
In addition to the usual campus tours, receptions, musical performances and athletic events – including a 35-7 thumping of football rival Wartburg –participants were given the opportunity to perform community service.

More than 100 Coe students and their relatives spent Saturday morning working at the Cedar Valley Habitat for Humanity ReStore discount home improvement center, painting and raking leaves at Garfield Elementary School, cleaning up the Mount View neighborhood adjacent to Coe, or making hats and blankets for homeless youth in the community. In five years since its inception of the Coe Cares program following the Cedar Rapids flood of 2008, Coe parents, siblings, grandparents and students have contributed about 1,400 hours of volunteer service in and for the greater Cedar Rapids community.

A silent auction conducted during Family Weekend raised $2,340 for the Parents' Scholarship Fund. Silent auction items ranged from the ordinary to the unique and were all well received by the bidders. Many donors see the silent auction as a way to give back to Coe for the educational experience they or their child received.

Since it was launched in 2001, more than 500 current and past Coe parents have contributed to the fund each year. Scholarships are awarded to seniors with a 2.5 or higher grade point average who are involved in co-curricular activities and demonstrate financial need. This year, the Parents Council hopes to generate $50,000 in scholarships.
COE NAMED A TOP PRODUCER OF U.S. FULBRIGHT STUDENTS

The Fulbright Program, the U.S. government’s flagship international educational exchange program, recently announced the complete list of colleges and universities that produced the most 2012-13 U.S. Fulbright students. The success of the top-producing institutions – including Coe College – was highlighted in the Oct. 24 edition of The Chronicle of Higher Education.

Six Coe alumni were awarded Fulbrights for 2012-13, including Nina Carlson ’12 of Ames, Iowa; Martha Hughes ’12 of Albuquerque, N.M.; Christine Kuster ’11 of Muscatine, Iowa; Elizabeth Steele ’12 of Shoreview, Minn.; and Ellen Burns ’12 of Jonesboro, Ark. In addition, Kim Miller ’05 is currently studying in Finland on a Fulbright grant, as part of her doctoral programs with San Diego State and the University of California – Davis.

The Fulbright competition is administered at Coe by English Professor and Fulbright Program Advisor Ann Struthers. This year, Coe ranks in the top 25 nationally for the number of alumni awarded Fulbrights among bachelor’s institutions.

Almost 1,700 American students, artists and young professionals in more than 100 different fields of study have been offered Fulbright Program grants to study, teach English, and conduct research in over 140 countries throughout the world beginning this fall. Of the 1,700 Fulbrighters, 19 percent are at the Ph.D. level, 17 percent are at the master’s degree level, and 65 percent are at the bachelor’s degree level. Students receiving awards for this academic year applied through 600 colleges or universities.

Since its inception in 1946, the Fulbright Program has provided more than 318,000 participants - chosen for their academic merit and leadership potential - with the opportunity to study, teach and conduct research, exchange ideas and contribute to finding solutions to shared international concerns. In the past 66 years, more than 44,000 students from the U.S. have benefited from the Fulbright experience.

The Fulbright Program is sponsored by the United States Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. The primary source of funding for the Fulbright Program is an annual appropriation made by Congress to the State Department. Participating governments and host institutions, corporations and foundations in foreign countries and in the U.S. also provide direct and indirect support. The J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board, composed of 12 educational and public leaders appointed by the President, formulates policies for the administration of the Fulbright Program, establishes criteria for the selection of candidates, and approves candidates nominated for awards.

In the U.S., the Institute of International Education administers and coordinates the activities relevant to the U.S. Student Program on behalf of the State Department, including conducting an annual competition for the scholarships. The Fulbright Program also awards grants to American teachers and faculty to conduct research and teach overseas. In addition, some 4,000 new foreign Fulbright students and scholars come to the U.S. annually to study for graduate degrees, conduct research and teach.

FIVE NAMED CLARK MERIT SCHOLARS

Five Coe students have been chosen as Clark Merit Scholars for the 2012-13 school year. The award carries a prize equal to one year’s tuition, which is more than $33,000. Clark Merit Scholars are chosen each year by a committee of faculty and trustees, based on demonstrated qualities of character, integrity, intellect, leadership and social responsibility, without regard to financial need.

