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Several members of the Coe faculty and staff received special recognition at the college’s Commencement ceremony on May 11. This year’s Eliza Hickok Kesler Outstanding Service Award winner was Mary Miskimen, who serves as assistant to the president. Over her four decades at Coe, Miskimen has loyally advanced the mission of the college. Even in the most challenging situations, she has always served Coe with a high level of professionalism, coupled with a warm personality and a healthy sense of humor.

The award is given most years at Coe’s graduation. It was created in 1999 to honor superior, long-term service to Coe. The award is named for Eliza Hickok Kesler ’31, known to generations of the Coe family as Roby, whose lifetime of distinguished service to the college is unparalleled.

As selected by the graduating class, the Charles J. Lynch Outstanding Teacher Award was presented to Louie J. and Ella Pochobradsky Associate Professor of Business Administration David Hayes ’93. Since coming to Coe in 2001, Hayes has served in several different roles, including director of gift planning and legal advisor to the president. Hayes became a full-time faculty member in 2003. He previously received the Lynch Award in 2006, and left the classroom to become the vice president for advancement in July 1. Presented by Board of Trustees Chairman Dave Carson ’72, the award was established at Coe in 1983. It is presented annually at Commencement and consists of a $2,000 prize made possible by an endowment gift.

Three professors were granted emeritus status during the Commencement ceremony. Pearl M. Taylor Professor of Music Margie Marrs began teaching at Coe in 1978. Along with instructing music students, she served as the chair of the Music Department for many years and has led master classes at prestigious schools of music in Hong Kong, China, South Korea, Inner Mongolia and Hangzhou. She also served as the choir director and soprano soloist for Temple Judah in Cedar Rapids for 20 years.

The Esther and Robert Armstrong Professor of Rhetoric Robert Marrs has taught at Coe since 1980. During his time at the college, he founded and served as director of the Coe Writing Center, seeing it grow into the largest student-run writing center in the country. Dr. Bob, as he is affectionately known, built Coe’s writing-across-the-curriculum program. He also founded and served for many years as chair of the Rhetoric Department.

Professor of Nursing and College Registrar Evelyn Moore began teaching in the Nursing Department in 1983, going on to serve as department chair for 12 years. In 1997, she began performing administrative duties as registrar in addition to teaching. She has been involved in many professional organizations as well, including a term as president of the Iowa Association of Colleges of Nursing.

In addition, President David McInally recognized the distinguished service given by several longtime members of the Coe community, each of whom is retiring this year. All totaled, these Coe colleagues have collectively served the college for nearly 150 years. They include: Dean of Student Retention Services and International Student Advisor Deanna Jobe, Vice President for Advancement Dick Meisterling, Assistant to the Vice President for Student Affairs Melissa Randall, and Controller Rich Rheinschmidt ’73. While Meisterling is moving on to a new professional opportunity, he will continue to be affiliated with Coe, working on special projects in the Advancement Office.

Faculty retirees include Professor of Nursing Jule Ohrt and Professor of Piano Sharon Kay Stang. In honor of her service, Stang will hold the title of Velma J. MacMillan Professor Emerita of Piano.

Ten endowed chairs were also named during Commencement. Six chairs were awarded to continuing holders, including Robert O. Daniel Professor of Art John Beckelman, William P. and Gayle S. Whipple Professor of English Robert Drexler, Roger and Mary Baxter Professor of Business Administration and World Affairs Pam Carstens, James Y. Canfield Professor of Psychology Wendy Dunn, Elnora H. and William B. Quarton Professor of Business Administration and Economics Barb Larew, and Joan and Abbott Lipsky Professor of Political Science Bruce Nesmith.

Newly appointed chairs include the Esther and Robert Armstrong Assistant Professor of Rhetoric Theresa Donofrio, Velma J. MacMillan Assistant Professor of Piano Brett Wolgast, the William R. and Winifred Shuttleworth Associate Professor of History Derek Buckalo, and the Pearl M. Taylor Associate Professor of Music Marc Falk.

Coe is fortunate to have 28 endowed chairs, each held by a deserving faculty member, and each restricted to the department or departments of the donor’s choosing. Chairs are typically held for five-year terms, so that every year one or more chairs become eligible to be awarded to a faculty member, either a new or continuing recipient, who has earned distinction as a teacher and scholar. Appointment to an endowed chair honors the chosen faculty member, the college and the donor.
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NEVIRAPINE AND THE QUEST TO END PEDIATRIC AIDS
by Rebecca J. Anderson ’71

In 1999, researchers announced that a single dose of nevirapine, a new antiviral drug, could stop the AIDS virus in mothers from infecting their newborn babies. Prior to that time, no one even dreamt that a single dose of any drug could prevent infections of the human immunodeficiency virus, HIV. Instead, researchers concentrated on finding drugs that would alleviate the suffering of people who already had AIDS. They succeeded, and HIV/AIDS was rapidly brought under control in the United States and other western countries. But in developing countries, the AIDS epidemic continued to spread at an alarming rate, most disturbingly among women and their infants. Controlling AIDS in those countries required a treatment that was both effective and extremely simple to use.

News of the single-dose nevirapine regimen triggered a sequence of events that “changed the face of AIDS globally.” It gave HIV-infected women in Asia and Africa hope that they could spare their children from AIDS, and they marched in the streets, demanding unrestricted access to nevirapine. In South Africa, they successfully sued their own government, and the court-ordered distribution of nevirapine launched the world’s largest government-run HIV/AIDS healthcare program.

This book is the historical account of pediatric AIDS from the first reported cases in the early 1980s to the first effective treatments in the 1990s and then to the prevention of HIV infections altogether. It tells the story through the experiences of individual children infected with HIV, their families, and the physicians who treated them, as well as the scientists who sought to understand the virus, discovered nevirapine’s unique properties, and worked tirelessly to get it to the patients who needed it.

Rebecca Anderson ’71 is a medical writer, and “Nevirapine and the Quest to End Pediatric AIDS” is her second book. Prior to medical writing, she managed research and development projects for 25 years in the pharmaceutical/biotech industry. She worked at Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals during the years that nevirapine was being developed. She holds a Ph.D. in pharmacology from Georgetown University and began her career conducting basic research and serving on the faculties of the George Washington University Medical Center and the University of Michigan School of Public Health.

COE EMBARKS ON MAJOR ENERGY REDUCTION PROGRAM

Coe College is embarking on a major energy reduction program that will decrease the institution’s electricity use by 25 percent and natural gas consumption by almost 50 percent, and deliver approximately $220,000 in guaranteed energy and operational savings each year. Combined with a transition to gas-fired heating through the construction of a new steam plant with St. Luke’s Hospital in 2010, the college expects to cut its carbon footprint in half.

The campus-wide energy retrofit project will be performed by Honeywell. When completed, the project also aims to reduce the environmental impact of the 20-building campus, trimming close to 2,300 metric tons of annual greenhouse gas emissions — equivalent to removing 450 cars from the road. This will help the college meet the sustainability requirements of the American College & University Presidents’ Climate Commitment (ACUPCC), which Coe College and more than 680 other U.S. institutions have joined to help curb climate change.

Coe will fund the $3.45-million project with a loan issued by the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) under its Energy Bank funding program, a resource available to public and non-profit entities to finance energy-efficient improvements and renewable-energy projects.

The low-interest-rate loan will help the college to pay for the work without tapping into its capital budget. In addition, the savings generated from the improvements, guaranteed by Honeywell through a 15-year performance contract, should cover the project expenses.

As part of the retrofit project, Honeywell will implement a number of building management improvements in 16 facilities. These enhancements include redesigning air-distribution systems and adding HVAC controls so operators can better manage energy use and comfort. Additional upgrades include: high-efficiency lighting and occupancy sensors; weatherization improvements to reduce the loss of conditioned air; and new plumbing fixtures to cut water waste.

“Coe has a long history of adopting conservation measures, but we had reached a point where it was difficult to achieve more without outside resources,” said Coe Vice President for Administration and Enrollment Services Michael White. “Honeywell identified where we can drive greater efficiency and helped build a master plan for future improvements.”

Construction began in late May and is expected to last 12 months. Honeywell will work with local contractors to complete most of the upgrades, helping create or sustain an estimated 35 jobs based on figures from the National Association of Energy Service Companies.

“Energy retrofit projects help Coe College and other institutions in many facets, not just lowering energy use and costs,” said Paul Orzeske, president of Honeywell Building Solutions. “There are direct environmental benefits — important for organizations with sustainability goals. These projects also help revitalize critical buildings and infrastructure.”

HAYES NAMED VICE PRESIDENT FOR ADVANCEMENT

Coe President David McInally has appointed David Hayes ’93 as the new vice president for advancement. Hayes replaces Dick Meisterling, who left to pursue other interests in July following 18 years of service to the college. As vice president for advancement, Hayes will have overall responsibility for development efforts and alumni relations for the college.

Hayes came to Coe as director of gift planning, working in that role from 2001 to 2003. After serving as an adjunct professor, he joined the full-time faculty in 2003, where he was most recently the Louie J. & Ella Pochobradsky Associate Professor of Business Administration and Economics. He has also served as legal advisor to the Coe president since 2003.

“David has an unwavering passion for Coe and strong connections with generations of Coe alumni,” said McInally. “His knowledge of Coe’s academic mission and culture, strong communication skills, experience with..."
gift planning, and legal training have prepared him well to serve the college in the vice president for advancement role.”

Hayes graduated magna cum laude from Coe in 1993, with majors in business administration and economics, and a minor in history. He earned his Juris Doctor with high distinction from the University of Iowa College of Law in 1996, and went on to receive a Master of Laws in international and comparative law, also at the University of Iowa College of Law. Prior to joining Coe, he was an associate attorney for the Cedar Rapids law firm Shuttleworth & Ingersoll.

Among many other awards, Hayes received the 2009 Jurisprudence Award for Academic Excellence in recognition of academic achievement for best paper in the L.L.M. seminar at the University of Iowa College of Law. In 2006 and again this year, he was recognized by the senior class with the Charles J. Lynch Outstanding Teacher Award for excellence in teaching and service to students at Coe. He has also given presentations on charitable giving at conferences and published numerous papers.

In the community, Hayes has served as a board member and chair of the Cedar Rapids Community Schools Foundation, as a board member and chair of the Hawkeye Area Community Action Program, and on the board of the Anna Purna Ghosh Foundation, among others. He is a graduate of the Leadership of Five Seasons program.

Hayes is looking forward to the opportunities offered by his new role at Coe. “As both a graduate and faculty member of the college, I am extremely appreciative of Coe’s strong history of meaningful influence on its students and the community,” he said. “Although it was difficult to give up the classroom, I am excited about the possibilities this opportunity provides to assist President McInally and his effort to build upon and advance this legacy for future Kohawks.”

