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280 join alumni rolls

MAKE YOUR MOVE
Campaign for Eby and Hickok progresses

ALUMNI PROFILES
Karim Budhwani ’93 and Andrew George ’07
Laying the Foundation for Coe’s Future

It has been an extraordinary spring semester on the Coe campus, culminating with graduation in May. We celebrated the many accomplishments of the class of 2016 on a beautiful sunny day on the quad—foreshadowing the bright futures that await our new graduates.

These freshly minted Coe alumni are ready for new adventures, and as they processed across the stage it struck me that the college is embarking on a new adventure in our collective lives as well. The Make Your Move projects—including comprehensive additions and makeovers for Hickok Hall and Eby Fieldhouse—are already under way. These enhancements promise to transform our teaching and learning facilities as well as our athletic, fitness and recreational opportunities for current students, while significantly strengthening Coe’s appeal to prospective students.

In conjunction with the Coe Board of Trustees meeting, we recently broke ground to mark the start of construction. Although April showers moved the event into Eby Fieldhouse, the rain didn’t dampen the enthusiasm for this important day in Coe’s history.

The foundation for the Hickok Hall addition was poured when the weather warmed in March. As students were moving out of the residence halls and apartments at the end of the semester, Hickok faculty were busy packing boxes and moving to temporary offices for the summer.

The day after Commencement, the parking lot north of Eby Fieldhouse was vacated and construction equipment began moving in. With dirt moving, and infrastructure being installed, the first phase of construction of the Athletic and Recreation Complex is in full bloom.

Although the work has begun, we need your help in order to for these projects to be completed at a level commensurate with the quality of teaching and learning that takes place at Coe, and to avoid placing an additional financial burden on our students. By raising $6 million for Make Your Move - the Campaign for Eby and Hickok, the college can receive the entire award from the foundation. This challenge grant provides an exciting opportunity for Coe’s supporters to make a contribution and boost their gifts as the new year begins.

Gifts of any size can help us to reach our goal, and if you wish to participate then the value of your gift will be multiplied thanks to the Hall-Perrine pledge. To learn more—to Make Your Move for Coe—please see www.alumni.coe.edu/makeyourmove.
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Courier kudos

Just a quick note to compliment you and your team on an excellent issue of the Coe College Courier (Vol. 116 No. 1 Spring 2016). I especially liked “Spanning the Globe.” At first glance, I thought it was the work of some older alumnus who had gone on to become a professional photographer for National Geographic! Then I realized each photo was the work of a current Coe undergraduate on an off-campus study. What a thrill for me and a source of pride. Thank you. Congratulations one and all.

Jon Galloway ’72
Tucson, Arizona

Written accomplishments of Coe’s literary alumni

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ROMANS, PARTS 1 AND 2 by the Rev. Dr. Rick Floyd ’71 and Michael Bennett

A two-part Bible study on Paul’s Letter to the Romans has been published by the United Church of Christ. “Romans, Part 1” (chapters 1-8) and “Romans, Part 2” (chapters 9-16) are new titles in the United Church of Christ’s LISTEN UP! Bible Study series.

“Romans, Parts 1 and 2 are not ground-breaking new works of original Biblical scholarship, but rather teaching tools to be used by small groups in Bible studies,” said the Rev. Dr. Rick Floyd ’71. “Mike and I together bring over a half-century of experience as pastors leading Bible studies in local congregations. Romans, Parts 1 and 2 bring our knowledge of how to make Bible study come alive.”

Michael Bennett is the pastor and teacher of First Parish Church, Congregational (UCC) in Dover, New Hampshire. He is a contributing writer to the “Feasting on the Word” series.

Floyd is pastor emeritus of the First Church of Christ (UCC) in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, where he served for 22 years. Before that, he served churches in Maine and was a seminary chaplain. In 2000, he suffered a severe traumatic brain injury in a bicycle accident and had a long convalescence and recovery. Unable to continue in pastoral ministry, he has focused on his writing since 2004.

He is a contributing writer for the UCC’s Still Speaking Writers’ Group that produces a popular electronic Daily Devotional. Among his many publications are “A Course In Basic Christianity” and “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross: Reflections on the Atonement.”

Romans Parts 1 and 2 each sell for $6.99 for a single copy, or can be purchased in a five-pack for $20.00. To order, go to www.uccresources.com.

2CUTE 2BE 4GOTTEN: AUTOGRAPH MEMORIES by Nancy Huey Runner ’67

Do you remember writing rhymes in your friends’ autograph books, or in their school yearbook? “2Cute 2Be 4Gotten” preserves more than 100 autograph rhymes from the 1880s to the 1960s. The verses come from Mississippi, Texas, Wisconsin, Illinois, Maryland, Oklahoma and Virginia. Some are even some translated from a Finland immigrant’s book.

Here is a Mississippi sample from 1886:

Dear sister, man’s love is like Scotch snuff,
Take a pinch and that’s enough,
Profit by this sage advice,
And before you love, my dear, think twice.

A humorous Oklahoma verse from 1948 says:

I saw you in the ocean,
I saw you in the lake,
I saw you in the bathtub,
OOOPS—my mistake!

Nancy Huey Runner ’67 of Weston, Wisconsin, found her mother’s and grandmothers’ autograph books, and one thing led to another as friends gave her books they discovered in the attic or at rummage sales. In addition to “2Cute 2Be 4Gotten,” she has published numerous human interest essays and “A Book about Mourning Doves,” a picture book especially for children ages 4-8.

A member of the Wisconsin Writers’ Association and Writers of Wausau, she has been published in Creative Wisconsin, Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine and is a regular contributor to The Senior Review. She is also a volunteer with the Senior Medicare Patrol, helping seniors to detect and prevent Medicare fraud.

“2Cute 2Be 4Gotten,” 120 pages, is available on Amazon in paperback for $9.95 or for Kindle for $2.99. ISBN 0692284958.
Two graduating Coe seniors have received prestigious Fulbright awards for the 2016-17 academic year. This continues a rich tradition of Coe students, alumni and faculty who have received Fulbrights over the years. Coe has established itself as a leading national producer of Fulbright scholars, with 17 awardees in the past five years alone.

Jaclyn Duden ’16 and Angela Kettle ’16 have been awarded Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship grants to teach in Turkey next year. In addition, two other members of the class of 2016 have been named as Fulbright alternates and may receive the opportunity to participate in the program. Samantha Burt ’16 has been named as an alternate to teach in Turkey, while Dakotah Stiles ’16 is an alternate to teach in Thailand.

Duden double majored in creative writing and Asian studies at Coe, while Kettle double majored in psychology and English. Burt was a political science and religion double major, and Stiles majored in Asian studies with a minor in religion.

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

Established in 1946 and sponsored by the United States Department of State, the Fulbright Program aims to increase mutual understanding between Americans and the peoples of other countries, through the exchange of persons, knowledge and skills. The Fulbright Program is the largest international exchange program, providing funding for students, scholars and professionals to undertake graduate study, advanced research and teaching. The Fulbright U.S. Student Program sends approximately 1,500 students per year to more than 140 countries.

Arnold honored with “Excellence in History” award

Coe Associate Professor of History Brie Swenson Arnold is the winner of the 2016 Mildred Throne – Charles Aldrich Award presented by the State Historical Society of Iowa (SHSI) Board of Trustees. The award was presented to Arnold by Gov. Terry Branstad, Lt. Gov. Kim Reynolds and SHSI representatives in an April 5 ceremony at the Iowa State Capitol.

The annual award recognizes the author of the most significant article on an Iowa history published in a professional history journal during the previous calendar year. It is named in honor of Mildred Throne, longtime editor of the Iowa Journal of History and Politics, and Charles Aldrich, who founded the third series of the Annals of Iowa.

Arnold was honored for writing “An Opportunity to Challenge the ‘Color Line’: Gender, Race, Ethnicity, and Women’s Activism in late Nineteenth-Century Cedar Rapids, Iowa,” which was published in the spring 2015 volume of the scholarly journal Annals of Iowa. Some of the research for the article originated during two summers of faculty-student research that Arnold conducted with Coe students Emily Weber ’13, Mia Phifer ’15 and Cinnamon Moore ’16 on the women’s, African American and labor histories of Cedar Rapids.

In the article, Arnold uncovers the story of seven African American women who challenged racial segregation and discrimination in women’s employment at a garment factory in Cedar Rapids in 1897, and sets that effort thoroughly in the context of the racial, ethnic and gender context of the turn-of-the-20th-century U.S.

Arnold specializes in U.S. social, cultural and political history and teaches courses in African American history, women’s history, the Civil War and Reconstruction, and early American history.

Trustees honored for Cedar Rapids work

Coe Trustees Jack Evans ’70 and Steve Caves received the Howard Hall Excellence in Business Award at the annual meeting of the Cedar Rapids Metro Economic Alliance on Feb. 3.

The award is presented annually to business leaders who exemplify the outstanding, enduring business values of Howard Hall and his passion for a vibrant Cedar Rapids. The award’s namesake was an industrialist and philanthropist who used his influence to create a better local economy and community.

In December, Caves celebrated 40 years with U.S. Bank, where he is a divisional president. He started in the mailroom at what was then Merchant’s National Bank in 1975.
Caves has raised money for economic development through the former Priority One organization, led the campaign for a one percent sales tax for the Cedar Rapids Community School District, and led the education task force for the Economic Alliance. In addition to Coe, he has served on the boards of St. Luke’s Hospital, the Kirkwood Community College Foundation, the University of Iowa Board of Visitors, Junior Achievement, Waypoint, SSMID, Orchestra Iowa and Red Cedar Chamber, to name a few.

Evans began his career at SCI Financial Group in 1972 as a registered representative, and throughout his 23-year career there, held a variety of positions from vice president of research to president and chief operating officer. In 1996, he became president of The Hall-Perrine Foundation and has been a major investor in quality of life in the community.

Evans also served on the original Committee of 100, which gave rise to Priority One, formerly the economic development arm of the Economic Alliance. He is a past member of the Iowa Board of Regents and chairman of the Board of Directors of United Fire Group. He is past chair and life trustee of Coe, the Iowa College Foundation, the Metropolitan Library Foundation, and the United Way of East Central Iowa. He and Nancy Hamblin Evans ’71 live in Cedar Rapids.

Coe faculty selected as Iowa Campus Compact fellows

Two Coe College professors are among five college and university faculty from across the state who have been selected for the 2016-17 class of Iowa Campus Compact’s Engaged Scholar Faculty Fellows. This marks the fourth year of the program, which promotes community-engaged scholarship and teaching. Selected fellows participate in a learning community throughout the year while launching or enhancing a service-learning course or other community-engaged research or project. They also receive a $1,000 stipend to support their efforts.

The Coe award winners are Esther and Robert Armstrong Assistant Professor of Rhetoric Terri Donofrio and Assistant Professor of Sociology Katie Rodgers ’03.

Donofrio teaches a wide variety of communications studies courses informed by critical and cultural methodologies, including a seminar on environmental advocacy designed to foster civic engagement through collaborative projects with community partners. Her project, “Vocabularies for Public Criticism,” will explore the connections among the public humanities, community-engaged scholarship and changing media technologies. Inspired by the emergence of media platforms designed to facilitate collaborative forms of humanistic inquiry, she will be examining how the public performance of criticism can open space to rethink the relationship between community engagement and public-facing humanities work.

Rodgers specializes in issues of race, class and gender inequalities with special attention to sport and a new interest in the carceral system. Her project, “Transitioning Together: Developing a Community-Based Research Project with Graduating Seniors and Individuals Returning from Incarceration,” is a senior capstone course on prisons in the U.S. She plans to partner with the Inside Out Reentry Community (IORC) on a collaborative research project. This will give students the chance to sharpen their own research skills and help IORC meet an existing need. Knowledge generated in this project will serve the purpose of furthering students’ sociological perspective and IORC’s mission of providing services and mentorship to “returning citizens.”

Iowa Campus Compact (IACC) is a statewide association of college and university presidents providing leadership for the civic mission of higher education. IACC strengthens the capacity of member colleges and universities to prepare all students to become engaged citizens.

Coe joins new Climate Commitment initiative

Coe College is one of 84 colleges and universities across the United States that has committed to carbon neutrality and resilience by becoming a charter signatory to the Climate Commitment. A signature program of Boston-based nonprofit Second Nature, the Climate Commitment will require Coe to set climate targets, report publicly on progress, and collaborate with the surrounding community, all while integrating sustainability across the curriculum.

“Coe strives to be a leader in sustainability issues, and we are proud to be a charter signatory to the Climate Commitment,” said Coe President David McNally. “Members of our campus community are committed to environmentally friendly practices including recycling, food and water conservation, and decreasing energy usage to reduce our carbon footprint. Participation in the Climate Commitment publicly signals our commitment to a sustainable environment.”

Over the past few years, significant progress has been made in reducing Coe’s carbon footprint. In 2010, Coe switched from heating the campus with coal to natural gas, which resulted in a decrease in the college’s carbon output of 19 percent. The new steam plant, which is shared with St. Luke’s Hospital, was built to LEED standards.

Coe is currently completing a project with the Energy Service Group to reduce overall energy usage on campus. This product has involved a detailed inspection of campus infrastructure, repair and replacement of inefficient components, and validation of the results. Coe purchases ENERGY STAR appliances and electronic devices whenever possible, with the net effect of further reducing carbon emissions.

Finally, the complete renovation of Peterson Hall of Science, completed in 2013, utilized the latest in high-efficiency electrical motors and controls to make the building’s ventilation system both safe and thrifty with electricity usage. The Peterson remodel was carried out using LEED standards, which included recycling as many of the construction materials as possible, as well as many water- and energy-saving updates.

The Climate Commitment is one of three commitments from Second Nature. These are known jointly as the Climate Leadership Commitments, and include a Carbon Commitment (focused on reducing greenhouse gas emissions), a Resilience Commitment (focused on climate adaptation and building community capacity), and a Climate Commitment that integrates both.
Formerly known as the American College & University Presidents’ Climate Commitment (or ACUPCC), of which Coe is a charter signatory, the Climate Commitment has a track record of 10 years of success, boasts nearly 600 signatories, and has been used as a model for higher education climate action internationally. The Climate Commitment seeks to expand on that success and integrate resilience into the framework. In the U.S., these signatory institutions become part of the Climate Leadership Network, which comprises more than 650 colleges and universities in every state and the District of Columbia.

The Climate Leadership Commitments have created tremendous impact: a recent study from the University of New Hampshire and facilities solutions company Sightlines found that campuses that have signed the Carbon Commitment have 47 percent lower carbon emissions from purchased energy than non-signatories that are doing sustainability work on campus. Additionally, Climate Leadership Network signatories are over-represented in sustainability leadership rankings. For example, 100 percent of the Top 10 Sierra Club Cool Schools are signatories. Second Nature also recently worked with the White House to create and support the American Campuses Act on Climate pledge leading up to the COP21 international climate talks. Nearly 80 percent of the pledges were from Climate Leadership Network institutions.

For a full list of the Climate Commitment Charter Signatories, see: secondnature.org/charter-signatories/. For more information on all of the environmental and sustainability initiatives at Coe, visit www.coe.edu/coegreen.

Coe receives grants to build permeable parking lot

Coe College has received an $80,000 grant from the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship and a $10,000 grant from the Linn Soil and Water Conservation District to build a permeable parking lot demonstration site as part of a $221,000 project. The new parking lot will be constructed north of Clark Racquet Center and adjacent to Clark Field on the Coe campus.

The Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship grant is funded through the Water Quality Initiative, while the Linn Soil and Water Conservation grant is funded through the REAP (Resource Enhancement and Protection) program.

The project will incorporate permeable pavers as part of campus improvements to reduce the water runoff, which currently drains directly into adjacent Cedar Lake. This project complements larger scale efforts and partnerships that are working toward incorporation of additional area stormwater best management practices. This aligns with the overall goals of improving Cedar Lake water quality and restoration efforts in the Cedar Rapids area. Construction will take place this summer.

As it is close to sporting venues, the 240 feet by 150 feet lot will be used for event and student parking. The proposed lot will replace parking spaces that will be eliminated from the current Eby Fieldhouse parking lot when the college’s new performance arena is constructed over the next two years.

The grants were proposed by Coe Professor of Chemistry and Environmental Studies Marty St. Clair, who along with his students, works extensively on water quality issues in the Cedar River basin.

“We anticipate that implementation of this permeable parking lot will result in the diversion of over three-quarters of a million gallons of runoff water per year,” said St. Clair. “Reducing runoff in favor of infiltration will also improve water quality by reducing the direct flushing of street pollutants into Cedar Lake, as well as cooling runoff.”

Coe has been increasingly incorporating the best stormwater practices into campus development and construction. Projects currently in place include a rain garden to absorb a portion of the Hickok Hall roof runoff, a rain garden in the Clark Alumni House garden, and the installation of the 2015 senior class gift of a permeable paved patio near the campus quad. In addition, Coe has participated with the Iowa State University Community Design Lab’s (CDL) Agricultural Urban Toolkit on campus design planning.
Coe repeats Bremner Cup victory over Cornell

Coe defeated Linn County rival Cornell 12-3 to claim the fourth Bremner Cup, an all-sport traveling trophy named in honor of Barron Bremner, a legendary coach and administrator with 42 collective years of service at the two institutions. Coe has now claimed the cup each of the four years since its inception.

The Bremner Cup-clinching victory came at Cornell in an 80-65 men’s basketball win on Nov. 17. The Kohawks were also victorious in head-to-head contests in men’s and women’s tennis, men’s and women’s soccer, football, women’s basketball, volleyball, men’s cross country, wrestling, softball and baseball. The Rams prevailed in women’s cross country and men’s and women’s track and field.

In the oldest college football rivalry west of the Mississippi River, Coe extended the longest winning streak in the rivalry to 16 games with a 50-3 win over the Rams on Sept. 12 at Clark Field. Coe increased its lead in the all-time series to 71-50-4.

Coe returned to the Midwest Conference in 2012-13, ending a conference relationship with Coe that spanned nearly a century. Both schools were charter members of the Midwest Conference in 1921. They both left the modern-era Midwest Conference after the 1997-98 season and joined the Iowa Conference.

Bremner, who died in 2012, served at Coe from 1971-78 and again from 1993-2001 in various capacities including athletics director, physical education professor, coach and special assistant to the president. He also served as athletics director, physical education professor, coach and vice president for institutional advancement at Cornell during his 42-year career.

Men’s tennis season ends with Gustavus

The season came to a close May 14 for the 34th-ranked Coe College men’s tennis team, as 18th-ranked Gustavus Adolphus edged Coe 5-2 in the second round of the NCAA Tournament.


The Kohawks closed the dual meet season with a 22-7 overall record and Coe’s sixth-straight season with at least 20 wins. For the fifth-straight season and 11th time in program history, Coe won the outright Iowa Conference Championship. Coe hosted the Iowa Conference Automatics Qualifier Tournament, scoring 5-0 victories over Central and Luther at Clark Racquet Center on May 6-7.

Brady Anderson ’18 was selected to play in the NCAA National Singles Championships on May 26 in Kalamazoo, Michigan. He put up a fight against top-seeded Noah Farrell of Middlebury, but dropped the first-round match 6-2, 6-4.

Anderson entered the match ranked 15th in the nation, while Farrell was ranked number one in the country and the number one overall seed in the tournament. The NCAA National Singles
Championships selects the top 32 players from the nation to compete in the final tournament. Six different Coe men's tennis players have now participated in the tournament 14 times.

The Iowa Conference MVP, Anderson was named to the CoSIDA Academic All-American At-Large team. He was also named to the All-Iowa Conference team for singles and doubles along with Riley Galbraith '16 and Ryan Hickman '16. Nate Ackert '19 and Alex Bernt '17 were all-conference selections in singles while Josh Pudlo '19 was honored for doubles play.

Women's tennis falls in second round of NCAA tournament

The Coe College women's tennis season came to an end May 13, as the Kohawks dropped a 5-0 decision to 12th-ranked Sewance in the second round of the NCAA Tournament in St. Louis.

Coe opened the tournament with a 5-1 victory over Grinnell. The Kohawks finished the season 16-11 overall and won the Iowa Conference regular season and tournament titles for the fifth-straight year. Coe earned the automatic berth into the NCAA Regional by defeating Wartburg and Luther in the IIAC Automatic Qualifier Tournament. This was the seventh appearance in the NCAA's for the Kohawks, as they also qualified in 2007, 2008, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015.

Amy Sebastian '16 was named to the CoSIDA Academic All-American At-Large team for the second-straight year. A first-team selection, she is the ninth two-time Academic All-American in school history.

Three Kohawks earn All-American status at wrestling nationals

Ryan Harrington '18 placed third at 174 pounds at the NCAA National Championships in Cedar Rapids, while Farai Sewera '16 and Jan Rosenberg '17 both finished eighth.

Harrington finished the season with a 29-4 record. The two-time All-American will enter his junior season with a 49-10 career record.

At 125 pounds, Rosenberg earned All-American honors for the first time and finished the season 23-13. He'll enter his senior season with a 53-47 career record.

At 165 pounds, Sewera finished his outstanding career as a two-time All-American and 2015 NCA National Champion. He was 28-5 in his senior season and 110-30 overall in his career. He finishes ranked seventh in school history in wins and technical falls, while ranking 10th in career falls.

With 28.5 points, Coe finished 12th in the 58-team field. The championships were held at the U.S. Cellular Center in downtown Cedar Rapids.

In addition to Rosenberg, Sewera and Harrington, Mike Gussarson '18 and Josh Donkle '16 earned all-conference honors by being one of the top three Iowa Conference finishers at the NCAA Central Regional Championships.

Kohawks finish record-setting Liberal Arts Championships

The Coe College swimming and diving teams rewrote the school record book at this year's Liberal Arts Championships in Elsah, Illinois. By the time the meet came to a close on Feb. 13, 17 school records were broken, bringing the season total to 20 new school records. Entering this year, the 2005 team held the record with seven school records during that season.

Sam Fitzgerald '18 turned in a 2:23.84 in the 200-yard breaststroke, as she won the event for the second-straight year. Her time broke the school record, Liberal Arts Championships record and the Crafton Pool record.

For the second-straight year, Fitzgerald won the 100-yard breaststroke, finishing in 1:06.48. She won the title last year as well, setting a Liberal Arts Championship record in 1:05.80. Fitzgerald picked up her second school record of the weekend in the 200-yard IM, as she finished third in 2:13.09.

In the women's 200-yard freestyle relay, Coe's team of Fitzgerald, Katy Appler '17, Brandi Peter '18 and Ayaka Okamoto '19 finished third in a school record 1:39.93. Okamoto also set the school record in the 100-yard backstroke, finishing the prelims in 57.48 on her way to a second-place finish.

The Kohawks set school records in the 200-yard medley relay for both men and the women. On the women's side, Coe's team of Okamoto, Fitzgerald, Katie King '17 and Alanna Thompson '19 were second in 1:48.64. For the men, Collin Flynn '19, Tucker Dangremond '17, Andy Cheng '17 and Tim Bosn '17 set the record in 1:38.75.

Both the Kohawk men and women set school records in the 400-yard medley relay. The women's team of Okamoto, Fitzgerald, King and Thompson finished third in 4:00.74. On the men's side, Coe's team of Flynn, Dangremond, Cheng and Corbin Faidley '19 were sixth in 3:37.84.

Faidley set three other school records in individual events. He won the 1,650-yard freestyle in 16:22.58, breaking his own school record from earlier this year. In the 200-yard freestyle, Faidley set the school record in 1:46.31, as he finished third. He also finished third in the 500-yard freestyle after setting the school record in 4:43:34 in the prelims.

Faidley broke the school record in the 200-yard backstroke with a time of 1:57.12 before eventually finishing sixth. He also set the school record in the 100-yard backstroke, finishing fourth in 53.58. Flynn was ninth in the 200-yard individual medley, setting the school record in 1:59.98.

Dangremond broke the school record in the 200-yard breaststroke in 2:13.83 before eventually finishing seventh. He was fourth in the 100-yard breaststroke after setting the school record of 59.85 in the prelims.
Aleena Hobbs ’18 set the school record with 479 points and broke her own school record with 132 made free throws this season.

An Academic All-Iowa Conference selection and five-time All-Iowa Conference selection in the pool this year, Dangremond was named to the CoSIDA Academic All-District At-Large team. With 355.5 points, the Kohawk women finished fourth in the 12-team field for the second year in a row. The men were fifth out of eight teams with 311 points for their best finish since at least 2006.

Hobbs heads women’s hoops honorees

Women’s basketball player Aleena Hobbs ’18 was named to the D3hoops.com All-West Region Second Team. It is the seventh selection to the team in school history.

Hobbs was one of just four freshmen or sophomores named to the three-team, 15-player list. Last season, she was named the D3hoops.com West Region Rookie of the Year.

Mickey Hansche ’17 and Hobbs were both named to the All-Iowa Conference First Team for the second-straight year. Jenna Lehman ’18 was an honorable mention choice.

Hobbs set the school record with 479 points, while ranking sixth in the West Region with 17.7 points per game. Hobbs also broke her own school record with 132 made free throws this season. Her 155 field goals made were the third most in school history, as were her 224 rebounds.

Hobbs ranked third in the West Region and 34th nationally with an 84.1 free throw percentage. She shot 45.6 percent from the floor, the 10th best in the region. Hobbs scored in double figures in 22 games, including 13 with at least 20 points. She recorded eight double-doubles.

Hansche led the conference in 3-point percentage at 44.7 and 3-pointers made per game with 2.7. She also ranked fifth in the league with 14.2 points per game and eighth in field goal percentage at 46.2 percent. Her 31.3 minutes played per game ranked eighth in the Iowa Conference. Hansche twice scored over 20 points in league contests.

Lehman led the league in assists-to-turnover ratio at 2.5, while also ranking fifth in the league with 3.4 assists per game. Her 32.1 minutes played per game ranked sixth in the league, as Coe was the only school in the league with three players averaging more than 30 minutes per game.

The Kohawks were 15-12 under first-year Head Coach Nate Oakland. Coe finished sixth in the league standings with a 5-9 league record. The Kohawks knocked off third-seeded Wartburg in the Iowa Conference Tournament quarterfinals before falling 69-68 to eventual tournament champion Loras in the semifinals.

Meyer, Vonderhaar earn academic all-district honors

Coe basketball players Matt Vonderhaar ’17 and Matt Meyer ’18 were named to the CoSIDA Academic All-District First Team.

An accounting and business administration major, Vonderhaar started all 25 games for the Kohawks this season. He averaged a career-best 16.8 points per game and 6.6 rebounds per game. Vonderhaar scored a career-high 27 points against Mount Mercy and he also had a career-high 14 rebounds in games against Robert Morris and Mount Mercy.

Meyer is a biology and neuroscience major. With 11 starts, Meyer appeared in all 25 games for Coe this season. He averaged a career-best 10.3 points per game and 2.2 rebounds per game. He scored a career-high 23 points at Wartburg this season, while grabbing a career-high seven rebounds in Coe’s win over the Knights at Eby Fieldhouse.

To be eligible for the team, a student-athlete must have a 3.3 cumulative GPA.

Vonderhaar was also selected to the All-Iowa Conference First Team, while Marshall Shedeck ’17 was a second-team pick. Jacob Timm ’16 was an honorable mention selection.

Shedeck ranked third in the Iowa Conference with 8.6 rebounds per game and was eighth in the league in 3-point percentage at 42.4. His 20 blocked shots were second in the league, as he was the only player to block 20 shots and make 25 3-pointers.

Timm led the league with 5.7 assists per game, 1.3 more than anyone else. He also led the league with a 2.9 assists-to-turnover ratio.

The Kohawks were 10-15 overall and 5-9 in the Iowa Conference.

Women’s cross country honored by USTFCCCA

Lucy Conroy ’19 and the Coe College women’s cross country team were honored for their performance in the classroom this past season.

Conroy was one of 352 women across the country to earn USTFCCCA All-Academic honors. To earn that distinction, student-athletes must have a cumulative GPA of 3.30 or higher and finish in the top 25 percent at their respective regional.

In just her freshman season, Conroy qualified for the NCAA National Championships after earning NCAA All-Central and All-Iowa Conference honors. Conroy finished 100th in the field of 280 runners at the NCAA Championships in 22:20.90. It was the second fastest time ever recorded by a Kohawk at the NCAA Championships and the fastest time by a freshman in school history.

The Kohawks were one of 207 teams to be recognized by the USTFCCCA. In order for a program to be eligible, the student-athletes must have compiled a cumulative GPA of at least 3.10 and the team must have competed in at least five different meets with at least five runners representing their school at each.

As a team, the Kohawks posted a cumulative GPA of 3.34 through the fall of 2014. The Kohawk women were also honored by the USTFCCCA in 2011, 2013 and 2014.

Four Kohawks earn all-conference softball honors

Four Coe College softball players were honored for their play during the Iowa Conference season.

Mallory McAuror ’17 picked up All-Iowa Conference First Team honors. Maliah Fligg ’17, Paige Zahner ’17 and Allie O’Brien ’19 were named to the All-Iowa Conference Second Team.
McArtor and O’Brien were also named to the National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) All-Midwest Region softball teams. McArtor was a second-team shortstop selection, while O’Brien was an at-large selection to the third team.

McArtor hit .400 on the year with 31 runs scored and 44 hits. She had 15 extra base hits, including eight doubles. McArtor drove in 30 runs, while also walking 16 times. On the base paths, McArtor was a perfect 16-for-16 in stolen base attempts. She led the Kohawks with 15 multi-hit games, while having seven games with multiple RBI.

O’Brien, a third-base selection, led the team with a .430 batting average on 46 hits this year. She also scored a team-high 35 runs, while driving in 27 of her own. O’Brien had 13 extra base hits, led by six doubles. She had multiple hits in 14 games, including three games with four hits. O’Brien led the Kohawks with eight multi-RBI games. She finished the season by reaching base in the final 15 games, the longest streak on the team during the year.

Fligg, a pitcher, had the fourth best ERA in the league at 2.12. She ranked fifth in the league in opponent batting average at .248. A catcher, Zahner was errorless behind the plate in league play. She also allowed just one passed ball and an opponent batting average at .248. A catcher, Zahner was errorless behind the plate in league play. She also allowed just one passed ball and seven stolen bases. She hit .381 with a .524 slugging percentage.

The Kohawks finished the season 25-10 overall and 6-6 in the Iowa Conference.

Five Kohawk baseball players earn league honors

Five Coe College baseball players were honored for their play during the Iowa Conference season. Craig Konrardy ’16 and Kevin DeLaney ’19 were first-team selections. Michael Redmond ’16, Ben Jacobson ’17 and Andrew Brierton ’17 were named to the second team.

