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Alpha Gamma Delta sisters pose for a photo during Running of the Stairs Sept. 11.

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It's all Greek to me

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Coe sororities finished another round of Formal Recruitment Sept. 11, as more than 40 new members ran down the Voorhees stairs to their chapters.

Greek life has played a role on Coe campus for over a century, though the current Greek organizations are not the same as at the beginning.

Chapters come and go due to demand and participation.

These losses include the first established sorority on campus, Chi Omega, which was disbanded in 1997 after failing to meet activity and membership levels required by the National office.

This loss left Coe with only two sororities intact at the time. However, this situation only lasted four

years until the charter of Alpha Sigma Alpha's chapter in 2001.

Currently, Coe hosts Greek chapters of four sororities and five fraternities.

Coe's most recent addition, Alpha Gamma Delta, was previously established on campus but disbanded, only to come back again in spring 2015.

There are several reasons a student might choose to join a Greek organization, including philanthropy initiatives, bonds of friendship and leadership opportunities.

More than 300 students were members of a Greek organization as of fall 2015, with just over 25% of the student body involved.

Recruiting season is now in full swing for fraternities and formal recruitment just wrapped up for sororities, culminating in the Sept. 11 Running of the Stairs.

Greek Organizations

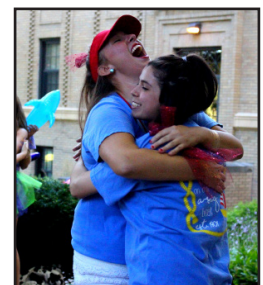
Listing of each organization's Coe charter year and philanthropy cause

Sororities

- Alpha Omicron Pi
 - 1969
 - Arthritis Research and Education
- Alpha Sigma Alpha
 - 2001
 - Special Olympics, Girls on the Run, S. June Smith Center
- Alpha Gamma Delta
 - 1917 initially, reintroduction in 2015
 - Diabetes Awareness and Education
- Delta Delta Delta
 - 1912
 - St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

Fraternities

- Lambda Chi Alpha
 - 1946
 - North American Food Drive, Watermelon Fest
- Sigma Nu
 - 1954
 - Helping Hand Initiative
- Phi Kappa Tau
 - 1920
 - Hole in the Wall Camps
- Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia
 - 1930
 - Mills Music Mission
- Tau Kappa Epsilon
 - 1916
 - Special Olympics



Sororities, far left, Delta Delta Delta, left, Alpha Omicron Pi, and, above, Alpha Sigma Alpha celebrate during Running of the Stairs Sept. 11.
Photos by Amanda Bourne.

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Students present Spellman research

Bridget Moore

Staff writer

Coe students who spent the summer researching topics ranging from water pollution to fantasy football got a chance to show off the results of their summer work on Sept. 7.

These students were part of the Spellman Fund's research program, a fund started in 1997 for students entering their junior or senior years.

The fund's intent is to help students learn how to do research for a senior thesis, or aid them in the research for it.

What follows on this page are brief descriptions of some of this year's recipients of the Spellman Fund.

More information on the Spellman Fund can be found on the Coe website under Academics.



Brenna Deerberg, '17

Deerberg researched the increase in nitrate concentrations and treatment options for the water.

The increase in

nitrate can affect the agriculture in Iowa, and in her research she assessed possible solutions to this conflict using stakeholders to create a solution.



Austin Springsteen, '17

Springsteen used the portfolio theory (the theory on how to maximize profits based on a given level of risk) create a program that would create the optimal fantasy football team.

His program creates the best team by estimating expected points based on the constraints inputted.

Ben Sagers, '18

Sagers researched whether a correlation exists between worker productivity and minimum wage.

He found productivity does not increase when minimum wage is increased, and vice

versa. The data for his research was limited, but it did cover about 95% of the population.

He went on to say that small businesses may be against a minimum wage increase because it could affect their small profit gains.

Brady Anderson, '18

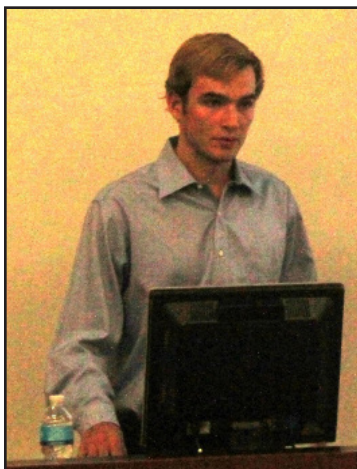
Anderson created a model that uses tennis players in the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP), along with variables such as ranking and height, to make a model that could predict wins and ratings.

Using data from over 500 matches, about 2 out of 3 matches were predicted correctly according to Anderson's model.

Chloe Crain, '17

The use of the social network analysis map may not be known to everyone, but Crain used it extensively in her research over the summer to map non-profit firms and the supplying agents that give them volunteers.

This data was then used to measure the difference in fundraising between the different nonprofits.



Photos by Bridget Moore.

Up a creek, but with a paddle

Mai Fukuhara
Staff writer

The Coe College International Club annual canoe trip, which took place Sept. 10-11, has been held for more than 20 years, said International Club president Uzir Thapa.