Hayes officially assumed his new responsibilities on July 1. Meisterling will also maintain an ongoing affiliation with the college, working on special projects in the Advancement Office.

**MULBROOK TABBED AS CONTROLLER**

Lois Mulbrook joined Coe on April 1 as controller and assistant vice president. She succeeds Rich Rheinschmidt ’73, who retired at the end of this academic year.

Mulbrook earned her bachelor’s from Upper Iowa University and her MBA from the University of Iowa. She is a certified public accountant who most recently was controller at Cornell College since 2011.

“We are fortunate to have the opportunity for Lois and Rich to work together prior to Rich’s departure,” said President David McInally.

Jane Chesshire was also promoted to assistant vice president and budget director. Coe’s assistant controller since 1999, Chesshire has a thorough understanding of the college’s financial picture.

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**COE COLLEGE, IOWA COLLEGE OF LAW PARTNER WITH 3+3 PROGRAM**

Coe College students will have the opportunity to earn both a bachelor’s degree and a law degree in six years thanks to a new partnership with the University of Iowa College of Law.

Beginning this fall, the cooperative 3+3 program will allow qualified undergraduates from Coe admission to the College of Law after the conclusion of their junior year. Credits earned during the first year of law school at Iowa, which would have been their senior year at Coe, will also apply to their undergraduate degrees. At the end of their fourth year of study, the students in the program will receive their bachelor’s degrees along with their classmates from Coe, while also having a year of law school completed.

Under the innovative program, Coe students can earn their undergraduate and law degrees faster than the normal seven years, thereby saving a year of tuition and associated costs. As an additional benefit, program graduates will have a one-year head start on their law careers.

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Louie J. and Ella Pochobradsky Associate Professor of Business Administration David Hayes ’93, a graduate of the University of Iowa College of Law, serves as Coe’s pre-law student advisor. Hayes says the program will enhance the long-standing relationship between the college and the law school.

“As both a graduate of Coe and the University of Iowa College of Law, I am pleased the two institutions were able to creatively seek a new avenue that will help students acquire a first-class education for less time and expense,” said Hayes. “Scores of Coe alumni have continued their education at the Iowa College of Law, and this step enhances that relationship.”

The liberal arts education and co-
Curricular activities available at Coe provide excellent preparation and support for students seeking to enter law school. Several members of Coe’s faculty teach courses across many different disciplines, allowing an interested student the opportunity to explore a diverse and broad curriculum of law-based courses. To help ensure students interested in law are well prepared, Coe faculty offer advice about classes, host events with campus recruiters from law schools, provide preparation for the LSAT, and give guidance to students as they evaluate law schools.

Pre-law students at Coe benefit from Coe’s Writing Across the Curriculum program, which prepares them for the rigorous writing expectations of law school. Students may also take advantage of the multiple internship opportunities available in the Cedar Rapids metropolitan area. Recently, Coe students have interned with law firms, the federal public defender’s office, non-profit organizations and compliance offices of large corporations.

Coe graduates have an excellent record of admission to leading law and professional schools. In recent years, Coe grads have been accepted at law schools such as the University of Iowa, Harvard University, Cornell University, University of Chicago, University of Colorado, New York University and Washington University.

**Coe Honored by American Association of University Women**

In commemoration of Women’s History Month, the Cedar Rapids Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) has honored Coe College with a Gateway to Equity Award. Coe was chosen for this award for promoting equity for women and girls by hosting the “Open Minds, Open Doors” conference for middle school girls since its inception. Since 1997, AAUW, Grant Wood Area Education Agency and Coe have partnered to co-sponsor the annual “Open Minds, Open Doors” conference. As a result, more than 7,500 girls have experienced workshops in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).

The award was presented by Sue Jorgensen of the AAUW, and it was accepted by Coe President David McInally, Coe Vice President for Academic Affairs Marie Baehr and Chemistry Professor Maria Dean, who received special recognition as the coordinator of the event at Coe since it began.

**Coe Receives $620,000 Grant to Fund Student Research in Physics — Physics Department Grant Awards Exceed $1 Million This Year**

Coe College has received a $620,000 award from the National Science Foundation (NSF) to be used for student-faculty research on the science of glass over the next four years. This year alone, the Coe physics program has been awarded more than $1 million in competitive grant support—a remarkable achievement for a small college.

With one of the leading undergraduate science programs in the country, the college has now received NSF research grants continuously since 1986. Since 2000, Coe has garnered nearly $9 million in funding from the NSF to support scientific research and equipment, as well as the renovation of Peterson Hall of Science.

The proposal that received the award was entitled “RUI: Research on Glass at Coe College.” The award is effective from June 2014 through May 2018 and will be used to fund continued glass research at Coe. The Coe Physics Department is known worldwide for working with undergraduate students in glass research.

Specifically, the grant will support Coe student/faculty research in glass on campus and in leading laboratories around the world. Coe students will travel to England, Japan, Italy and Brazil, The European Organization for Nuclear Research in Switzerland, known as CERN, and Fermilab – the Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory – in Batavia, Illinois, over the next few years to conduct research. The students will subsequently present their findings at national and international conferences as a result of the grant funding.
“We are extremely pleased by the continued NSF support for our glass research at Coe,” said B.D. Silliman Professor of Physics Steve Feller. “The grant represents a continued endorsement of our work by the NSF, and it will provide extraordinary research opportunities for more than 40 Coe students over the course of the grant.”

The funding is the latest in a series of external grants received by Coe’s science programs over the last quarter century, with more than $4.6 million going to the Physics Department alone. Less than 20 percent of grant applications receive funding, demonstrating the highly competitive nature of the NSF grant process.

Concerning the Coe grant proposal, one of the anonymous NSF reviewers of the proposal offered the following comments in his/her summary statement:

“There is truth to the adage 'don't mess with success.' This proposal should be funded, so that this outstanding program at Coe College can continue. When it comes to inspiring undergraduates in STEM to persist and go further, hands-on research is among the strongest motivators, if not the strongest. The program at Coe College has a 35-year track record of training some of the best materials science and engineering graduate students in the U.S. The evidence for this track record is a long list of prizes from professional societies, a long list of publications with student authors, and a long list of highly competitive graduate schools that have accepted their students. This is not because the Coe College physicists keep doing the same thing over and over again. This is because they keep improving what they fundamentally do, which is train physics undergraduates.”

During the past 35 years, nearly 75 percent of Coe physics research students have moved on to graduate and professional school in a wide variety of technical areas including physics, biophysics, materials science, glass science, engineering, mathematics, actuarial science, architecture, chemistry, computer science and more. Further, Coe physics graduates have succeeded at many of the country’s best graduate schools. Recent examples include Harvard (applied physics), Stanford (geology and materials science), the University of Minnesota (materials science), Northwestern University (physics and materials science), Missouri University of Science Technology at Rolla (ceramic engineering), Georgia Tech (materials science and engineering), Lehigh University (materials science), Yale (biomedical engineering), RPI (materials science), Rutgers (materials science) and dozens more.

The NSF also awarded more than $273,000 to Coe to support student research from 2013-16. The grant will be used to extend the college’s highly successful Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) summer research program.

Coe remains one of only a handful of small colleges nationally chosen to host an REU site in physics and/or chemistry. In the physics division, Coe is one of only three small colleges in the country with an REU site, with 64 such sites nationally. In chemistry, there are 66 REU sites nationally, with only three at small colleges.

“This grant allows us to provide summer research opportunities for students from Coe and elsewhere in the nation, as well as local teachers,” said Fran Allison and Francis Halpin Professor of Physics Mario Affatigato ’89, who serves as site director for the research program. “It is absolutely critical to our continuing efforts to create the next generation of scientists and engineers for the nation.”

The funding allows eight undergraduate students selected from colleges across the country to carry out high-level research at Coe in physics, chemistry and biology, with an emphasis on spectroscopy. Specifically, students and professors will conduct exciting research work in optics, materials science, musical acoustics, biomaterials, molecular biology and particle physics. The funds pay for student stipends, travel to conferences, assorted materials and supplies, and other expenses. The REU site will also fund research by two local high school teachers, who will spend seven weeks at Coe each summer.

Other Coe faculty members instrumental to the REU application and summer research include physics professors Steve Feller, Ugur Akgun and James Cottingham; chemistry professors Steve Singleton and Maria Dean; biology professor Paul Storer; and site coordinator Susan Noreuil.

In addition, the support provided by Coe administration was highlighted by grant application reviewers. “The proposal indicates measurable support from the administration at Coe College for the REU efforts, including some monetary benefits to students with respect to housing and tuition course credit, stipends for all seven research supervisors, some payment for recruitment expenses, and involvement from the school’s Dean of Student Retention Services on relevant matters for measuring the program’s success,” one reviewer wrote. “This support is vital to the success of the program and shows the administration’s dedication to carrying that out.”

Since 2000, Coe has garnered more than $8 million in competitive NSF grants in support of its nationally recognized, world-class science programs. Each summer, approximately 50 undergraduate physics, chemistry and biology students from Coe and across the country participate in a wide variety of scientific research opportunities on the college’s Cedar Rapids campus.

The REU program supports active research participation by undergraduate students in any of the areas of research funded by the National Science Foundation. REU projects involve students in meaningful ways in ongoing research.
programs or in research projects designed especially for the purpose.

COE, CORNELL RECEIVE JOINT $10,000 GRANT TO FUND NEW SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENT

Coe College and Cornell College have jointly received a $10,000 Pittsburgh Conference Memorial National College Grant (PCMNG) award to help purchase a new scientific instrument that will aid in a wide variety of experiments. The grant was awarded jointly to the Coe and Cornell Chemistry Departments to be used toward the purchase of a portable X-ray fluorescence spectrometer (XRF). Although primarily used in chemistry, the instrument will be available for use by faculty and students in a variety of academic disciplines, including geology, art, archaeology, biology and physics.

The grant proposal, written by Coe Chemistry Professor Martin St. Clair and Cornell Chemistry Professor Cynthia Strong, was one of 13 selected for funding from 78 proposals received by the PCMNG program. The new instrument will benefit approximately 265 students annually from both campuses, with several collaborative research projects planned.

With non-invasive capabilities, the instrument can be used in a simple “point and shoot” mode to conduct investigations in introductory laboratories. In intermediate and upper level courses, the instrument will lend itself to more sophisticated experiments including comparisons with other instrumental means of analysis, exploring different calibrations, solving matrix complications, and optimizing sample preparation. The XRF will also be used in outreach efforts to attract younger children to become interested in chemistry.