Konrardy and DeLaney were also honored by D3baseball.com. For the second-straight year, Konrardy was named to the D3baseball.com All-Central Region Second Team. DeLaney was named the D3baseball.com Central Region Rookie of the Year.

A shortstop, Konrardy hit .401 on the year, becoming the first player in school history to hit over .400 in multiple seasons. He scored 34 runs, while driving in 27 runs of his own. Konrardy had 17 extra base hits, including nine doubles. His four triples are tied for the fifth most in school history. Konrardy finishes his career with a .365 batting average, the fifth best in school history. He ranks third in school history with 602 career at-bats. Konrardy is Coe’s career leader in hits with 220 and doubles with 54. He ranks second in runs scored with 136, second with 11 triples and third with 47 stolen bases.

An outfielder, DeLaney hit .380 on the year with 60 hits. He scored 28 runs, while driving in 13 of his own. DeLaney had eight doubles and stole 11 bases.

Fellow outfielder Redmond ranked eighth in the league with a .375 batting average. He ranked fourth in the league with 10 doubles and was one of three players in the IIAC with at least 70 chances in the field without committing an error. Redmond ranked eighth in the league with 36 hits and 27 runs scored.

Coe’s designated hitter, Brierton hit .293 in league play with 11 runs and 27 hits. He drove in 20 runs while hitting three home runs, five doubles and a triple. Brierton ranked third in the IIAC with three sacrifice flies.

Jacobson ranked second in the Iowa Conference with 47 innings pitched. He ranked third with five victories and seven games started.

The Kohawks finished the season 18-22 overall and 12-16 in the Iowa Conference.

Alger regains All-American form in discus

Melissa Alger ’16 earned All-American honors in the discus for the second time in her career May 26, as she finished sixth at the NCAA National Championships.

At 147’ 11” (45.10m), Alger’s second throw of the prelims was good enough for sixth place. She becomes Coe’s first two-time outdoor All-American in the discus while she is the 10th two-time All-American in outdoor track for the Kohawks.

Alger finished fifth at the 2014 NCAA Championships with a throw of 150’ 8” (45.92 m). She closes her career as the school record holder in the discus at 158’ 1” (48.18m), set May 14 at the IIAC Championships, where she won her third-straight Iowa Conference title in the event.

Cassie Hocker ’17 also broke a school record at the IIAC championships. Hocker finished fourth in the 100-meter dash in 12.15 seconds, breaking the school record time of 12.20 set by Luyre Sobaski ’03 in 2001.

Erik Franklin ’17 earned All-Iowa Conference honors in the 200-meter dash, as he finished second in 21.67 seconds. Franklin also earned all-league honors in the 400-meter dash, as he finished third in 49.38 seconds.
REPURPOSED SPACE GIVES EVERYONE A PLACE IN GAGE
Creation of the Learning Commons in Stewart Memorial Library has opened space in Gage Memorial Union for advancing Coe’s strategic goals for diversity and inclusion.

A Reflection Room, Intercultural Center and Queer Resource Center all opened this spring in space vacated by offices that have since moved to the Learning Commons.

Located behind the bookstore in space that most recently housed the Writing Center, the Intercultural Center will serve Coe as a gathering space dedicated to embody the values of diversity, inclusion and internationalization. Managed by students from diverse backgrounds, the space will host gatherings of student organizations, programs and events committed to the same values, and will seek to be a space for critical and sustained dialogue around issues of social justice, equity and inclusion.

“Underrepresented students feel like they have a place to call their own,” said Coordinator of Multicultural Affairs Steven Shelby.

Following a soft opening this spring, the Intercultural Center will be named in honor of Stead Professor Emeritus of English James Randall at a formal dedication in the fall, Shelby said.

Open to all students, the Intercultural Center puts Coe on par with colleges that have provided such facilities for many years, said Steven Sharkey-Dye ’18. “It’s a wonderful spot that everyone should see,” he said.

The Queer Resource Center and Reflection Room are both located in upper Gage.

The Reflection Room will become more utilized when programming is added next school year, said Chaplain and Director of Diversity and Inclusion Kristin Hutson. Presently, students are using the room as a quiet place to get away. “We do have some Muslim students using it, which is nice,” she said.

The Queer Resource Center has already become a popular gathering place for fun, fellowship and study. It also serves as the meeting space for Coe Alliance, OUTreach and RSVP (Rape and Sexual Violence Protection).

Parker Krall ’18 said it’s comforting to have a place on campus where he knows he belongs.

“There comes a certain level of anxiety and fear – especially given the current political climate – with being an open trans person,” Krall said. “Having this safe space is both a physical and emotional reassurance that there is a place for me.”

Designed with assistance from Rina Jensen ’04 of Domicile Décor and Candice Luter ’07 from Phelan’s Interiors, the rooms are modern and inviting. Donations of books on topics relevant to each of the rooms are being sought from faculty and staff.

The existence of the rooms and their location on campus reflects Coe’s values. “I think primarily they are an expression of our growing commitment to being a community that fully embraces, celebrates and educates around diversity, inclusion, internationalization and intercultural competency,” Hutson said. “These locations matter as they are in our student union that is central to campus and the life of Coe students.”

BELOW LEFT: Coe Alliance and OUTreach hosted an open house April 14 to celebrate the new Queer Resource Center in upper Gage Memorial Union.

BELOW RIGHT: Members of the Coe community got their first official look at the newly transformed Intercultural Center on March 23.
NETWORKING EVENT AND MENTORING PROGRAM CONNECTS AREA ALUMNI WITH STUDENTS

About 100 Coe faculty, students and alumni gathered at Dublin City Pub in downtown Cedar Rapids on March 31 for a fun networking event sponsored by the Coe Corridor Network. Featuring a free beer tasting sponsored by 7G and light appetizers provided by the Alumni Office, the event gave Coe alumni and current students the opportunity to practice professional networking skills in a happy hour setting.

The event was suggested by Lauren DuBay ’13, multimedia specialist at the United Way of East Central Iowa. She remembered from her time as public relations chair and president of Coe’s Student Alumni Association that professional networking wasn’t a strength among students.

“I was amazed at the hordes of students who showed up,” she said. “I hope we can continue to do it.”

Junior and senior students ages 21 and older were invited to the event. Following a brief program featuring a handful of alumni speakers, attendees were free to mingle among Kohawks past and present. Faculty representing accounting, art, business administration, communication studies, economics, foreign languages, history, organizational science, physics, psychology and rhetoric were also in attendance.

William R. and Winifred Shuttleworth Associate Professor of History Derek Buckaloo said it was inspirational for current students to connect with successful alumni in their academic discipline, as well as a great way to strengthen the bond between the college and local alumni.

“It was gratifying to see how many ways Kohawks are prospering,” he said. “I’m hoping that we might make this sort of thing a regular occurrence.”

Those sentiments were echoed by The Henry B. Tippie Professor of Business Administration and Economics Rick Eichhorn, who said including students in such networking events gives them the chance to “see their future selves.” Many alumni in the Cedar Rapids area want to reconnect with the college and welcome opportunities such as these, he said.

Six Coe Corridor Network members were also tapped this spring by the Advancement Office and Learning Commons for a pilot mentoring program, yet another opportunity for alumni and students to connect.

Mentors and mentees got to know one another and worked together to develop professional skills and explore careers. Mentors spent time with students off campus, exposing them to the Cedar Rapids area and inviting them to attend conferences and networking groups or shadow them in the workplace.

Students and mentors provided feedback for the Advancement Office to consider before the anticipated launch of the program next January. Garcia summarized the sentiment of the mentors when she said that the experience was rewarding and she was happy to find the Kohawk spirit alive and well with students and alumni.

Launched in January 2015, the Coe Corridor Network is excited to advance these and other connections with alumni and students. The group of alumni who live and work in the Cedar Rapids Creative Corridor is focused on professional and personal development, strengthening a network of business contacts, and community engagement. The group plans periodic events in the community, in addition to monthly lunch meetings at Coe. For more information on upcoming events, visit alumni.coe.edu/events.
Coe students, faculty and alumni convened at Dublin City Pub on March 31 for a first-of-its-kind networking event.

Participants in a pilot mentoring program this spring included (front row, left to right) Morgan Hendricks '19, Jessy Holen '19 and Lauren Garcia '10. (Second row) Greg Swartzendruber '98, Madison Ries '19 and Lauren DuBay '13. (Back row) David Pounds '19, Robert Rajic '19, Jase Jensen '06, Amy Schluns Hubbell '02 and Megan Peterson '19. Not pictured is Kathy Steffensmeier Jasper '90.

Corey Davis Maylone '05, community programs specialist at the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, discusses her post-Coe career at a downtown Cedar Rapids networking event. Alumni speakers also included Emily Weber '13, director of development at the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library, and Chelsea Crain '14, who is pursuing her Ph.D. in economics at the University of Iowa.

Lauren Dubay '13 was thrilled with the turnout for the networking event she suggested.

Curtis Stochl '13 visits with Associate Professor of German and Director of Off-Campus Study John Chaimov at the networking event sponsored by the Coe Corridor Network.
The Coe College class of 2016 graduated on the Stewart Memorial Library mall on May 8. After an early morning rain, picture-perfect weather arrived just in time for the Mother’s Day ceremony. With a large number of family and friends in attendance, Coe President David McInally conferred Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Bachelor of Music degrees on more than 280 graduates.

The Commencement speaker was Katherine Roger ’08, who serves as the principal of Achievement First Brownsville Elementary School in Brooklyn, New York. Prior to this role, Roger was the founding academic dean of Achievement First Brownsville Middle School for three years, helping to drive some of the strongest English language arts results in the Achievement First Network and some of the highest math achievement growth in New York City.

Before going to Achievement First, Roger was a program director and real-time coach for Teach For America in Washington, D.C. Roger has also worked as a middle school English language arts teacher in Washington, D.C., and was the recipient of a national Teach For America award.

Roger earned a bachelor’s in English and French at Coe and a master’s in teaching - secondary education from American University. At Coe, Roger served as president of Delta Delta Delta and received the national sorority’s Sarah Ida Shaw Award. While graduating from American University, Roger was a national nominee for the Sue Lehmann Excellence in Teaching Award from Teach for America. She was one of 50 nominees from a pool of 3,700 teachers and the lone nominee among 200 secondary teachers in D.C.

Roger received the 2016 Young Alum Award from the Coe College Alumni Association during the ceremony.

Baccalaureate speaker Rev. Peter W. Marty serves as senior pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church, a 3,500-member congregation in Davenport, Iowa, and publisher of The Christian Century, a journal devoted to shaping America’s conversation about religion and faith in public life.

A frequent preacher and speaker at churches and conferences across the country, Marty has written numerous articles related to culture, character and faith issues in our day. From 2004-09, he served as host of the national radio broadcast “Grace Matters.” In 2010, the Academy of Parish Clergy named him Parish Pastor of the Year, an award recognizing leadership excellence and faithfulness in congregational development.

Marty was awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree during the Baccalaureate service.

Dr. Percy Harris, the first African-American physician in Cedar Rapids, was recognized with an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters during the Commencement ceremony. The award was accepted by Bruce Harris, eldest son of Dr. Harris.

Percy Harris has been a trailblazer in the community throughout his life. As well as serving as a doctor to thousands of patients, he has been a leader for the entire community.

Harris came to Cedar Rapids in 1957 as the first black physician to intern at St. Luke’s Hospital. Over the course of the next 40 years, Harris practiced medicine on the staffs of both St. Luke’s and Mercy Hospitals. He was named chief of staff at St. Luke’s Hospital in 1976, where he helped to introduce open heart surgical procedures. In his role as the first medical examiner for Linn County, Harris was known for handling death with compassion for victims and their families. In 1999, he retired from private practice.

To support his practice, many Coe faculty members chose Dr. Harris as their personal physician. In addition, Harris served as a mentor to many young Coe students of color at a time when the college had no African American faculty members. A group of these students suggested the honor for Harris.

During the civil rights movement of the 1960s, Harris helped to break down many racial barriers in the Cedar Rapids community. He served on the Black Culture Advisory Board at Coe College and was the first black member of the Iowa Board of Regents. In addition, Harris served as a member of the Mayor’s Committee on Low-Cost Housing and chaired the board of directors of the Jane Boyd Community House. In recognition of his leadership, Harris is the recipient of numerous awards.
The Rev. Peter Marty gave the Baccalaureate sermon and was joined in the service by Sara Sweeney '16 and Molly Boland '16.

Kendra Miner '16 adds her name to the rolls of Phi Beta Kappa. Coe is one of five private colleges and universities in Iowa to host a chapter of the nation’s oldest and most widely recognized honorary society. Miner graduated summa cum laude along with Emily Roberts '16 and Amy Sebastian '16.

Senior Class Gift Committee members (left to right) Jordan Mayfield ’16, Trè Cotton ’16, Hannah Torry ’16, Hannah Brown ’16, Josh McMillan ’16, Aisha Rehberg ’16 and Riley Galbraith ’16 presented a gift of $5,895 to Coe. More than a third of the class of 2016 participated in the senior class gift.

Outstanding Senior Nursing Student Erin Dalke ’16 at the nursing pinning ceremony.

Commencement platform party members were (left to right) Board of Trustees Chair Dave Carson ’72, President David McInally, Bruce Harris (representing his father, Dr. Percy Harris), Katherine Roger ’08, Dean of the Faculty Marie Baehr and Chaplain Kristin Hutson.

Receiving Coe diplomas from their moms at the Mother’s Day Commencement ceremony were James Yarbrough ’16, from Stead Family Professor of Psychology Nükhet Yarbrough (who received flowers from her son in return), Samuel Sarasin ’16 from Associate Director of Financial Aid Amanda Colehour, Allison Rogers ’16 from Assistant Professor of Art Jen Rogers ’03, and Hunter Mulnix ’16 from former Manager of Jenzabar Services and Support Amber Mulnix.

Not to be outdone by the moms, faculty and staff dads presenting diplomas at graduation were Associate Professor of Biology Michael Leonardo to his daughter, Katelyn Leonardo ’16, Head Tennis Professional Tom Galbraith to his son, Riley Galbraith ’16, and Assistant Professor of Physical Education and Assistant Football Coach Larry Atwater ’82 to his son, Mark Atwater ’16.
Emily Roberts ’16 has received a prestigious Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP) award from the National Science Foundation (NSF). Roberts is one of only 2,000 students chosen from more than 17,000 national applicants to receive the fellowship this year, which essentially helps to provide a full-ride scholarship path for her to complete a doctorate.

A summa cum laude graduate along with Kendra Miner ’16 and Amy Sebastian ’16, Roberts has also been awarded one of two R.J. McElroy Trust Fellowships for graduate study beginning this fall. The fellowships, which carry a stipend of up to $30,000 paid over three years, were established by the McElroy Trustees in 1983. They are designed to “encourage persons of accomplishment, intelligence, integrity and leadership ability to pursue challenging academic careers.” Based upon satisfactory progress toward a Ph.D., the initial stipend of $10,000 may be renewed for two additional years.

A mathematics and psychology major at Coe, Roberts has already completed several notable research fellowships during her undergraduate career. This fall, she will be enrolling in a Ph.D. biostatistics program at the University of Michigan’s Rackham Graduate School.

“I’ve always loved math, but I am also really interested in studying people, so that’s why biostatistics has worked well for me,” said Roberts.

