid Awareness Month program on campus each February.

In order to pay off student loans, alumni need income. That is where Coe’s Office of Career Services can play a role. Although current students are the first priority, the office enthusiastically assists alumni in their pursuit of continuing education or employment.

“Most everything we do for alumni is free,” said Career Services Director Diana Patten ’81. “Many colleges charge for services or only meet with alumni who have graduated within the last four years.”

Services offered to alumni include access to the Coe Connections jobs and internship database; career counseling by phone, Skype or in person with email follow-up; career assessments ($15 fee for the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator or Strong Interest Inventory); student career fairs featuring alumni employers; and networking through LinkedIn. Alumni also contact Career Services for help with their resume and mock interviews.

While most alumni may not be aware of such services are available from their alma mater, those who are usually find satisfaction. “Alumni actually think to contact Coe and people here care,” said Assistant Director of Career Services Michelle McIllece.
APRIL 16, 2015, is our inaugural DAY OF GIVING! Unite with other Kohawks from around the world to support Coe. We’ll have videos and guest appearances — and, thanks to generous donations from many Challenge Leaders, your gift will be matched that day to multiply its impact.

Join us NOW:
- Mark your calendars to make a donation on April 16.
- Share Coe pride and memories by posting photos or videos using #KohawkDay.
- Plan now to gather with other Kohawks that day to celebrate Coe!
- Help us spread the word. Go to www.alumni.coe.edu/KohawkDay for ready-to-use texts, tweets and posts.

Call or email Coe Fund Director Barb Tupper to learn more and get involved. btupper@coe.edu or 319.399.8569

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