Thapa said the trip is held in Monticello every year, and originally started as a small-scale trip among American students.

In later years, Thapa said, the American students started inviting international students, who enjoyed the trip so much the outing became a large-scale trip.

The purpose of the trip, Thapa said, is to visit places people have never been, to challenge them with new things and to make new friends.

This year, 55 American and international students took part in the trip.

When students arrived in Monticello, they paired



Paddling down the river, from left, Maria Angulo ('17) and Fabiola Hernandez ('17) participate in the three-hour canoe trip down Maquoketa River Sept. 10.

Photo by Mai Fukuhara.

up and enjoyed a three-hour canoe trip down the Maquoketa River.

While canoeing, students ate a sack lunch and sometimes got off the canoe to explore the bank and take a photo.

When they finished canoeing, students went to Camp Courageous, the place they would spend the night in a cabin.

After a fried chicken dinner, students played a card game called Spoons before heading outside to start a campfire. They made s'mores, a food some international students, like Lan Chi Ho-

ang, an exchange student from Vietnam, said they had never eaten before.

Students also sang songs around the campfire, accompanied by a guitar and a meinel percussion box. When the stars came out, Juin Lee, an exchange student

from South Korea, said there were many stars she had never seen before.

Students stayed up talking and playing games late into the night.

The next morning, the students gathered back onto the buses and returned to Coe campus.



The International Club canoe trip, left, took place in Monticello Sept. 10-11, with 55 students in attendance.

Photo courtesy of Abhinav Shrestha.

The students sing songs around the campfire, above, at Camp Courageous Sept. 10

Photo by Mai Fukuhara



Women's soccer wins at showcase

Rick Webb

Guest writer

The Coe College Women's Soccer team went 2-0 during the 3rd annual 2016 Associated Colleges of the Midwest (ACM) Soccer Showcase held Sept. 9-11 at Lake Forest College in Lake Forest, Illinois.

On Sept. 10, the Kohawks beat the Lake Forest Foresters 3-0, their first win of the season, before going on to beat Lawrence 5-0 in the last match of the ACM showcase.

The event featured student athletes from four ACM member institutions: Coe College, Lake Forest College, Lawrence

University and Macalester College.

"It was a great experience to be playing against schools with similar missions, academic standards and quality of individuals," said Women's Soccer Head Coach Scott Myers. "Being part of the ACM is a privilege and an honor."

In addition to the soccer tournament, the student athletes got a chance to meet players from other schools and enjoy a fun outing around the city of Chicago.

"It was exciting to see all the schools eating and taking on the city together, as we should be promoting more than just the game," Myers said.

Student athletes ate dinner at Gino's East in downtown Chicago, then embarked on a "selfie challenge" that led students to the ACM offices and Millennium Park.

"The best part of the tournament was taking on the city with five other individuals that I had just met," said Jordan Holmes ('18), midfielder. "I learned a lot about their colleges and experiences they have encountered."

"I enjoyed intermingling," Holmes said, "and it made the next game fun because I was playing against some girls I just got to know pretty well the previous day."

The ACM traces its

roots to 1921, when six colleges came together under a common goal of striving for excellence in athletics and liberal arts. Beloit College, Carleton College, Coe College, Cornell College, Knox College and Lawrence University were the first schools to form ACM, and held the league's first competition in track and field.

Back in Iowa on Sept. 13, the Kohawks won 2-1 in double over-time against Grinnell, putting their record for the season at 3-3.

Today's game (Sept. 16) against Greenville College starts at 3 p.m.

The Coe College Women's Soccer team run the field immediately after winning their game 3-0 against Lake Forest College Sept. 10.

Photo by Rick Webb.



Coming next week

Be on the lookout for an update on the Hickok and Eby renovations in the Sept. 23 edition of the *Coe Cosmos*.



McInally leads community outreach

Rachel Deyoe
Staff writer

Since becoming Coe's president in 2014, President David McInally has been passionate about the way a college can impact its community.

As the newly elected Chair of the Iowa Campus Compact (IACC) Board of Directors, McInally takes the lead spot in an organization dedicated to encouraging this kind of community engagement among students across the entire state.

The IACC is an association that seeks to help colleges and universities provide the best possible environments for their students to become engaged citizens. The IACC helps colleges collaborate on programs for civic engagement, while

also helping colleges self-assess and create individual goals for their campuses.

When it comes to being elected to the board, McInally said, "The key criterion is commitment to the idea of civic engagement. Being elected Chair is mostly a matter of being willing to serve."

Coe's participation in the IACC provides benefits to students, McInally said, especially through Coe's Community Engagement Office, which is closely tied to the Compact.

Through the IACC, students at Coe can become part of a statewide network of engaged college students, McInally said, "which can mean exchanging program ideas, being recognized through the awards

program, training and development activities, etc."

The Compact also provides opportunities to members of Coe's faculty.

This year, Esther and Robert Armstrong Assistant Professor of Communication Studies Theresa Donofrio and Assistant Professor of Sociology Katie Rodgers have been selected by the Compact as two of five Engaged Scholar Faculty Fellows.

This program will provide Donofrio and Rodgers opportunities to bring Coe students alongside them in their research.