Following her first year of studies at Coe, Roberts started a research project focusing on roommate selection and student satisfaction that became her senior thesis project. The next summer, Roberts participated in a Summer Institute in Biostatistics at Columbia University in New York City. While there, she honed her statistical skills and worked with a research partner on a project that evaluated the outcomes of a Head Start Program. In the summer of 2015, Roberts was selected to participate in the Harvard Summer Program in Biostatistics and Computational Biology.

“The Harvard Program was like a dream come true,” said Roberts. “We learned more about statistics, biostatistics and epidemiology. The summer project I was able to work on was just phenomenal.”

Specifically, Roberts worked with a mentor at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute looking at data from a clinical trial for children who were diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia, which is the most common type of cancer in children.

“What was special about the study was that we were looking at the socioeconomic status of the children to see how that impacted their outcomes in the study,” said Roberts.

Another of Roberts’ research projects was through the Action Research Course, as part of the Coe Honors Program. This involved Roberts working with the Mission of Hope, an organization to support the homeless in the near-downtown area of Cedar Rapids.

“I worked with Mission of Hope to learn about what their needs were to serve the community,” Roberts said. “I developed a survey so that they could get some more number sense of who they were serving and what their clients’ specific needs were. It was a really great opportunity to bring together a lot of the skills that are important to me, academically as well as helping out the community.”

Roberts has Type 1 diabetes and is interested in studying that disease, as well as pediatric diseases. As a diabetic, she feels fortunate to have benefited from other research that has been done so far, and hopes her work can aid others in the future. She applied for the NSF Fellowship on the basis of looking further into childhood cancers and the connection with socioeconomic status to dovetail with her Michigan research.

At Michigan, she also received a two-year fellowship through the National Institutes for Health for cancer research. She will work under that program to get a solid background in cancer research, and then use the NSF fellowship to pursue her own interests and finish the Ph.D. program.

“What’s really awesome is that this fellowship provides the flexibility for me to research what I am interested in,” Roberts said. “That’s really the basis for the fellowship. They’re looking for people who have the vision and the drive to go forward and do their own sorts of research.”

As an eventual career goal, Roberts would like to make a difference in the lives of others who suffer from disease, particularly children.

“I would love to work at a research center, such as Mayo Clinic or St. Jude, and be one of those people who are making medical advances through the use of statistics that is really going to change people’s lives,” said Roberts.

At Coe, Roberts has participated in Math Club, Psychology Club, Habitat for Humanity and cheerleading, and she has volunteered to support the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. She was a member of several honorary societies, including Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi, Alpha Lambda Delta, Mortar Board, Psi Chi and Strata. Roberts was awarded the Richard H. Bahwell Prize in Psychology in 2016 and the Richard C. and Jennifer H. Hunt Prize in 2015. She was also recognized as a College Scholar and was on the Dean’s List each semester.

Among other Coe faculty members, Roberts is grateful for the support she received from her advisor, Mathematicas Professor Jon White ’90, and Psychology Professor Nükhet Yarbrough.
Several members of the Coe faculty received special recognition at the college’s Commencement ceremony on May 8.

This year’s Eliza Hickok Kesler Outstanding Service Award winner was Harlo Hadow, Heins-Johnson Professor of Biology and Director of the Coe Wilderness Field Station.

Over nearly four decades of service to Coe, Hadow has loyalty advanced the mission of the college through highly engaged teaching and learning outside of the traditional classroom setting. He has served as the director of the Wilderness Field Station - a 2.5 million acre classroom in the Boundary Waters of northern Minnesota - for more than 25 years. Without his enthusiasm, commitment and tenacity, the field station would simply not be in existence today. Hadow is also a past recipient of the C.J. Lynch Outstanding Teacher Award, further demonstrating his commitment to students.

The award is given most years at Coe’s graduation. It was created in 1999 to honor superior, long-term service to Coe. This 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.

Members of the class of 2016 were invited by President McNally to nominate a member of the faculty for the Charles J. Lynch Outstanding Teacher Award. In doing so, they were asked to give careful consideration to three criteria: quality of teaching, concern for students as individuals, and scholarship. This year’s recipient is Associate Professor of German and Director of Off-Campus Study John Chaimov. Chaimov joined the Foreign Languages Department in 1995 and has had a distinguished career at Coe.

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.

Four retiring Coe professors were honored during commencement with emeritus status.

Professor of English Charles Aukema has taught at Coe since 1971. Over the course of his career, Aukema has taught a broad range of creative writing and contemporary literature classes. His study and teaching of Russian literature informed his popular course on fables and folktales, a first course in creative writing for many Coe students. He specialized early on in the use of computer applications for writing and publishing. These applications include hypertext and artificial intelligence-generated fiction and poetry. He was the first coordinator of Coe’s creative writing major, and he has supervised dozens of creative writing senior projects.

William P. and Gayle S. Whipple Professor of English Bob Drexler has been a scholar and devoted teacher at Coe for more than 40 years. Drexler served in the Peace Corps in Bangkok for three years in the early 1970s before joining the Coe faculty. He was a Fulbright Lecturer at Chiang Mai University in Thailand and directed the ACM/GLCA Japan Study Program, and the ACM India Studies program. In recent years, he created and led Coe’s Asia Semester, which has proven to be a life-changing experience for numerous Coe students. Drexler has traveled extensively in Asia recruiting students to campus. He has built strong and enduring relationships for Coe in that region of the world and contributed significantly to the international character of the college.

Dwight Hansen, associate professor in the Stead Department of Business Administration and Economics, has taught accounting to Coe students for 38 years. He and his faculty colleague, Professor Barb Larew, essentially built Coe’s accounting major into the strong program it is today. Known for his patient and low-keyed approach, Hansen furthered the department’s long tradition of providing rigorous preparation and understanding of accounting. The quality of his mentoring is reflected in part by the incredibly high rate of success his students have had over the years on the CPA licensing exam. Hansen is known forExpecting a lot from his students, but also as someone who has always been there to support them. He also possesses a keen sense of humor and routinely sprinkles stories into his lectures.

Professor of Education and Associate Dean of the Faculty Terry McNabb has been an advocate for education since she began teaching high school history in Farmington, Michigan, more than 40 years ago. Throughout her career and especially when working with future educators at Coe since 1995, she has emphasized the importance of classroom teachers connecting with their students on a personal level. McNabb advanced the Coe Teacher Education Department’s reputation for developing outstanding teachers. During her tenure as associate dean, McNabb broadened her focus to increase communication, foster exchange and analysis of information, and enhance working relationships between faculty, staff and students.

During Commencement, two endowed chairs were named. Newly appointed chairs include Ben Peterson Professor in Chemistry Maria Dean and William P. and Gayle S. Whipple Associate Professor of Humanities Mónica Fuertes Arboix.
Over the course of a 43-year career, philanthropy was never a priority for Chicago businessman Dennis Greenspon ’68. Now semi-retired and operating a vacation rental business in Fort Myers Beach, Florida, he has changed his perspective.

“Philanthropy was never a part of my game plan,” Greenspon said. “It was just something I never had the time for or was willing to take away from the business and the family.”

Even after joining the Coe Board of Trustees in 2013, Greenspon wasn’t sure he would be able to make a meaningful contribution to the college. Then along came Make Your Move – the Campaign for Eby and Hickok.

“The more I dug into the importance of this project and what it’s going to mean for Coe in the future and for the future of the kids who are going to attend this school in the next 20-30 years, the more important it became in my head,” he said.

After serving four years in the Navy, Greenspon returned to Chicago and, with his brothers, took over the family business. They expanded the company and developed several other businesses while Greenspon focused on importing plumbing products from China that were sold in major U.S. retail chains.

After selling the last of their Chicago businesses in 2015, Greenspon and his wife, Lisa, began living full-time in Florida while focusing on Cottages of Paradise Point. The change of pace gave Greenspon the opportunity to reflect on his successful career and the formative role Coe played.

“There’s no question that Coe played a very important role in my life,” Greenspon said. “Whatever adult I eventually became, Coe had a huge part in that.”

More than just a technical education, Greenspon values the residential, liberal arts experience Coe provides. “I had grown up working for my dad, so I understood the nature of business,” he said. “But the liberal arts experience really rounded me out. It made me a better person as well as a better businessman.”

Greenspon pledged with Phi Kappa Tau and remains close friends with his fraternity brothers. “The way we felt about each other, we still feel that way today after almost 50 years,” he said. “That experience really broke me out of my shell.”

Greenspon’s support for the Make Your Move campaign partly reflects his gratitude for the role Coe played in his personal success. Moreover, it reflects the importance he attributes to schools like Coe for the betterment of society.

Lisa Greenspon said Coe has enriched her life by shaping the man who would become her husband and the father of their two children.

“I see the love, the intensity, the caring and the passion that he has toward the school and it’s infectious,” she said. “The people I have met from Coe are probably the warmest people I will ever meet in my life.”

Lisa said she didn’t hesitate to support Dennis’ wish to make a meaningful gift in support of the Make Your Move campaign. “I am extremely proud of my husband and I am extraordinarily grateful to the school for allowing him to grow and to find himself and to be this wonderful man that I know he is,” she said.
HICKOK DESCENDANT EXTENDS FAMILY HERITAGE

While the renovation of Hickok Hall ensures the continued legacy of Coe legend Charles Hickok, support for the Make Your Move campaign honors his extended family heritage.

Dedicated in 1950 to honor the late social studies professor and Political Science Department founder, Hickok Hall is already home to Kesler Lecture Hall, named for Hickok's daughter Eliza “Roby” Hickok Kesler ’31. Upon completion of the $3 million renovation and addition, remodeled faculty offices will soon bear the names of his other daughter, Mary Louise Hickok Turnbull ’26, and granddaughter, Mary Ann Turnbull Kucera ’58.

Kucera secured the naming rights by gifting the proceeds from the sale of Quaker Oats stock she had inherited from her grandfather and aunt. She said she wanted to honor her mother, a social studies teacher who died soon after giving birth at age 32.

“I think she gets somewhat forgotten, as she died so young,” Kucera said. Kucera has not only been a consistent and strong supporter of Coe, but she is part of multi-generational family with connections to Coe that are unparalleled. “There has been a Hickok on the Coe campus since 1905,” she said.

After receiving her bachelor's from Coe, she substitute taught for a decade in the Cedar Rapids Community School District. She served on the school board for 23 years, was elected president, and helped the district navigate through many changes vital in education: curriculum, graduation requirements, hiring administrators, and opening and closing schools. She was honored by the Iowa Association of School Boards (IASC) and received the Better Boardmanship Award, the association’s highest honor for an individual school board member.

Dedicated to public service throughout her life, Kucera was a school board representative to the Iowa Committee of the North Central Accreditation Association, served on the Linn County Compensation board, YWCA board, and the Cedar Rapids/Marion Fine Arts Council. She is a sustaining member of the Cedar Rapids Junior League, which she served as treasurer while she was an active member. She was also the secretary for Theatre Cedar Rapids and president of Children’s Theatre.

Since 1981, Kucera has served as a guide at the historic Brucemore estate. She is also a guide at the Sleger Immigrant Home at the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library. Kucera has received the KCRG-TV Show You Care Award, the Governor's Volunteer Award, the YMCA's Tribute to Women Award, and Coe’s Distinguished Service Award. Most recently, she was honored by Coe with an Ovation tribute by the Iowa Women's Foundation.

Kucera is a devoted, active alumna supporting Coe, participating in reunions, and serving on the Alumni Council and the Thursday Forum Steering Committee, which determines programming for Coe’s popular adult education program started by her aunt. “I can’t say I was born under a bush at Coe like Roby did,” she said. “But I grew up going to every Baccalaureate and Commencement with the Hickoks. I’m still on campus all the time.”

Most of all, Kucera is proud of her family’s long heritage with Coe, which includes her late father, James Turnbull ’27; husband, Howard Kucera ’58; sister, Betsy Turnbull Hixson ’66; daughter, Beth Kucera ’81; and granddaughters, Alex Fangman ’14 and Maddy Fangman Taylor ’16 – in addition to her grandfather, mother and aunt.

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Pragmatic passion fuels Budhwani
Success is a tango of passion and pragmatism, says Karim Budhwani ’93.

“Pursue your passion, but don’t forget to make a living,” he said. “The former provides the spark but the latter brings the oxygen; a successful fire needs both.”

Budhwani, a successful businessman and a dual Ph.D. candidate at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, discussed two driving principles in a recent interview for the Ismaili Professionals Network TV Leadership Series. “(A) we must leave this earth better than we inherited, and (B) every human being is an asset to society,” Budhwani said.

In 1998, Budhwani co-founded elixir international to make people’s lives easier and reduce the environmental footprint of paper-based operational processes. Even today, he continues to enjoy this passion-pragmatism tango, which enables him to implicitly balance the income-impact equation.

For impact outside his comfort-zone and, in keeping with his driving principles, he is currently also pursuing dual Ph.D.s: one in biomedical engineering to grow cancer (outside the body) and one in materials science to crush it!

“You don’t gain knowledge just for self-interest,” he said. “You pursue knowledge to serve others.”

In December, at the annual meeting of the Alabama Commission for Higher Education (ACHE), Budhwani emphasized the role of STEAM – science, technology, engineering, art and math – in driving innovation and economic development in the knowledge economy of tomorrow. Representing the Alabama Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (ALEPSCoR), specifically the Graduate Research Scholars Program (GRSP), he described various aspects of his research on improving drug delivery techniques for treatment of cardiovascular disease and various types of cancers.

“There is no doubt in my mind that we already live in a knowledge society today and, therefore, I am delighted and proud to be part of UAB; an institution that actively fosters constructive and creative encounters with a view to building invaluable bridges – between the scientific community and the general public – that ease our continuing evolution into a knowledge society,” Budhwani said.

To assist in his research on making chemotherapy safer and more effective, he has enlisted the help of Coe physics student Makenna Dettman ’17, who will complete an internship with Budhwani this summer through a Research Experiences for Undergraduates grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF).

Budhwani hopes to bring a Coe student to Alabama for cancer bioengineering and biomaterials research internships the next three summers.

A member of Coe’s Alumni Council, Budhwani also took time from a recent visit to campus to mentor Collin Wilkinson ’18 and Arron Potter ’17, who are trying to start a software company. Mentoring students and providing internships are a way for the native of India to give back to Coe, which laid the groundwork for his successful career and ongoing education.

“Coe took a chance on me,” he said. “It was great. In a sense, Coe was my first STEAM engine!”

A summer research participant with B.D. Silliman Professor of Physics Steve Feller, Budhwani gained valuable experience working as a resident assistant and various other jobs to pay for his undergraduate education. “I even worked at Wendy’s,” he said.

Coe’s outstanding senior man in 1993, Budhwani graduated magna cum laude in computer science, economics and business administration with a minor in math. He was a double Richter Scholar for completing honors theses in economics and physics. Budhwani worked for two years as a programmer with Quintrex and three years as a consultant with Accenture. In addition to his responsibilities as CEO of elixir international, he served three years as chairman of the Ismaili Professionals Network, as a guest lecturer at UAB since 2006, and as an Alabama trade ambassador since 2010, when he served on trade missions to India, Russia, Australia and New Zealand.

A 2015 NSF Graduate Research Scholar, Budhwani also received an honorable mention from the NSF’s Graduate Research Fellowship Program. That same year, he received his master’s in biomedical engineering from UAB. He’s on pace to complete his dual Ph.D.s in 2018.

While back at Coe for an Alumni Council meeting in April, Karim Budhwani ’93 met with students Collin Wilkinson ’18, Arron Potter ’17 and Makenna Dettman ’17 and physics professors Ugur Akgun and Steve Feller.
It turns out managing a PGA Tour event isn’t good for one’s golf game.