This year’s recipients are Anna Barton ’14 of St. Paul, Minn., a junior studying economics and business administration; Lauren Chiavetta ’13 of Fort Collins, Colo., a senior studying Spanish and nursing; Eric Dohmen ’14 of Mechanicsville, Iowa, a junior studying mathematics and education; Emily Ryan ’13 of Mount Vernon, Iowa, a senior studying elementary education; and Max Stanford ’14 of Superior, Colo., a junior studying elementary education.

The Clark Merit Awards are funded by an endowment created in 1995 by K. Raymond Clark, a 1930 alumnus of Coe. Clark’s gratitude and loyalty to his alma mater were unequivocally and magnificently evidenced by his service as a member of Coe’s Board of Trustees from 1966 until his death in 2005, and by his unparalleled record of personal giving to the institution. His gifts and commitments to Coe, which were in excess of $33.9 million, reflected Clark’s high standards of quality. The Clark Racquet Center and Clark Field, the Clark Alumni Center, and the Clark Endowment for Merit Awards have significantly enhanced the Coe educational experience and greatly strengthened the institution.

▲ Clark Merit Scholars for 2012-13 are (left to right) Anna Barton ’14, Eric Dohmen ’14, Emily Ryan ’13, Max Stanford ’14 and Lauren Chiavetta ’13.
ALUMNI EXPERTS INSPIRE COE STUDENTS

Regardless of major, Coe students seeking career inspiration need look no further than the rolls of Kohawk alumni. Often, a stroll across campus is all that is required to gain expert advice from alumni making their mark in the world.

This fall, for example, no less than three alumni returned to campus to share their expertise with current students. Homecoming weekend welcomed Emily Sandberg ’01 for a publication workshop for creative writing students and a reading of her works. Also back for Homecoming was Eric Carroll ’02, who gave a workshop for photography students and a lecture about the history and future of his profession. Election eve brought Tricia Johnson ’93 back to Coe for a timely discussion of the future of healthcare.

Sandberg has a MFA from the University of Virginia. Her stories have appeared or are forthcoming in Fringe, DeComp, Panhandler, and Dragnet. A Cedar Rapids native, she lives in Charlottesville, Va., where in addition to writing fiction she works for the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities providing online access to the papers of the Founding Fathers.

Carroll, a native Minnesotan living in San Francisco, received the 2012 Baum Award for An Emerging American Photographer. In May and June at SF Camerawork, he exhibited a selection of works from the past few years that explore photography’s technological history, including his re-creation of a full-scale group darkroom.

Johnson is associate chair of education and research, director of the Center for the Advancement of Healthcare Value, and associate professor of nursing at Rush University in Chicago. She was a 2008-09 Fulbright Scholar at the Vienna (Austria) University of Economics and Business Administration, where she worked on health economics issues with its Department of Economics and Institute for Social Policy. She is the founder and CEO of Johnson Econometrics.

Inspired by the late Coe Economics Professor Bill Spellman, Johnson received her bachelor’s in economics and business administration from Coe, a master’s in hospital and health administration from the University of Iowa, and a master’s and Ph.D. in economics from Arizona State University. On Nov. 5, the Spellman Speaker Series hosted her return to Coe to talk about the key global trends likely to impact healthcare delivery in the United States and the potential policy and provider-level responses that may result.

▲ Virginia fiction writer Emily Sandberg ’01 gave a creative writing workshop and read from her works during Homecoming weekend.

▲ Eric Carroll ’02 returned to Coe for Homecoming and delivered a lecture about the history and future of photography.

▲ The Spellman Speaker Series hosted a presentation on the future of healthcare by Rush University Professor Tricia Johnson ’93.
ESSENTIAL CALENDAR

Fall Term
Classes end.................................................................Dec. 10
Final Exams..............................................................Dec. 12–15

Spring Term
Classes begin ............................................................Jan. 14
Martin Luther King Jr. Day (no day classes, evening classes will meet) ........................................Jan. 21
Spring Break (after last class)............................. March 1
Classes resume..................................................... March 11
Student Research Symposium (no day classes, evening classes will meet) ........................................April 18
Classes end.................................................................May 2
Final Exams ...............................................................May 4, 6-8
Baccalaureate ..........................................................May 11
Commencement .....................................................May 12

May Term
Classes begin ............................................................May 15
Memorial Day (no classes) .................................. May 27
Classes end.................................................................June 7

Note: For the most complete and updated campus calendar, select “View Full Calendar” on Coe’s Web site (www.coe.edu).