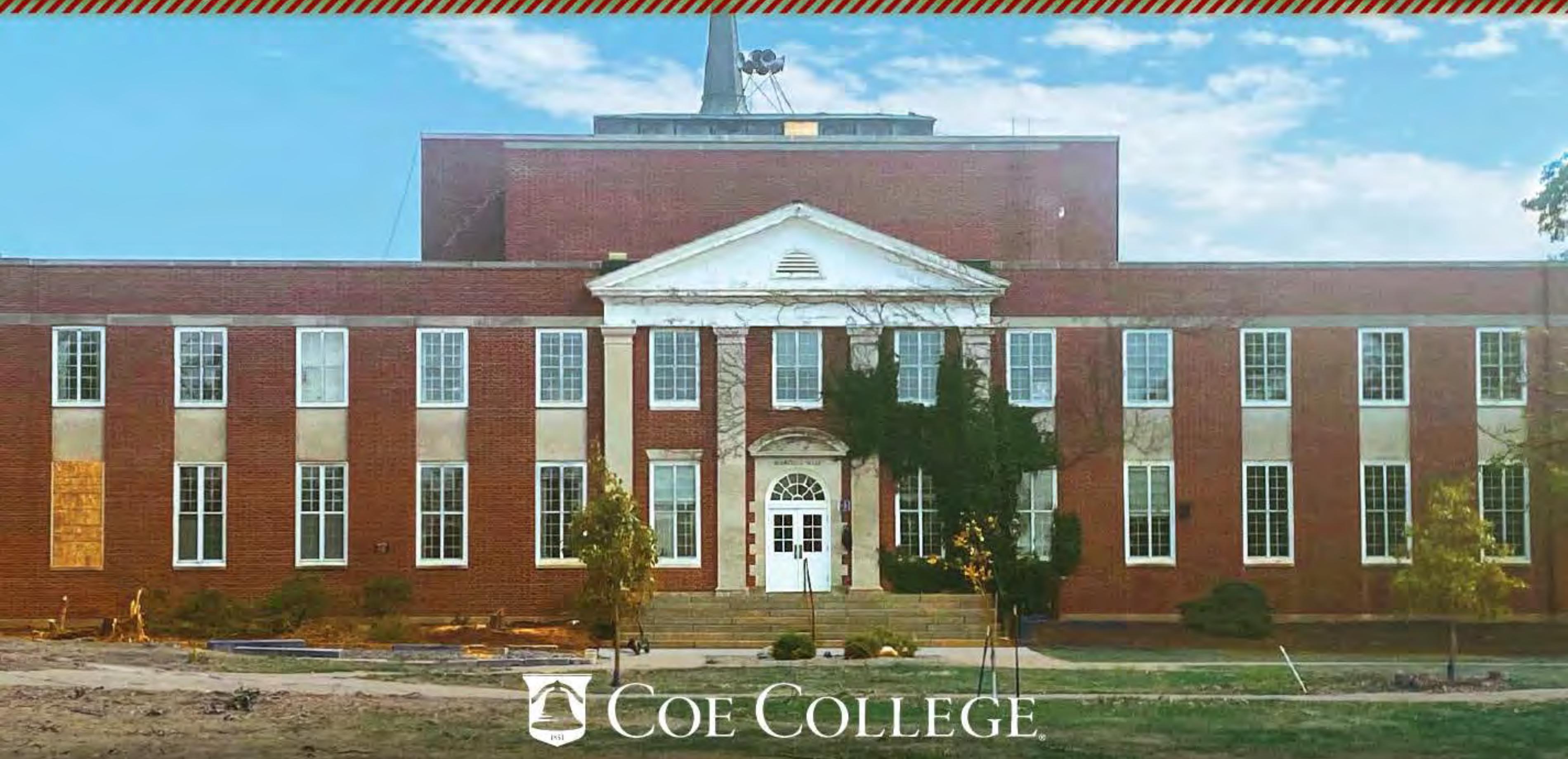
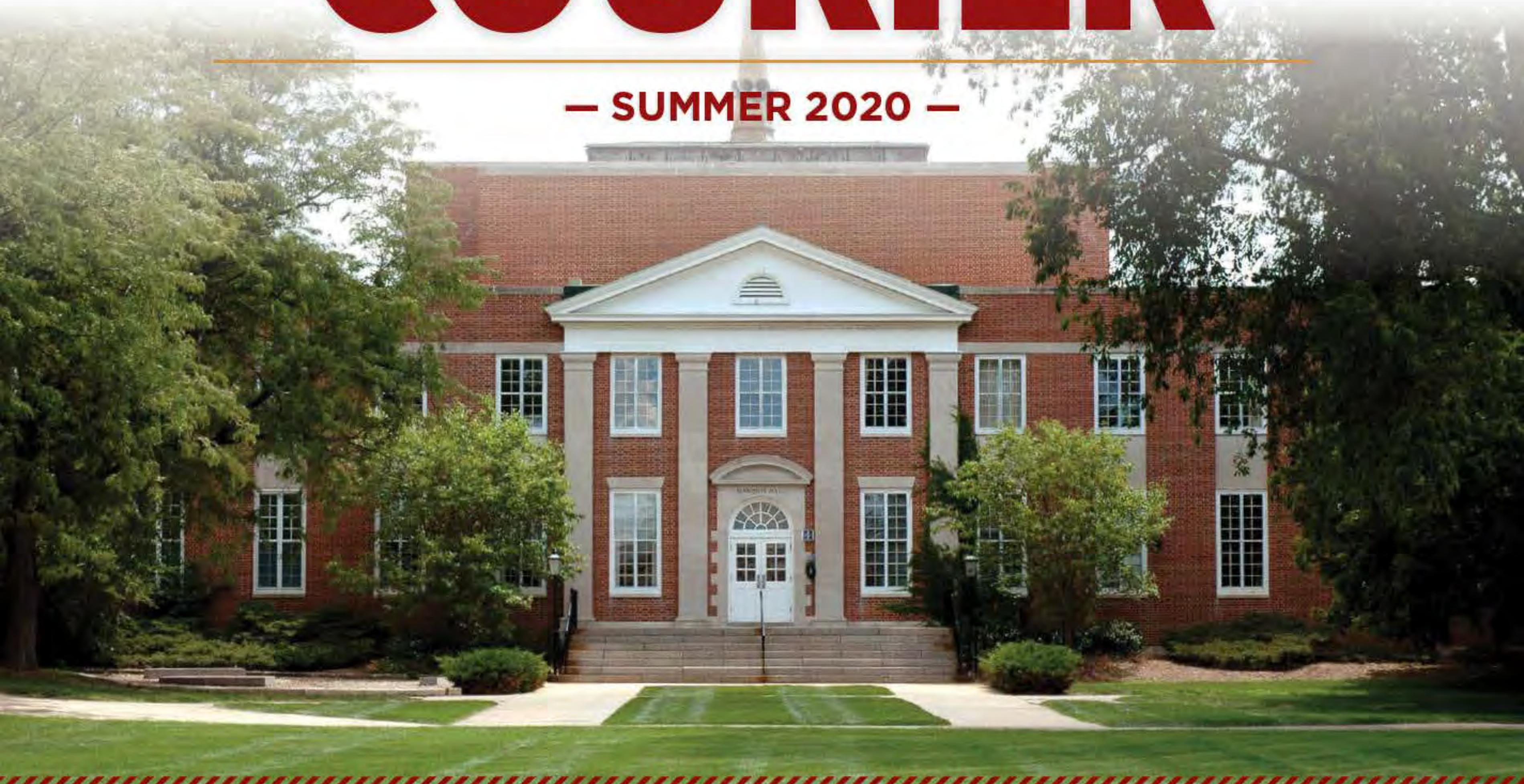


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In the nearly 170-year history of Coe, the college has witnessed many momentous events that have shaped our community, our nation and our world. With the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the renewed movement for racial justice and the recent derecho natural disaster, we are experiencing such pivotal moments once again. These events have challenged the college in various ways and have called us to strengthen our commitment to protect, support and care for the members of our Coe community.

As the COVID-19 pandemic progresses, Coe continues to make the health and safety of the campus community the highest priority. Our Safe Campus Initiative consists of numerous protocols designed to minimize the spread of COVID-19, such as requiring face coverings in indoor spaces, socially distanced classroom configurations and enhanced cleaning procedures. Faculty and staff are committed to maintaining these practices and are helping students understand the importance of following them as well.

In addition to our response to the pandemic, Coe has resolved to improve our efforts to support our students of color in response to the nationwide protests against racial injustice. We have reflected upon our responsibilities and actions to make our campus the equitable and inclusive place it must be in order to prepare students for success in a diverse society. The college has undertaken many initiatives in recent years to further these efforts, but we recognize that such important work must always be a foremost priority. To that end, faculty and staff have communicated with students of color and student groups including the Black Self-Educated Organization (BSEO) to hear their stories and learn what changes these students wish to see at Coe. These conversations have resulted in a diversity, equity and inclusion action plan that the college will implement during this academic year. This plan is designed to address the specific issues students said were most urgent for them, and it enables us to begin taking concrete action immediately.

As we were eagerly welcoming students back to campus to begin classes, Coe and the Cedar Rapids community experienced a severe and unexpected windstorm known as a derecho on August 10. While Coe's campus sustained significant damage, we are thankful none of our students, faculty or staff were injured by the event. In true Kohawk fashion, the Coe community immediately came together after the storm to provide for the needs of our students and begin the cleanup process. Never in my life have I seen the kind of unselfish, creative and diligent effort that took place on our campus (real or virtual) in the hours and days after the derecho, and I am deeply grateful for the efforts of everyone involved.

Although this fall term will be an unusual one, we could not be more excited to have students back on campus and in the classroom. We will continue to monitor the public health situation closely and are prepared to make changes to our new protocols if necessary. The spring term stretched us in our capacity to adapt to change, and the many lessons learned from that experience will only help us as we move forward. While the pandemic and the derecho have presented many challenges, they have not diminished our resolve to provide our students with the best education possible — the kind of education only Coe can deliver.

To remain informed about the current status of life on campus related to the pandemic, go to www.coe.edu/covid-19 for the most up-to-date news and information.

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

CURRENT NEWS AND EVENTS IN KOHAWK NATION



COE COLLEGE PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH PROCESS PAUSED

After much discussion and consideration of the nationwide COVID-19 impact and Coe's response and contingency plans for the fall term, the Presidential Search Committee has determined it is in the best interest of the college to pause the search activities for Coe's 16th president at this time.

The committee considered many factors when making this decision, such as the potential quality of candidates in the pool and their hesitation in leaving their current institutions, as well as the unpredictability of Coe's condition as the fall term approaches. Most importantly, the final phase of on-campus interviews with finalists would have been scheduled shortly after Coe's reopening in September and October when large group meetings aren't feasible.

"We feel that it would be short-changing the candidates, the campus and the selection process itself with COVID-19-related limitations on our effectiveness as a committee," said Presidential Search Committee Chair and Trustee **Ken Golder '82**.

Much of the groundwork for the search already has been laid by the committee, including holding broad listening sessions with the campus community and creating both a clear leadership agenda and a compelling search profile. These steps will ensure a smooth restart to the search process as soon as conditions allow for ads and interviews to resume. The committee is thankful for the input and support of the Coe community. As the search for Coe College's 16th president resumes, the committee will keep all Kohawks informed.



KOHAWKS AWARDED PRESTIGIOUS NATIONAL FELLOWSHIPS

Each year the number of Kohawks who compete for and receive distinguished national fellowships is a testament to the quality of a Coe education. This year is no exception: Two were selected for the Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP) through the National Science Foundation (NSF), and six were selected for the Fulbright U.S. Student Program.



Hannah Daley '20



Leslie Ortiz '20



Kaylee Skweres '20



Mary McCormick '20



Rebecca Welch '20

Fulbright

As the U.S. government's flagship international educational exchange program, the Fulbright is the most widely recognized and prestigious international exchange program in the world.

Coe had 13 Fulbright applicants advance as semifinalists this year. Six were chosen for international teaching assignments. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, the start of these assignments has been postponed until January. Some countries also have canceled or reduced their Fulbright assignments for the coming year. At least two Kohawk recipients had been impacted by the time of publication, and a third had chosen to decline her award.

Nonetheless, these Kohawks are deserving of recognition:

Hannah Daley '20 (international business, English, Asian studies) of Red Wing, Minnesota.

Leslie Ortiz '20 (biology and neuroscience) of Houston, Texas.

Kaylee Skweres '20 (African American studies, communication studies and secondary education) of Chicago, Illinois.

Mary McCormick '20 (biology and neuroscience) of Urbandale, Iowa.

Zeki Salah '20 (philosophy and religion) of New Orleans, Louisiana.

Gretchen Oelrich '19 (international studies) of Mount Vernon, Iowa.

Maggie Hart '20 also was named an alternate pending additional funding.

Since its inception in 1946, the Fulbright Program has provided more than 390,000 participants the opportunity to exchange ideas and contribute to finding solutions to shared international concerns. Over 1,900 U.S. students, artists and young professionals in more than 100 different fields of study are offered Fulbright Program grants to study, teach English and conduct research abroad each year. The Fulbright U.S. Student Program operates in over 140 countries throughout the world.

NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program

The GRFP, the oldest graduate fellowship of its kind, is extremely competitive, accepting only about 15% of the more than 12,000 applicants each year.

The GRFP recognizes outstanding graduate students in NSF-supported science, technology, engineering and mathematics disciplines pursuing research-based master's and doctoral degrees. It includes a three-year annual stipend of \$34,000 and a \$12,000 cost-of-education allowance along with opportunities for international research and professional development.

"Although students have received these fellowships in the past, it is quite rare to receive them while still at Coe," Fran Allison and Francis Halpin Professor of Physics **Mario Affatigato '89** said.

"The fact that the fellowship was awarded to two Coe College students this year is a tremendous accomplishment and truly reflects how impactful Coe is in developing future scientists," **Rebecca Welch '20** added. Though two Kohawks were chosen for the GRFP this year, only Welch of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, is accepting her award at this time. Welch joins alumni **Nathan Dvorak '19, Emily Roberts '16** and **Dahlia Baker '18** as the fourth Coe graduate in the past five years to yield this prestigious fellowship.

"I truly believe that I would have never gone to graduate school if it wasn't for my time at Coe College," said Welch, who will pursue a doctorate in materials science and engineering at Pennsylvania State University.

"Having the opportunity to conduct high-quality and meaningful research made me realize that I had more potential than I ever thought. It gave me confidence as a person and as a scientist, as well as a purpose."

"I will always be truly grateful for the research opportunities that Coe provided me as well as the immense support from the physics professors who saw my potential before I ever did."

Since 1952, NSF has funded over 50,000 Graduate Research Fellowships out of more than 500,000 applicants.

SPORT SHORTS

A HIGHLIGHT REEL OF KOHAWK ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENT

A MESSAGE FROM DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS AND RECREATION STEVE COOK



DEAR KOHAWK NATION,

When starting as director of athletics and recreation in January, I never could have imagined our athletic community would face so much adversity in such a short time. The impacts of COVID-19 on the world, our country and our college community have been immeasurable. This pandemic has affected every person in a variety of ways. Any narrowly focused message is tough to communicate, especially a message about college sports, which can seem trivial in times like this. Though there are larger issues in the world today, it is important to me that we recognize the personal impact this pandemic has had on our Coe student-athletes and all of us who support their journey.

In the days leading up to the cancelation of the wrestling national championships and spring seasons, information and policy seemed to be changing by the hour. On March 12, the NCAA released a statement, suspending all winter and spring championships. The following day, the presidents of the American Rivers Conference schools confirmed our future path, canceling all athletic activities for the remainder of the school year. Our wrestlers were a day away from competing for national titles, and some of our teams were packed for or already on their spring break trips. In what felt like a brief moment, so much was lost for our in-season sports and all of the student-athletes throughout the department.