“My game has taken a drastic dive in the wrong direction,” said Andrew George ’07, who was named tournament director of the Honda Classic just one week before the February event.

After playing once a week or more while he was in Iowa, George says he’s lucky to get in six rounds of golf through the year. Time off from his role with the Honda Classic is best spent with his wife, Alexandra, and their infant son, Evan.

George, who has held several positions at the Honda Classic since he arrived as a tournament intern in 2009, was named the event’s new tournament director by Executive Director Kenneth Kennerly as the 2016 edition of the PGA Tour event approached February 22-28 at PGA National Resort and Spa in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida.

“I’ve been fortunate,” said George, 31. “You don’t see many tournaments with stories like mine.”

George replaced former Tournament Director Ed McEnroe, who left the event last summer after nine years in the Honda Classic role. George reports directly to Kennerly and helps oversee the tournament staff and daily operations of a thriving event that has set attendance records in recent years and has increased its level of charity giving for the past nine years. Since 2007, the Honda Classic has provided more than $16 million to over 300 South Florida children’s charities, including a record $3.2 million in 2016.

“This is a dream job for me - I honestly couldn’t be more excited at the opportunity to become the tournament director of this prestigious event,” George said. “Even better than the thrill of hosting the world’s best golfers and over 200,000 fans, is the personal satisfaction in knowing that our tournament positively impacts over 15,000 kids and families in South Florida each year. I look forward to working with our great team and the Board of Directors to continue elevating the Honda Classic year after year.”

George’s internship at the Honda Classic began in 2009 after he completed a master’s in sports management at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst. He was hired full-time shortly after arriving, beginning as community relations coordinator and helping raise almost $3 million in charitable fundraising through the Birdies for Children program.

In 2012, George was promoted to director of corporate partnerships, where he secured nearly $2 million in sponsorships for the tournament while also helping to reorganize the sales reporting process for better efficiency of the tournament staff.

Beginning in advance of the 2014 Honda Classic, George shifted to director of operations, managing
George was named associate tournament director after McEnroe’s departure in July 2015, but Kennerly held open the top job in anticipation that George would quickly prove he was ready to take that step.

“Andrew has demonstrated to be a true leader, and handled his transition very well,” Kennerly said. “He has the complete confidence of the entire team. I have never seen a more united team than what we have right now with Andrew’s leadership, and while the pressure has continued to grow over the last few months, he has continued to be unflappable in otherwise tenuous situations.”

With several of George’s Coe classmates among the crowd, the Honda Classic attracted 202,128 confirmed spectators to PGA National Resort & Spa over seven days between the Monday Pro-Am and Sunday’s final round that saw Adam Scott prevail in a day-long duel with Sergio Garcia. Tournament attendance was 9,076 higher than the previous record (193,052) set in 2014, the last time the tournament had perfect weather the entire week. It was 36,928 higher than the weather-plagued 2015 event that drew 165,200 including a Monday playoff.

This year’s tournament had more fans than ever before attend on every single tournament day except Sunday. The attendance dwarfs the number of fans (83,500) who attended the event in 2007 when it moved to PGA National Resort & Spa. The tournament broke the 100,000 barrier in 2010.

During this year’s tournament, American Honda Motor Co. announced a five-year extension that will carry its title sponsorship through 2021. Honda is the longest-running continuous tournament sponsor on the PGA Tour.

Preparation for the 2017 tournament began in December, two months before the 2016 event.

At Coe, George played soccer and was a student assistant coach for men's basketball. He received a full-tuition Clark Merit Scholarship and was named the Most Outstanding Senior Student in 2006-07 and Most Outstanding Male Undergraduate in 2004-05. Academic honors included membership in Mortar Board, Sigma Beta Delta Business Honor Society and Sachem.

After graduating cum laude, he spent 16 months as a men’s basketball intern at the University of Iowa before attending graduate school at UMass-Amherst.

A native of Pomeroy, Iowa, George said he was attracted to Coe by the ability to get a well-rounded education while participating in many activities, from leading prospective Kohawks on campus tours to fundraising for phonathon to recruiting for basketball. “I felt I was part of a family,” he said.

Now in his role at the Honda Classic, he considers his well-rounded college experience vital to such varied tasks as selling sponsorships, providing customer service, and planning operational logistics for 200,000 guests. “Not a day goes by that I don’t draw on skills I learned and developed in college,” he said. “It all traces back to Coe.”
1930s

'T36 ›› 80TH REUNION: OCT. 7-9, 2016

'T37 ›› 80TH REUNION: HOMECOMING 2017

1940s

'T41 ›› 75TH REUNION: OCT. 7-9, 2016

'T42 ›› 75TH REUNION: HOMECOMING 2017

'43 Corinne Foster Stout of Willcox, Arizona, attended the 2015 American Rosie the Riveter Association National Convention in Richmond, California. One of the original Rosies, she joined the Navy civilian force during World War II and was an aircraft assembly inspector at Douglas Aircraft plant in Santa Monica, California, while her husband, Navy Lt. Warren Kellogg '41, served in the Pacific. Wearing her polka dot headband and Rosie T-shirt, Corrine lectured at Grace Bible Church and the Willcox Historical Society on the women’s movement and world war history. Her sister, Marilyn Foster Erickson '47 of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, worked at the Rock Island (Illinois) Arsenal and has also joined the Rosie the Riveter organization.

1950s

'T51 ›› 65TH REUNION: OCT. 7-9, 2016

'T52 ›› 65TH REUNION: HOMECOMING 2017

'T56 ›› 60TH REUNION: OCT. 7-9, 2016

'T57 60TH REUNION: HOMECOMING 2017

'T59 Dave Wessel had the gymnasium floor at Davenport West High School named in his honor. The Quad-City Sports Hall of Fame coach compiled more than 400 coaching victories, including two state championships with the Falcons in 1971 and 1994, and took eight teams to the state tournament. He and Kathy Miller Wessel '58 live in Davenport, Iowa.

1960s

'T61 ›› 55TH REUNION: OCT. 7-9, 2016

Gary Pisel and his wife, Barbara, of Sun City, Arizona, recently completed their second trip to Cuba via the People to People Program.

'T62 ›› 55TH REUNION: HOMECOMING 2017


'T66 ›› 50TH REUNION: OCT. 7-9, 2016

'T67 ›› 50TH REUNION: HOMECOMING 2017

KOHAWK FRIENDS FOR LIFE

Two alums who met at Coe as freshmen in 1939 are living proof of lifelong friendships forged in college.

Gladys Helman Cunningham '42 and Dorothy Schock Scott '42 live across the hall from one another at Golden Years Nursing Home in Walworth, Wisconsin. “We eat our meals at the same table,” said Cunningham. “She sits right next to me. It is pretty amazing.”

Both widowed, Cunningham and Scott arrived at Golden Years independently several years ago. As their need for care increased, they moved into the nursing home’s assisted living section.

Cunningham, 94, came to Coe from Paullina, Iowa, following her brother, the late Clifford Hellman '39. She joined Alpha Gamma Delta sorority and served as president her senior year.

Scott, 95, is a native of Park Ridge, Illinois. She explored Kappa Delta sorority, but didn’t join, leaving Coe after two years. They lived on separate floors in Voorhees Hall.

Scott said she met her eventual husband in Hawaii on vacation with her sister and Cunningham. The Coe friends happened to run into each other once in Chicago while shopping at Marshall Field’s. Another time they met for a luncheon in Chicago arranged by another Coe classmate.

“One by one, they’ve all passed away,” Cunningham said of a small circle of seven classmates who became good friends at Coe. “Dorothy and I are the only two left.” Both women feel fortunate to live together at Golden Years. “I’ve known her longer than I’ve known anyone else,” Cunningham said.
1970s

'76 >> 40TH REUNION: OCT. 7-9, 2016

Bill Pinckney of Cedar Rapids was inducted into the Washington High School Athletics Hall of Fame on Feb. 12 for coaching track, football and wrestling.

'77 >> 50TH REUNION: HOMECOMING 2017

Ruth Kinzey of Salisbury, North Carolina, was one of 39 professional communicators and strategists nationally whose article was selected by PRNews for its seventh annual The Book of CSR & Green PR Strategies & Tactics. Her article, “Creating Sustainable Citizenship Ambassadors for Your Nonprofit,” makes a case for nonprofits to improve employee engagement and enhance organizational reputation by focusing on key sustainable citizenship components, just as a business adopts a corporate social responsibility platform. Kinzey’s career spans more than 35 years in the corporate and consulting communication arenas. She owns a reputation management firm, The Kinzey Company, has written two books and is a professional speaker. Kinzey is an adjunct professor for Rutgers University online communication master’s degree program.

'79 Rick Coles of Ripon, Wisconsin, was inducted into the Linn-Mar High School Athletic Hall of Fame on Feb. 13. He competed in football, basketball and track throughout his high school career before playing football and running track at Coe. He has been an exercise science professor at Ripon College since 1999. He has been the department chair since 2011. He also serves as offensive coordinator for the Ripon football team.

Mark Gelhaus of Santa Monica, California, was back at Coe on March 23 as a guest of the Student Alumni Association. An Adler certified professional coach and an associate certified coach of the International Coach Federation, he offered two information sessions and one-on-one meetings to help students discover their purpose within their major. Gelhaus holds a bachelor’s in biosocial science and psychology from Coe and a master’s in preventative medicine and environmental health from the University of Iowa. After working with outreach programs to improve the supply of primary physicians in rural Iowa, he moved to California to work in marketing positions for top 10 academic medical centers. He has reinvented himself as a certified life coach and the author of “Reset Your Life Path: Find Your Purpose, Change the World” (2014).

Mark Jorgenson was named head of U.S. Bank Community Banking. He will lead the bank’s 1,140 branch offices and 10,000 employees located in non-metropolitan communities throughout U.S. Bank’s 25-state footprint. Jorgenson built his career at U.S. Bank, most recently serving as a regional president leading commercial business banking in Kansas City and St. Louis. Jorgenson has been a banker in Kansas City for as long as he has been with U.S. Bank and its predecessor companies, where he started in June 1981. He and his wife, Mary Cook Jorgenson ’80, live in Kansas City.

1980s

'80 >> 35TH CLUSTER REUNION: OCT. 7-9, 2016

'81 >> 35TH CLUSTER REUNION: OCT. 7-9, 2016

'82 >> 35TH CLUSTER REUNION: OCT. 7-9, 2016

Cate Drew Barker of Scottsdale, Arizona, is a senior advertising writer at GoDaddy.

Ricardo Torres of Guaynabo, Puerto Rico, is assistant secretary for family health and assistant to the secretary of health at the Puerto Rico Department of Health.

'83 Tom Drahoszl of Chicago won his 400th career game in his 29th year as varsity girls’ basketball coach at Morgan Park Academy, where he is also the principal. He is a three-time coach of the year honoree by both the conference and the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association.

Daren Rickard of Greenville, South Carolina, is chief executive officer at Living Legacy, a non-profit, non-denominational Christian organization that coaches, trains and connects families, ministry leaders and marketplace leaders.
Eric Wolfe of Marion, Iowa, is a care coordinator with Integrated Health Home, where he works with community providers to set up services for clients recovering from mental illness.

Rusty Lingenfelter of Alexandria, Virginia, is president of Lingenfelter Advisory Services.

Robert Untiedt is executive director of the Orpheum Theater in Marshalltown, Iowa.

Kevin Welu of Cedar Rapids was elected chairman of the board at TrueNorth Wealth Management.

Mike Noonan of Tucson, Arizona, was inducted into the Cedar Rapids Washington High School Athletics Hall of Fame for basketball.

Randy Scheel of Garrison, Iowa, is a member of the Benton County Conservation Board assisting with the trails visioning program for the Old Creamery Nature Trail, which received a federal grant to re-surface the entire 15 miles this year. He is also co-chair of the Garrison Community Visioning Program.

Mike Lutzenkirchen ‘85 returned to Coe on March 1 to present an emotional and inspiring speech entitled “Philip’s legacy... What legacy are you leaving?” Mike is the father of the late Auburn tight end Philip Lutzenkirchen, who died at age 23 in an alcohol-related traffic accident on June 29, 2014.

Using the lessons of his son’s untimely passing and showcasing incredible strength in sharing an unimaginable loss, Lutzenkirchen spoke about leadership, charity, compassion, mentorship, hard work, honesty and faith. “I don’t know why this happened,” he said. “But I believe everything happens for a reason.”

Philip was a star football player at Lassiter High School in Marietta, Georgia, and Auburn University in Alabama. But his impact on the world went far beyond football. He was a loving son, brother and friend. He was a man of great faith as a devout follower of Christ. He was kind and generous and someone who went out of his way to help others.

While football was an avenue for Philip, it was never what he wanted to define him. His status as one of the most popular players in Auburn history has less to do with his on-field accomplishments, and more to do with his kindness, generosity and dedication to his communities.

The Lutzie 43 Foundation was established in loving memory of Philip shortly after his death. Mike is executive director of the foundation and continues to spread the word through his honest and courageous discussion of Philip’s life. He has spoken to over 100 schools, churches and other organizations on the importance of good character and decision making.

For more information, visit lutzie43.org.

Kent Tsui of Red Wing, Minnesota, is chairman of the Red Wing Historic Preservation Commission.

‘95 Michelle Chiapuso Welch of Lancaster, California, completed her Doctor of Nursing Practice degree and certification as an adult geriatric primary care nurse practitioner in February.

‘96 Eric Lea of Fort Collins, Colorado, was promoted to vice president of professional services in the Northern Colorado territory for Robert Half International.

Tammy Lees Torres had a poem selected as part of a poet/artist collaboration project at Crossings at Carnegie in Zumbrota, Minnesota. Hers was one of 26 poems selected out of more than 230 submissions. A reception to view the art inspired by the poems was in April. She and Reuben Torres ’97 live in St. Charles, Minnesota.

Jennifer White Schutte of Luana, Iowa, is the curriculum coordinator and dean of students for the Postville Community School District.

‘98 Megan Thornton of Dripping Springs, Texas, was promoted to Head of People + Culture at The Boon Group.

‘99 Lynda Laughlin of Washington, D.C., was promoted to chief of the Industry and Occupation Statistics Branch at the U.S. Census Bureau.

Debra Walton Quinlan of Marengo, Iowa, is the RN house manager of Our Lady of Lourdes Home in Swisher. She is also a member of the Greater Cedar Rapids Elderly Consortium, a group designed to educate the community regarding services and programs for the elderly.

1990s

‘91 25TH REUNION: OCT. 7-9, 2016

Lonnie Davison of Des Moines, Iowa, was recognized as rookie of the year in 2015 for the Kaler Territory. He is an agent with HealthMarkets Insurance.

‘92 25TH REUNION: HOMECOMING 2017

Dan Taylor is a team leader for the U.S. Postal Inspection Service. He and Jodi Schropp Taylor live in Westfield, Indiana.

2000s

‘00 15TH CLUSTER REUNION: OCT. 7-9, 2016

‘01 15TH CLUSTER REUNION: OCT. 7-9, 2016

‘02 15TH CLUSTER REUNION: OCT. 7-9, 2016
Eric Carroll of Minneapolis celebrated the opening of the fourth installment of his ongoing science/art project “G.U.T. Feeling” at the Bakken Museum on Feb. 25. The exhibition ran through June 4. His newly commissioned diazoype installation “Shadow Falls” and his film “Standing Cedars” were both included in the exhibition “Unfixed” at the Transformer Station in Cleveland through April 3.