One example where the XRF can be used in a practical application is to analyze the lead in soil surrounding buildings where lead paint was recently removed. The XRF will allow the quick analysis of the elemental composition of solid samples ranging from paintings to bullets.

“We think it is important to introduce students early in their careers to the tools that chemists use,” said St. Clair. “By using real-life examples, students become more engaged with the concepts we teach in the class.”

Strong said that the XRF means that students from disciplines across campus can have access to state-of-the-art equipment to help with their studies.

“We’re excited about the possibilities for investigations across disciplines,” Strong said. “Students will be able to apply chemistry to other fields such as art or environmental studies.”

COE JOINS EPA’S FOOD RECOVERY CHALLENGE

Coe was announced in April as one of nine new collegiate members of the EPA’s Food Recovery Challenge (FRC), a national initiative aimed at encouraging businesses, organizations and institutions to actively participate in food waste prevention, surplus food donation and food waste recycling activities.

In addition to Coe, the new members from Region 7 include Luther College, Missouri University of Science and Technology, Northwest Missouri State University, Pittsburg State University, St. Louis University, Truman State University, University of Iowa and Washington University in St. Louis.

“EPA applauds this year’s new members for demonstrating how higher education institutions, large and small, can lead the way to reducing wasted food, saving energy and cutting greenhouse gas emissions,” said Karl Brooks, EPA regional administrator. “Food today makes up 21 percent of Americans’ trash, so by participating in the FRC these colleges and universities gain access to tools and assistance they will use to cut food waste, save money, help communities and protect the environment.”

The FRC encourages organizations to find better alternatives to throwing food away. It helps organizations learn to practice leaner purchasing and divert surplus food away from landfills to hunger-relief organizations and onto the tables of those in need in the community. It also diverts food scraps, suitable for composting or animal consumption, to composting or animal feed.

The nine new collegiate members will join 10 other member organizations already participating in FRC in Region 7: the Kansas City Chiefs; St. Louis Cardinals; Kansas State University; St. Louis Blues Hockey; University of Kansas; University of Missouri-Columbia; University of Missouri-Kansas City; University of Northern Iowa; Society of St. Andrew; and Harvest Café and Wine Bar.

FRC members will help recycle food waste and keep it out of landfills. Landfills are one of the largest contributors of methane gas, which affects climate change, including warmer temperatures, stronger storms and more droughts.

Coe has had an initiative of remaining green for a few years now. Efforts already being made by the college will be advanced through this challenge.

“It’s amazing how Coe has focused on environment and recycling issues. This was kind of a continuation of that process,” said Director of Dining Services Tom Wieseler.
SPORT SHORTS

POSTSEASON HONORS PILE UP FOR COE SOFTBALL

Coe College softball garnered recognition for a league-high six players on the All-Iowa Conference softball team. Maddison Woodruff ’14 and Head Coach Bob Timmons led the way, earning Pitcher and Coach of the Year status.

After being named IIAC Pitcher of the Year last season, Woodruff becomes the first player to win the award twice. She was also named First-Team All-Midwest Region by the National Fastpitch Coaches Association.

Woodruff finished the season with a career-best 21 wins, 172 strikeouts and .196 opponent batting average. Her 21 wins were tied for first in the region and ranked 15th in the nation. She ranked third in the region in both strikeouts and strikeouts per seven innings (8.0), while finishing fifth in hits allowed per seven innings (4.98). She led all IIAC pitchers in wins and strikeouts looking (48).

Woodruff registered seven or more strikeouts in 10 of 25 appearances, topping out at 15 April 1 against Loras and April 19 against Buena Vista. She also became the second player in school history with four seasons of 100-plus strikeouts.

Timmons guided Coe to its fourth Iowa Conference title – its second straight – with a 36-10 record, including an 11-3 mark in Iowa Conference play. The Kohawks spent most of the season ranked in the nation’s top 10.

Earlier this season, Timmons won his 907th game, passing the late Donna Newberry of Muskingum (906-419-1 from 1975-2010) to move into second place on the Division III wins list. He takes a 927-366 record into the 2015 season, his 18th at Coe and 30th overall including 12 years at Mount Mercy University. This is the fifth time Timmons has been honored by his Iowa Conference peers (1999, 2005, 2009, 2013).

Outfielder Nicole Gentile ’14 joined Woodruff as both a first-team all-conference and all-region honoree. She led the Kohawks in nearly every offensive category, including batting average (.411), runs (47), hits (58), doubles (16), home runs (11), total bases (109), slugging percentage (.773), on-base percentage (.523) and stolen bases (19).

Abby Flannagan ’14 was named second-team catcher, earning league recognition for the fourth time. She was also named to the CoSIDA/Capital One Academic All-District Eight First Team for the second consecutive season.

Flannagan led the Kohawks with a team-high 40 runs batted in. She was second on the team with nine doubles, nine home runs and 79 total bases. Flannagan recorded the fewest strikeouts (9) of any Coe regular.

Behind the plate, she had a .997 fielding percentage while helping the Kohawk pitching staff record a 2.17 earned run average. She also threw out 13 of 19 would-be base stealers.

A career .372 hitter, Flannagan holds school records in many major offensive categories. She is Coe’s all-time leader in home runs (45), RBI (189), total bases (397) and walks (73), while finishing her career second in hits (210) and doubles (44). Flannagan also ranks third in slugging percentage (.703), fielding percentage (.997) and games started (186).

Danielle Schlotterbeck ’14 garnered league recognition for the first time in her career. She joined Flannagan on the second team, earning a spot as an outfielder.

Pitcher Arran Weeces ’16 was also named to the second team, her first time earning All-IIAC recognition. She was also a second-team all-region selection. Weeces finished the year with a team-best 1.97 ERA and .191 opponent batting average. She threw three no-hitters, including a perfect game against Buena Vista.

Brianna Gardner ’17 earned second-team outfielder recognition. She was second behind Gentile in on-base percentage during league play with a .531 mark.

SPRINKEL PICKED FOR NATIONAL SINGLES TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Noah Sprinkel ’15 was selected to play in the NCAA National Singles Championships for the second year in a row. Of the 32 players selected to participate, Sprinkel was one of eight returners from last year’s field.

Sprinkel’s season came to an end May 22, as he fell 2-1 in the first round of Avery Shofer of Sewanee. He wraps up the year with a 22-6 singles record and enters his senior season with 139 career wins, the 13th most in school history.
Noah Sprinkel '15 returns to NCAA National Singles Championships. Sprinkel joins Jon Turbett '96, Johnny Watson '01 and Nick Barnes '04 as the only Kohawks to earn multiple invitations to the final tournament. The Coe men's tennis team finished the season 25-8 and advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament by beating Earlham 5-2. Washington University in St. Louis, ranked second in the country and first in the ITA Central Region, beat the Kohawks 5-0.

Sprinkel was named the IIAC Men's Tennis Player of the Year for the second year in a row while Head Coach Eric Rodgers received the Iowa Conference Men's Tennis Coach of the Year award for the sixth time overall and the third straight year. Rodgers is also a five-time IIAC Women's Tennis Coach of the Year.

Coe led the league with nine all-conference selections between six players. In addition to Sprinkel, Riley Galbraith '16 and Michael Janssen '14 were honored in singles and doubles play. All-conference singles honors also went to Ryan Hickman '16, Alex Bernt '17 and Sean Stokstad '14.

This was the 12th time a Kohawk has been invited to the NCAA National Singles Championships. Sprinkel joins Jon Turbett '96, Johnny Watson '01 and Nick Barnes '04 as the only Kohawks to earn multiple invitations to the final tournament.

The Coe women's tennis season ended May 8 with a 5-0 loss to Grinnell in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. The Kohawks finished the year 19-6, having won three-straight Iowa Conference Championships and three-straight berths in the NCAA Tournament. Three Kohawk tennis players were named to the CoSIDA/Capital One Academic All-District Eight First Team. Tai Lucero '14 was named to the team for the third-straight year, while Galbraith and Amy Sebastian '16 were honored for the first time. Lucero was subsequently named to the CoSIDA/Capital One Academic All-American team for the second-straight year.

Lucero finished the year 13-7 in singles and 18-9 in doubles play. She was named the Iowa Conference MVP three times. In her four-year career, she was 24-0 in singles against Iowa Conference opponents. She is Coe's all-time career wins leader.

Sebastian finished the year with a 15-0 singles record, including a 5-0 mark at the top spot. Sebastian and Lucero were the only two players to play in the number one position in singles for the Kohawks this year. Sebastian tallied a 5-0 doubles record with three different partners.

Galbraith finished the year 22-6 in singles, tied for the most wins on the team. He was 19-0 in doubles with Sprinkel, as they were ranked 25th in the nation throughout the year. Coe's top pair won the IIAC Flight A Doubles Championship and advanced to the semifinals of the ITA Central Regional.

BOYER SECOND, KOHAWKS FOURTH AT WRESTLING NATIONALS

The career of Dimitri Boyer '14 came to a close March 15 at the NCAA Division III Wrestling National Championships in Cedar Rapids. Boyer finished as the national runner-up at 157 pounds, leading the Kohawks to a fourth-place finish in the team standings.

Facing a two-time national champion in Nazar Kulchytskyy of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, Boyer had his hands full heading into the final bout. Boyer fell behind 6-1 after one period before losing by fall in 4:20.

Boyer ends his career with a 108-36 record, giving him the seventh-most wins in the history of Coe wrestling. Boyer accumulated 38 victories by fall during his illustrious career, tied for the fourth-most such wins in school history.
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KOHAWKS EARN CONFERENCE BASEBALL HONORS

Four Coe College baseball players were selected for postseason honors by the Iowa Conference.

AJ Reuter ’15 was named to the first team for the second-straight year. He also was named third-team all-region
by D3baseball.com.

Craig Konrardy '16 and Connor Alberhasky '15 were second-team all-conference selections, while Michael Redmond '16 was an honorable mention. It was the first time being honored by the league for Konrardy, Alberhasky and Redmond.

Reuter was second in the Iowa Conference in batting average at .389. He led the league in runs batted in with 28, while he ranked second with 37 hits. His 18 putouts at first base against Simpson on May 2 were tied for the league high.

Konrardy tied for second in the league with 11 doubles. He was sixth in the league with a .358 batting average, as Coe and Buena Vista were the only schools to have two players hit over .355 in league play. His four runs scored against Luther on April 26 were tied for the most in the league this year.

Alberhasky ranked seventh among Iowa Conference pitchers with a 2.49 ERA. His 47.0 innings pitched were tied for the second most.

Redmond tied for second in the league with a pair of triples. He also tied for second in being hit by pitches, as he earned a free pass seven times in league play.