What was not lost in the moments of change was the obvious impact this would have on our student-athletes and their families, especially our seniors. Many of us know the work, the hours and the commitment these athletes give in order to prepare for their seasons. We also understand what it's like to be a senior athlete and leader. Our seniors did not have the opportunity to fulfill the final season of their athletic career after giving so much of themselves to be a part of something special, to leave their mark and their legacy. To deliver the message that that opportunity was gone was one of the toughest moments of our careers as coaches and administrators.

As we all understand, the immediate future of college sports remains uncertain as we begin the fall term. The safety, health and well-being of our student-athletes will continue to be prioritized by the leadership of our institution, our conference and college athletics. As we navigate this time together, please join the Coe coaches and student-athletes in our effort to stay connected and keep Kohawk nation strong. Our coaches and athletic staff have welcomed student-athletes back to campus, and our core principle of fostering a quality student-athlete experience remains our top priority. Despite the potential changes for Kohawk athletics in 2020-21, we know the bonds of being a Kohawk student-athlete have always been about more than wins and losses. Our athletes, coaches and staff will continue to support one another and trust that we are stronger together.

Go Kohawks!

Steve Cook
Director of Athletics and Recreation





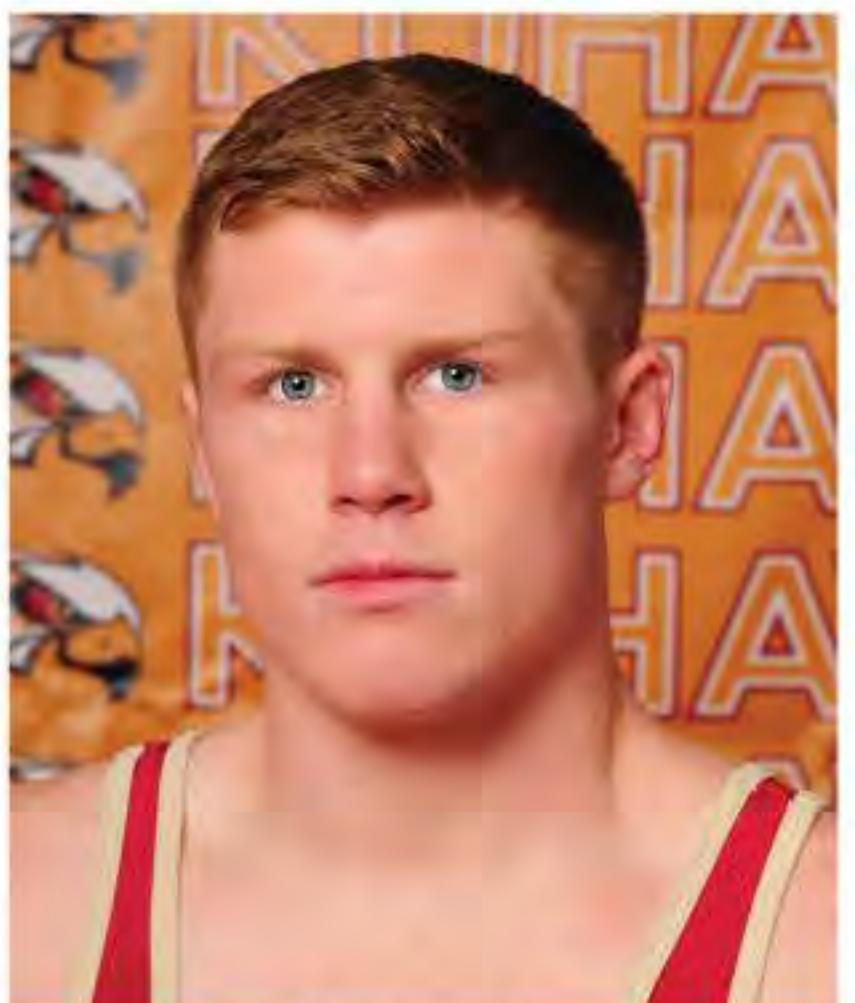
FOUR KOHAWK WRESTLERS QUALIFY FOR NATIONAL TOURNAMENT

Though the wrestling season came to an unorthodox end due to growing concerns over COVID-19, the 2019-20 season proved to be another success for the Kohawks and Coach John Oostendorp. After posting a dual match record of 10-2 and 6-2 in the American Rivers Conference during the regular season, the Kohawks continued to shine postseason, finishing second at the NCAA Lower Midwest Regional tournament. Oostendorp's team had wrestlers qualify at each weight class for the regional tournament including **Taylor Mehmen '20**, who earned second overall seed at 197.

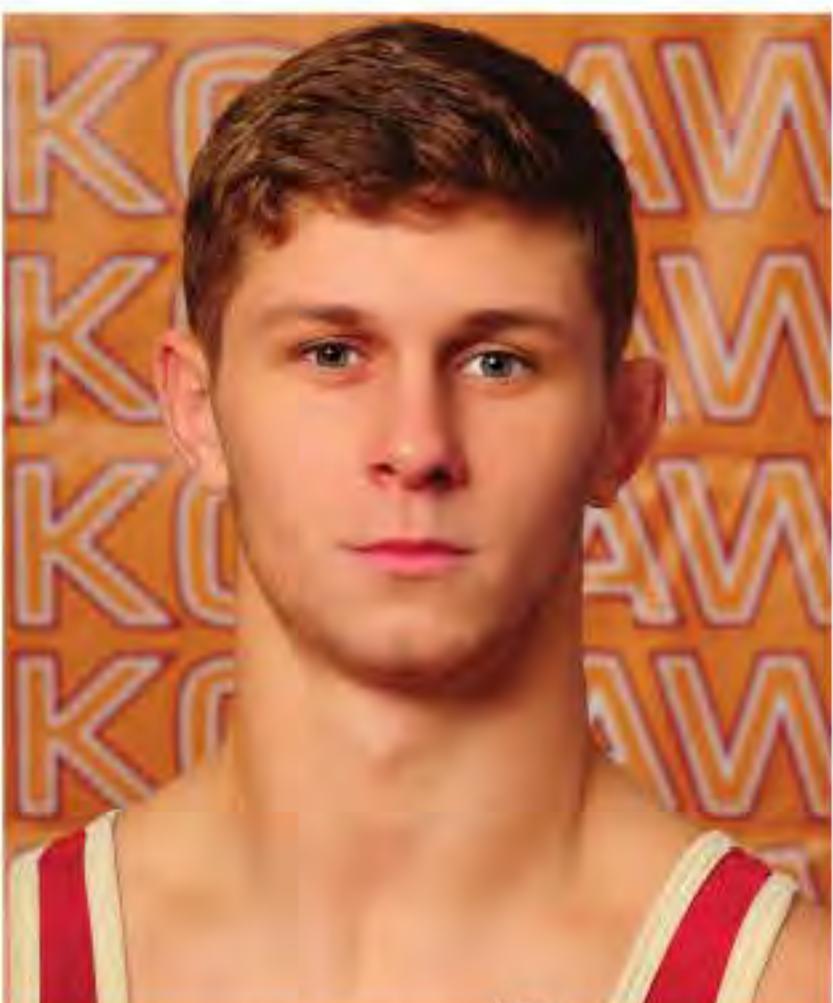
Mehmen and **Riley Wright '23** were highlights in the regional for Coe, as both won their weight classes and secured a position at the NCAA

Championships. Teammates **Brock Henderson '22** and **Cole Erickson '20** went through the consolation bracket after losing one match, but both wrestlers picked up victories in their third-place matches, earning a spot at the NCAA Championships. The four qualifiers helped the Kohawks secure the second-place finish totaling 163.5 points.

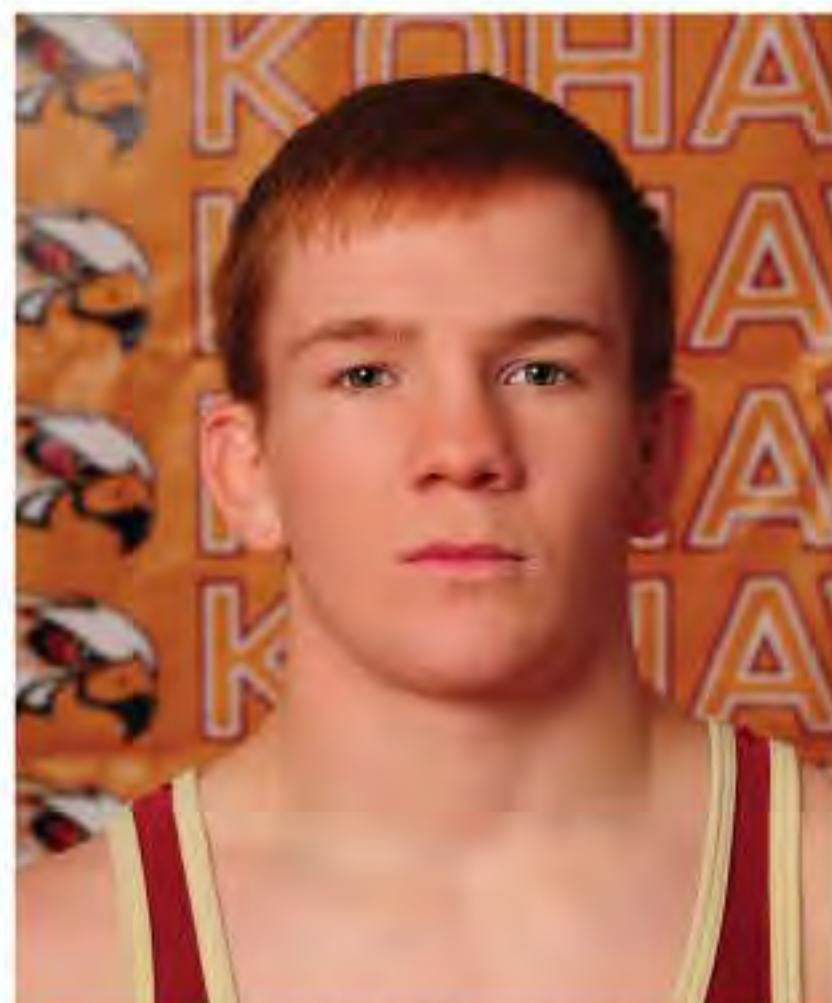
The future looks bright for Coe. Despite losing two of the four national qualifiers to graduation, seven of the 10 wrestlers who competed at the regional will return to wrestle at Coe.



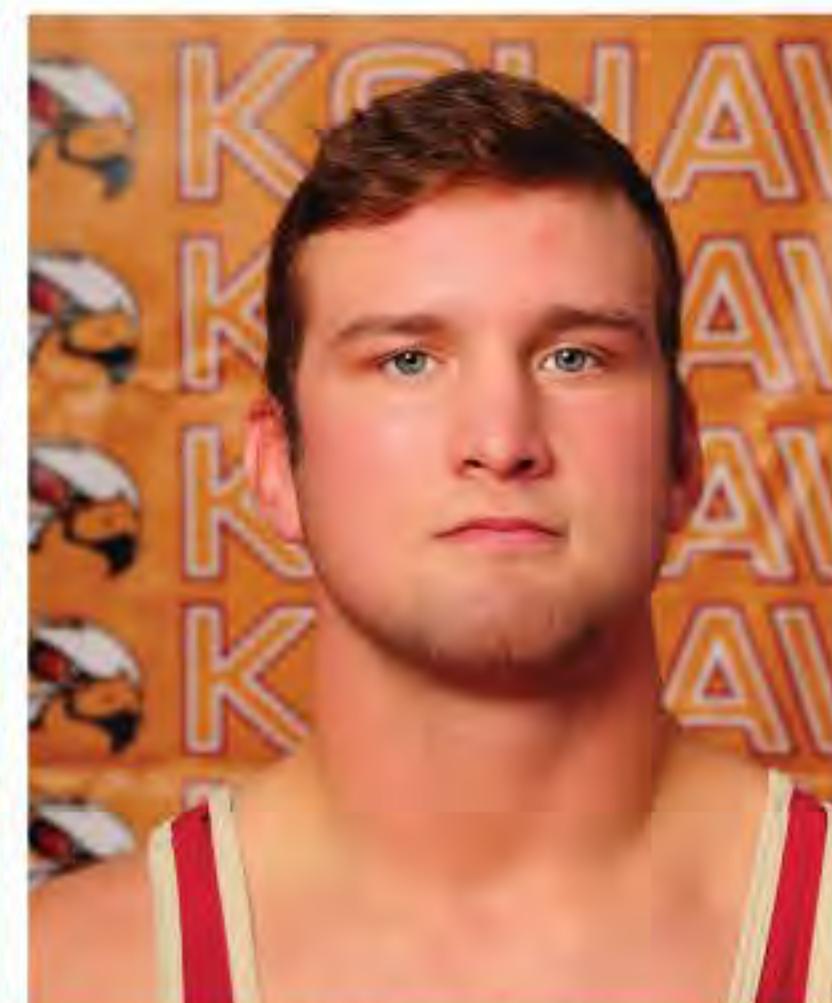
Taylor Mehmen '20



Riley Wright '23



Brock Henderson '22



Cole Erickson '20



“It’s a symbol of the *struggles* and *triumphs* that took place here, of the *teaching* and *learning* at the heart of Coe’s mission, and of the relationships that define our community,”

— President David McInally



— RECOGNIZING THE — *Class of 2020*

March 18 brought disappointing news to the Coe community. With the trajectory of COVID-19 and new government guidelines limiting public gatherings to 10 or less people, the college had no choice but to postpone all graduation activities.

“Commencement means a great deal not only to students and parents, but to all of us who work at Coe as well. It’s a symbol of the struggles and triumphs that took place here, of the teaching and learning at the heart of Coe’s mission, and of the relationships that define our community,” President David McInally said in an email to the Coe Community. “Rest assured we will find ways to celebrate the Class of 2020.”

In addition to academic struggles and triumphs, the Class of 2020 was facing postponement of the event they had been looking forward to over the last four years. The college was not going to let the Class of 2020’s accomplishments go unrecognized.

New virus guidelines were being communicated by public health organizations daily, if not hourly, making it difficult to reschedule this highly anticipated event. The idea of not participating in Kohawk traditions like ringing the bell or walking across the Commencement stage left seniors understandably saddened.

Since immediately rescheduling graduation events was not an option, Vice President for Enrollment, Marketing & Institutional Effectiveness **Julie Kleis** Staker ’93 determined it was necessary to allow seniors the opportunity to ring the Victory Bell. Armed with hand sanitizer and protective gloves, while practicing safe social distancing, more than 20 students who wouldn’t be back on campus soon but wished to ring the Victory Bell before leaving were able to do so individually.

“As a Coe grad myself, I knew how important our Kohawk rituals were to our seniors, including ringing the bell at graduation. Therefore, we focused specifically on addressing those important moments while keeping students’ safety in mind,” Staker said.

As the situation escalated on a global level, individual bell ringing had to conclude. The global situation required any events or large gatherings to be planned well into the future. The Class of 2020 was given an opportunity to vote on when their Commencement celebration should be held and elected to have their accomplishments honored in May 2021.



Honors Convocation

Each year the college honors and celebrates outstanding students who have demonstrated both academic and personal excellence. Unfortunately, we were not able to recognize these achievements in person this year. In lieu of the annual Honors Convocation ceremony, students receiving honors received recognition in the mail from Provost and Dean of the Faculty Paula O'Loughlin, and we're pleased to honor many students here as well.