Jenny Conkel of Cedar Rapids was named to the Advisory Board on The Better Business Bureau.

Laura Farmer of Marion, Iowa, was unanimously elected chair of the Midwest Writing Centers Organization. She chaired this year’s regional conference in Cedar Rapids and was elected to the executive board in 2014. Farmer’s short story “A Lesson in Geography” will appear in the spring issue of the North American Review. She is director of the Writing Studio at Cornell College.

’03 Roxi Rabe Beck was named one of 15 “Kick-Ass Women in Food” by Food Processing magazine. She is vice president at Look East, formerly CMA Consulting. She and Chris Beck live in Polk City, Iowa.

Alvon Reed of Cedar Rapids is the artist-in-residence for the Department of Theatre at Cornell College. Reed is an M.F.A. candidate at the University of Iowa with an emphasis in choreography.

’04 Dr. Amanda Watson O’Connor of Fairfax, Iowa, was promoted to medical director of the pediatric hospitalist program at UnityPoint Health-St. Luke’s Hospital.

’06 10TH REUNION: OCT. 7-9, 2016

Nate Clapham of Cedar Falls, Iowa, is assistant vice president for outreach and annual giving at the University of Northern Iowa.

Tara Ely of Grimes, Iowa, received her master’s in public administration in May.

’07 10TH REUNION: HOMECOMING 2017

Jacob Krch of Minneapolis is a software developer at NetSPI.

AFRICAN AMERICAN ALUMNI REUNION 2016: MEET ME IN ST. LOUIS

By Sheila Oldham ’74

While attending Coe College, you never realized the bonds of friendship growing. But the years have shown there is nothing more enjoyable, rewarding and invigorating than a Coe College African American alumni reunion.

In June 2002, an African American alumnus of Coe was celebrating his 50th birthday. His wife had heard many stories over the years about friends and tales of Coe and Greene Hall. She wanted to meet these people. What would be a perfect gift? A surprise party with many of the Greene Hall friends gathered in Douglasville, Georgia.

This 50th birthday party was the catalyst of something much bigger. Because of the love, validation and embellishment of the stories, comradery and making new memories, the African American alumni of Coe made a pledge to keep in touch. The weekend ignited a thirst to share more, catch up on everyone’s lives and enjoy the fellowship that was born in Greene Hall.

The African American classes of 1972-75 got the wheels turning. They reached out via telephone, email, word of mouth and any way possible to invite other males of other eras to Panama City Beach, Florida. There in 2006, 15 African American alumni of Coe enjoyed a wonderful weekend. Again, there were stories, embellishment, love and more commitment to each other and a pledge to stay in touch. Clarification was often needed as the tales and yarns were spun, but there were no females present to provide the facts. The men left the weekend more committed to each other and excited to do it again.

Word began to spread that Professor James Randall was retiring. “Po Samm” was an African American professor at Coe for more than 40 years. Emails were sent far and wide to alumni we needed to connect with in order to honor our dear mentor. A steering committee of seven people made it happen.

Las Vegas was the place and June 25-27, 2010 was the date. Twenty-two African American alumni and their spouses, Professor Randall and his wife, Gwen, Coe President James Phifer and his wife, Linnie, and staff gathered at the MGM Hotel.

President Phifer and the development staff had a wonderful idea. The bond among African American alumni was so profound, why not add the reunion as a cluster group for Homecoming 2012? Many alumni had not returned to Coe or Cedar Rapids since graduation.

The Marriott Hotel was booked to capacity, the Homecoming events were great, the African American Museum of Iowa reception was awesome and the fellowship grew stronger. The Rev. Dr. Gloria Tate ’74 gave the invocation at the alumni banquet and many “partied until the break of dawn.” More than 42 African American alumni attended.

Atlanta was chosen for the next African American alumni reunion on July 17, 2014. Coe’s new President David McInally was the guest speaker at a banquet at historic Pascal’s Restaurant. New alumni participated, new friends were made, and new ideas were shared.

The 2016 Coe College African Alumni Reunion Committee invites all classes to attend as we strive for 100 African American alumni to “meet me in St. Louis” this Sept. 23-25 at the Drury Pear Tree Inn. President McInally and staff will be back and we are honoring Dr. Percy Harris, Cedar Rapids’ first African American physician. He provided free medical services to many African American students at Coe. Come make new friends and strengthen old bonds, enjoy dinner at Sweetie Pie’s, and see the city.

Attending Coe College was a unique experience for every African American. Each reunion brings new ideas and vision. Each person brings knowledge, insight, compassion and spirit to the group. The ’72-’75 alumni started the fervor, and it continues 10 years after the first African American alumni reunion in Panama City. No one could have ever envisioned each reunion’s impact.

Coe College taught us, Commitment, Oneness and Excellence. See you in St Louis!

For more information about the 2016 African American Alumni Reunion, contact Mike Griffin ’72 (toll free) at (855) 881-1969 ext. 806 or email klimba@sbcglobal.net.
**GREETINGS, KOHAWK ALUMNI!**

Let’s begin with some gratitude: Huge thanks to all the alumni and friends of Coe who helped make the second annual Coe Day of Giving a great success on April 6th! Thanks for contributing. Thanks for showing up and celebrating Coe at events in cities across the country. Special thanks to those who pledged early as challenge leaders and to those who were social media ambassadors. I’m especially proud of your Alumni Council for having 100 percent participation as challenge leaders!

Speaking of your Alumni Council, we had a productive April meeting wherein we did preparatory work for Homecoming 2016. Mark your calendars for Oct. 7-9. The theme will be “Something Old, Something New” to celebrate the dedication of a renovated Hickok Hall (work is happening as I write), and the start of major new additions to Coe’s athletic and fitness facilities.

Speaking of Homecoming, we are pleased to announce the recipients of the three major alumni awards to be given to our All-Alumni gathering on Saturday morning, Oct. 8. The Alumni Award of Merit will be given to Dr. Bruce Spivey ’56 and to Herbert Brunkhorst ’66. The Distinguished Service Award recipient is Terry Hiebert ’76. Our Young Alumni Award winner is Katherine Roger ’08, who was Coe’s 2016 commencement speaker.

Need more reasons to come back for Homecoming? How about affinity reunions for the 100th anniversary of the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity, the 70th anniversary of Lambda Chi Alpha, the 25th anniversary of the Coe Student Alumni Association, and a “Celebration of Writing at Coe”? And, of course, there will be celebrations for all the reunion classes.

Finally, an invitation: Come back and visit Coe – it just keeps getting better. There is no better time to visit than Homecoming. See you there!

Always a Kohawk,

Steve Kennedy ’78
President, Coe College Alumni Council

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**2010s**

‘10 Katie Blanchard of Washington, D.C., received her master’s in international education and a certificate in incorporating international perspectives in education from the Graduate School of Education and Human Development at The George Washington University.

Stacy Voccia of Memphis, Tennessee, is a senior operations research analyst at FedEx Express. She received her Ph.D. in operations research from the University of Iowa in 2015.

Ross Yeast is a product line specialist at Van Meter Inc. He and Amanda Hanson Yeast ’12 live in Cedar Rapids.

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**UPDATE**

**ALUMNI COUNCIL**

**President, Coe College**

**Steve Kennedy ’78**

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‘08 Erin Jones of Springville, Iowa, received an A+ for Education Award from KCRG-TV9 for her work as a behavioral focused classroom teacher at Cedar Rapids Jefferson High School. In February, she was also inducted into the Laker Athletics Hall of Fame at Iowa Lakes Community College, where she played softball from 2003-05.

Alex Michaud successfully defended his dissertation on March 11 and was awarded a doctorate of philosophy in ecology and environmental sciences with a focus in environmental microbiology from Montana State University on May 7. While at MSU, he was a member of the Williams Ice Stream Sub-glacial Access Research Drilling Team (WISSARD) which, for the first time, showed life exists in a subglacial lake beneath the West Antarctic Ice Sheet. Michaud spent three Antarctic summer seasons at McMurdo Station during his seven years at MSU. He has accepted a two-year post-doctoral appointment to continue his research studies at Aarhus University in Denmark. His post-doctoral research will focus on Arctic marine sediment microbiology and the coordination of an international research team and expedition to the Norwegian Arctic.

Jenna Shaw of Washington, D.C., recently completed a master’s in cultural heritage management and museum studies from Koç University in Istanbul, Turkey, where she had lived since receiving a Fulbright grant in 2011. She is now carrying out a graduate internship at the Smithsonian’s Freer and Sackler Museum of Asian Art.

Sarah Anciaux of St. Paul, Minnesota, was selected to represent the United States on the U.S. National Team at the 2016 World Flying Disc Federation (WFDF) World Ultimate and Guts Championships (WUGC), June 18-25 in London.

Clayton Rush led the Alburnett Pirates to a 35-5 record and Class 1A State Duals Championship is his first year as head wrestling coach. He and Ashlee Simon Rush ’12 live in Marion, Iowa.

‘11 ›› 5TH CLUSTER REUNION: HOMECOMING 2017

Stefanie Brooks of Earlville, Iowa, has been accepted into the master’s in social work program at Clarke University.

Roxie Wincenciak of Glen Ellyn, Illinois, works at Bridge Communities helping to provide shelter and programming for at-risk and homeless families.

‘12 ›› 5TH CLUSTER REUNION: HOMECOMING 2017

Kaitlin Mitchell Kuehner is marketing and community involvement coordinator for the Cedar Rapids Moms Blog, which launched in April as a resource to connect moms and families to each other and to businesses in and around the Corridor. CRMB is a locally-owned extension of the Iowa City Moms Blog and a sister site in the national City Moms Blog Network. She and Jordan Kuehner live in Marion.

‘13 ›› 5TH CLUSTER REUNION: HOMECOMING 2017

‘14 Ashlee Simon Rush ’12 live in Marion.

‘15 Austin Cieslinski is pursuing a graduate degree in forensic science at Oklahoma State University in Tulsa. So far he has gained experience working in a clinical toxicology lab; teaching the FBI, ATF, and other organizations how to make peroxide explosives; and getting paid by the federal government to make methamphetamine (for research purposes, of course).
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Thanks to all who shared their love for Coe on #KohawkDay 2016! If you weren’t able to participate, there’s still time to give before the fiscal year ends on June 30. Go to www.alumni.coe.edu/makeagift or call Coe Fund Director Barb Tupper ’89 at 800-332-8404 x8569.
Congratulations, Kohawk brides and grooms

1992
Kohawks in attendance at the Aug. 15 wedding of Tony Alt ’92 and Kim Albers ’93 at Coe were (left to right) Alice McCabe ’73, Jenni Nelson ’06, John Gales ’07, Kim and Tony, Bill Crumley ’92, Steve Kranz ’91, Lisa Albers Drinkall ’06, Mike Drinkall ’05 and Amy Wise ’93. The couple lives in Springville, Iowa.
*Photo by Ashley O’Connor Walthart ’07 of AE Photography.*

1994
Teresa Miller and Kasin Beckwith of Ankeny, Iowa, on June 6, 2015.

2007
Sarah Flogel and Adam Dearing of Leawood, Kansas, on Nov. 21.

2008
Elaina Mertens and Richard Biechler of Dubuque, Iowa, on March 26.
Ann Virden and Justin Balvanz of Cedar Rapids on Oct. 31.

2010
Brianna Wright and Arthur Kim of Cedar Rapids on March 12.

2013
Jordan Graen and Alexandra Connor of Maple Grove, Minnesota, on Jan. 30.

2015
Matt Peak and Riley Kesterson of Marion, Iowa, on March 19.
1990
Scott Majeski and his wife, Gayle, of Chicago, a son, John “Max”, on Feb. 22.

1997
Andrew Cleveland and Susan Heinrich
Cleveland of St. Paul, Minnesota, a son, Zachary, on May 3, 2015. Susan was promoted to global strategic alliances manager at Thomson Reuters.

2004
Leah Fuhrman Zwanziger and her husband, Alec, of Strawberry Point, Iowa, a son, Mason, on Feb. 2.

Natalie Hibler Ford and her husband, Jarod, of Burlington, Iowa, a daughter, Baylor, on Feb. 24.

Jeramy Hopkins and his wife, Cassie, of Frisco, Texas, a daughter, Everleigh, on April 20.

2006
Erin Meredith Brokel and her husband, Brandon, of Cedar Rapids, a daughter, Meredith, on April 28.

2007
Jared Bienemann and Caitlin Wieseler
Bienemann ’08 of Cedar Rapids, a son, Niles, on Feb. 5.

Shelby Jansen Eck and her husband, Jeffrey, of Macomb, Illinois, a daughter, Cora, on Nov. 13.

2008
Clayton Niewoehner and his wife, Kelly, of Raymond, Iowa, a son, Baylor, on March 14.

Paul Reid and his wife, Jodi, of Wellsville, New York, a daughter, Madilyn, on April 12.

2009
Tyler Gathers and Danielle Jamison
Gathers ’11 of Kansas City, Missouri, a son, Grayson, on Feb. 4. Tyler was promoted to general manager at Houlihan’s.

Eric Hayek and his wife, Amanda, of Baltimore, a daughter, Emerson, on April 14.

Jordan Pinckney and his wife, Aubree, of Cedar Rapids, a son, Caber, on Feb. 11.

2010
Wesley Beckwith and Kristi Boner
Beckwith ’11 of Indianapolis, a son, Wyatt, on April 5.

Autumn Ingalls Magdefrau and Blayne Magdefrau of Fargo, North Dakota, a son, Graysen, on April 19.

Staci Thielen Lincoln and her husband, Howie, of Dubuque, Iowa, a daughter, Lily, on March 14.

2011

Charlie Goetzinger and Rachel Leick
Goetzinger ’12 of North Liberty, Iowa, a son, Gannon, on April 17.

Michael Rozum and his wife, Josie, of Cedar Rapids, a son, Kane, on Feb. 23.

Ryan Schroeder and Keelie Finnel
Schroeder ’12 of Lakeside, Iowa, a son, Camden, on April 13.

2013
Ben Mourer (MAT) and his wife, Kim, of Meadville, Pennsylvania, a son, Arthur, on April 19.

Emily Ryan Stamp and her husband, Shea, of Hiawatha, a son, Breck, on April 28.

2014
Nathan Yelton and his wife, Stephanie, of North Liberty, Iowa, a daughter, Aubrey, on March 12.

Alex Tatman and his wife, Jenna, of Sellersburg, Indiana, a daughter, Vada, on April 14.
1934  Helen Young Childs, 103, of Brevard, North Carolina, on March 25. She worked in Iowa public schools in Louden and Cedar Rapids during the Depression. Moving to Michigan near the end of World War II, she substitute taught in Dearborn. In the late 1960s, she found permanent employment in the Garden City public school system, where she taught music and art. In the early 1970s, she received her teaching certificate and renewed her interest in library work. She became a substitute home economics teacher and library/media center substitute at Washington and Kennedy high schools. She was preceded in death by five siblings, including Gordon Zimmerman ‘38 and Harriet Zimmerman Daniels ‘43. She is survived by her husband of 74 years, Ted, 2115 First Ave. SE Suite 1, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402; a daughter, Mary Jen Bear; two sons, David and John; six grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren.