ALGER CLAIMS ALL-AMERICAN IN DISCUS WITH SCHOOL RECORD THROW

Melissa Alger '16 finished fifth in the women’s discus throw at the NCAA Division III Outdoor Track & Field National Championships held May 24 on the campus of Ohio Wesleyan University in Delaware, Ohio. Alger twice broke her own school record while securing All-American honors.

Alger launched the discus 149' (45.42 m) on her first attempt, her best throw of the preliminary round. She entered the finals in sixth place.

In her first throw of finals, Alger unleashed a heave of 150' 8" (45.92 m), breaking her own school record of 149' 11" (45.70 m) set earlier this year at the Cornell Open. That new school record lasted a matter of minutes, as Alger uncorked a toss of 152' (46.33 m) on her second throw of finals.

Alger becomes the first Kohawk to earn All-American honors in the Outdoor National Championships since Keelie Finnel '12 finished second in the 800 meter run in 2012. Alger is the first Coe female to earn All-American honors as a discus thrower since Ann Gramkow '06 placed sixth in 2003.

Alger led a trio of all-conference Coe track and field athletes with her Iowa Conference Championship victory May 9-10 at Luther College. In the women’s triple jump, Kenzie Drahn '16 finished third with a leap of 36’ 7” (11.15 m) to earn all-conference honors. The lone male to earn all-conference recognition was Erik Franklin '17, who finished second with a men's triple jump of 46’ 9” (14.25 m).

GUNDERSON EARNED THIRD STRAIGHT ALL-CONFERENCE GOLF HONORS

Tyler Gunderson '15 earned All-Iowa Conference honors for the third-straight time, as the Coe men’s golf team closed out the season with a sixth-place finish at the Iowa Conference Championships.

Gunderson shot a 79 on May 3, as he finished with a 301 for the four-day event. His 301 is tied for the fifth best score in school history. With his third-straight All-Iowa Conference honor, Gunderson joins Aaron Kessler ’01 (1999, 2000 and 2001) as the only players in school history to earn the honor three times. Gunderson had previously finished ninth the past two years with a 310 in 2013 and 316 in 2012.

Coe’s four-day score of 1282 was the 10th best Iowa Conference Championship score in school history. Dubuque won the team title with a 1210, while Central was second with a 1217.

COE PLACES 16 ON WINTER ACADEMIC ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM

Coe College placed 16 student-athletes on the Academic All-Iowa Conference winter team. Five different Kohawk teams were represented on the list, as Coe had the second most honorees of any school in the league.

Coe had six men’s basketball players, four women’s swimming and diving athletes, three women’s basketball players, two wrestlers and one men’s swimming and diving athlete.

Academic all-conference honorees listed alphabetically by sport were: men’s basketball – Matt Daoust ’15, David Delgado ’15, Sean Pyritz ’15, Sam Stix ’15, JT Vonderhaar ’15 and Brian Wadsworth ’15; women’s basketball – Mary Halvorson ’14, Lindsey Jipp ’15 and Brooke Wheelwright ’14; men’s swimming and diving – Justin Sauter ’16; women’s swimming and diving – Lindsay Meade ’15, Kendallyn Kirk Owens ’16; and wrestling – Kirk Owens ’16 and Casey Rohret ’16.
Declarating "the time has come for Coe to scale the dizzy heights," David McInally was inaugurated as Coe’s 15th president on March 14.

In a speech lauded as inspirational, McInally defined the purpose of liberal arts education as preserving freedom. He outlined his vision for Coe before a Sinclair Auditorium audience that included students, faculty, staff, alumni, friends and delegates from more than 50 colleges, universities and educational associations.

McInally’s remarks were preceded by constituency pledges by Student Body President Cinnamon Moore ’16, Alumni Association President Heather Daniels ’95, W. Kent Herron Professor of Mathematics Kent Herron, Dean of Student Retention Services and International Student Advisor Deanna Jobe, First Presbyterian Church Associate Pastor Heather Hayes, Cedar Rapids Metro Economic Alliance President and CEO Dee Baird, and Coe Trustee Shirley Hughes ’67. The investiture was performed by Board of Trustees Chairman Dave Carson ’72.

McInally was presented by Allegheny College President Emeritus Richard Cook, one of four men, including Coe President Emeritus James Phifer, he cited as his presidential mentors.

“He will work tirelessly and effectively to advance Coe’s mission while infusing a sense of accomplishment and fun throughout the institution and beyond,” Cook said of his Allegheny colleague for 12 years. “Dave McInally will more than deliver on the potential that the Search Committee and Board of Trustees saw in him. You were absolutely right in selecting him.”

Prior to becoming Coe’s chief executive on July 1, McInally served Allegheny College in Meadville, Penn., since 1986, holding the positions of dean of students, secretary of the college, vice president for finance and planning, and executive vice president and treasurer. He also taught courses in liberal studies and English composition.

He was the co-founder of the Collegiate Leadership Conference and the Allegheny College Center for Experiential Learning, and was recognized with the Outstanding Student Organization Advisor award and the Robert T. Sherman Distinguished Service Award.

McInally’s professional Allegheny College President Emeritus Richard Cook presented David McInally for inauguration
interests include strategic planning, higher education finance and environmental sustainability, where he has been active in the American College and University Presidents’ Climate Commitment. He has presented at sustainability conferences across the United States and has authored or co-authored several articles and chapters on these topics, including “The Confounding Cost of College,” “Moving Beyond the Payback” and “Greening the Campus: The Economic Advantages of Research and Dialogue.”

At Coe, McInally has emphasized integrated planning and partnerships with the Eastern Iowa region. The Anchor Leg Strategic Plan, approved last fall, launched an effort to increase Coe’s enrollment, improve student success rates, enhance facilities, and elevate the college’s visibility within the region and beyond, all by 2015.

A first-generation college student and National Merit Award winner, McInally earned a bachelor’s in business administration and a master’s in English language and literature, both from the University of Akron. He received his Doctor of Education degree in administrative and policy studies from the University of Pittsburgh. His dissertation topic was “Liberal Learning in Research Universities: Course Distribution in General Education Programs.”

McInally believes strongly in the vital relationship between Coe and Cedar Rapids. He and his wife, Janice, are active in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and serve in leadership positions in numerous local cultural and social service organizations. They are the parents of a son and a daughter — Will, a University of Iowa graduate student, and Susannah, an undergraduate student at Drake University. The family resides at Pleasant Hill, Coe’s historic presidential home.

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Videos and texts from the Inauguration are available online at www.coe.edu/about/coe/presidentswelcome
CLOCKWISE FROM UPPER LEFT:
David McInally with his Coe predecessor James Phifer. | Sinclair Auditorium. | David McInally receives the presidential medallion from Board of Trustees Chairman Dave Carson ’72. | Coe’s first family — Will, Susannah, Janice and David McInally.
INAGURATION REMARKS
PRESIDENT DAVID W. MCINALLY
MARCH 14, 2014

I am deeply grateful to all of you for joining us today, and I am overwhelmed by the personal support – and more importantly, by the devotion to Coe College – that is in evidence here and around the world, wherever Kohawks and friends of Coe may be found.

We are honored by the presence of our guests today, including delegates from many of America’s great colleges and universities, representatives from the higher education world and the Presbyterian Church in the USA, the Cedar Rapids community and region, the Coe College faculty, staff, trustees, alumni, parents, and friends. Because all of you love Coe and are devoted to our mission, I know that you will forgive me if I neglect you in my comments today, and address most of my remarks instead to the most important group of people here: Coe’s students. After all, we are educators, which means that we can never resist an opportunity like this.

To the students of Coe College: you have welcomed and inspired me, and every day you remind us why we are here. You are the proof that Coe’s mission matters. So I would like to say a few words about that liberal arts mission and what it means for Coe’s future.

You chose to attend a liberal arts college. The reasons are as numerous as the people present in this room, but I think we have a good sense of the broad themes that describe what you hoped to get out of this experience. You wanted an institution with a reputation for academic excellence, you wanted a supportive campus environment, and you wanted to be prepared for the next stage of your lives, including fulfilling careers and opportunities for graduate study.

But what does that mean for Coe?

What kind of college should Coe become if we are to provide an education of surpassing excellence in a future that is difficult to predict? In an environment defined by emerging technologies, a volatile economy, and expanding globalization – in a period now known as the information age – we must be as clear as possible about precisely what our mission is. And that begins with you.

There is no way to know for certain what our society will become two or three decades from now. I’m a member of a generation known as the baby boomers (I squeezed in at the tail end, for those who are calculating my age), and believe me, when I was young we did not know what today’s world would look like. We need to be nimble and responsive to changes in cultures, communities, and workplaces – but unless we want to blow with the wind, changing our educational paradigm with every trend that emerges, we must hang on to something. I believe that the liberal arts should provide that stable, deeply-rooted foundation.

The problem is that we don’t all have the same understanding of what liberal education is. Let me begin by opining on what it is not.

First, liberal education is not solely about breadth. Like many colleges similar to Coe, we tend to emphasize breadth because it’s inoffensive. Who doesn’t think it’s a good idea to learn about a range of topics in the natural sciences, social sciences, arts, and humanities? But the fact is that breadth – at least to the degree that it is defined by distribution courses across a range of disciplines – can be found at nearly all colleges and
universities, including those that make no claim to liberal learning. Second, liberal education does not equate to the arts and humanities. The national dialogue on higher education misses this point again and again. For example, in Malcolm Gladwell’s recent bestseller “David and Goliath,” he contrasts the job prospects for liberal arts graduates with the prospects for those with degrees in the STEM fields. I worry about the future of liberal education when one of our society’s more provocative and influential authors doesn’t understand that the liberal arts actually include science, technology and mathematics.

Third, liberal education is not defined by a particular set of academic disciplines. The liberal arts taxonomy has evolved over time as new areas of inquiry emerged, but the higher education community frequently becomes stuck in definitions that matter a great deal to the academy, but that are generally meaningless to society at large. When colleges and universities tie themselves up in knots over this question, it is a sign that we are worrying more about impressing one another than about our students’ experience. Let me illustrate with a point that hits close to home. Coe offers programs in some areas that the education world labels as professional training rather than liberal learning, including business, nursing and education. But I guarantee that graduates of these programs at Coe are in fact liberally educated.

This is not the case everywhere, which suggests to me that liberal learning is influenced at least as much by how we teach as it is by what we teach. Great colleges have cultures that value teaching, that understand the relationship between teaching and research, and that are student-centered. By those measures, Coe may well be the greatest college in the nation. For all of you representing other colleges and universities today, I trust that you have similar sentiments about your institutions. In any case, that is how I feel about Coe College.