Art and Art History

DAVID GOODWIN PRIZE IN ART HISTORY

Anna Dvorak | Emma Fall

MARVIN CONE ART PRIZE

Ryan Giere | Jasper Kipp

ROBERT AND JOAN KOCHER PRIZE IN ART

Harper Folsom | Emily Solinger

SUSAN LAWSON BOUMA AWARD IN ART

MayLing Chuong | Christina Nesvik

MARY K. FULLER ART PRIZE

Ai Tomioka | Megan Unsicker

Biology

OUTSTANDING SENIOR AWARD

Kenzie Scott | Jeff Anders
Christine Puleo

OUTSTANDING FIRST-YEAR AWARD

Claire Bossert

DEJONG BIOLOGY RESEARCH AWARD

Mallory Mefferd | McCoy Meshach

Business Administration and Economics

OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTING SENIOR

Kat Stai

HARLEY W. HOWELL PRIZE IN BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS

Constance Schlitter

DR. RAMAKRISHNA AND JANAKI

VAITHESWARAN AWARD IN BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS

Sigrid Van Den Abbele

LAVERNE MARIE TUCKER ECONOMICS/BUSINESS PRIZE

Bryce Westen

SPELLMAN RESEARCH FELLOW

Sean Connolly | Erika Perlewitz
Noah Purcell | Elias Stiely
Sigrid Van Den Abbele

SPELLMAN OPTIMUM OPTIMORUM PH.D. ECONOMIC SCIENCE AWARD

Erika Perlewitz

Chemistry

KESLER SENIOR CHEMISTRY AWARD

Donald Janda

GENERAL CHEMISTRY AWARD

Mary Yoder

ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY AWARD

Ammar Abu-Halawa

ORGANIC CHEMISTRY AWARD

Ethan Alsop

Education

LINNIE E. SCHLOEMAN PRIZE IN TEACHER EDUCATION

ELEMENTARY: Samuel Uthoff

SECONDARY: Liam Fitzpatrick

TEACHER EDUCATION HUMAN RELATIONS AWARD

Ashley Iehl

EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP AWARD

Brylee Bastian

English

SKANDERA PRIZE IN AMERICAN LITERATURE

Ally Roeker

CHARLES CANNON PRIZE FOR DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT IN ENGLISH

Taylor Knight | Laura McAdam

PAUL ENGLE MEMORIAL PRIZE FOR CREATIVE WRITING

Rutendo Chidzodzo
Ellora Bultema

SIGNI FALK ENGLISH PRIZE

Natalie Gregerson

DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT IN CREATIVE WRITING

Reilly Mathieu | Italia Fields
Kristjan Nixon

JASON BRADFORD FIRST-YEAR PRIZE IN CREATIVE WRITING

Elliot O'Rourke | Rosella Birgy

Foreign Language

JOAN LOCATELL CARTER AWARD IN FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Josephine Fox | Anne Ruckman

JAMES P. YOUNG AWARD IN FRENCH

Madilyn Phelps

History

JOHN J. MURRAY MEMORIAL AWARD

Maggie Hart

BRIAN L. SCHAPPERT MEMORIAL PRIZE IN HISTORY

Tieranny Keahna

JAMES AND LINNIE PHIFER WRITING PRIZE IN HISTORY

Maggie Hart

Mathematical Sciences

DR. AND MRS. C. J. WALTER PRIZE IN MATHEMATICS AND COMPUTER SCIENCE

Tommy Hook | Masahiro Kiji
Emily Montelius

RICHARD C. AND JENNIFER H. HUNT PRIZE IN MATHEMATICS

Jack Mucciaccio

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Zachary Morris
Priscila Santiesteban

Music

VELMA J. MACMILLAN PRIZE

Carter Hayden

CARRIE L. MACK PRIZE

Takamura Miki

ELEANOR TAYLOR RESEARCH PRIZE

Jodie Hampton

NELLE ERWIN PRIZE

Enzo Nagao

EDNA MAE SILA/ALMA TURECHECK ENDOWED MUSIC PRIZE FOR A JUNIOR

Carmen Chavez

EDNA MAE SILA/ALMA TURECHECK ENDOWED MUSIC PRIZE FOR A SENIOR

Ellora Bultema

CHARLES BART Houser '47 MEMORIAL MUSIC AWARD

Andrew Acosta | Takamura Miki

CRAWFORD MUSIC PRIZE

Jonah Prall | Kiah Snow

PHI MU ALPHA SINFONIA AWARD FOR THE OUTSTANDING SENIOR MUSIC EDUCATION MAJOR

Kiah Snow

PHI MU ALPHA CHAPTER OUTSTANDING SENIOR JAZZ MUSICIAN PRIZE

Jonah Prall

PHI MU ALPHA CHAPTER PRIZE FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION BY A NON-MAJOR 1ST OR 2ND YEAR

Makyla Boyd

Phi Mu Alpha Chapter Prize for Outstanding Contribution by a Non-Major 3rd or 4th Year

Noah Purcell

Nursing

OUTSTANDING SENIOR NURSING STUDENT

Riley Burgart

MARGARET ANN BATH MAHONEY NURSING PRIZE

Grace Pisarik

SIGMA THETA TAU NURSING EDUCATION PRIZE

Carlee Feisel

Philosophy and Religion

AMERICAN BIBLE AWARD

Emani Brinkman

FIRST-YEAR PRIZE IN RELIGION

Rose Birgy

FIRST-YEAR PRIZE IN PHILOSOPHY

Victoria Hanson | Jaxon Jung
Maggie Meiers | Ashlyn Ware

EUTSLER PRIZE IN RELIGION

Zeki Salah

EUTSLER PRIZE IN PHILOSOPHY

Zeki Salah

HAWKINS-SCHEPLER PRIZE

Alizea Sookram-Alvarez

Physical Education

COURTNEY AWARD – SENIOR FEMALE ATHLETE

Rylee Claussen

COURTNEY AWARD – SENIOR MALE ATHLETE

Thomas Hook

Physics

ARTHUR WRIGHT ERSKINE PHYSICS PRIZE, SENIOR

Derek Hammar | Anne Ruckman

ARTHUR WRIGHT ERSKINE PHYSICS PRIZE, FRESHMAN

Owen Eichhorn

PHYSICS ENDOWED RESEARCH PRIZE

Rebecca Welch

Political Science

FRED HALE WILLHOITE PRIZE FOR EXCELLENCE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

Larrisa Alire

Claudia Chiappa

Brian L. Schappert Memorial Award in Political Science

Laura Niday

Psychology

RICHARD H. BAHWELL PRIZE IN PSYCHOLOGY

Mia Resa | Kei Yoshida

Rhetoric

OUTSTANDING SENIOR IN WRITING

Maggie Hart

OUTSTANDING SENIOR IN COMMUNICATION STUDIES

Claudia Chiappa

Theatre Arts

DOWS AWARD

Danielle Roth

DAVID REDFORD OUTSTANDING ACTING AWARD

McKayla Sturtz

STEVEN MARC WEISS MEMORIAL AWARD

Danielle Roth

THEATRE ARTS UNDERGRADUATE AWARDS FOR SCHOLARSHIP AND LEADERSHIP

FIRST-YEAR STUDENT: McKenzie Macon

SECOND-YEAR STUDENT: Luke Reynolds

THIRD-YEAR STUDENT: Carmen Chavez

Special Awards and Recognition

ALPHA LAMBDA DELTA MARIA LEONARD SENIOR BOOK AWARD

Rylee Claussen | Maggie Hart
Erika Perlewitz

WILLIAM R. SHUTTLEWORTH OUTSTANDING PRE-LAW AWARD

Larrisa Alire

DELTA ETA BPPL AWARD

TRI DELTA: Erica Ernzen

NON-TRI DELTA: Riley Fonck

NON-GREEK: SaCora Osbon

OUTSTANDING PORTFOLIO

Hannah Henson | Elliot O'Rourke
Rosella Birgy

YOUNG ESSAY PRIZE

Laura McAdam | Annemarie Darr
Matthew Walton

SACHEM OUTSTANDING MALE UNDERGRADUATE AWARD

Heath Henderson

PLANNING FORWARD IN TIMES OF UNCERTAINTY

MOVING FORWARD IN 2020

Thanks to the exceptional generosity from our donors and friends, Coe College is managing the uncertainty and financial challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. We continue to move forward with preparing students for meaningful lives and fulfilling careers in a diverse, interconnected world. Fulfilling and sustaining our mission becomes ever more important, and you can help ensure the continuing strength of Coe with a gift to the college.

In response to the pandemic, Congress enacted several tax law changes. We share this information to help you with your tax planning and to offer some ideas for you to consider if you are thinking about making a gift to support Coe College during this time.

CARES ACT

This recently passed law includes several charitable tax provisions you should be aware of:

- **Cash Gifts** — Individuals may deduct \$300 above-the-line. This charitable deduction enables a taxpayer who is one of the 90% who take the standard deduction to also benefit from his or her charitable gifts. The \$300 above-the-line deduction must be gifts of cash by a non-itemizer and may not be to a donor-advised fund or supporting organization.
- **100% Charitable Deduction Limit** — If you make a gift, you will be able to deduct more this year. The usual deduction limit for cash gifts to public charities is 60% of adjusted gross income (AGI). For 2020, gifts of cash to charity (excluding donor-advised funds and supporting organizations) are deductible to 100% of AGI. The gift may be for any charitable purpose and is not limited to gifts for coronavirus relief.
- **Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) Waiver** — The RMD is waived for IRA and other qualified retirement plan owners for the year 2020. This provision will permit IRA and other qualified retirement plan owners to retain funds in their IRAs.

Because the markets declined substantially after the current RMD was calculated based on the plan value on December 31, 2019, Congress determined it was beneficial to waive the RMD for 2020. Donors may still wish to use IRA funds to make a qualified charitable distribution (QCD). The QCD is available up to \$100,000 for individuals who are over age 70½.

DONOR-ADVISED FUNDS

If you have a donor-advised fund (DAF) and wish to help us this year, you can make a gift from your DAF to support Coe's students and faculty without affecting your personal financial security.

CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY

If you are concerned about your financial security given the ups and downs of the stock market, you may want to consider making a gift to fund a charitable gift annuity. You might be surprised by the benefits. You can exchange your low-performing stock, CDs or cash for guaranteed, lifetime fixed payments. If you make a gift of an appreciated asset, you will not have to pay capital gains when you fund the annuity. You also may benefit from a tax deduction this year and a portion of your payments could be tax-free.

UNRESTRICTED GIFTS

If you are planning to make a restricted gift to a specific project or purpose, please consider an unrestricted gift. This is an easy way for you to help us meet our current, most pressing needs, which will allow us to continue to support our students and meet their critical needs during this time. Removing a gift restriction will give us the flexibility to do the most good for our students!

GIFTS OF REAL ESTATE

A gift of your home, farm, second home or investment property can be a wonderful source of tax savings for you. You can deed your property to Coe College as an outright gift, or you can execute a deed to transfer your property to Coe but retain a "life estate," which grants you the right to use the home or farm for your lifetime. Another option is to transfer your property into a charitable remainder unitrust that makes payments to beneficiaries for a period of time, after which, the college receives the remainder. Each has unique advantages, and the right strategy will depend on your personal circumstances, your goals and the kind of real estate that you own.

SECURE ACT

In January, Congress passed the SECURE Act, limiting stretch payments to IRA beneficiaries to 10 years. If you planned to benefit your children with your IRA, your heirs will now pay higher taxes on the inheritance they receive from you. When you revisit your estate plan, consider funding a testamentary charitable remainder unitrust with your IRA balance. This plan can provide lifetime payments to your heirs and spread out the taxes on their inheritance.

Visit our website at www.coelegacy.org for more information about these and other planned giving opportunities and resources.

LEGENDS OF COE



Self-portrait 1948

Mr. Coe College
George Henry '49

At the age of 97, **George Henry '49** is still able to tell you the exact location of each photo he took, what was going on at Coe when the photo was taken and who was in the photo. Every detail of his remarkable 67-year Coe College photography career is preserved in the black and white photos he took on campus.

Henry was born and raised in Cedar Rapids, graduated from Franklin Senior High and began his college education at Coe in 1941. "I chose to attend Coe because it was convenient and close to home," Henry said. World War II was underway when Henry began at Coe, and all male students, including Henry, were required to be ROTC cadets.

In 1943, Henry put his college education on hold and joined the U.S. Army Air Force. Henry served as a B-24 bomber pilot until 1945 when he returned to Coe to finish his bachelor's degree.

While Henry studied commerce and finance, he also stayed active on campus. He took photos for the yearbook and *Cosmos* and spent three years studying with his favorite professor, 1914 alum Marvin D. Cone. Henry ran track with **Marvin "Marv" Levy '50** and **Charles "Chilly" Hopkins '49** and helped start a service fraternity.



Martin Luther King Jr. in Sinclair Auditorium 1962

When Henry graduated in 1949, he never could have imagined he would spend the next 67 years as Coe's visual historian. "I graduated and never left," Henry said with a grin. He was able to hone his photography hobby into a career that would serve both him and Coe for almost seven decades.

“So many things happen, and if you don’t record them, they are lost forever,” Henry said.

"I owe a big thank you to Carolyn Schmidt from Coe's public relations office. She would call me to come take photos on campus," Henry said. "I would photograph anything they wanted me to. I always said yes first, asked what the assignment was second and figured out how to make it happen third."

Henry worked with Coe day-by-day and never had an official contract. "Coe is where I knew I belonged," Henry said. "I never planned anything. All these opportunities came to me and made for an amazing career."

Throughout his photography career, Henry photographed too many Coe students, teams, graduates, alumni, faculty and presidents to count. He also can't pinpoint a single favorite photo. "I've taken so many, I have 100 or so that are my favorites," Henry said.

While he can't pick a favorite, Henry speaks fondly about many of the photos he's taken. A few of his notable photos are:

- **Marvin and Winnifred Cone in their home studio** — "I almost missed this photo. I actually captured it by accident," Henry said.



"I don't listen to people. I look at them and watch their actions," Henry said. "I can't catch what they are saying, but I can capture their emotions. I can photograph a whole speech and never hear a word."

- **Marv Levy and George Henry** — "Marv is a wonderful coach. We ran track together at Coe," Henry said. "We still keep in touch. I get letters from him."
- **Martin Luther King Jr.** — "He was a marvelous person," Henry said. "I had the chance to meet him when he spoke at Coe. He was full of thoughts about where the world was going and what he could do to help."
- **Louis Armstrong** — "What a talented musician," Henry said.
- **George H.W. Bush** — "There were secret service men all over the stage in Sinclair Auditorium," Henry said. "All eyes were on me as I took photos, and when I reached down to switch out my cameras, they were very alert to my actions, which made for an interesting shoot."

- **George Henry self-portrait** — As part of the George T. Henry Archives dedication, Henry was asked to recreate a self-portrait he took in college, and it proved harder than expected. "You can't just take one. You must black out the background, and the image is reversed. Then you can't look through the camera so you can't see what you're shooting," Henry said. "I chopped my head off the first time I tried it. It took me three tries."

More of Henry's favorites are published in the hardback book "Coe College: A sesquicentennial look through 50 years of George Henry photography." "When I was asked to provide several hundred photos for this, I gave them 1,500 and said, 'Here. You choose,'" Henry said. "There was no way I could have narrowed it down."

Henry enjoys thumbing through the four personal scrapbooks he's created over



Louis Armstrong and band members play in Sinclair Auditorium 1961

the years. These scrapbooks chronicle the significant events in Henry's life and career. One memory Henry is especially fond of was being on the cover of the summer 1997 Courier magazine. "It was such a delight to be on the cover. What a nice surprise," Henry said.

His scrapbook also includes keepsakes from when the Coe College archives were dedicated as the George T. Henry Archives in October 1999. A generous contribution from Henry and his late wife, Kay, allowed for Henry's photographs, along with college publications, books written by authors affiliated with Coe and college-related artifacts and manuscripts to be preserved indefinitely.