1941  Margaret Zimmerman Kubicek, 96, of Cedar Rapids, on April 21. While her husband was in law school, she worked in the main library at the University of Iowa. She later took college courses to update her teaching certificate and renewed her interest in library work. She became a substitute home economics teacher and library/media center substitute at Washington and Kennedy high schools. She was preceded in death by five siblings, including Don Zimmerman ‘36, Gordon Zimmerman ‘38 and Harriet Zimmerman Daniels ‘43. She is survived by her husband of 74 years, Ted, 2115 First Ave. SE Suite 1, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402; a daughter, Mary Jen Bear; two sons, David and John; six grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren.

1939  Marjorie Deacon Creswell, 98, of Tryon, North Carolina, on March 29. She was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority. She was a lifelong volunteer. In 2014, she retired after 21 years as a volunteer at the Habitat of Humanity re-store in Landrum, South Carolina. In 1993, she started volunteering at the Polk County Travel and Tourism Visitors Center. For many years she helped local school children with reading. She and her blind dachshund, Doxie, frequently visited nursing homes spreading good cheer. In 2008, she was inducted into the Second Wind Hall of Fame. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Creswell ‘37. She is survived by a son, John; a grandson; and a niece, retired Assistant to the Vice President for Student Affairs Melissa Randall.

Memorial contributions may be made to Thermal Belt Habitat for Humanity, P.O. Box 626 Tryon, NC 28782; Foothills Humane Society, P.O. Box 126, Tryon NC 28782; or Coe College, 1220 First Ave. NE, Cedar Rapids IA 52402.

1942  Mary Ellen Ford Friehauf, 96, of Yakima, Washington, on May 1. She was a member of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority and the women’s rifle team. She worked in the Cedar Rapids social welfare field for three years until joining the American Red Cross during World War II. She later worked as a clerk typist for the Union Pacific Railroad in Portland, Oregon. She and her husband, Will, celebrated their 70th anniversary on March 11. She is survived by Will, 4509 Avalanche Ave., Yakima, WA 98908; three sons, Greg, Norman and Brad; a daughter, Nancy; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a sister, Frances Ford Carr ‘51 of Chesterfield, Missouri.

1943  Jean Leidigh Quaas, 96, of Plentywood, Montana, on Feb. 1. She completed her nurses training at St. Luke’s Hospital in Cedar Rapids. She went to Chicago and worked on the polio ward at Wesley Memorial Hospital. She joined the Army Nurse Corps in 1944 and was a first lieutenant when discharged. She worked in many areas of St. Luke’s, especially enjoying OB/GYN. She worked in the office with Dr. Brendel in Central City, Iowa and then as head nurse at the Linn County Home until she retired in 1984. She is survived by three children, Scott Quaas of Bedford, Indiana, Karl Quaas of Alburnett, Iowa, and Pat Bolles of Plentywood; nine grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Lois Kenny of Anchorage, Alaska.

1945  Helen Anderson Morey, 91, of Ithaca, New York, on March 17. She received her bachelor’s from Wells College and her master’s in social work from Bryn Mawr. She worked in clinical social work at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. After moving to New Jersey, she worked for the Family Service of Morris County and in private practice. She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Dave, 106 Savage Farm Dr., Ithaca, NY 14850; a son, David Jr.; a daughter, Jean Bader; and two grandchildren.

1946  Marvilla Benbow Grismer, 90, of Waukee, Iowa, on Feb. 1. She graduated from Northwestern University Medical School. She was preceded in death by her siblings, Louise Benbow Gray ’40, James Benbow ’41 and Dorothea Benbow Zimmerman ‘45. She is survived by her husband of 67 years, William, 255 SE Holiday Crest Circle, Waukee, IA 50263; four children, Jennifer Dahlgren of Nevada City, California, Thomas Grismer of Westminster, Colorado, Amy Sills of Chicago, Illinois, and James Grismer of Plymouth, Minnesota; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was a social worker for various agencies in Chicago and Champaign from 1946-50. She is survived by four children, Dave Reichert, Don Reichert, Laura Daehler and Martha Scatterday; eight grandchildren; and a sister Doris Van Schaick.

1947 Peggy Clapsaddle
Crawford, 94, of Cedar Rapids, on Feb. 5. She worked at Perpetual Savings and Loan and then as a legal secretary for many years. After her children were grown, she worked for Kelly Services for a few years. A highlight of her adult life was attending a summer program at the University of Iowa Writers Workshop. She is survived by a sister, Lois Nelson; five children, Laurie Crawford, Barbara Christian, Jan Crawford and Bruce Crawford, all of Cedar Rapids, and David Crawford of Superior, Colorado; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Joan Kanak
Baird, 91, of Cedar Rapids, on March 12. She received her bachelor's in science education from Iowa State University. She began her teaching career at Wilson Junior High School in 1948, instructing home economics. She received her master’s in library science from the University of Iowa in 1967. She was placed at Jefferson High School as a librarian and within a few years became the head librarian until her retirement within a few years. She is survived by her husband of nearly 50 years, Lloyd, 1230 English Lane NE Apt. 311, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402; two children, Gayle Chaney and Steve Corbett; and a brother, Dr. Oran Corbett. Memorial contributions may be made to the University of Iowa Foundation, Anesthesia Patient Simulator Center, PO Box 4550, Iowa City, IA 52244; St. Luke's Hospital Foundation / The Dale and Ruby Morgan Endowment, 1026 A Ave. NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404; Mercy Medical Center Foundation / The Dale and Louise Morgan Endowment Fund, 701 10th St. SE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52403; Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1285 Third Ave. SE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52403; or Coe College, 1220 First Ave. NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402.

1949 John Larson
92, of Bradenton, Florida, on March 1. He served in World War II, returned to graduate from Coe, then worked for United Air Lines for 36 years in San Francisco, Philadelphia and New York, retiring to Florida in 1985. He is survived by his wife, Gene, 3810 75th St. #123, Bradenton, FL 34209; two children, Phil of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, and Pam of Kula, Hawaii; and two grandchildren.

1950 Tom Brady
91, of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, on Jan. 27. He served in the Navy during World War II. His business career was in the insurance industry. He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Janet Patton Brady '48, 4902 S. Oxbow Ave. #304, Sioux Falls, SD 57106; three sons, Thomas of Mukwonago, Wisconsin, Kevin of Blaine, Minnesota, and Kelly of Sioux Falls; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Retired Air Force Col. Richard Corbett, 89, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, on March 6. He served 25 years in the Air Force as a test pilot. He was a fighter pilot in Vietnam and retired from the service in 1975. He was preceded in death by a brother, Ben Corbett ’48. He is survived by two children, Gayle Chaney and Steve Corbett; and a brother, Dr. Oran Corbett.

Louise Johnston
Cairns, 88, of Cedar Rapids, on Feb. 6. She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Cairns ’48. She is survived by five children, Bruce Cairns ’72 of 2135 Ridge Rd., Estes Park, CO 80517, Jim Cairns ’73 of Clarksville, Georgia, John Cairns of Cedar Rapids, Judy Boburka of Summit, New Jersey, and Katherine Cairns of Columbia, South Carolina.

1951 Mary Jean Tipler
87 of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, on March 21. She is survived by four children, Susan Ubbelohde and Tippler Ubbelohde, both of Oakland, California, Nell Ubbelohde of Minneapolis, and Katherine Gillooly of Cleveland Heights; six grandchildren; a great-grandson; and a brother, Paul of Alameda, California.

1952 Jeanette Mcinnes
Sawtell, 85, of Rockford, Illinois, on April 5. She was preceded in death by her husband of 35 years, James Sawtell ’50. She is survived by three children, Kathryn Bliven, Kristine Burkholder and Kevin Sawtell; five grandchildren; two great-granddaughters; and a brother, James Mcinnes.

1954 Win Watson
83, of Clear Lake, Iowa, on April 20. He was president of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity and lettered in football and baseball at Coe. While in college he was in R.O.T.C, commissioned as a second lieutenant and completed his pilot training. He served as an Air Force pilot in Salina, Kansas, and overseas duty in Labrador and Greenland. He was sports editor at the Ames Daily Tribune, co-publisher and editor of the Tri-Center Clipper, general manager of Mid-America Publishing Corp. in Des Moines, publisher of the Cedar Valley Daily Times in Vinton, and established and was general manager of the Mid-American field office in Clear Lake, overseeing 13 newspapers. He co-owned and managed the North Central Insurance Service in Ventura. He worked through the American University Women. In 1979-80, the family lived in Augsburg and Heidelberg, Germany where Daryl taught for Boston University. Daryl retired in 1989 and they began spending winters in Scottsdale, Arizona. She was preceded in death by Daryl in 2006. She is survived by a son, William of Eaton, Colorado.
with Triad Realty for five years and then started Win Watson and Associates. He was a city councilman and mayor in Vinton, director of the Clear Lake Board of Realtors, and president and board member of the Clear lake Area Chamber of Commerce. He was preceded in death by a brother **Justin Watson ’60**. He is survived by his wife Nancy, 2700 N. Shore Dr. Apt. L35, Clear Lake, IA 50428; five children, Wendy Watson of Stanwood, Lisa Sweeting of Iowa City, Wade Watson of West Branch, Winston “Chip” Watson of Stanwood, and Deborah Smith of Jefferson, South Dakota; five grandchildren; and four great-grandsons.

**1957 Nancy Weninger**

Herculson, 79, of Henderson, Nevada, on Jan. 23. She accompanied her husband on a 30-year tour in the U.S. Air Force. She is survived by her husband of 58 years, **Robert Herculson**, 1810 Nuevo Rd., Henderson, NV 89014; two sons, Michael of Fort Worth, Texas, and Mark of Santa Rosa, California; a daughter, Heidi Mumm of Bluewater Bay, Florida; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

**1958 Jon Kohl**, 82, of Cedar Rapids, on Feb. 20 due to complications from a stroke. He played offensive and defensive tackle in football and threw the shot, discus and javelin in track. He was inducted into the Coe Athletics Hall of Fame in 1998. He went on to a long career as a teacher in the Cedar Rapids and Linn-Mar school districts. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Jo Ann, 1112 Clifton St. NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402; three children, **Todd Kohl ’84** of Cedar Rapids, Beth Ann Kohl and Jennifer Goldsberry; six siblings, Patricia White, Susan Blood, Mary Cowles, David Kohl, Bruce Kohl and **Peter Kohl ’76** of Monmouth; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

**1959 Evelyn Blaha Seeley**, 82, of McGregor, Iowa, on Feb. 26. She was a teacher and choir director. She was preceded in death by a sister, **Sylvia Blaha Rohlina ’59**. She is survived by her husband of 58 years, Jim, 110 Eagle Dr., McGregor, IA 52157; three children, Sarah Seeley, Mark Seeley and Carrie Baade; and three grandchildren.

**1956 Leo Carlson Jr.,** 81, of Sioux City, Iowa, on March 14. He completed graduate work at Ohio State University. He began his career with Brenton Bank in Urbandale from 1958-61. He served as vice president and president of the First National Bank in Sibley from 1961-82 and Lakes National Bank in Arnolds Park from 1982 until his retirement. He served on the Sibley City Council, the Sibley Chamber of Commerce, as well as several bank boards. He was named to the Governor’s Board and served as chairman of the Transportation Committee. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, **Shirley Lunde Carlson ’57**, 3009 Lilac Lane #19, Sioux City, IA 51106; two daughters, Mickie Hovel of Marshalltown and Deb Smith of Jefferson, South Dakota; five grandchildren; and four great-grandsons.

**1960 Terry James**, 77, of Greenville, South Carolina, on March 3. He worked most of his life in Rockford, Illinois, and retired as district manager for United American Insurance of Dallas. He is survived by his wife, Karen of Greenville; five children, **Kathy James Hawkins ’81**, 2917 W. Pikes Peak Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80904, Jana Brackett of Rockford, Andrea Sutcliffe of Dallas, Jody Sneed of Rockford and Scott James of Greenville; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Robert Nechanicky, 84, the husband of **Charlotte Matter Nechanicky**, on April 8. He is survived by Charlotte, 107 Clive Dr. SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404; two daughters, **Joanne Nechanicky Philips ’81** of Belle Plaine and Barbara Fishman of Swisher; two sons, Jeff of Washington, D.C. and John of Suwanee, Ga.; 20 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Celia Scott and Mildred Nechanicky, both of Waterloo.

**1961 Gene Fletcher**, 88, of Bedford, Pennsylvania, on March 8. He enlisted in the Coast Guard as a fireman first class on the USS Greensboro. Employed by Lockheed Martin, he worked on the space shuttle exterior tank in Orlando, Florida, and New Orleans. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Shirley, 712 S. Julians St., Bedford, PA 15522; a daughter, Valerie Taylor of Bedford; a grandson; and a sister, Geraldine Howard of Poplar Bluff, Missouri.

Robert Myers, 74, of Plant City, Florida, on March 22. He had a long career in seafood sales. He is survived by his wife of 21 years, Linda, 5414 Pless Rd., Plant City, FL 33565; a brother, John of Todddville, Iowa; six children, Kevin, Keith, Kris, Rosalind Murray, Laura Inrin, and Justin McCann; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

**1962 Rosemary Williams** Rich, 88, of Cedar Rapids, on Jan. 31 in Salt Lake City. She is survived by two daughters, Michelle McKee of Humboldt and Martina Rich-Binegar of Salt Lake City; six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

**1966 Jane Ludemann** Edwards, 71, of Burlington, Iowa, on April 24. She received her master’s from Southern Connecticut State University. She served 20 years as a school...
psychologist for Great Plains Area Education Agency in southeast Iowa. She also served during that time on the Foster Care Review Board. She is survived by a daughter, Stephanie Kearney, and a son, Kyle, both of Burlington; a sister, Ann Trulin of Englewood, Florida, and five grandchildren.

1969 Sharon “Cherie” Eliassen Lawrence, 68, of Fenton, Illinois, on Feb. 18. She was a card dealer at the Wild Rose Casino in Clinton for the past 15 years. She is survived by her life partner, Gary Black, 11151 Wilmot Rd., Fenton, IL 61251; two daughters, Jennifer Lawrence of Arvada, Colorado, and Christine Jones of Hastings, Nebraska; a son, Tony Eliassen of Ann Arbor, Michigan; and two granddaughters. Memorial contributions may be made to Coe College, 1220 First Ave. NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402; First Presbyterian Church, 310 Fifth St. SE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52401; or Alzheimer’s Association, 317 Seventh Ave. SE #402, Cedar Rapids, IA 52401.

Penni Oncken Griffin, 70, of Gaffney, South Carolina, on Feb. 16. In the 1970s and 1980s, she held numerous social work positions in Iowa, including lead social worker and protective services investigator for the Iowa Department of Social Services and director of homemakers services for Family Service Agency in Cedar Rapids. She was significantly involved in the creation of the first hospice in eastern Iowa. In 1992, she began a long career as a social work professor at Limestone College, and later became assistant dean/director of the social work program. In 2012, Limestone awarded her the status of assistant professor emerita of social work. In addition to her duties as a professor, she spent over 23 years serving Limestone as first lady. She is survived by her husband, Walt Griffin, 1008 College Dr., Gaffney, SC 29340; a brother, Rick Oncken; four children, Megan Griffin, Rebecca Haley, Kathy Anzis and Shawn Griffin; and eight grandchildren.