Finally, liberal education is not an arcane artifact forged in the ivory tower. It is actually superb preparation for success in the world beyond our campus, including the workplace. In a recent survey, employers reported that they are “highly focused on innovation as critical to the success of their companies,” and that they place a priority on “critical thinking, communication, and complex problem-solving skills over a job candidate’s major field of study when making hiring decisions.”

Don’t get me wrong: I think that breadth and a grounding in the arts and humanities are essential components of any well-rounded education – the former for reasons I am about to explain and the latter because the arts and humanities point the way – with apologies to John Keats – to truth and beauty, and they guide us in making meaningful and finding purpose in our lives. But since I have told you what liberal education is not, let me share my view on what it is.

The purpose of the liberal arts is actually straightforward and has been at the core of our enterprise since its founding: to prepare people for self-governance in a participatory democracy. It traces its roots to ancient Greece, where workers were trained in a single technical trade, while rulers were educated in a broad array of subjects, including languages, mathematics, literature and art. In short, the purpose of liberal education is to preserve our freedom.

When the very essence of our way of life is on the line, the mission of colleges like Coe becomes something bigger than you may have imagined. It moves from an educational philosophy to a moral imperative. I am grateful to Professor Emeritus Al Fisher for introducing me to the work of James Freedman – an expert in liberal education with strong local connections – who believed that college “demands a commitment from each of its students to undertake a set of public responsibilities that will make this world a more just, more civilized place in which to live.”

Because many of you have grown up in democratic societies, you may take for granted that they are stable and will endure. That is a mistake. History is filled with examples of free people whose liberty was lost, and there is no evidence that our democratic experiment is divinely appointed. You must fight to keep it, and you must fight to create a society that is just, that is sustainable, and that values the health and prosperity of all people. No matter where you are on the political spectrum, no matter what your beliefs about the issues of the day, liberal learning is the one proven strategy for preserving freedom and advancing our society.

New presidents are often asked to share their vision for the institution. Mine is grounded in this philosophy: that providing a liberal education of surpassing excellence is a sacred mission essential to the health of our democracy. We have taken the first steps with our new strategic plan, but the truly transformative opportunities for our educational program still lie before us. We will develop them together, but first I would like to share a general principle that should define our work in the coming years.

Quite simply, the time has come for Coe to scale the dizzy heights.

We must affirm our place as a national, residential liberal arts college, we must innovate in our academic and student life programs, we must be genuinely and deeply engaged in our community, and we must prepare all students for success in a diverse global society where information is the coin of the realm. We will climb to these dizzy heights despite our fears, limitations or disagreements. We will do so because we believe that liberal education is the first and best hope for a peaceful, sustainable and prosperous future for America and the world. We will scale these dizzy heights together, until (in the words of songwriter Neil Finn) “we’re ascending higher and higher each day and there’s no turning back.” We will do this because excellence in liberal education matters.

With such lofty goals, such important work to do – where does a presidential inauguration fit in? We take note of events like this because it is convenient to group periods of time into presidential administrations, but this is not the most important moment in the life of Coe College. Let me tell you what is.

The most important moment occurs when a sleep-deprived faculty member chooses not to tear herself away from the computer at 1:00 a.m., because she can’t track down the perfect video to convey a concept she plans to address in class the next day.

The most important moment occurs when a student who has never left the Midwest summons his courage and walks down an airport
concourse for a May Term abroad, wondering all the while why he signed up for this.

The most important moment occurs when two parents exchange sighs as they open the tuition bill, choosing to postpone a long-awaiting vacation in order to support their daughter’s Coe College education.

The most important moment occurs when a faculty member asks you a difficult question, and a new dimension of your intellect springs into being – one that integrates knowledge from multiple courses and experiences, one that is curious and alive, one that will solve problems we haven’t imagined yet.

These moments – or others like them – take place every day here at Coe. We can’t have an event to celebrate each one but it is important for you to know that we know about them. In the meantime, although I pointed out that this inauguration is not the most important moment in Coe’s life – I want you to know that it is the most important moment in mine.

For that reason, I am deeply grateful to all of you for being here. I take immense pride in introducing my old friends and colleagues to my new ones. I would like to call particular attention to the three presidents with whom I have worked: Dan Sullivan, Richard Cook and Jim Mullen. I am pleased that you had the chance to hear from Richard today, and I invite you to join me in congratulating Jim, who earlier this week was elected Chair of the Board of the American Council on Education. They are my mentors and they taught me through word and deed how to do this job. Little did I expect that coming to Coe would also offer me the opportunity to acquire a fourth presidential mentor, but Jim Phifer has become exactly that and his presence here today means a great deal to me. I am keenly aware of how privileged I am to follow him, and how fortunate I am to have joined a college with such a talented faculty and staff and dedicated board of trustees. On behalf of all of these people, I assure you – our students – that (if I may borrow from the book of Hebrews) you are “surrounded by a cloud of witnesses,” and if you recall only four words from today’s ceremony, let it be these: we believe in you. We believe in you.

For those who have supported me for years and who have traveled a great distance, my gratitude knows no bounds. For the members of the Coe College and Cedar Rapids communities who have welcomed Janice, Will, Susannah, my mother Barb and me so warmly – you are why I have full confidence that Coe will indeed scale those dizzy heights.

May God smile upon Coe and all who love this college. Thank you.
CELEBRATE

STUDENTS, FACULTY, STAFF, ALUMNI AND FRIENDS OF COE CELEBRATED THE INAUGURATION AT THE PRESIDENTIAL BALL, THE FIRST HOSTED BY DAVID AND JANICE McINALLY. THE BALL WAS HELD MARCH 15 AT THE NEWLY REMODELED DOUBLETREE BY HILTON CEDAR RAPIDS CONVENTION COMPLEX.
Hosting their first Presidential Ball were Janice and David McInally.

Alma A. Turechek Professor of Music Bill Carson serenades his wife, Laura, and daughter, Marissa Carson ’16.

Returning to Coe for the Presidential Ball were Jennifer Behmler Kirk ’99 and John Kirk ’00 of Menomonie, Wisconsin. The couple had their first date as Coe students at the Inaugural Ball for James Phifer on Dec. 7, 1996. “The ball is one piece of Coe’s history that we are glad to have seen at its beginning,” John said. “It is one of the things that makes the Coe experience unique and keeps Coe in our fondest memories.”

Showing off their Kohawk pride were Athletics Director John Chandler and his wife, Eve, and Alumni Director Jean Johnson and her husband, Ed.
More than 280 members of the Coe College class of 2014 graduated May 11 on the Stewart Memorial Library Mall. At his first Commencement as college president, David McInally conferred Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Bachelor of Music and Master of Arts in Teaching degrees.

The graduation speaker was Cedar Rapids community leader Joan Lipsky, who received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree. Lipsky told the graduates only about five percent of students finished college at the time she received her bachelor’s degree from Northwestern University 74 years ago. She inspired the graduates with stories of her own life journey, highlighted by groundbreaking accomplishments while overcoming gender and religious discrimination. Lipsky was the first woman elected to represent Cedar Rapids and Linn County in the Iowa Statehouse, where she served as a member of the Iowa General Assembly for six terms. A lifelong learner, at age 58 she enrolled in the University of Iowa Law School, and subsequently practiced law in the Cedar Rapids law firm of Shuttleworth & Ingersoll. Lipsky has been a member of the Coe College Board of Trustees since 1982, and she is a past chair of the Trustees.

The Baccalaureate speaker was the Rev. Wayne Meisel, director of the Center for Faith and Service at McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago, who was awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree. He is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA) and describes himself as an “AmeriCorps Chaplain.” In 1983, he launched COOL (Campus Outreach Opportunity League), an organization which organizes thousands of students on hundreds of college campuses to create campus-wide community service programs. Meisel earned a bachelor’s degree at Harvard University in 1982 and a Master of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1998.

This year’s graduating class raised $5,787 for campus sidewalk repairs, achieving 50 percent participation. McInally accepted the gift from Senior Class Gift Committee members Elizabeth Hoffman '14, Kathryn Mead '14, Jon Ameling '14, Noor Amr '14, Logan Kehner '14, Dan Sterns '14, Courtney Steinford '14, Rebecca Templeton '14 and Anna Barton '14.
1. Hannah Brietbach ’14 (center), Tommy Brietbach ’09 and Kaitlin Breitbach ’11 represented Coe in the classroom and Kohawk athletics for nine-straight years.

2. President David McInally accepted a large check from members of the Senior Class Gift Committee.

3. Bachelor of Science in Nursing pinning ceremony.

4. President David McInally and Board of Trustees Chairman Dave Carson ’72 applaud the graduates as they march to Commencement.

5. Alumni Association Outstanding Senior Award recipients Daken Starkenburg ’14 and Hailley Fargo ’14.

6. Shanel Wermerskirchen ’14 graduated summa cum laude. She also received the inaugural Fred Hale Willhoite Prize for Excellence in Political Science, a newly established award honoring an esteemed member of Coe’s faculty from 1968-99.

7. Three generations of Kohawks are represented in this family photo of Howard Kucera ’58, Alex Fangman ’14, Maddy Fangman ’16, Beth Kucera ’81 and Mary Ann Kucera ’58.

8. Jordan Atwater ’14 received his diploma from his father, Assistant Professor of Physical Education and Assistant Football Coach Larry Atwater ’82.


10. Phi Beta Kappa initiation ceremony.

11. Commencement platform party members (left to right) Dean of the Faculty Marie Baehr, Board of Trustees Chairman Dave Carson ’72, Joan Lipsky, President David McInally, the Rev. Wayne Meisel and Chaplain Kristin Hutson.

12. Commencement speaker Joan Lipsky.
There were two marriages, a divorce, four children, retail management jobs and 12 years of active duty playing trumpet in Army bands. Or you can just call it life.

“I’m glad it’s done,” Jefferson said after completing requirements for a bachelor’s in music in December. “I wouldn’t recommend it, but you take what comes, adapt and overcome.”

Though it took 18 years longer than it should have, he was proud to perform with the Coe College Concert Band, ring the victory bell and walk across the Commencement stage.

“Walking across the stage on Mother’s Day was a great gift to my mom,” he said. “It brought everything to a close.”

A member of Lambda Chi Alpha social fraternity and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia music fraternity, Jefferson completed three years of study before dropping out in the spring of 1995 and getting married. His first daughter, Abi, was born in February 1996 and graduated from high school in Minneapolis this spring.

“I did finish this degree before she graduated high school,” Jefferson said.

After working briefly in retail management, Jefferson enlisted as a trumpet player in the Army to take advantage of its college loan repayment program. He wound up serving three tours, performing with Army bands in Korea, Kuwait, Iraq, Qatar and Afghanistan.