Henry's scrapbooks also are filled with his love for river rafting. He began running rivers in 1956 and spent 45 summers rafting over 25,000 miles in the Western U.S. Henry's final river trip was in 2011 at the age of 88.

He relished the opportunity to take Coe students and alumni down the rivers. One such trip included alumnus **Kevin S. Kelly '67**. Kelly, a clinical psychologist

turned filmmaker, celebrated Henry's lifelong passion as a photographer in the documentary "80 Years Through the Lens – The Life and Work of George T. Henry." Although he's not aware of the exact origins, Henry became known as Mr. Coe College. And it's a name he wears proudly. "It makes me feel really good," Henry said. "I've known so many people, and I've taken photos of about a quarter of the people that have gone through Coe."

For a man who has spent his life preserving so many Coe moments in time...perhaps no one else is more deserving of the name Mr. Coe College.

George T. Henry



Marvin and Winnifred Cone in their home studio in 1962



George H. W. Bush spoke at Coe in January 1980

Growing up Coe

Bill Quinby

The end of the 1930s marked the beginning of a legend, at least it did for Coe.
You see..you don't have to be a Coe alum to be a Coe legend.

It was 1938 when 6-year-old, first-grader Bill Quinby and his family moved into a small rented house on 14th Street NE in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The home was equidistant from Daniel's Park to the north and Coe College to the south. "From left field, go south under the trees," Quinby described the location. And by left field, he's referring to the Daniel's Park baseball diamond where he spent much of his childhood.

If you didn't find Quinby and his friends at Daniel's Park, you'd find them at Coe. "I was 6 when my dad first introduced me to Coe. He took me to a football game," Quinby said with a smile in his voice. "My dad attended Coe for a couple of years in the '30s but didn't finish. Times were tough. It was the end of the Great Depression and just before World War II."

Quinby used to walk by the college on his way to and from school each day. "That began my idea of Coe as a nice place," Quinby said. To this day, at the age of 88, Quinby still considers this part of Cedar Rapids "his neighborhood" and the best place he ever could have lived. "I was fortunate to be born in Cedar Rapids and fortunate to be raised right next to Coe for 15 years," Quinby said.

He grew up watching Coe football, baseball and track practices and dreamt of his own future as an athlete. His passion for athletics came from growing up at Coe. As a young man, he made friends with many of

the coaching staff, including Moray Eby, **Harris Lamb '27** and **Willis Lamb '27**. "They were always nice to young people in the neighborhood, and we hung around Coe a lot," Quinby said.

"We would even get into a little trouble. ... We would sneak into Eby Fieldhouse and shoot baskets until we got kicked out," Quinby chuckled.

Quinby graduated from Washington High School, attended college and played football until he sustained a career-ending injury. Fortunately, his love of sports didn't fade like his days of playing football.

Following college, Quinby began a 20-plus year career as an educator and administrator in the Cedar Rapids School District. In addition to his career in education, Quinby served as a sports official. "I started to officiate football and basketball locally with junior high games," Quinby remembered. "Then I worked my way up through high school, small Midwest colleges and the Big Ten Conference."

After over a decade in the Big Ten Conference, Quinby spent close to 20 years officiating for the National Football League (NFL) before being asked to officiate at Super Bowl XIX. "It was the thrill of my officiating

career," Quinby said about the game between the San Francisco 49ers and Miami Dolphins. "It was like almost any other game. I just did my job and hoped I wouldn't make any mistakes."

Following his lengthy career in education, Quinby pivoted and entered the field of human resources. After several years, this career change ultimately led him back to Coe as the director of career counseling. And approximately one year into Quinby's position at Coe, he happily accepted the concurrent position of athletic director.

"My career brought me full circle, right back to my childhood days growing up at Coe," Quinby said.

After playing at several other locations, Quinby couldn't have been happier to see Coe baseball move to Daniel's Park. "Coe did a wonderful remodel of the baseball diamond," Quinby said. "During the season, the grass needed to be mowed several times a week. When I realized they didn't have someone to mow, I offered to do it."

For almost 20 years and multiple times a week during baseball season, Quinby could be found on a riding mower at Daniel's Park. "It was a bad habit, but I used to like having a cigar," Quinby said. "People would drive by, see me mowing and thought I looked like a choo choo train. Mowing at Daniel's Park was one of the great pleasures of my life."

As recognition and honor of his long-term commitment to both Daniel's Park and Coe College, head baseball coach and current Director of Athletics and Recreation Steve Cook and then-director of athletics and recreation and current Senior Athletic Trainer John Chandler worked with then-Cedar Rapids Mayor Ron Corbett to officially rename the baseball diamond at Daniel's Park Bill Quinby Field in April 2016.

"For the past 15 years, Bill has had a special impact on Coe baseball. My favorite is his impact on the players that have come through our program. Many of the players get the opportunity to talk with Bill at the field, after he has finished mowing the grass or when he is sitting on his bench watching practice," Cook said. "Without even knowing it, those players are learning life lessons through the stories he tells, the advice he gives and the pride he has in their efforts and accomplishments as student-athletes. They are subtly influenced by a man who has given back so much to our college and the city in which he grew up."

"Growing up at Daniel's Park and Coe College molded my life. To be honest, Coe has been such a huge part of my life," Quinby said. "The friendships I developed with thousands of people over the years, including coaches, faculty, trustees and presidents, made me a better person. And I love Coe for that."

Quinby mowed his final season, at the age of 87, at Bill Quinby Field in spring 2019. "It was one of my great pleasures. It was a big deal to me, and it helped Coe," Quinby said. "I've missed it every day since I retired."

Although Quinby himself is not a Coe grad, his daughter **Kathy Quinby-Johnson** graduated from Coe in 1981. Throughout the years, Quinby has been honored with several awards through Coe including the Distinguished Service Award and the Roby Kesler Award...but perhaps the greatest honor of all...was growing up Coe.



Chandler, Quinby and Corbett at Daniel's Park Bill Quinby Field dedication in 2016.



Quinby mowing Bill Quinby Field



AS COVID-19
SWEPT ACROSS THE WORLD,
COLLEGES FOUND THEMSELVES IN
AN UNPRECEDENTED SITUATION...

GOING VIRTUAL

Coe swiftly adapted to the new landscape, and lessons learned from the spring have made Coe more nimble in planning for the fall. Keep reading to see how Coe met these extraordinary challenges head on, and visit www.coe.edu/safe-campus-initiative to learn how Coe is ensuring a safe campus experience for students, faculty and staff this fall.

VISITING COE... VIRTUALLY



When in-person visits became unfeasible, Coe admission staff made visiting campus virtually as personal as possible. "We're trying to replicate the environment prospective students encounter when they visit Coe," Associate Director of Campus Engagement Jill Kuhlers said. "Student-faculty relationships are a hallmark of the Coe education. It was important for us to continue to offer one-on-one appointments with faculty, coaches and students."

Days of arriving at the admission office, receiving your visit packet and meeting your tour guide came to a halt. Prospective students were greeted online or over

the phone, emailed their visit packet and itinerary — including virtual meeting links — and given the option of a self-guided or guided virtual reality tour of campus.

"Even though many of the components of a visit were the same, they were all dramatically different," Kuhlers said. "Instead of directing someone where to park, we were giving Zoom and Google Hangout meeting links." Kuhlers served as a point of contact for prospective visitors and their families by attending many of the virtual visits, moderating panels of students and answering questions as they arose.

"Our faculty, staff, coaches and student ambassadors were instrumental during the shift to virtual visits. Many of them reached out to see how they could help, and that says a lot about their passion for Coe," Kuhlers said.

While the COVID-19 pandemic was an unprecedented situation to enter into, the Coe community pulled together. Through virtual visits, and now the addition of socially distanced on-campus visits, Coe has "made it possible" for future Kohawks to experience what current students and alumni know well...the Coe spirit.

Go to www.coe.edu/visit or call **877.Call.Coe** to schedule a virtual or on-campus visit.

FACULTY REDESIGN COURSES

VIRTUAL INSTRUCTION

As COVID-19 spread across the world, Coe began to develop contingency plans to protect its students, faculty and staff.

In response to the rapidly changing guidelines from public health officials, Coe extended its already scheduled spring break by an additional week. This added time allowed the college to monitor the progress of the virus and prepare for the shift to online education, should that become necessary.

The virus continued to spread throughout the U.S. and Iowa the following week. The difficult decision was made to move education online for the remainder of the academic year. In less than two weeks, all academic instruction was moved online. Faculty swiftly redesigned their courses to be offered remotely. Faculty meetings and committee work also were shifted online. While approximately 250 students remained on Coe's campus, online classes for all students began March 30.

"We created a COVID-19 continuity webpage that included a variety of instructions and tools for

teaching remotely and online," Associate Dean for Faculty Development Dr. Angela Ziskowski said. "We also set up stations in the library to record videos and offered workshops, both in person and virtual, to train the faculty in technologies and tools they weren't familiar with."

Courses were modified in a multitude of ways. Some faculty preferred to record lectures and post them on YouTube while others held live meetings with their students on Zoom, Google Hangouts or Google Classroom. Other faculty posted notes and study materials on the online learning platform Moodle and held virtual chat discussions with their students.

"Since we are a small residential college, we pride ourselves on small classes and one-on-one communication," Ziskowski said. "Moving all our lectures, discussions, activities, experiments, tests and papers online over the course of two weeks was a monumental shift. I give faculty a lot of credit for what they did and how centered on the student experience they remained in doing so."

"They're navigating how to use their mobile phones, laptops and other devices in ways that weren't required of them when they were on campus."

— **Lisa Wiebenga Stroschine**, academic technologist

In an effort to recognize the many new challenges students were facing with online learning, faculty were dissuaded from holding their classes in real time. With over 50% of Coe students from out of state, many students live in different time zones. Other students may have needed to work, lacked privacy in their home or might not have had reliable internet resources.

"We recognize students are learning new technology," Academic Technologist Lisa Wiebenga Stroschine said. "They're navigating how to use their mobile phones, laptops and other devices in ways that weren't required of them when they were on campus." And to best serve students, the Learning Commons and Writing Center shifted their academic support services online.

"We're overcoming the challenges of online learning one day at a time," Ziskowski said. In an effort to ensure all Coe students had access to their coursework, the college set up a fund to assist students in becoming more accessible online. Coe also loaned equipment to students who needed it.

Everything considered, Coe faculty, staff and students made the best of an incredibly difficult and unprecedented situation.



Adjunct Instructor in Psychology Cher Weaver Stephenson '96 posted recorded lectures with a mix of audio, video and PowerPoint slides along with a discussion post to tie the topic of each day into students' current living situation for her Introduction to Psychology class.

Students in Assistant Professor of Kinesiology

Elaine Rydze's Foundations of Physical Movement class originally were supposed to do a group project and a presentation in class. After the shift to online learning, students worked on individual projects and taped themselves giving their presentation. They watched each presentation and wrote up what they learned.



Students in Assistant Professor of Biology
Jesse Ellis' Biodiversity Ecology Lab mimicked an actual field lab they would have performed locally in Bever Park. By collecting data from a simulated wildflower community, students learned how abiotic factors influence species diversity and species abundance.

Students in Associate Professor of Biology

David Lo's class were studying respiration in Madagascar hissing cockroaches. They completed their lab virtually by watching a YouTube video that allowed them to collect the roach's carbon dioxide output in real time.



Ben Peterson Professor of Chemistry and Environmental Studies **Marty St. Clair** shifted his Environmental Studies Capstone class online by posting readings on Moodle. St. Clair also used discussion forums to get written comments from students and met each week on Zoom to chat about the readings.

Students taking Art, Life and Experience with Associate Professor of Art Jen Hovey Rogers '03 were tasked with a series of prompts including finding a spot in their home to set up mini art installations. Then they were asked to choose 12 objects from their home and arrange them in five different ways. They submitted photos and responded to a series of questions about the choices they made.



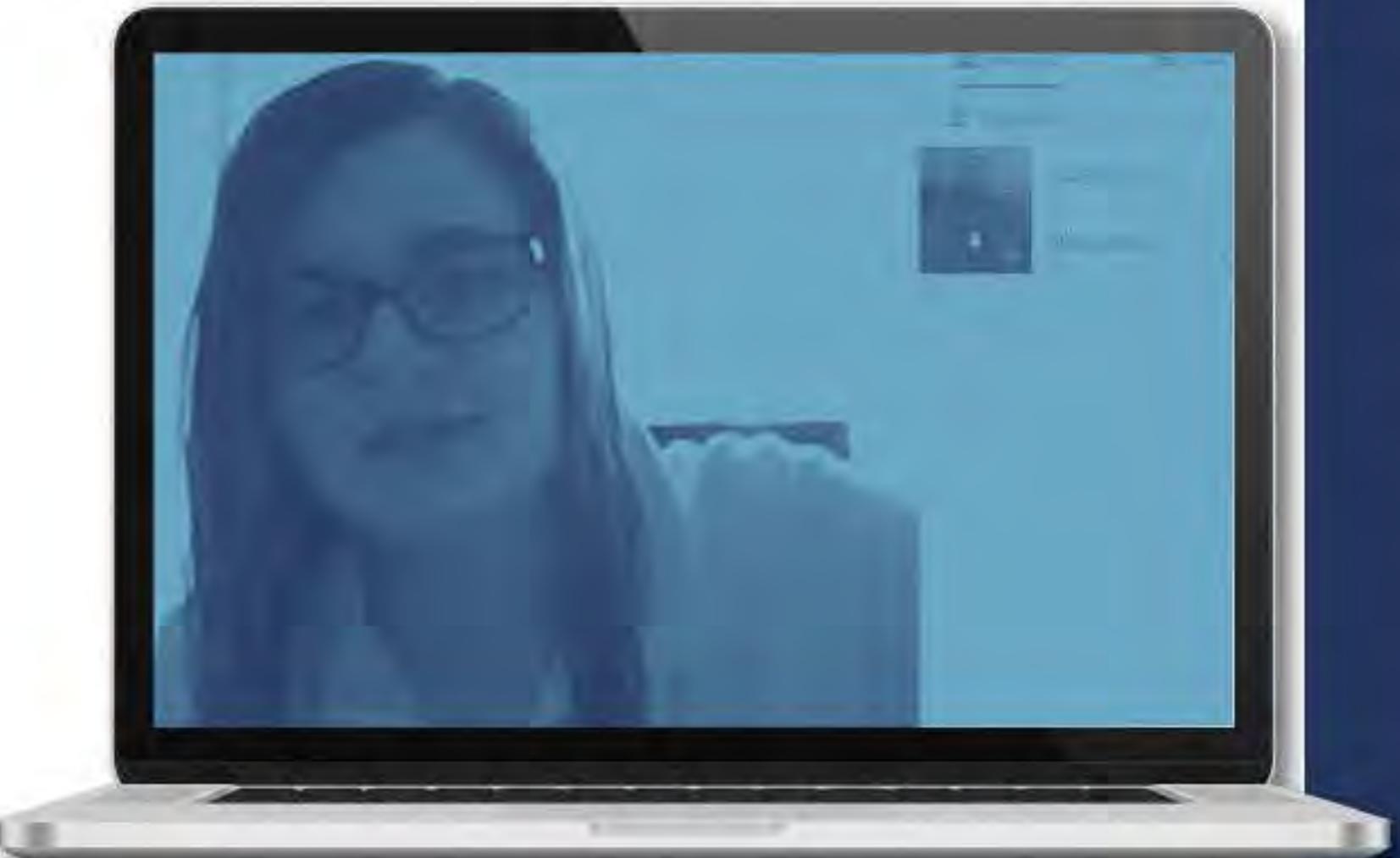
Students in Professor of Psychology **Samantha Brown's** Abnormal Psychology class acted out a virtual therapy session. They worked in groups to use research to create a realistic case study of someone living with a psychological diagnosis.