McInally outlined three goals for the board during his two-year term as chair: "Strengthening each campus' civic engagement program,

[...] enhancing the network of campuses, and promoting the work of Iowa's students in their communities."

Furthermore, McInally hopes to provide even more colleges and universities with the same opportunities.

"I would also like to bring into the fold the Iowa colleges and universities who have not yet become part of Campus Compact," McInally said.

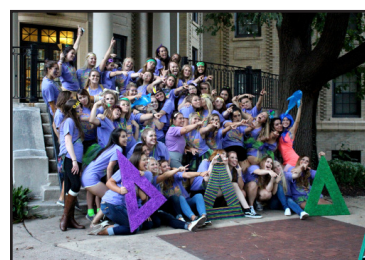


Coe College President David McInally will serve as Chair for the IACC Board of Directors for a two-year term. Photo courtesy of David McInally.

Coe-mmunity Camera

Additional photos from the Running of the Stairs Sept. 11, from left, Alpha Gamma Delta, Alpha Sigma Alpha, Alpha Omicron Pi and Delta Delta Delta.

Photos by Amanda Bourne.



New faces of Coe: Bénédicte Corbett

Yuan Chai
Staff Writer

Bénédicte Corbett, a native French speaker who was born and raised in Paris, joins the Coe faculty family this fall as an adjunct instructor in French. With a teaching experience of 25 years and a passion for her mother language, Corbett is determined to help Coe students learn French.

"I really enjoy helping people to reach their goals and that's also why I love teaching," Corbett said.

College can be expensive for students, especially textbooks, so Corbett uses online French textbooks.

"I don't want students to spend money and paper in buying expensive textbooks or printing

class materials," Corbett said.

Corbett teaches both elementary French and intermediate French courses at Coe, and said she enjoys not only the dedication displayed by her students but the entire community in general.

"I love Coe! It's very welcoming here and so stress-free. People are very nice here," Corbett said.

Corbett has been teaching French since she moved to Cedar Rapids in 1990.

"I was given the chance to come to Coe when I was talking to one of the professors [Joyce Janca-Aji]," Corbett said.

As a mother of five



Bénédicte Corbett, left center, and her five children at Washington High School in March 2014.

Photo courtesy of Bénédicte Corbett.

children, Corbett said, she wanted to work at a place to polish her skills in teaching a higher level student group: undergraduates.

Corbett had a word of study advice for new French learners.

"I strongly recommend students to listen to French music because

music is a window to language and culture," Corbett said. "People sing their life, desires and emotions. And it's always a fun way to learn new words and sentences."

Coe College Photo of the Month Contest



One Coe-themed photo will be selected from all submissions each month. Multiple submissions accepted. Digital photo resolution minimum of 1800x2400 pixels. Photo must be taken during the month of submission. Submit to sgubanc@coe.edu by the last day of the month. Winning photo will receive a \$25 Amazon gift card and the photo will be printed, framed and hung in the Struve Communication Center. Open to current Coe students only.

Come and meet the new dean

Lisa McDonald
Editor-in-chief

Provost and Dean of the Faculty Paula O'Loughlin said the students brought her to Coe.

"I lost my voice in the interview here last year," O'Loughlin said, "because I spent four hours talking to students."

O'Loughlin said the willingness of the students to talk for so long made her feel connected to Coe.

As provost and dean of the faculty, O'Loughlin's job encompasses all things academic, from students to faculty.

O'Loughlin said while

the job duties are similar to what she did as associate provost and dean of arts and humanities at Gustavus Adolphus College in Minnesota, being full provost and dean of faculty puts more responsibility on her shoulders and has her running non-stop.

"I've found I'd really like the ability to expand time," O'Loughlin said.

Along with working on the Academic Program, Learning Commons and mentoring faculty, O'Loughlin said she had the opportunity to work with students on prestigious scholarship applica-

tions, like the Rhodes and Marshall scholarships.

"One of my favorite parts [of the job] is helping people realize that what we dream of doing is possible," O'Loughlin said.

Originally from the East Coast, O'Loughlin said her first experience with Iowa was driving through it during a snow storm to reach Minnesota. Yet after working at two Minnesotan universities, O'Loughlin said she looks forward to the supposedly warmer Iowa winters.

O'Loughlin said future job plans include mov-

ing forward on the Coe College strategic plan and conversations about general education.

On a personal level, O'Loughlin said, she looks forward to meeting more students and learning more about the various clubs on campus.

If students have a quick question or want to say hi, they can come to the Pub Mondays 2-3 p.m. or McCabe second floor Wednesdays 1-2 p.m. for a brief chat. If they would like to set up a longer appointment, they can email Chris Upah at cupah@coe.edu.

WEEKLY SUDOKU

Submit your completed sudoku to the *Cosmos* email to be entered into our monthly drawing to have your photo published.

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	9		4		3	8		
	5		9			1		
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	4	1			7	5	2	3

Sudoku courtesy of www.websudoku.com

Below: Paula O'Loughlin rides her bicycle during her time as a professor of political science at the University of Minnesota-Morris.

Photo courtesy of Paula O'Loughlin.