As he prepared for his discharge last August from Fort Lewis, Washington, Jefferson explored options for completing his college degree. The University of Iowa wanted him to complete two years of foreign language, disregarding the year of German he took at Coe. By returning to the same school, he received credit for all of his prior coursework and needed only three classes – astronomy, Christianity and Music Theory III – to graduate from Coe.

“I was old enough to be the parent of pretty much everyone in class,” Jefferson said. “I was definitely older than some of the professors.”

With his previous loans forgiven, Jefferson was able to tap the Yellow Ribbon Program through the Department of Veterans Affairs to complete his degree requirements. “I have no Coe debt,” Jefferson said. “It wasn’t the only factor, but it was a big factor in coming back.”

Now, as his oldest daughter prepares to enroll at Iowa State University in the fall, Jefferson is pursuing a nine-month band instrument repair program at Minnesota Southeast Technical College in Red Wing.

More than two decades after entering Coe as a freshman in 1992, Tim Jefferson ’96 rang the victory bell and received his diploma at Commencement.
Drew Davies '95 would be a leading candidate. Davies founded the Omaha, Nebraska-based communications and information design firm Oxide Design in 2001. In the 13 years since, he has built the successful company using skills gained at Coe while sticking with the original principles that inspired him to start his own business.

"More than I expected, we've followed our original vision," Davies said.

For example, Oxide demands a strict work-life balance philosophy for its five employees. "A 40-hour work week is the rule," Davies said.

Davies, who interned with Basler Design Group as a student and worked there for six years after graduating, credits Coe for teaching him "how to learn instead of how to do."

"Coe equipped me to follow my personal passions for social justice and civic engagement," he said.

He discussed those passions at Coe on April 15 as the plenary speaker for the college’s 14th annual Student Research Symposium. In a presentation titled “Saving Democracy: Using Design to Make Every Vote Count,” Davies detailed his extensive work implementing best practices for ballot design across the country.

Davies was on the core design and research team that developed the U.S. Election Assistance Commission’s official election and ballot design standards. Davies and his colleagues have since culled the 400-page document to a set of pocket-sized field guides for election design, each containing a simple top-ten list for better election design.

"Democracy is a design problem," he said.
For Mason Kuhn ’00 and 100 other top U.S. science and math teachers, March 3 was not a typical snow day.

While Washington, D.C.-area students spent the day at home, winners of the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST) trekked through the slushy streets of Washington to spend time with President Barack Obama in the White House.

Kuhn was better prepared than many of his teacher colleagues for the blizzard that hit Washington upon their arrival at the nation’s capital. After a one-mile trek to the White House from the nearest subway stop, the honorees had to wait outside for an hour for security credentials. “Some people from southern states were not ready for the cold,” Kuhn said.

In addition to meeting the president, Kuhn participated in three days of meetings and professional development activities with his fellow science and math teachers. “It was energizing to be around so many creative people,” he said.

A 1996 graduate of Charles City High School, Kuhn came to Coe intending to major in biology. But giving math lessons to Polk Elementary students as part of a mathematics course with Professor of Teacher Education Roger Johanson set him on course to become an educator. “I fell in love with teaching then,” Kuhn said.

After graduating from Coe with a bachelor’s in physical education and an elementary teaching endorsement, he moved to Houston, where he taught fifth grade science for five years and met his wife, Lori. They married in 2005 and moved to San Diego, where Kuhn taught fourth grade math and science for a year.

Returning to Iowa, Kuhn taught third grade in Charles City for two years. He’s been teaching fourth grade at Shell Rock Elementary for six years, while also organizing and leading the afterschool Science Club, where students use inquiry to conduct science experiments.

Mason Kuhn ’00 (back row next to the painting of Martha Washington) was among 101 math and science teachers honored in the White House on March 3.
In addition to teaching and writing articles for peer-reviewed journals, Kuhn has directed the Science Writing Heuristic Professional Learning Community in the Waverly-Shell Rock School District the last two summers. Many of the participating elementary teachers are now using the approach in their classrooms, he said.

Science writing heuristic is an inquiry-based science approach that focuses on students negotiating their understanding of science and using alternate assignments to display their understanding of scientific concepts.

“My kids never take a standard multiple choice test,” Kuhn said. “They have to write something to an audience other than a teacher, preferably younger kids. It levels the playing field, I’ve found. They’re learning something instead of how to take a test.”

With two young sons at home – Tristan, 6, and Jake, 4 – Kuhn earned two master’s degrees in science education from Walden University in 2009 and special education from the University of North Dakota in 2011. He is currently pursuing his Ed.D. in curriculum and instruction at the University of Northern Iowa.

“I would like to be a faculty member in an education department at a college,” Kuhn said.

The PAEMST can’t hurt.

The presidential award is the U.S. government’s highest honor for K-12 math and science teachers. The winners are selected annually by a panel of distinguished scientists, mathematicians and educators following an initial selection process done at the state level.

Honorees receive a $10,000 award from the National Science Foundation to be used at their discretion. Kuhn was also a finalist for the award in 2010.

Iowa was well represented March 3 by Shell Rock teacher Mason Kuhn ’00 at a White House ceremony honoring the nation’s top elementary math and science teachers.

After receiving a Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching, Mason Kuhn ’00 returned to Coe and met with teacher education professors Roger Johanson and Terry McNabb.

Mason Kuhn ’00 received his presidential teaching award March 5 during a ceremony at the National Academies of Science.
Maria Shebetka of Cedar Rapids celebrated her 10th stem cell birthday on Feb. 16.

John Wilson of Ocean View, Hawaii, presented a paper in April at the American Physical Society meeting in Savannah, Georgia. “Everyone seemed happy with the calculation on the accretion rate of the supermassive black hole in the center of Andromeda Galaxy,” he said. “Even the implications that the entire local group will be consumed by this SMBH were seen as reasonable. But maybe considering the consequences of the Andromeda-Milky Way merger, which is billions of years in the future, has not been a priority for most people.”

Susan Abrahamson Vaughn Harris of Dennis, Massachusetts, is associate editor of The Barnstable Patriot, a weekly newspaper on Cape Cod since 1830. She has been a journalist since 1968, working at more than a dozen newspapers as a reporter or editor in Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York and Virginia. She also taught college journalism full time for seven years.

Howard Wolvington of Issaquah, Washington, was selected as the Federal Aviation Administration’s 2014 National Certified Flight Instructor of the Year. He will receive the award in July at the 2014 EAA AirVenture in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. He was previously named CFI of the year for the FAA’s Seattle district and Northwest region. Since accepting early retirement from Boeing in 2000, Wolvington has worked as a full-time professional flight instructor. He has accumulated 13,000 hours of flight time, including 10,000 hours of flight instruction.

Rear Admiral Harold Robinson of Centerville, Massachusetts, received the Jewish Military Leadership Award in recognition of devotion to
Mal Middlesworth and his wife, JoJean, of Upland, Calif., pictured here on their wedding day in 1944, celebrated their 70th anniversary April 1. They were among the first couples to live in the Quonset huts that housed married World War II veterans and their families at Coe. JoJean and Mal, a Pearl Harbor survivor, returned to Honolulu in December for a ceremony commemorating the 72nd anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. Mal was national president of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association from 2005-08 and remains editor and publisher of the Pearl Harbor Gram, a position he has held since 2001.

Scott Taylor of Edina, Minnesota, is celebrating his 60th birthday and honoring his Scottish heritage by wearing a kilt part of every day of 2014.

Alan Anderson received his master of laws (LL.M.) degree, with merit, in international dispute resolution from the University of London, England. He also received a 150th Anniversary Prize Award for academic achievement from the University. He practices law in the Twin Cities, specializing in commercial litigation and arbitration. He and Ann Luken Anderson '81 live in Shoreview, Minnesota.

Rick Coles of Ripon, Wisconsin, was promoted to full professor at Ripon College, where he continues as chairman of the Exercise Science Department and offensive coordinator of the football team.
’81 Laura Meade of Cedar Rapids is a convention parliamentarian, bylaws consultant and workshop presenter.

’82 Jill Domer Laping of Cheyenne, Wyoming, accompanied Bahraini flautist Ahmed Al Ghanem on the piano at St. Christopher’s Cathedral on Feb. 27. She is a music teacher at Ibn Khuldoon National School in Bahrain.

’83 30TH CLUSTER REUNION: SEPT. 18-21, 2014

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’87 Bill Brause is assistant director of the Physical Plant and coordinator of sustainability at Coe. He and Sally Roegner Brause ’88 live in Cedar Rapids.

Tariq Ikram of Karachi, Pakistan, received the “Ufficiale dell’Ordine della Stella d’Italia” – an Italian order of Knighthood – Feb. 8 for his contribution to strengthening the ties between Italy and Pakistan. He is president of the Italian Development Committee and chairman of Franco’s Farm group of companies.

’89 25TH REUNION: SEPT. 18-21, 2014

’90 25TH REUNION: OCT. 15-18, 2015

’91 Anne Laugen has returned to Cedar Rapids after 18 years away and is working in sales at The Gazette and KCRG-TV.

’92 Peter Laugen of Ypsilanti, Michigan, is high school principal and head of school at Washtenaw Chrstian Academy.

’93 Stacie Tvedt Eastman of Cedar Rapids is director of Christian education and nurturing ministries at Echo Hill Presbyterian Church. She also continues freelance writing, teaching voice lessons, singing and judging show choir competitions.

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

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

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

’97 Michael Scott of Waxahachie, Texas, is an independent AdvoCare distributor and owns Scott Sport and Fitness. He and his wife, Ligeia, also have a catering service called Poe Girl’s BBQ. They recently started Team Spirit Socks and he still teaches and coaches football in Waxahachie.

’98 Mark Murphy was named the Central Region Coach of the Year by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association. After five years as head coach of women’s tennis at Kalamazoo College, he has a 57-48 record, including a 32-8 mark in Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association play. Kalamazoo won its first outright MIAA title since 1995 in 2014 going 8-0 in league play and finishing the season with a 15-5 record. Mark and Becca Potts Murphy live in Portage, Michigan.

’99 Wendy Hamilton of Omaha, Nebraska, was named one of 10 outstanding young Omahans by the Jaycees. She is fund development director for Girl Scouts Spirit of Nebraska, serves as vice president of the Autism Society of Nebraska, and is a board member for the Omaha Summer Arts Festival, the Ballet Nebraska Guild and Nebraskans for the Arts.

’00 Ricca Klein of Plainfield, Illinois, is a licensed clinical psychologist at a private practice in Naperville.

’07 Kaija Straumanis of Rochester, New York, became an Internet sensation with a series of photos she called “Headshots” that was renamed “Stuff Being Thrown at My Head” by Reddit. Photography is a hobby for the book editor and translator.