CREATIVITY
CAREERS
COMMUNITY

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VIRTUALLY OPEN FOR BUSINESS



While faculty were shifting their courses online in the spring, C3: Creativity, Careers, Community also made the virtual shift. After all, providing career preparation, alumni connections and internship guidance is an integral part of the Coe experience.

“C3 remains a student-centric operation,” C3 Director of Careers Nanci Young said. “We still offered one-on-one advising in the spring; however, it was done with Google Hangouts instead of in-person appointments.” Now that the fall term is underway, C3 staff are available for in-person student advising, although the option to conduct those appointments virtually still exists.

As a result of the online shift, C3 also added the virtual program Candid Career, an extensive video career advice platform from industry professionals within their chosen field. The professionally produced videos cover a variety of topics ranging from generic interview tips to career-specific interviews.

Students also have been encouraged to use the virtual interviewing tool, StandOUT, which allows them to practice interviewing skills. Students’ answers to a series of questions are recorded, then critiqued by the online program. For example, the critique lets students know if their voice drops at the end of an answer or they use the word “um” too often. “I believe employers will use recorded interviews even more after the pandemic,” Young said. “This tool is especially useful for students applying for jobs outside the corridor area.”

C3 staff schedule meetings with students to go over what they can do now for future success, advising students to use this time to build their resume and LinkedIn profiles and to virtually connect with alumni with similar career interests.

Since March, C3 has seen an increase in remote internships or multiple “micro-internships” to fulfill the practicum experience for students. With these new opportunities to complete internships virtually, C3 encourages Coe alumni to consider current Kohawks when filling internship or short-term project positions at their companies. “It’s a win-win situation — the student gets real-life experience applying what they’ve learned in school, and the company gets the benefit of a pair of fresh eyes on a project and someone eager for the work. There’s no expectation to hire them after the micro-internship, unless you decide you just can’t live without the student working at your company!” Young said.

Alumni interested in recruiting Coe students for internships can contact Young at nyoung@coe.edu.

COVID-19

— forces Coe into unprecedented territory —

As the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) spread across the world, Coe College took action to protect the health and safety of our students, faculty and staff.



— FEBRUARY 28 —

- Provost Paula O'Loughlin announces Coe has decided to bring two students studying in South Korea home for the remainder of the term after both the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and U.S. Department of State issued travel advisories for the country.
- The college is closely monitoring the situation in other study abroad locations.

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— MARCH 9 —

- The first three cases of COVID-19 are confirmed in Iowa among individuals who recently traveled internationally.

— MARCH 6 —

- All Coe students studying abroad in countries with a CDC Level 3 warning (China, Italy, Iran and South Korea) have returned to the U.S. Other Kohawks studying abroad are not required to return to the United States but have been given the option.
- Coe makes the tough decision to cancel all international group travel for May Term 2020.
- Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to practice infection control strategies to limit the risk of COVID-19 and seasonal influenza.



— MARCH 12 —

- Coe's New York Term has been suspended for the remainder of the term.
- All remaining Coe students studying abroad are returning home.
- Thursday Forum has been canceled for the remainder of the academic year.



MARCH 16

- Coe's indoor athletic and recreational facilities close.
- Faculty and staff who are able to are encouraged to begin working from home.
- Stewart Memorial Library closes to the public but remains open for counter service to students, faculty and staff.
- Domestic-travel May Terms have been canceled.



MARCH 24

- Several graduating seniors ring the Victory Bell after being given the opportunity to sign up for scheduled times with special safety precautions.



MARCH 18

- President Dave McInally announces Coe will shift to online education for the remainder of the academic year beginning March 30.
- All public events are canceled or postponed, including Commencement for the Class of 2020.
- Coe adopts a work-from-home policy for all faculty and staff who are not required to be on campus until at least April 10.
- Students are encouraged to move out of residence halls by April 5, though students with extenuating circumstances will be accommodated.



MARCH 27

- The Stewart Memorial Library building is closed until further notice. Library staff will work from home and continue to provide services through online requests.



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MARCH 21

- Three cases of COVID-19 are confirmed in Linn County, the first in the county.



MARCH 22

- The cafeteria begins offering pre-ordered meals to-go to students remaining on campus. Dining in The U has been suspended for the rest of the academic year.

MARCH 13

- All winter and spring athletic activity is suspended at Coe. The NCAA has announced all 2020 winter and spring championships are canceled, and the American Rivers Conference has canceled all competition.

MARCH 30

- Students return from spring break to virtual learning using Moodle, Zoom and other online tools.
- Classrooms and workspaces on two floors of Stuart and Hickok halls, as well as one practice room in Marquis Hall, are open to on-campus students for studying from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM daily.
- The Office of Admission begins virtual visits with prospective and admitted students.



APRIL 20

- Coe's Wilderness Field Station program is canceled for the summer.



JUNE 1

- Coe staff begin a phased reentry to working on campus.



MAY 6

- Coe's work-from-home policy is extended through May 31.



JUNE 3

- All summer athletic camps and athletic space reservations are canceled for the remainder of the summer.
- Coe disburses a fourth round of emergency student aid grants totaling \$27,900 to 47 students.



APRIL 2

- Coe's outdoor athletic facilities close indefinitely.

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\$96,704

MAY 15

- The Presidents Council of the American Rivers Conference announces its intention to conduct intercollegiate athletics programs this fall.
- Coe begins disbursing student aid grants provided through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF). A total of \$96,704 is disbursed to 169 students.

APRIL 1

- After reviewing current public health guidelines and anticipated conditions for May, the Provost's Office announces all 2020 May Term courses will be conducted online.

APRIL 22

- Coe's work-from-home policy is extended through May 15.

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\$133,833

MAY 27

- Coe disburses a third round of emergency student aid grants totaling \$133,833 to 181 students.

APRIL 13

- Coe announces its 2020 Summer Research Experience and 2020 Talented and Gifted Summer Academy have been canceled.

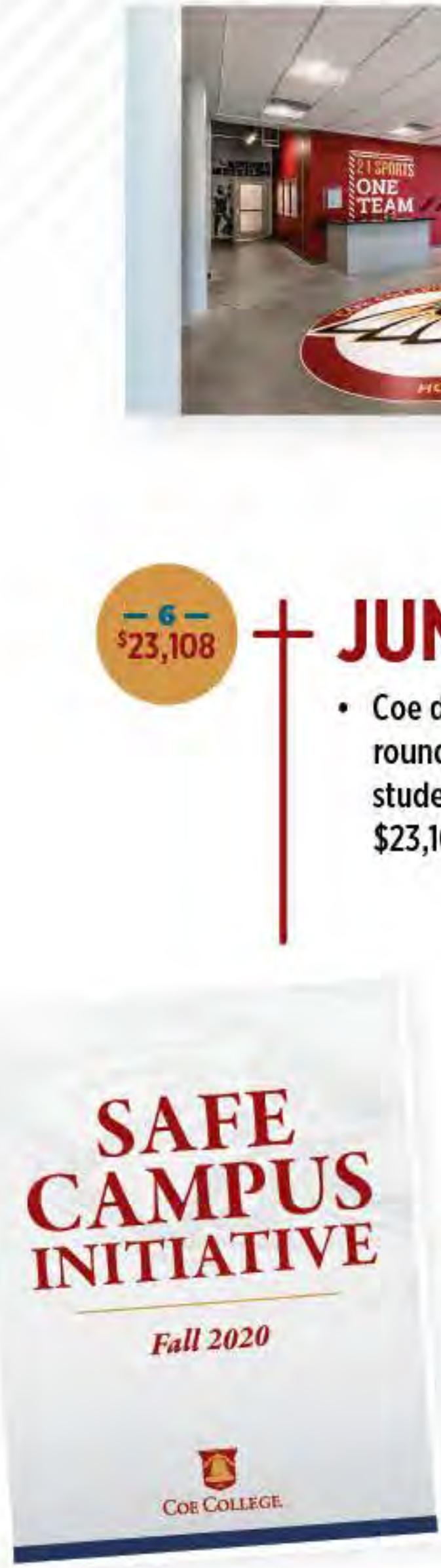
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\$98,041

MAY 20

- Coe disburses a second round of emergency student aid grants totaling \$98,041 to 181 students.

MARCH 31

- Coe extends its work-from-home policy for faculty and staff through April 30.



+ JUNE 29

- Athletics and recreation facilities reopen with safety guidelines in place.

— 11 —
\$11,514

+ JULY 28

- Coe disburses an 11th round of emergency student grants totaling \$11,514 to 12 students.



+ JULY 1

- The Office of Admission resumes on-campus visits. Face masks and social distancing are required. Virtual visits are still available.



+ JUNE 20

- The Safe Campus Initiative detailing plans for a return to residential learning in the fall is released.

— 5 —
\$34,264

+ JUNE 10

- Coe disburses a fifth round of emergency student aid grants totaling \$34,264 to 40 students.

— 7 —
\$13,750

+ JUNE 24

- Coe announces the 39th Annual Athletic Department Golf Outing has been canceled.
- Coe disburses a seventh round of emergency student aid grants totaling \$13,750 to 18 students.

— 8 —
\$12,300

+ JUNE 30

- Coe disburses an eighth round of emergency student aid grants totaling \$12,300 to 13 students.

— 9 —
\$3,500

+ JULY 8

- Coe disburses a ninth round of emergency student aid grants totaling \$3,500 to five students.

— 10 —
\$43,595

+ JULY 23

- Coe disburses a 10th round of emergency student grants totaling \$43,595 to 61 students.



TESTING THIS WAY.



COE COLLEGE



JULY 30

- The Office of the Provost announces additional courses have moved to an online format for the fall 2020 term. Residency requirements also are loosened for sophomores, juniors and seniors.

— 12 —
\$5,400

AUGUST 5

- Coe disburses a 12th round of emergency student grants totaling \$5,400 to six students.

— 13 —
\$2,480

AUGUST 26

- Coe disburses a 13th round of emergency student grants totaling \$2,480 to three students.
- The fall 2020 term begins with in-person and online classes. All students, faculty and staff planning to be on campus during the fall term were required to be tested for COVID-19 prior to entering a classroom or working on campus.

AUGUST 1

- Students begin moving back into on-campus residence halls. The move-in process continues through August 19.

AUGUST 4

- Coe begins COVID-19 testing for all faculty, staff and students who will be on campus this fall.

1.2%
POSITIVE

AUGUST 6

- Stewart Memorial Library opens for counter service with limited hours on weekdays. Patrons are asked to submit a form requesting materials in advance.

1.5%
POSITIVE

AUGUST 20

- To date Coe has received 824 COVID-19 test results, with a 1.2% positive test rate. All affected community members are safely isolating and are healthy.

AUGUST 25

- To date Coe has received 1,603 COVID-19 test results, with a 1.5% positive test rate. All affected community members are safely isolating and are healthy.

Kohawks come together for

DERECHO

STORM RECOVERY

On August 10, Coe's campus sustained substantial damage in a severe and unexpected hurricane-strength windstorm known as a derecho. The storm caused property losses and cleanup costs of approximately \$2.25 million, with damage to 28 campus buildings and many outdoor areas and structures including athletic spaces, patios and campus lighting.



OVER
200

trees were blown down or had to
be cut down due to damage, and
many more required trimming
and care to be salvaged.

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It was an exceptionally beautiful summer morning at Coe College with blue skies and sunshine. The campus buzzed with lively conversation and laughter as students, faculty, staff and community members gathered for Charlie's Campus Cleanup. Debris, broken trees, foliage and torn down fences surrounded the beloved campus grounds, the aftermath of the devastating derecho that swept through the state affecting thousands.

1 "It was crazy. I was here when it happened. It was insane watching the trees blow over," said **Christianna Howell '21**. "I'm on the Clay Target Team, and we decided to come out and help to do the best we can for campus. I've been here for three years. It's my home."

Charlie's Campus Cleanup was put together by Vice President for Advancement **David Hayes '93** and the Advancement Office in about 24 hours thanks to a flood of messages Coe received from people wanting to help. Around 150 volunteers pulled up their sleeves.

"I was expecting maybe 50 people would show up, but the number doubled and even tripled. Our volunteers really did a major overhaul. It was amazing. I'm so proud to be a Kohawk. In this community, when someone needs help, someone's there to answer the call," said Chad Sunner, grounds manager.

It was an all-hands-on-deck job with volunteers supplying chainsaws and hours upon hours of labor.

"We are extremely grateful to our volunteers. This event quickly came together thanks to so many people reaching out to offer their help. It has been humbling to see people work together to get the campus back in shape for students. There's a strong bond between Coe College and our surrounding community," said Hayes.

2 **Marquis Williams '21** drove through the storm on his way to campus from Wisconsin and still wasn't prepared for what he would find. "It was devastating. I had never seen campus like this. It's nice that everyone volunteered. The staff and students are so lovely and caring. I see my faculty and other students helping out so I want to help, too," Williams said.

3 "The resilience of our campus and Cedar Rapids as a whole is rewarding and encouraging," said **Bob Benson '06**, assistant director of admission. "It's who we are. It's in our Kohawk DNA, and it spreads to the families we are working with. A California student is moving into campus, but the family has rearranged their own plans because they also want to help clean up. It shows the kind of students and people our school attracts."

Whether it's new students, alumni or community members, Kohawk nation always makes sure you feel right at home.

"Charlie's Campus Cleanup is the perfect representation of our community's spirit. The storm impacted thousands with many of our volunteers having their own cleanup to do at home. They are all incredible. This is why Coe College and Cedar Rapids are such a special place. In this community, we cherish and take care of each other," said Hayes.

To support Coe's recovery efforts, please go to www.alumni.coe.edu/stormrelief

KhawksCARE



"I got here on Monday right after the storm. It was overwhelming to see the aftermath, but I saw people's positivity and everyone trying to help each other. I feel motivated to be a part of the recovery."

HA NGUYEN '21



"We have been working really hard since Monday trying to get campus cleaned up. Yesterday I was hauling branches with the provost. It's nice to see the whole community come together. We are always here to help each other. This is my home. I live here. I care about it. I'm part of the community."

CHANDLER ROBLES '21



"It's good to see the turnout today. There's a lot of work to be done. I just ran into a few alumni that came to help this morning. It was great. Awesome to see students, staff and faculty all working together."

MARTY ST. CLAIR
*BEN PETERSON PROFESSOR
OF CHEMISTRY*



"Coe was the best time of our lives. I love Coe because of the friendships I made here. I don't know how to describe it. I don't even know if you can. But this is just a special place, near and dear to my heart. I saw Coe ask for help, and I couldn't stay away."

**CHRISTY (HEMMER)
FROST '92**



"When I first got my job here, I realized the community was magical. We have a small, close community. The storm was harsh. I am happy to see everyone working together to get campus back on its feet."

CAIO BRAGATTO
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF PHYSICS

FOR THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT COE FINANCIALLY

as we work on campus landscape restoration, a derecho storm relief fund has been established. Your gifts will help fund repairs to buildings and structures as well as the planting of new trees and other landscape recovery efforts. Gifts can be made online at www.alumni.coe.edu/stormrelief or mailed to:

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CLASS NOTES

NOT FOUR YEARS...FOR LIFE. STAYING CONNECTED TO THE COE FAMILY.

1960s

'61 Hallett Harris of De Pere, Wisconsin, was one of seven recipients of the 2020 Academy Fellows Award by the Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters. He has dedicated his career and life's work to finding scientific solutions to Great Lakes issues.

1 '65 Don Dempsey of Highland Park, Illinois, and his wife, Meg, celebrated 50 years of marriage on May 9.

1970s

'70 Life Trustee **Jack Evans** of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, was listed as a Most Influential Leader in the 2020 Corridor Business Journal Book of Lists. He is chairman of the board of directors for both the Hall-Perrine Foundation and UFG Insurance and is a member of the board of directors for Nuveen Mutual Funds.