1978 Gaylord Horn, 61, of New Hartford, Connecticut, on Jan. 18. He attended Rhode Island School of Design and received an MBA from the University of Connecticut. He was senior vice president in wealth management, corporate retirement services, at People’s United Bank as well as founder and owner of Liberty Imports, a direct marketing company to wine retailers. He was past president of Mutual Housing Associates, a former board member of the Estate & Business Planning Council and past board secretary of Connecticut Estate and Tax Planning Council. He also was a founding member of New Hartford Foundation and past president of Beekeley Community Library. He is survived by his wife of 32 years, Susan Huston Horn; 77, 150 Beene Rd., New Hartford, CT 06057; a son, Schuyler; a sister, Nancy Horn Grubin, of Golden, Colorado; and a brother, Henry Horn, of Brussels, Belgium.

1993 Paul Clark, 61, of Marion, Iowa, on April 13. He was a supervisor at Amana for several years. He is survived by three sons, Benjamin and Jonathan, both of Minneapolis, and Gabriel of Marion; two daughters, Christine Jones of Hastings, Minnesota, and Makayla Clark of Marion; a sister, Martha Harper of Anamosa; and two grandchildren.

1994 Aaron “AJ” Styre, 43, of Cedar Rapids, on March 2. He was known as “Chief Thunder Rod” when he played football at Coe. He graduated from Mississippi Firefighting Academy in Hattiesburg and had recently received his fire science degree and EMT certificate from Kirkwood Community College. He served in the Marine Corps and later in the Army. He was a firefighter for 11 years in Hattiesburg. In 2011, he returned to Cedar Rapids, where he worked with Area Ambulance Services and as a Hiawatha volunteer firefighter. He was currently working as a safety specialist for Captain Clean in Cedar Rapids. He is survived by a son, Brenden; his mother, Sandi Richmond of Cedar Rapids; his father, Jon Styre of Robins; a brother, Edward Styre of Austin, Texas; and a grandmother, Doris Schlichting of Chico, California.

1999 Mike Halverson, 47, of Ely, Iowa, on April 24 after a short battle with ALS (Lou Gehrig’s Disease). He received a bachelor’s from the University of Iowa, and later received an accounting degree from Coe. He is survived by his wife, Breyan Neyland, 1670 North Dr., Ely, IA 52227; three children, Ally, Katey and Tori Halverson, all of North Liberty; a step-daughter, Maddie Strickland of Dubuque; his parents, Al and Sharon Halverson of Coralville; a sister, Cheryl Hackney of Westerville, Ohio; a brother, Steve Halverson of Peosta; and a grandmother, Doris Schlichting of Chico, California.

Charlotte Smith Bonaventure, 81, of Cedar Rapids, on March 18. She was a teacher in the Cedar Rapids area for 43 years before retiring in 1998. She is survived by two children, Ann Zanette and Robert Bonaventure; and a sister, Jean Whitmore.

1970 Randal Humphreys, 67, of Winston, Georgia, on Nov. 18. He was preceded in death by his parents, Margaret and Frank Humphreys ’36. He is survived by a brother, Frank Humphreys III ’88, 1328 Brooklawn Rd. NE, Atlanta, GA 30319.

Bernice Kirby, 89, of Cedar Rapids, on March 18 of Alzheimer’s disease. At age 13, she was near death from acute peritonitis and was saved by sulfa drugs. While in high school she learned welding and worked making radar boxes for the war effort. Upon graduation, she was recruited by the Navy to work in Washington, D.C. After marriage and children, she studied German and French at Coe College, graduating summa cum laude and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. She worked for 21 years as a substitute teacher, along with working for Dr. Alexander Lippisch, where she took dictation in German and wrote the copy in German for his book describing his invention of the Delta wing for aircraft. She also studied German in Vienna, Austria, and Tübingen, Germany. She is survived by her husband of 68 years, Kenneth Kirby, 1300 13th St. NW Apt. B304, Cedar Rapids, IA 52405; a daughter, Carol Kirby Williams of Mérida, Yucatán, Mexico; a son, Robert Kirby of Lubbock, Texas; and two granddaughters.
Former Coe secretary Peachie Carey, 72, of Tolleson, Arizona, died May 19. She worked a variety of jobs over the years, including Quaker Oats and the Iowa Department of Revenue. She retired from Coe after 24 years, where she worked as a secretary in the Admission Office, Hickok Hall and athletics. While at Coe she became involved with the International Club and served as president and secretary. She also became involved with the men’s soccer team, managing and traveling with the team for many years. While on the Coe staff, she earned her bachelor’s in African American studies and English in 1998. She was involved with the Community Theatre of Cedar Rapids for many years until leaving to become one of several founders and secretary of the Olde Barn Players Dinner Theatre. She is survived by two children, Matthew of Tolleson and Jessica of Oakland, California; and a brother, J. David of Cedar Rapids. A celebration of life will be held July 9 in Clark Alumni House at Coe.

Memorial contributions may be made to the W. E. Spellman Fund For Summer Research at Coe College, c/o Dr. Mickey T.C. Wu, Coe College, 1220 First Ave. NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402.

Andy Cooley joined Coe as benefit and student accounts administrator.

International Student Adviser Peter Gerlach and his wife, Cady, celebrated the birth of a son, Leo, on March 30.

Sharon Fair retired in April after more than 25 years as campus visit coordinator in the Office of Admission.

James Y. Canfield Professor Emeritus of Psychology Lowry “Fritz” Fredrickson, 84, of Cedar Rapids, died March 31. He served in the Army during the Korean conflict. He was a psychology professor at Coe from 1967-99. His wife of 53 years, Mary, died in 2013. He is survived by a daughter, Lara, 2308 41st St. NW Apt. 305, Washington, DC 20007; and a brother, Curtis of Eagan, Minnesota.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Fritz and Mary Fredrickson Prize in Psychology at Coe College, 1220 First Ave. NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402. Once-established, the prize will be awarded annually to an outstanding senior psychology major who is interested in research.

Joan and Abbot Lipsky Professor Emerita of Political Science Margaret Haupt, 75, of Cedar Rapids died April 8 after a long battle with cancer. She specialized in international politics during a 40-year Coe teaching career that ended with her retirement in 2006. She also served for a number of years as the college’s director of the Washington, D.C. Term. A Fulbright scholar who studied in Australia, she organized and led numerous study-abroad opportunities for Coe students during her distinguished career. In addition, Haupt was director of the Thursday Forum from 1996-2007. She was a key figure in the success of the program since its debut in 1989. While serving as the leader of the popular series for adult learners, she introduced a number of innovations, like inviting non-Coe-faculty experts to present and organizing tours connected with particular forums. In 2004, she was honored with the Eliza Hickok Kesler Award for outstanding service to the Coe community. She received the Distinguished Service Award from the Coe College Alumni Association in 2007. A life-long supporter of classical music and the performing arts, she served on the Cedar Rapids Opera Theatre board.

Memorial contributions may be made to Friends of Music or Thursday Forum at Coe College, 1220 First Ave. NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52403; the Family Caregivers Center of Mercy, 901 Eighth Ave. SE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52401; or the National Czech and Slovak Museum and Library, 1400 Inspiration Place SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404.

Joseph E. McCabe Associate Professor of Religion Meira Kensky accepted the position of director of First-year Experience starting this summer.

Melissa Kronlage joined Coe as graphic designer in the Admission Office.

Michael Leonardo was promoted to professor and chair of biology at Coe.

Assistant Professor of Biology David Lo was accepted as a participant in this summer’s FUTURE (Fostering Undergraduate Talent – Uniting Research and Education) program in biomedicine at the University Of Iowa’s Carver College of Medicine. He and a Coe student, along with Chemistry Professor Maria Dean, who will return to the program as a senior fellow having been a participant a few years ago, will collaborate with UI medical faculty and graduate students in research that will benefit both institutions, the faculty and the students.

Becky Parks, 61, of Marion, Iowa, died Feb. 19 after battling cancer. She was an administrative assistant in the physical plant at Coe for 10 years, retiring in 2014. She is survived by her husband, Keith Kouba; two sons, Daniel Parks ’06 and his wife, Dayna Teakell Parks ’08, 797 Oakley Dr., Delaware, OH 43015, and John Parks ’09 of Marion; a sister, Gloria Nielson; and a granddaughter.

Assistant Professor of Music Steve Shanley is the 2016 inductee to the Jazz Educators of Iowa (JEI) Hall of Fame. The founding president of JEI, he now serves as its vice president and co-chair of the Iowa Jazz Championships. In addition to teaching, Shanley plays piano for the Rod Pierson Big Band, ¡Ritmocano!, Orquesta Alto Maíz, Local on the 8s, Christopher’s Very Happy Band., and various other solo and small-group jazz engagements.

The Rev. Beverly Thompson-Travis, 72, of Cedar Rapids, died March 16 from melanoma. After receiving her bachelor’s and master’s from University of Northern Iowa in 1967, she served as residence hall director at UNI and Michigan State University. She worked for several years at Stephens College in Columbia, Missouri, in a variety of roles relating to student life, ending as dean of student affairs. When ordination became a possibility, she enrolled in Yale Divinity School and Berkeley School of Divinity at Yale. She received her Master of Divinity degree in 1980. She was ordained in 1983 at Riverside United Church of Christ in New York City. Beverly began her work as the executive associate for programming for the United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia in New York City. Next she served as director for ecumenical ministries in higher education for Council of Churches in the city of New York. Feeling the pull of the international community once again, she began working for the United Church Board for World Ministries at the Southern Asia Desk. She served as local pastor for First United Church of Christ in Bayonne, New York, during her years on wider church ministry. Returning to Cedar Rapids in 1992, she was chaplain at Coe College and Iowa State University. She served as associate conference minister for the Iowa Conference of the United Church of Christ and as interim minister for Eastern Iowa United Church of Christ congregations. In 2004, she became chaplain for St. Luke’s Hospice. She became an associate of the Sisters of St. Francis in Clinton in 2003.

Tess Werner ’13 returned to Coe as payroll and human resources coordinator.
O’Loughlin named to top academic post at Coe

Paula O’Loughlin has been appointed as provost and dean of the faculty at Coe College, effective July 1. In her new role, O’Loughlin will serve as Coe’s chief academic officer and as the leader of the faculty, with overall responsibility for the college’s academic programs and policies.

O’Loughlin comes to Coe with an impressive academic background, both as a teacher and as a scholar. Since 2012, O’Loughlin has served as the associate provost and dean of arts and humanities at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minnesota. O’Loughlin began her academic career at the University of Minnesota-Morris, where she taught a wide variety of political science courses and had administrative responsibilities.

The appointment was announced by Coe President David McInally following a nationwide search and on-campus interviews with faculty, staff, students and other key college stakeholders.

“We are pleased to have someone of Dr. O’Loughlin’s caliber join Coe in this key leadership role,” said McInally. “Not only is she an accomplished faculty member, scholar and mentor, but she has also demonstrated innovation in various roles as an academic administrator. We look forward to her contributions to the college and welcome her to the Coe community.”

O’Loughlin had previously visited Coe twice for undergraduate political science conferences, and she was impressed by the “unpretentious, humble, smart and civically minded students,” and with faculty who “showed the same devotion to their students that I have.” O’Loughlin is committed to Coe’s mission and will dedicate herself to continued institutional excellence, while working to provide students with the most life changing liberal arts college experience possible.

“I am tremendously excited to have been chosen as the provost and dean of the faculty at Coe,” O’Loughlin said. “Coe has a long-standing and well-deserved reputation for academic excellence. It will be an honor to serve Coe and to continue the tradition of academic excellence which first introduced me to the college. Coe’s mission and core values resonate deeply for me. The college offers a transformative liberal arts experience for students and produces graduates who are committed to lifelong learning and making a difference in the world. I look forward to joining the Coe community.”

At Gustavus Adolphus, O’Loughlin’s responsibilities include oversight of 16 academic departments and programs within the humanities and fine arts division of the college. O’Loughlin also oversees 10 interdisciplinary programs, First Term Seminar, the Writing Center, the Writing Across the Curriculum Program, the Academic Support Center and assessment, and serves as the director of general education.

O’Loughlin describes herself as being “…passionately devoted to the liberal arts and the life changing possibilities of education at a small liberal arts college.” At Gustavus Adolphus, she has been a leader in creating programs to enhance the possibilities of a 21st century liberal arts education for students. O’Loughlin obtained a three-year grant from the Mellon Foundation to implement “5th term” digital humanities seminars. These digital humanities seminars are intended to provide an integrative liberal arts focused way-station for students halfway through their college careers. She also has actively promoted interdisciplinary initiatives at Gustavus. In addition, O’Loughlin has provided innovative leadership in the areas of diversity, access and inclusion through a variety of initiatives. She has demonstrated a commitment to mentoring and faculty development throughout her work at Gustavus as well.

Prior to her tenure at Gustavus Adolphus, O’Loughlin taught at the University of Minnesota-Morris. She began as an instructor and was promoted through the faculty ranks to become full professor of political science. At Morris, she served as the political science discipline coordinator and in multiple campus and all-university governance leadership positions. O’Loughlin also headed the college’s retention work group for four years. In addition, she served as the founding director of the Academic Center for Enrichment and as the assistant to the vice chancellor for academic affairs.

Among many professional activities, O’Loughlin currently serves on the Steering Committee of the Consortium for Faculty Diversity and the board of the Upper Midwest HERC. She also currently serves as a peer reviewer for the Higher Learning Commission. She previously served on the Minnesota Judicial Selection Committee and the Minnesota Political Science Association Board of Directors.

O’Loughlin has received numerous awards in recognition of her professional achievements. She received the University of Minnesota President’s Award for Outstanding Service in 2012. In 2007, she was a recipient of the Horace T. Morse Teaching Award, presented by the University of Minnesota Alumni Association for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching. O’Loughlin was recognized with the Minnesota State Student Service Award for the Kids Vote Program in 2004. In 2001, she received the University of Minnesota’s John Tate Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Advising and the University of Minnesota-Morris Alumni Association Teaching Award.

She is the coauthor of the book “Courageous Resistance: The Power of Ordinary People” published by Palgrave Macmillan in 2007. O’Loughlin has authored numerous book chapters, articles and papers, and presented at multiple regional and national conferences in political science, the scholarship of teaching and learning, and the liberal arts.

A native of the East Coast, O’Loughlin earned her bachelor’s degree in government from Smith College and a Ph.D. in political science from the University of Minnesota.

O’Loughlin replaces Marie Baehr, who will transition to a different role as special assistant to the president. In her new position, Baehr will work directly with McInally on special projects as the college’s new five-year strategic plan is implemented. Baehr has served as vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty at Coe for nine years.
Embrace change and celebrate tradition at this year’s Homecoming. Join Kohawks on campus for reunions, classes, campus updates and to reconnect with classmates and friends.

Homecoming invitations will be mailed late July. Registration will open Aug. 12 at alumni.coe.edu/homecoming2016.


Affinity Reunions: Tau Kappa Epsilon 100th anniversary, Lambda Chi Alpha 70th anniversary, Writing Center 30th anniversary, Student Alumni Association 25th anniversary, writing & creative writing majors 10th anniversary, and three Iowa Conference championship teams: 2000 softball and 2001 & 2002 men’s tennis.

Special Event: Friday, 4:15 p.m. re-dedication of Hickok Hall and 8 p.m. All-Alumni Reception & Silent Auction (contact the Alumni Office to submit auction items to support scholarships and off-campus study); Saturday, 9:30 a.m. All-Alumni Recognition Reception & Program featuring pinning of the 1966 Golden Reunion Class, presentation of the Alumni Award of Merit recipients Dr. Bruce Spivey ’56 and Herbert Brunkhorst ’66 and Distinguished Service Award recipient Terry Hiebert ’76.