’08 5TH CLUSTER REUNION: SEPT. 18-21, 2014

’09 5TH CLUSTER REUNION: SEPT. 18-21, 2014

Vance Rudolph of Cedar Rapids is pursuing travel nursing. His first assignment is Texas Children’s Hospital in Houston.

Andy Timmons of Chicago is a customer success specialist at LinkedIn.

’10 5TH CLUSTER REUNION: SEPT. 18-21, 2014

Kali Blocklinger of Dubuque, Iowa, was named one of Iowa’s 100 Great Nurses for 2014. She works in the surgical services unit at Mercy Medical Center.

Anson Poe of Chicago is executive producer of No Shame Theatre, a weekly theatrical open mic.

’11 Jared Harding is a police officer in Iowa City, Iowa.
Alumni Council update

This spring marked the launch of Always a Kohawk, a new website for alumni, parents and donors. All alumni should have received an invitation to register for the site via email or a mailer. You can create a unique password to login, or login through Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Google or Yahoo.

This site will be the hub for all of the college’s alumni activities. You can find out about upcoming events and register for those events, including Homecoming. You are also able to update your contact information, read and submit class notes, connect with old classmates, read the latest news from Coe, indicate which communications you’d like to receive electronically, make and track online gifts with an easy way to designate the areas you’d like to support, and a host of other things.

As an incentive for registering, alumni will be entered into a drawing for one of two iPad minis. Visit alumni.coe.edu to get started today.

Connecting with Coe has never been easier.

If you have any questions, please contact the Alumni Office at alumni@coe.edu or use the toll free number 1-877-KOHAWKS (564-2957).

Heather Daniels ’95
President, Coe College Alumni Council

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MARRIAGES

'97 Michael Almony and Larry Potts of Cleveland on Oct. 16 in Ellensburg, Washington, after 15 years as domestic partners.

'03 Freddy Carr and Tawni Ross of Albuquerque, New Mexico, on Feb. 15. They had a daughter, Saige, on April 16, 2013.

'07 Becky Grassfield and Blair Lawton of Burnsville, Minnesota, on May 10.

'Tate Harrison and Alecia Lander of Marion, Iowa, on May 31.

Michael Jones and CC Williams '11 of Des Moines, Iowa, on May 3.

Kelcie McKain and Ben Whaley of Urbandale, Iowa, on Nov. 16.

'11 Angie Pederson and T.J. Swyers of Cedar Rapids on March 29. Greg Everett served as man of honor and Jamie Thomann '03 photographed the wedding at The Celebration Farm in Iowa City.

'12 Frank Weymiller and Kelsey Baxter of New Albin, Iowa, on April 13, 2013.

BIRTHS & ADOPTIONS

'91 Rahfat Hussain and his wife, Catharine Denison, of Minneapolis, a daughter, Rayhana, on Jan. 29.

'97 Emily Jensen Wiezorek and Steve Wiezorek of Wheaton, Illinois, a son, Benjamin, on March 8, 2013.

'98 Ryan Waller and his wife, Becky, of Cypress, Texas, a son, Carsten, on May 25, 2013.

'99 Erica Hendryx Coutssouridis and her husband, Christopher, of Seattle, a son, George, on Jan. 27.

'02 Scott Pohlson and his wife, Amy, of Johnston, Iowa, a son, Will, on April 15.

'05 Bob Meisterling and his wife, Sara, of Cedar Rapids, a son, Lincoln, on Feb. 10.

'06 Rachel Baer Gilles and her husband, Jeffrey, of Piedmont, South Carolina, a daughter, Claire, on Jan. 31.

Page Fineran Eastin and her husband, Brett, of West Des Moines, Iowa, a son, Lane, on Jan. 14.

'07 CORRECTION: Megan Manske Winsor and Kory Winsor of Atkins, Iowa, a daughter, Blaire, on Dec. 29.

'09 Amy Drueck Russell and Brennan Russell of Marion, Iowa, a son, Graham, on Feb. 21.
DEATHS

indicates decedent was a member of the Coe College Heritage Club. For information, contact Heritage Club Director Kelly Allen at (319) 399-8582 or kallen@coe.edu.

'37 Virginia Black, 98, of Cedar Rapids, on Feb. 8. She attended Coe for one year and graduated from Northwestern University with a degree in music. She began her teaching career in Mount Clemens, Michigan, returning to Cedar Rapids to teach music and math to students at Arthur Elementary School. During the Korean conflict, she spent three years in Japan teaching the children of American servicemen at Yokota Air Force Base. After Japan, she returned to Arthur to complete her teaching career.

'38 William Boardman Jr., 97, of Oceanside, California, on Feb. 1. He graduated cum laude with a triple major in mathematics, physics and chemistry. He obtained his master's and Ph.D. in physical chemistry from the University of Iowa. He served during World War II by his work as head of a research department on the Manhattan Project in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. He continued his career in research chemistry with the Lithium Corp. of America, and also served as a college professor. He held several patents and wrote numerous articles published in scientific journals. He was preceded in death by his wife of 51 years, Virginia Black. He is survived by a sister, Virginia Black; 27 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

'39 Ruth Preston Boardman, 97, of Oceanside. She was a member of the Salvation Army Board of Trustees. She is survived by three children, Lisa Oberreuter of Asheville, JoAn Mann of Bend, Oregon, and Bob of Charleston, West Virginia; and four grandchildren.

'40 Robert Formanek Sr., 96, of Keystone, Iowa, on Feb. 12. During summer breaks he pitched semi-professional baseball for several teams in the M & J League. He served as a first lieutenant in the Army Air Corps during World War II. He received his master's in school administration from the University of Iowa. He taught science and mathematics in Elwood, North English and New Hartford. He was superintendent of schools in Ackley, Mount Pleasant, Mendon, Illinois, and New Hartford before retiring in 1980. He is survived by his wife of 72 years, Jean Erbe Formanek of Keystone; a son, Robert Formanek Jr. ‘65, 262 Sundown Terrace, Orinda, CA 94563; a daughter, Katha Ricciardi of the Virgin Islands; and two grandchildren.

'41 Kathryn Phillips Cowden, 92, of Concord, California, on Feb. 3. Her commitment to her community included lifelong volunteer work at many organizations. She taught business education at Mount Diablo High School, where she retired in 1983, and also taught at Diablo Valley College. She was proud to have set foot on every continent except Antarctica. She is survived by a son, Jim Cowden of Concord; a daughter, Patricia Seifert of Tehachapi; and two granddaughters.

'42 Elizabeth Seitter Phillips, 92, of Adelphi, Maryland, on March 5. She was an accomplished painter and musician. She received many juried art awards and worked as a museum curator, docent and art teacher for decades. She is survived by her children, Todd and Anne Phillips and Camilla Schlegel; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

'44 Robert Long, 92, of Cedar Rapids on March 10. A member of the Coe 22, he enlisted in the Army and was deployed as an infantry captain to Europe, where he led his company across parts of Austria, Ukraine, France and into Nuremberg, Germany when the war ended. He was awarded the Bronze Star for bravery for saving the lives of several men during a German attack. He co-owned Motor Equipment Co. His second career, when in his 50s, was as director of Handicapped Systems of Linn County. He was preceded in death by his wife of 62 years, Mildred Broulik Long. He is survived by his wife, Beryl, 2810 Virginia Dr. SE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52403; a daughter, Robyn Moon of Cedar Rapids; and a son, Bill of St. Augustine, Florida.

'45 Ruth Knight Lundquist, 90, of Los Altos, California, on Feb. 13. She is survived by three children, Kathi, Eric and Kristin.

'46 Elizabeth Rackman Albery, 89, of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on March 22. She is survived by four sons, Howard of Prescott, Arizona, Mark of Houston; and John and Craig, both of Baton Rouge; 12 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

'48 Vern Schultz, 87, of Prescott, Arizona, on April 8. He served in the Army Air Force from 1945-46. He graduated from Drake University with a degree in chemistry. He began his long career with DuPont in Fort Madison, Iowa, before transferring to Mt. Prospect, Illinois, in 1963. He retired to Prescott 24 years ago. He was preceded in death by his wife of 65 years, Muriel VanGorkom Schultz. He is survived by three daughters Jan Schultz ‘75, Jody and Laurie; a son, Jeff; and six grandchildren.

'49 Gloria Guyer Buse, 86, of Phoenix, on Dec. 25. She taught kindergarten from 1972-79. She is survived by her husband of 38 years, Robert Buse, 3330 W. Pinnacle Vista Dr., Phoenix, AZ 85085; and two children, Gregg Harmet and Gretchen Knauf.

Quentin Larsen, 86, of St. Helens, Oregon, on March 10 from complications of emphysema. He was a finance officer in the Air Force. He owned several businesses, and
was a salesman for ESCO of Portland and Reynolds Aluminum. He was a partner with his wife in Ida’s Wreath Shop in the Yankton area of St. Helens. He is survived by his wife of 20 years, Ida Mae, P.O. Box 1645, St. Helens, OR 97051; two daughters, Connie Moore and Vicki Larsen; a sister, Lynn of Los Angeles; and his second wife, Elizabeth Dean.

Richard Lewis, 88, of Green Valley, Arizona, on Oct. 23. He served in the Army Air Force. He was a teacher and coach in Illinois. Upon retirement from the Moline School District, he taught for Department of Defense schools in Goeppinger, Germany, for three years. Survivors include his wife of 48 years, Joan, 501 S. La Posada Circle Apt. 395, Green Valley, AZ 85614; five children, Peter of Athens, Illinois, Christine of Fort Wayne, Indiana, Susan of Morristown, Martha of Mercer Island, Washington, and Mark of San Diego; 10 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and a sister, Janet Bascom of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Eugene Cooley, 87, of Mesa, Arizona, on April 14. He served in the Air Force as a Morse code operator. He worked 30 years at Rockwell Collins as an application engineer, working on numerous NASA space program projects, including Gemini and Apollo. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Nadine, 5735 E. McDowell Rd. Lot 192, Mesa, AZ 85215; three children, Carla Levi, Craig and Cathy Weber; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.