2 Alexander Julian III of Carrboro, North Carolina, optioned the feature screenplay "The Puppeteer" to Los Angeles-based Steelyard Pictures. He also was the principal writer for the independent feature film "Fever Dreams," which won multiple awards on its current festival circuit.

3 Trustee Craig Struve of Weston, Florida, won the Super Senior Club Championship at The Club at Weston Hills. As is his tradition, he was proudly wearing Kohawk gear when he added this golf trophy to his collection. When he's not winning golf tournaments, he can be found riding the waves on his surfboard.

'76 Karen Davis-Brown of Mount Vernon, Indiana, is the development and training coordinator at a group home for medically fragile, developmentally disabled men, which is a program of Easter Seals Rehabilitation Center in Evansville, Indiana.

'79 Julie Watson of Park Ridge, Illinois, was elected to the Certified Licensing Professionals (CLP) board of governors.

1980s

4 A photo in the article "Legends of Coe: Cone-Shaped Shoes" in the Spring 2020 Courier showed the art piece "Lilies," which was featured in the Robert and Joan Kocher Retrospective Exhibition in 2019. It has since been determined that the artist of this work was **Christy Belleau '84** of Waltham, Massachusetts. Belleau created

the soft sculpture piece for her senior thesis exhibit. It was sold to **Libby Gotschall Slaphey '74**, who later donated it to Coe.

'84 Plato Ghinos of State College, Pennsylvania, was appointed as an inaugural member of the European Marriott Franchise Systems Advisory Council. Members of the group will meet periodically with the top management of Marriott International Inc. and its subsidiaries to review plans and programs.

1990s

'92 Peter Laugen of Bluffton, South Carolina, is the head of school at Cross Schools in Bluffton.

'93 Karim Budhwani of Vestavia Hills, Alabama, is the CEO of CerFlux, which won the statewide \$100,000 Alabama Launchpad Seed Award. CerFlux creates advanced personalized medicine solutions to identify the most efficient and effective cancer treatments for each patient on an individualized basis.

5 Stacie Tvedt Eastman of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, is the director of development and communication at His Hands Free Clinic in Cedar Rapids. She also has signed with the Peak Agency in Des Moines for voice-over, print and commercial modeling work.

'95 Heather Daniels of Madison, Wisconsin, became the secretary of faculty at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She previously served as secretary of academic staff since 2013.

6 John Williams of Denton, Texas, is pursuing his doctorate in the history of ideas at the University of Texas at Dallas. He has been teaching for over 20 years and has taught students ranging from fourth grade to college. He is the father of Kohawk **Courtney Williams '12**.

'96 Todd Skrivseth of Monmouth, Illinois, recently achieved a 100-win milestone as the head men's basketball coach at Monmouth College.

'98 James Ballard of Bettendorf, Iowa, opened a Crave Hot Dogs & Barbeque franchise in Bettendorf.

Chevy Freiburger of Altoona, Iowa, was promoted to dean of enrollment management at Central College.

Camille Leganza of Seattle, Washington, is an artistic recruiter at Netflix Animation.

2000s

'01 Wendy Andrews Nielsen of Marion, Iowa, received a C-Suite Award for chief marketing officer for a for-profit business from the Corridor Business Journal. She is the vice president of marketing at Cedar Rapids Bank & Trust.

Vern Coates of Marion, Iowa, is the senior vice president of business development at Henschen & Associates.

'03 Kelly Benda Gonzales of Elkhorn, Nebraska, had three first-author publications in the Journal of Professional Nursing and Tobacco Production & Cessation during 2019. She continues to be an assistant professor at the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Nursing where she teaches in the family nurse practitioner program, practices as a nurse practitioner two days per week at the University of Nebraska Omaha Health Center and engages in research in the areas of tobacco cessation and faculty practice.

'04 Ben Stevens of Jesup, Iowa, was declared a 20 Under 40 winner by the Waterloo-Cedar Falls Courier. He is the chief financial officer at Buchanan County Health Center, coaches football at Jesup High School and founded a chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

2010s

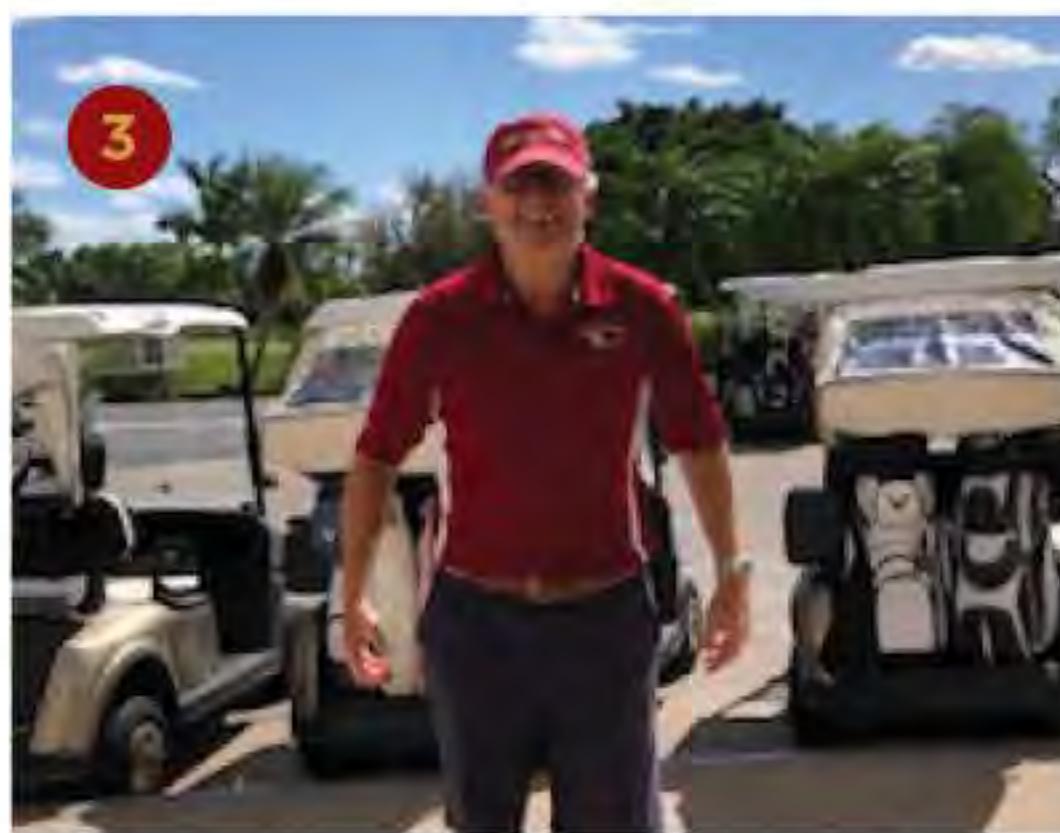
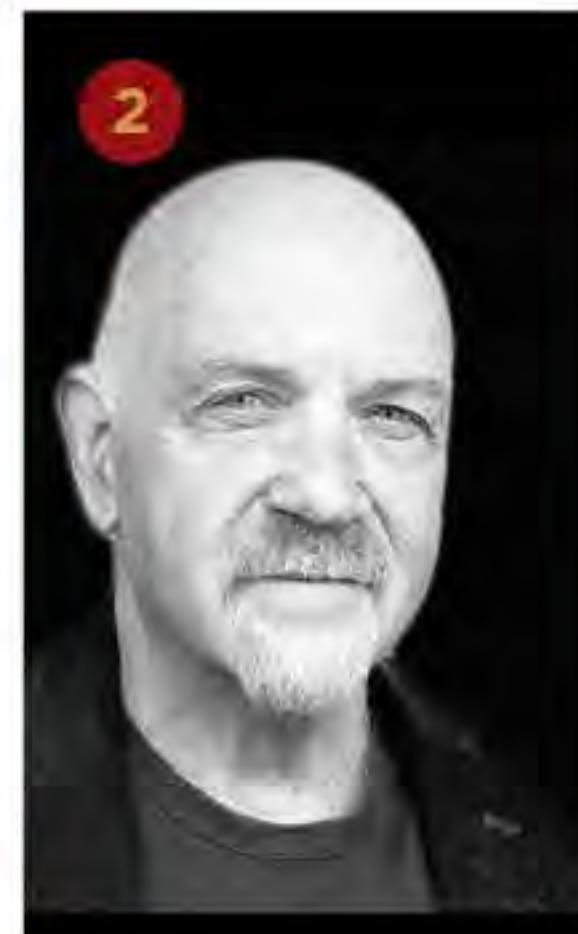
'10 Brad O'Neill of Centerville, Minnesota, is a Juris Doctor candidate at Mitchell Hamline School of Law.

'11 Alli Dieckman Thompson of Durant, Iowa, is the fund development director at Transitions Mental Health Services.

Molly Jorgenson of Kansas City, Missouri, began graduate studies in nutritional science at Iowa State University this fall.

'12 Mickki Williams of Phoenix, Arizona, is a plastic, reconstructive and hand surgery physician's assistant at Mayo Clinic Hospital.

'14 Vincent "Jack" O'Brien of Marengo, Iowa, was declared an honorary captain for the Iowa Hawkeyes during the Holiday Bowl in San Diego. He currently serves in the Navy on the USS Roosevelt in San Diego. His wife, **Paige Sears O'Brien '15**, was flown in from Iowa to attend the game.



'15 Alisa Dunning of Kansas City, Missouri, is an OD monitoring specialist at Academy Bank in Missouri.

'16 Kurtis Miller of Ottumwa, Iowa, is a police officer with the Newton Police Department.

Jake Timm of Davenport, Iowa, was named the head girls' basketball coach at Assumption High School, where he teaches social studies.

Lincoln Vorba of Waterloo, Iowa, was named the head girls' track coach and head boys' cross country coach at Waterloo West High School, where he teaches physical education and health.

'17 Brianna Gardner of Galesburg, Illinois, became the head softball coach of Galesburg High School in the fall after two seasons as the assistant coach.

'18 Spencer Williams of Monticello, Iowa, was signed by the Central District Lions Basketball Club in Australia for the 2020 season.

'19 Peyton Bourgeois Hildebrandt of Marion, Iowa, is a financial analyst at Transamerica.

Jake Voss of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, was named the head varsity wrestling coach for the Benton Community School District.

Hayley Walton of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, had her article "I'll work out tomorrow: The procrastination in exercise scale" accepted for publication in the Journal of Health Psychology. Coe Assistant Professor of Psychology **Scout Kelly** is a co-author.

'20 Dezrae Fisher of La Porte City, Iowa, is a commercial banking specialist at Cedar Rapids Bank and Trust.

Rachel Rethwisch of Iowa City, Iowa, is a lab technician at Integrated DNA Technologies in Coralville.

Alaina Tschida of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, is in the Leadership Developmental Rotational Program at CRST.



A KOHAWK AND HIS HORSES

For four decades, Trustee **Ed Walsh '70** spent much of his time as a trial lawyer representing his seriously injured clients in the courtroom. These days, you're more likely to find him in a paddock training his horses — his wild Spanish Mustangs, to be exact.

The transition from trial lawyer to horseman was one Walsh had been contemplating for years. He and his wife, **Bobbi Covert Walsh '70**, had an interest in horses and spent vacations riding at ranches and haciendas throughout the world. After the couple purchased their farm in the Upper Mississippi River Valley in southeastern Minnesota, Walsh's interest grew when he had the opportunity to work with his neighbor's horses. As much as he wanted horses of his own, he knew his demanding career would not allow him to give them the attention they needed. When he transitioned out of the active practice of law several years ago, the time was finally right, and he began thinking about what kind of horses he wanted.

After much research, Walsh zeroed in on Spanish Mustangs. He was interested in the breed for many reasons, including their history. Spanish Mustangs were the first horses brought to the Americas by Spanish conquistadors and became an important and valued part of life for settlers and Native Americans. As their numbers grew, many roamed free in wild herds until their lands became sought after for cattle ranching, and the once-beloved breed came under threat of extinction. Many dedicated horsemen and women have worked to preserve and protect Spanish Mustangs, but even today only a few thousand remain.

Walsh also was drawn to many qualities of the breed. In addition to their durability, hardiness and relatively small size, the horses are known for being friendly, gentle and curious, as well as incredibly intelligent. It is difficult to find Spanish Mustangs that are already trained, but that was no problem for Walsh — if anything, it was a perk.

"I enjoy the training process probably even more than the aspect of riding the horse, so the concept of training the horses appealed to me greatly," he said.

Last fall, Walsh spent several weeks at a Spanish Mustang preserve in Wyoming and adopted five horses from a herd cultivated by the late Bob Brislawn, the original champion for conservation of the breed and founder of the Spanish Mustang Registry. In January, Walsh brought three of the horses — Blue Feather, Survivor and Dulce — to a ranch near his winter home in Colorado to work with them under the guidance of professional natural horsewoman clinician Anna Twinney.

Training wild horses is a slow process requiring plenty of patience. Walsh spent many hours "gentling," or taming, his horses by allowing them to simply get used to his presence. Once they became more comfortable, he was able to touch them and work on other things such as putting on a halter, leading them, picking up their hooves and "spook busting," a technique that acclimates the horses to startling objects and activities. "It's almost meditative when you work with them because you concentrate so much on what you're doing that everything else gets pushed out of your mind — all your usual stresses, challenges, quandaries in life get pushed to the back of your mental shelf while you're working with the horses," Walsh said.

Walsh's horses are only a few years old, and he has enjoyed discovering their personalities and watching them grow and change. Since moving Blue Feather, Survivor and Dulce to his farm in Minnesota this spring, he has been able to spend more time working with them, and his other two horses from Wyoming joined them on the farm this summer. "My goal is to have them be very gentle, very responsive, very rideable and just have them at the farm and have the joy of working with them," he said.

Walsh is sharing that joy with the rest of his family as well. With some of the horses now on their property, Bobbi has been helping with training and looks forward to riding them when they get a little more mature. And Walsh wouldn't think of leaving his grandchildren out of the fun. "For years now I've been telling my grandkids that when Grandpa retires, you're all going to get a horse. I think they got to the point where they just didn't believe me anymore," he said.

Now that Walsh has the horses to prove it, his grandchildren have started to realize Grandpa was telling the truth all along.



On a trip to Chicago, Trustee **Bill Schalk '65** and his wife, Barb, met up with Alumni Council President **Charles Davis '86** for dinner.



— MAKE PLANS TO JOIN US —
FOR THE RESCHEDULED KENT HERRON ASPEN REUNION.

Alumni and their families are invited to join Kent for a grand reunion of a half-century of skiing in Aspen March 13-21, 2021. He is more excited than ever about the opportunity to see all of his students once more and to celebrate old times as well as create some new memories. And he'd like to do it while he still can ski.

Watch for details in the coming months at
www.alumni.coe.edu/kentherronaspenreunion.

ALUMNI COUNCIL *Update*

Hello fellow alumni,

I hope you all are healthy and safe. We are going through a challenging time in our lives, our nation and our college. As alumni, it is reassuring to know our college continues to take unprecedented action to protect students, faculty and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic.

As if the pandemic is not difficult enough, other recent events have been hard and disappointing as well. The fear, sorrow, uncertainty and hardship of a pandemic have been compounded by tragic reminders that systemic racism and injustice still shape so much of our communities where we work and live.

As an alumnus, I already was proud of the work the Coe administration has carried out regarding diversity and inclusion that put Coe far ahead of other small private colleges in those areas. I was moved by President Dave McInally's message to the Coe community about the George Floyd protests and his

commitment to create concrete action steps for the college to continue to move forward on the issues of diversity and inclusion. As alumni, we too can do more. I invite the alumni body to stand with the college in #BlackLivesMatter.