Jewel Kieckhaefer, 82, of Marion, Iowa, on March 22. She was preceded in death by her husband of 61 years, Wayne Kieckhaefer. She is survived by three children, Steven, Jeff Kieckhaefer '81, 5822 Timber Creek Rd. Cedar Rapids, IA 52411, and Kim Kieckhaefer '83 of Cedar Rapids; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Robert Marshall, 90, of La Grange, Illinois, and Naples, Florida, on April 1. He served the Navy aboard the U.S.S. Saratoga during World War II, earning a Purple Heart. He was second vice president at All American Life before his retirement. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Barbara, 546 Banyon Lane Apt. A, La Grange, IL 60525; five children, Joanne “Jody” Kruger, Terence, Robert, Jennifer Palmer and Margaret “Peggy” Riordan; 12 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Earl Miller, 91, of Hiawatha, Iowa, on March 18. He served in the Army during World War II. He founded Miller & Co. Realtors and operated it for 39 years. He served as president of the Cedar Rapids Board of Realtors, president of the Iowa Association of Realtors and vice president of the National Association of Realtors. He also served as chairman of the Urban Renewal Board of Cedar Rapids. In 1963, he purchased Big Creek Farm in Mount Vernon and raised purebred Simmental cattle. He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy Voeltz Miller. He is survived by two daughters, Jewell Morow of Indianapolis and Karen Thornton of Mount Vernon; a son, Thomas of Woodinville, Washington; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two sisters, (Doris) Jean Albert of Hazleton and (Lois) Jane Dullard of Ankeny; and three brothers, Ralph of Pawhuska, Oklahoma, Wayne and Charles, both of Cedar Rapids.

Harold Schwall, 86, of Lawrence, Kansas, on April 1. He served in the Marines and retired after 35 years with Ford Motor Co. He was preceded in death by his former wife, Jennine Featherstone '51. He is survived by a daughter, Lisa Schwall Rueschoff of Lawrence; a son, Jeffrey of Yorktown, Virginia; and four great-grandchildren.

Clarence “Jim” Rosene, 84, of West Terre Haute, Indiana, on Feb. 18. He also attended the University of Iowa, where he graduated in 1955. He was a veteran of the Korean War. He was an analytical chemist in Louisville, Kentucky. He was a reader for the Kentucky School for the Blind, recording many science text books. He was preceded in death by his wife of 58 years, Jeanne Moorhead ‘53. He is survived by a son, John of West Terre Haute; a daughter, Nancy Coy of Yorktown, Virginia; and four grandchildren.

William “Billy Jack” Potterton, 80, of Green Valley, Arizona, and Mineral Point, Wisconsin, on March 10. He was a longtime employee and officer at the Harris Bank, Chicago. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Marlene, 1754 County Road W, Mineral Point, WI 53565; four children, Tracee Latty, Kyle Arrivo, Wendy Biolchin and William Potterton III; 10 grandchildren; a sister, Carole Rule; and a brother, Paul.

John Stock, 80, of Cedar Rapids, on March 2. He was a broadcasting financial and business manager at Channel 2 and WMT 600 for 38 years. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Lois, 2718 Virginia Dr. SE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52403; a son, David of Cedar Rapids; a daughter, Julie Kress of Clarence; and four grandchildren.

Richard Stockseth, 85, of Humboldt, Iowa, on July 23.

Kent Westerbeck, 69, Fort Myers, Florida, on Dec. 29. He worked at LaSalle Bank and retired after 16 years. He also owned Westerbeck Risk Management after his retirement. He is survived by his wife, Barbara; three children, Rexie Lanier, Alycia Horn and Thomas; a sister, Marcia Waltersheide; and four grandchildren.

Mary Eley, 69, of Des Plaines, Illinois, on April 20 of pancreatic cancer. She worked in publishing at Contemporary Books in Chicago. She is survived by her husband Jon, 426 W. Touhy Jr., Jennifer McGowan, Gregore Holzrichter, Tracy Butzko and Ashley Austin; 17 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a sister, Barbora Wennerstrum.
Ave. #208, Des Plaines, IL 60018; a son David, and three siblings.

’69 Alvin Hall, 66, of St. Louis, on Feb. 17 after battling colorectal cancer. He received his master’s in economics from the University of Colorado Boulder. He worked for the Federal Reserve Bank and IBM. He is survived by his wife of 22 years, Donna, 8500 Korea Dr., St. Louis, MO 63130; a daughter, Ashaki; a son, Akili; a brother, Clyde; and a sister, Idaline.

’71 Edward ‘Mike’ Cassidy, 71, of Cedar Rapids, on April 17. He survived polio during the epidemic of 1951. He served in the Navy during the Vietnam War. He worked at Collins while pursuing his accounting degree at Coe. He worked in sales and accounting for Wilson Meat Packing/Farmstead. After Farmstead closed, he moved into real estate. He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Beth Ferguson Cassidy, 388 31st St. SE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52403; a daughter, Chrissy; a son, Robert; two grandchildren; a brother, Patrick; and two sisters, MaryEllen Cassidy and Kathleen Barnes.

’73 Sue Gramenz Norton, 62, of Westchester, Ohio, on Jan. 30 after a year-long battle with cancer. She is survived by her husband, Craig Norton ’72, 8810 Wildbrook Ct., Westchester, OH 45069; her mother, Margaret Gramenz; three sons, Aaron, Michael and Steven; a brother, Mark Gramenz; and five grandchildren.

’74 Sharon Kaschmitter, 73, of North Liberty, Iowa, on April 9 due to a traumatic head injury caused by a fall. She was a nurse and volunteered with many non-profit organizations. She is survived by her husband of 50 years, Matthew, 1312 Copper Mountain Dr., North Liberty, IA 52317; two children, Lisa Vogel and Mark; two grandchildren; three brothers, Larry, John and Don Roehrkkase.

’84 Blake Sandrock, 51, of Cedar Rapids, on March 14. He was a teacher and coach in Port Sulfur, Louisiana, worked construction and was employed at a legal office in Cedar Rapids. He is survived by his mother, Ruth, 1600 Haskell, Burlington, IA 52601; his father, Austin of Fountain Hills, Arizona; a son, Nate; and a brother, Todd.

’92 Brett Brown, 44, of Anamosa, Iowa, on March 6. He attended Coe for a year before entering the electrical apprenticeship program with Local 405 in 1991. He was placed with Acme Electric during the program and continued with them after he was certified. He is survived by his wife of 15 years, Heather, 22911 County Road E34, Anamosa, IA 52205; three children, Claire, Levi and Caleb, all of Anamosa; and a brother, Monte of Olin.

’11 Trevor “TJ” Nash, 26, of Corpus Christi, Texas, on March 1. After completing Officer Candidate School, he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps. He completed Basic Aviation School in Pensacola, Florida, and Primary Flight Training in Corpus Christi, where he earned his wings and was promoted to first lieutenant. He was then chosen for helicopter training. He is survived by his parents, Dr. Torrey and Kimberly Nash, 7417 Sandhurst Dr. NW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52405; two brothers, Tanner and Tucker; and grandparents, Ken and Lou Anne Kellum.
Vice President for Student Affairs Erik Albinson won the Diversity Faculty/Staff Advocacy Award at the Leadership Convocation on April 22.

Megan Burns returned to Coe as administrative assistant in the Physical Plant. She previously worked in the Athletic Department from 2003-09.

Professor Emeritus of Religion J. Preston Cole, 88, of Cedar Rapids, died May 6. Pres served as Coe’s vice president for academic affairs and dean of the college from 1976-85, and then taught as professor of religion until his retirement in 1992.

Memorial contributions may be made to the J. Preston Cole Facility Development Fund, Coe College Development Office, 1220 First Ave. NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402.


Associate Professor of Spanish Mónica Fuertes-Arboix wrote a book, “La sátira política en la primera mitad del siglo XIX: Fray Gerundio (1837-1842) de Modesto Lafuente,” that was published by the University of Alicante.

Sher Jasperse, 59, of Cedar Rapids, died March 13 after a short battle with cancer. After graduating from Calvin College in 1977, she attended the University of Minnesota and then worked for Lakewood Publishing in Minneapolis. She moved to Cedar Rapids in 1987 to work for Stamats Communications. She served Coe as director of marketing and public relations from 1991-2000. For the past 13 years, she was a freelance writer, including serving as the editor for the National Czech and Slovak Museum and Library’s magazine, Slovo, as well as Coe’s library newsletter, the Bibliophile. She was also a well-known community volunteer at the Catherine McAuley Center and Waypoint Services, among others. She was recognized with a 2013 Governor’s Volunteer Award. She is survived by her husband of nearly 20 years, Daryl Julich; her parents, George and Nancy Jasperse of Grand Rapids, Michigan; and three sisters, Sandy Hill and Jen Cook, both of Grand Rapids, and Amy Glaspie of Florida. Memorial contributions may be made to Coe College, 1220 First Ave. NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402 or the Catherine McAuley Center, 866 Fourth Ave. SE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52403.

Area Coordinator for Greene and Voorhees Halls Adam Knatz won the Outstanding Staff Mentor Award at the Leadership Convocation on April 22.

Longtime Music Department secretary Helen Kuhl, 79, of Williamsburg, Iowa, died Feb. 18. She graduated from Harlan High School in 1952 and attended Simpson College in Indianola, where she was a member of the Alpha Chi Omega sorority. She graduated from Simpson in 1954. She worked at the Manilla Community Schools from 1954-56 and then at Coe from 1980-2000, when she retired. She is survived by two sons, Steven of North Liberty and Bob of Atlanta; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

A retirement celebration was held May 2 for Assistant to the Vice President for Student Affairs Melissa Randall (left) and Dean of Student Retention Services and International Student Advisor Deanna Johe. They each served Coe for 34 years, touching the lives of many students since their arrival in 1980.
A sampling of photos from the George T. Henry College Archives at Stewart Memorial Library, this page is dedicated to Coe's history as captured through the lens of George Henry '49. The collection includes an unparalleled record of the life of a college over more than half a century by a single photographer. For this issue, we focus on the nine Coe presidents (of 15 in the college’s history) whose tenures were photographed by George.

President Byron Hollinshead (1945-50) shining George’s shoes at a 1948 APO fundraiser.

Harry Morehouse Gage (1920-41) being recognized by Joseph McCabe for his service as acting president in 1957-58.
Coe’s ninth president Edgar Cumings (1950-51).

Leo Nussbaum (1970-82) and Chancellor Joe McCabe shook hands after switching offices to the accompaniment of bagpiper and Admission Director Alan McIvor in 1970.

President Howell Brooks served from 1951-57.

Joseph McCabe (1958-70) at his 1958 inauguration.


Linnie and James Phifer (1996-2013) on campus after he was named president in 1996.
Gathered to celebrate the 1996 inauguration of James Phifer were Coe presidents (left to right) McCabe, Nussbaum, Brown and Phifer.

George was photographed with David McInally by David Van Allen at his inauguration on March 14.
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- You can provide for your family, friends and the causes that mean the most to you.
- Probate is made easier because your intentions are clear.
- You write your legacy and story by which to be remembered.

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- Everyone must guess what you intended with your estate.
- Probate can be burdensome if not contentious for family and friends.
- Your legacy is written by others or not written at all.

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