On April 2, Coe hosted a Day of Gratitude on social media as a way to recognize and thank the Kohawk heroes serving on the front line during the pandemic. If you did not get a chance to see their stories, I encourage you to read them at alumni.coe.edu/frontlinekohawks. Coe's annual Day of Giving took place on June 11, and the Coe community came out in full force. Thank you to all alumni for supporting this wonderful tradition and for providing financial support for our current students.

Like many things in the spring, your Coe College Alumni Council met virtually for our April meeting and welcomed five new members: **Amber Mason '03**, **Ben Sagers '18**, **Jessica Schau Nelson '06**, **Pat Steele '76** and **Trè Cotton '16**.

As always, if you have any thoughts, ideas or suggestions, please share them with us. Alumni are very important to the college and current students, and we want to hear from you.

Lastly, I would like to propose a challenge to all alumni. This pandemic and the movement to combat racial inequality have shown us the importance of connection, so to encourage connection among Kohawks everywhere, I am asking each alum to reach out to at least five other alumni via social media, phone, text or email. Check in with them, and you will be amazed at how it will lift your spirits and the spirits of others. **Let's stay connected!**



Charles Davis '86
President, Coe Alumni Council



CAREER COMMUNITIES



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We are looking for alumni to be part of Coe's Career Communities

C3: Creativity, Careers, Community, with support from the Alumni Office, has created 10 broad categories or groupings of careers with similar skill sets and interests. Each community is led by a C3 career specialist and a faculty mentor and is made up of students and alumni with the express purpose of learning from each other, connecting and networking. Get involved by finding the career communities below on LinkedIn, joining one or more groups and helping us show how Coe's connections become our students' connections. Or, contact C3 Co-Director **Barb Ernst Tupper '89** at btupper@coe.edu, and she will send you a LinkedIn invitation to the group(s) you are interested in joining.

- Arts, Communications, Media and Entertainment
- Business and Entrepreneurism
- Data and Technology
- Galleries, Libraries, Archives & Museums
- Health & Wellness
- International Affairs, Government and Public Policy

- Legal, Law Enforcement and Public Service
- Natural Resources, Agriscience and Environment
- Science Research
- Social Sciences, Counseling and Education

"Career Communities are a great way of taking what we typically do in a one-on-one manner and extending it to a larger group of students. Connecting students and alumni in this way is a win for everyone."

**- Marty St. Clair,
C3 Faculty Director and Ben
Peterson Professor of Chemistry
and Environmental Studies**

I'LL REMEMBER THOSE DAYS

MARV LEVY '50

World War II was over; at last it was done.
 Oh, how we celebrated; was it ever fun.
 Soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines
 In our spiffy dress uniforms flooded the scenes.

Pretty girls wearing gloves and cute little hats,
 In high-heeled shoes rather than flats,
 Welcomed us now wherever we'd go,
 On the streets, or in bars, or at the USO.

And when the band played "Little Brown Jug"
 We'd laugh, and we'd flirt, and we'd jitterbug.
 Never since then have we heard anyone sing
 Like Sinatra, Dino, Ella, and Bing.

We were young, optimistic, and full of zest.
 We were up for all challenges, for any test.
 College days and so much more
 Beckoned us now and into it we tore.

And when those days on campus came to an end
 Onward we moved toward the road's next bend.
 Then we got married to that girl we adored,
 Got a job and bought a house we could barely afford.

With children, with families, with friends, with delight
 We kept surging forward with all of our might.
 But the years kept passing, and then one day
 I noticed that my hair was turning gray.

Ah, so what if I was a few years older?
 I just ignored it like the pain in my shoulder.
 I kept right on enjoying the world that we'd saved
 From those tyrants so evil and depraved.

But now, faster and faster the years fly by,
 And many of my dear pals have said, "Good-bye."
 And even if today's world now considers us old,
 They should have seen us when we were young and bold.

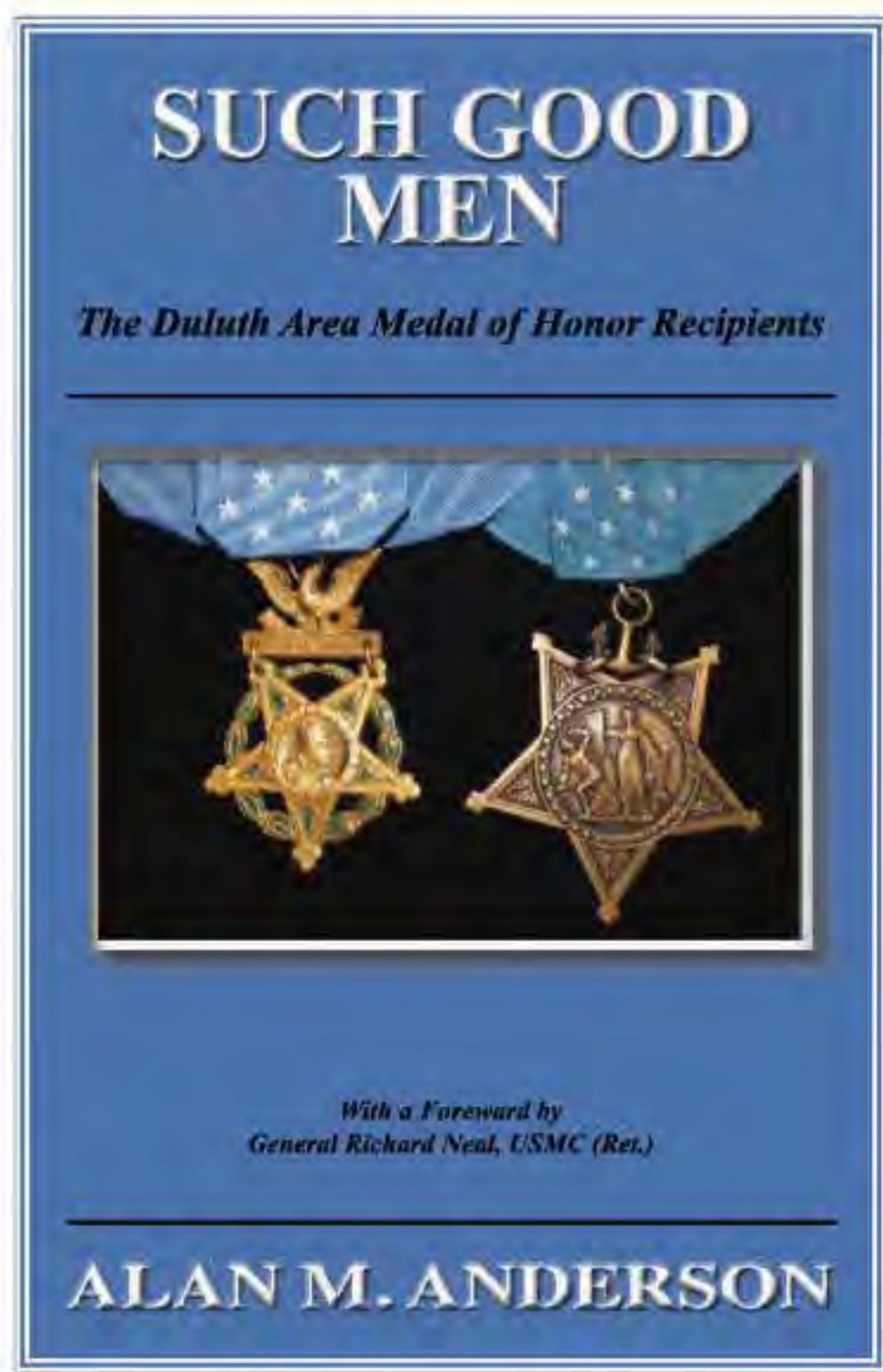
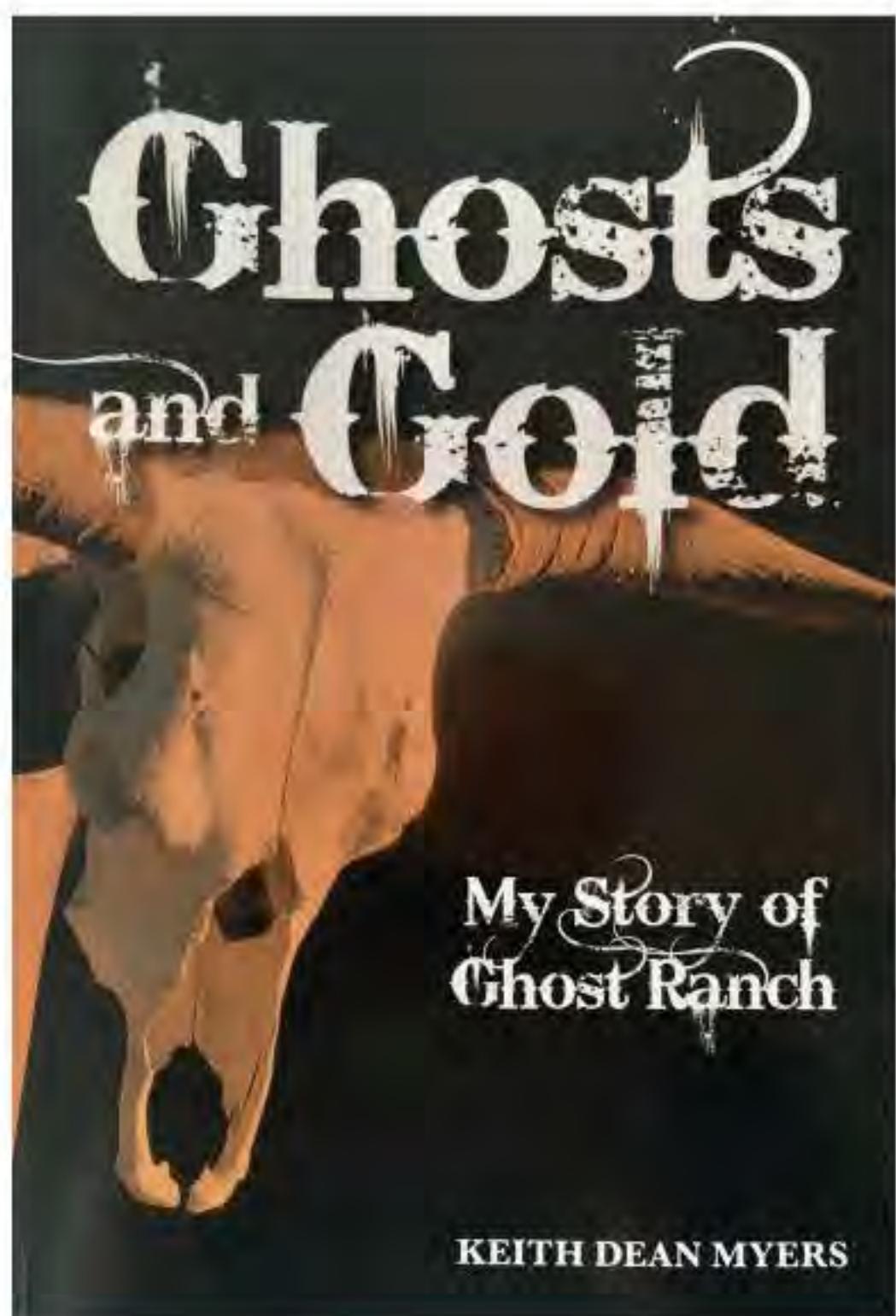
A few hundred thousand of us still march along
 But I'll remember us all, sixteen million strong.
 I'll remember us all as World War II buddies,
 Not as some out of date fuddie-duddies.

I'll remember that time when we went off to war,
 And then returned to a world that was better than before.
 I'll remember all those with whom I served,
 "The Greatest Generation"? A title deserved.



In response to the stories of World War II alumni featured in the spring issue of the Courier, Levy shared the poem above from his poetry book "It's Time for a Rhyme." A veteran of World War II himself, Levy read the poem as part of a commemorative address he gave at the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C., on the anniversary of V-J Day in 2017.

▲ This collage honoring Levy's service in the Army Air Corps was presented as a thank you gift to him after his speech at the World War II Memorial.



1960s

'65 Keith Dean Myers of Willoughby, Ohio, published the book "Ghosts and Gold: My Story of Ghost Ranch." This informal, first-person narrative details Myers' experiences at Ghost Ranch, a Presbyterian education and retreat center near Abiquiu, New Mexico, and includes photos Myers has taken of the ranch over the years. It is available in print and e-book editions through bookshop.org and other online retailers.

1970s

'78 Alan Anderson of Shoreview, Minnesota, published the book "Such Good Men: The Duluth Area Medal of Honor Recipients." Written for the St. Louis County Historical Society Museum, Anderson's book presents the stories of the six Medal of Honor recipients from the Duluth, Minnesota, area, including Maj. Richard Bong, America's "Ace of Aces." The book is available on the St. Louis County Historical Society Museum website, www.thehistorypeople.org, as well as at the Richard I. Bong Veterans Historical Center in Superior, Wisconsin.

1980s

'82 Debra Hoenig Parizek of Houston, Texas, published a basic rules manual and two supplemental books for the role-playing game EVERYVERSE RPG that was designed by her late husband, **Dennis J. Parizek '81**. **Jim Poland '81** and his family are assisting Parizek with editing and promotion of the books. More information on the gaming system and links for purchase are available at www.pardenusgaming.com.

1990s

'97 Shawna Hickman Ervin of Denver, Colorado, published the poetry chapbook "Mother Lines" with Finishing Line Press in January. The book features Hickman's poems on motherhood and adoption and is available on her website, www.shawnahervin.com.

2000s

1 '03 **Kelly Benda** Gonzales and her husband, Nikolas, of Elkhorn, Nebraska, a son, Miles Oliver, on December 29.

2 '04 **Cari Long** Lamb and her husband, Daniel, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, adopted a son, Hutchinson, on January 15.

Renée Schwarz Davenport and her husband, Micheal, of Des Moines, Iowa, a son, Forrest, on July 3, 2019.

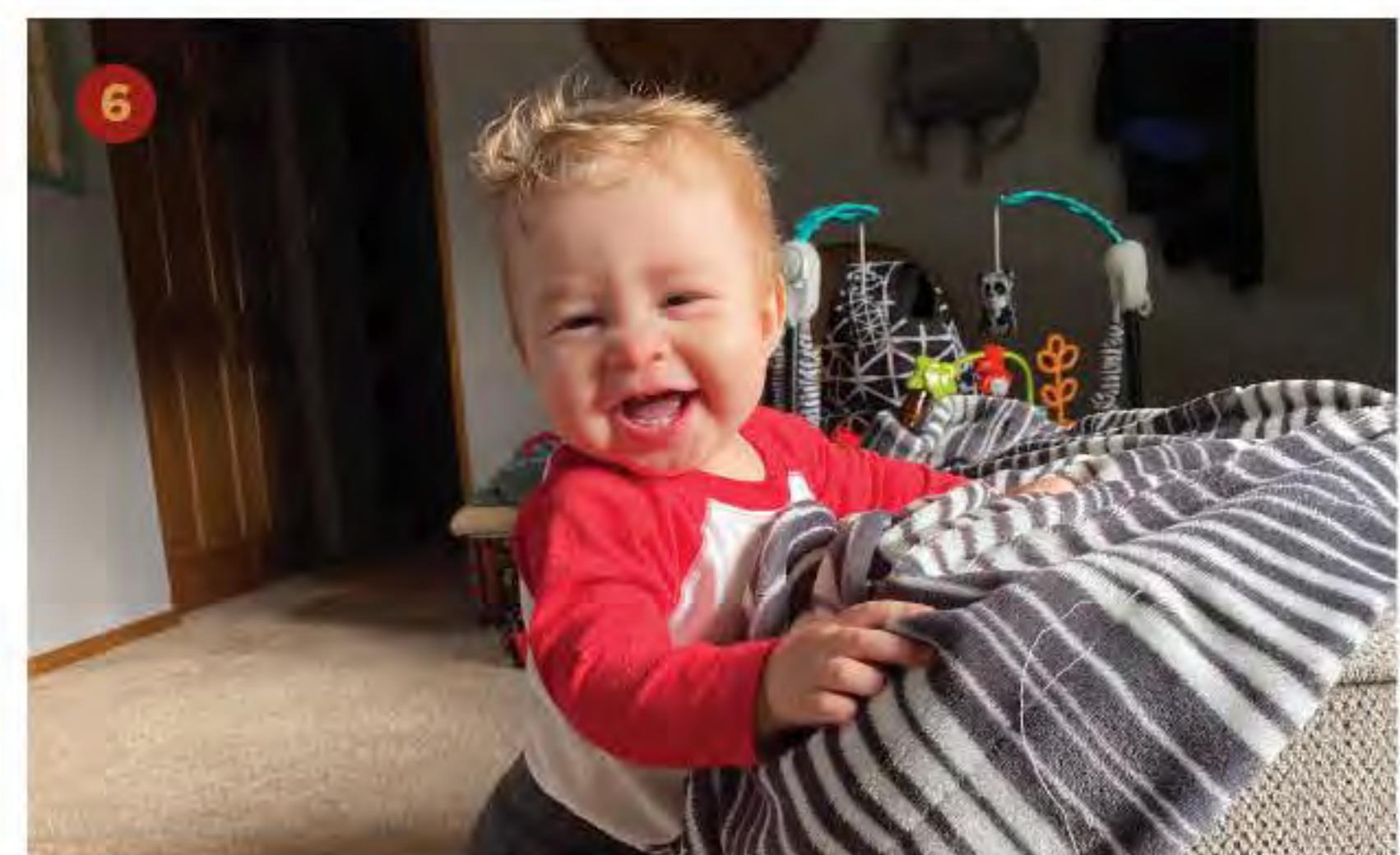
3 '06 **Travis Wiltgen** and his wife, Xica, of Madison, Wisconsin, a daughter, Olivia Grace, on January 9.

4 '07 **Kory Winsor** and **Megan Manske** Winsor of Atkins, Iowa, a son, Conrad, on May 1.

2010s

5 '10 **Bridget McCullough** Schmidt and her husband, Andrew, of Dubuque, Iowa, a daughter, Avery Mae, on January 2.

6 '15 **Emmalee Brown** Thompson and her husband, Jordan, of Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin, a son, Cayson Carter, on July 3, 2019.



WEDDING BELLS

CONGRATULATIONS, KOHAWKS

2000s

1 '04 **Darcy Ehrmann** and Brent Staab of Mount Vernon, Iowa, on July 13, 2019. Kohawks in the wedding party were **Carrie Ehrmann** Karkosh '07 and **Kristy Upah** Staker '08.

2 '05 **Kat Glass** and Daniel Rosenheck of London, England, on February 19.

3 '06 **Garrett Akins** and Coe Head Volleyball Coach DeAnn Woodin of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on December 31.

2010s

4 '11 **Chelsea Dowdell** and Andrew May of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on May 9.

5 '12 **Debra Ramirez** and Tony Seling of Omaha, Nebraska, on December 14. Kohawks in attendance were **Kathrine Black** '12, **Shayla James** '13, **Britt Anderson** Andermann '12, **Martha Hughes** '12, **Molly Adams** '12, **Melissa Darnold** '13 and **David Rosales** '14.

6 '13 **Zeb Hammes** and **Lindsey Bruns** '14, of Waukee, Iowa, on November 23.

7 '14 **Lindsey Buckles** and Justin Mitchell of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on October 5.

8 '17 **Ryan Leonard** and Alyssa Oberbreckling of North Liberty, Iowa, on October 5. Kohawks in attendance were **Shirley Bock Petersen** '70, **Bryce Alberts** '16, **Denis Wagner** '17, **Patrick Montag** '13, **Zak Ranshaw** '18, **Mitchell Malloy** '17, **Tyler Gunderson** '17, **Maddie Morehouse** '16, **Nick Grimm** '09, **Evan Bolt** '15, **Dylan Stepleton** '17, **Brandon Leonard** '15, **Beau Freeborn** '17, **Andrew Netolicky** '17, **Brandon Roseberry** '17, **Kory Wiele** '16, **Lindsey Koch** '19, **Chris Lehmkuhl** '16, **Gavin Glenn** '17, **Tait Simpson** '17, **Devon O'Connell** '17, **Brody Kruse** '16, **Hayley Walton** '19, **Trevor Heitland** '17, **Laura Deininger** '18, **Tanner Lund** '16, **Shawn Tierney** '17, **Marisa Repp** '18, **Olivia Kriener** '15, **Austin Troendle** '17, **Andrew Johnson** '17 and **Nick Elsbury** '18.

9 '18 **Grant Henning** and **Mimi Oberbroeckling** of Coralville, Iowa, on August 3, 2019. Kohawks in attendance were **Jordan Kaplan** '20, **Jack Greene** '20, **Nic Roth** '18, **Tommy Schaedel** '17, **Nolan Weber** '19, **Susan Oberbroeckling** '90, **Sam Aspelmeier** '19, **Dave Aspelmeier**

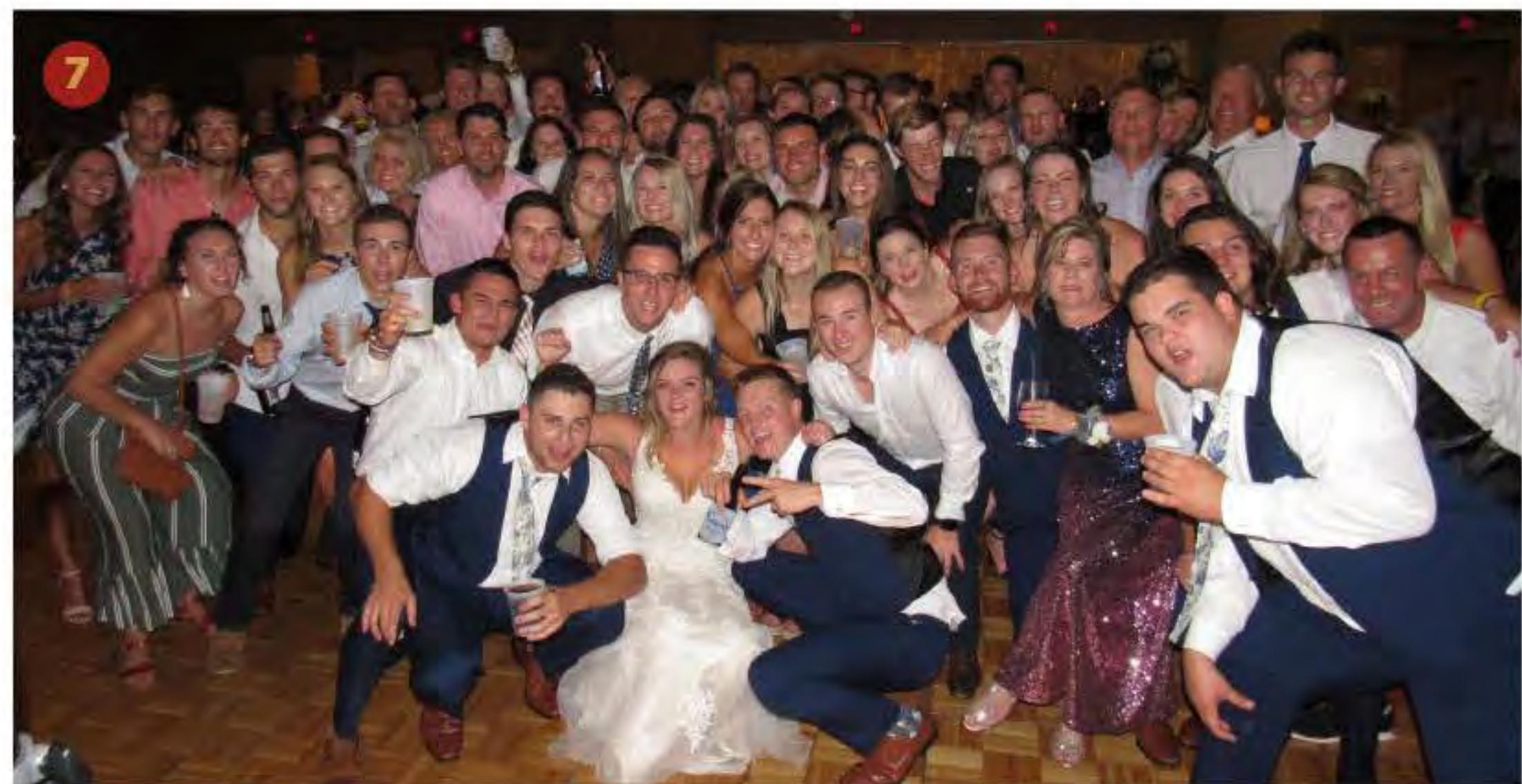
'93, **Madi Miller** '20, **Isaac Evans** '20, **Justin Schwennen** '19, **Grace Ambrose** '18, **Alyssa Stotler** '18, **Jade Hess** '18, **Mikaela Martinez** '18, **Haley Resnick** '18, **Allie Lefebure** '17, **Alexa Wasicek** '17, **Sam Toman** '21, **Kyle Alvarado** '20, **Nolan Arp** '19, **Jake Burns** '19, **Aryn Meisinger** '18, **Sophie Barna** '21, **Matthew Schrader** '21, **Brent Yotty** '09, **Shannon Staker Cook** '02, **Jack Hoffman** '15, **Riley LeGrand** '21, **Kevin DeLaney** '19, **Madi Miller** '19, **Ben Jacobson** '17, **Madi Smith** '19, **Lucas Robbins** '19, **Jade Lynch** '18, **Hannah Koshatka** '18, **Molly Beatty** '18, **Cal Kragenbrink** '17, **Jordyn Oberbroeckling** '18, **Colton Storla** '16, **Juanita Wendorf** '17, **Andrew Brierton** '17, **Jamie White** '18, **Dalton Sams** '18, **Colin Meier** '18, **Jacob Langenberg** '18, **Alexandra Fischer** '19, **Nick Kielty** '17, **Katy Koehler** '18, **Trustee Tim Sagers** '97, **Barb Ernst Tupper** '89, **Eric Tupper** '88, **Claire Tupper** '18, **Ben Sagers** '18 and **Matt Meyer** '18.

10 '19 **Isabel Kees** and **Jesse Kuebler** of Lincoln, Nebraska, on June 8, 2019. Kohawk **Taylor Nelson** '19 was in the wedding party. Other Kohawks in attendance were **Josie Mitz** '18, **Ali Clifton** '19, **August Lee** '19, **Lauren Miller** '19, **Michael Crecco** '19 and **Laura Gibson** '19.



CONGRATULATIONS, KOHAWKS

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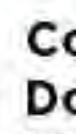
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1930s

1936 Irene Oltman Hoaglin, 105, of Iowa City, Iowa, on March 27.

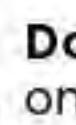
1940s

1942 True Miller Sherman, 100, of Urbandale, Iowa, on February 9.

 **Cornelia Ross**, 100, wife of the late **Donald Ross '42**, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on May 25.

1943 Corinne Mae Foster Stout, 98, of Wilcox, Arizona, on February 16.

1944 Kathleen Check Mollison, 97, of Fort Myers, Florida, on April 15.

 **Dorthe Clark** Flick, 97, of Clinton, Iowa, on April 28.

Joan Morr Grovert, 97, of Newhall, Iowa, on December 29.

1945 Carleen Petersen Wood, 96, of Austin, Texas, on February 25.

Ambrose "Nelson" Smith, 96, of San Diego, California, on February 18.

1947 Shirley Hintz Theobald, 94, of Oelwein, Iowa, on February 8.

Helen Rosain Anderson, 93, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on March 28.

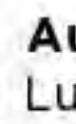
Nancy Rowland Filbert, 93, of Pittsfield, Illinois, on January 20.

1948 Mary Martin Harrington, 93, of Walnut Creek, California, on February 4.

Janet Shimerda Allbee, 93, of Bluffton, South Carolina, on June 11.

1949 Evangeline Cavros Lillios, 93, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on January 28.

Dawn Hanson Heusinkveld, 93, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on April 24.

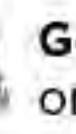
 **Audrey Popma** Beckman, 92, of Lubbock, Texas, on March 31.

1950s

1950 Robert "Bob" Ford, 94, of Hiawatha, Iowa, on March 29.

1951 Margaret Berger Lewis, 90, of Dalton, Massachusetts, on January 29.

Lola Dodder Lehman, 91, of Wheaton, Illinois, on March 20.

 **George Felwell**, 91, of Chicago, Illinois, on November 28, 2018.

Lowell Phillips, 93, of San Luis Obispo, California, on May 25.

1952 Sallee Jones Lee, 90, of Topeka, Kansas, on April 26.

1953 John Crookham, 89, of Council Bluffs, Iowa, on April 2.

Duane Thenhaus, 88, of Marion, Iowa, on December 19.

1954 Ralph "Ed" Sutton, 87, of Saratoga, California, on October 17, 2019.

1955 Ernest Dochterman, 87, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on January 2.

Joyce Herr Erdahl, 86, of Monticello, Iowa, on February 5.

1959 Jeannette "Lynn" Cormack Deinard, 82, of Port Saint Lucie, Florida, on May 30.

Sharon Long Johnson, 83, of Independence, Missouri, on April 19.

1960s

1960 Judith Jellison Roeder, 81, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on January 22.

1961 Richard Dee, 81, of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, on April 19.

Charles Gries, 80, of Yuma, Arizona, on February 10.

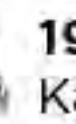
1962 Karmen Krueger Shedenhelm, 79, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on March 12.

Shirley Winn Grulke, 92, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on January 24.

1964 Margit Meszaros Kotorman, 82, of Westford, Vermont, on April 8.

1965 Russell Lacher, 90, of Mount Vernon, Iowa, on December 17.

Merle Ricklefs, 76, of Victoria, Australia, on December 29.

 **1966 Jeffrey "Jef" Missman**, 75, of Kansas City, Missouri, on February 22.

James "Jim" Pickering, 75, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on May 7.

1967 Deanna Matthews Skolfield, 74, of

Auburn, California, on March 1.

1968 Jane Goodwin Riehl, 73, of Tinton Falls, New Jersey, on January 2.

Betty Skala Metz, 86, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on December 25.

1970s

 **1970 Joyce Kofron** Gerleman, 71, of Swisher, Iowa, on April 6.

 **1971 Kenneth Kirby**, 96, husband of the late **Bernice Hallman Kirby '71**, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on February 15.

1973 Michael Rogers, 72, of Russell, Kansas, on February 16.

1975 Alisa Bearov Landrum, 66, of Norfolk, Virginia, on June 3.

Kent Kraus, 65, of Santa Fe, New Mexico, on February 12, 2019.

Edith Nekola, 81, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on May 16.

1976 Judith Armstrong Mather, 75, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on January 5.

Thomas "Tom" Soenksen, 66, of Wanatah, Indiana, on December 31.

Nancy Wolfson, 65, of Missoula, Montana, on June 2.

1980s

1981 Kathy Bartlett Everett, 60, of Fairfax, Iowa, on April 17.

Carolyn Wayman, 60, of Franklin, North Carolina, on April 13.

1982 Julie Fill Arms Meeks, 59, of Atlanta, Georgia, on April 17.

1983 Judith Mikulsky Zachar, 80, of Pawleys Island, South Carolina, on February 27.

1984 Joseph Buresh, 60, of Geneseo, Illinois, on April 9.

1989 Paul Glere, 53, of Remsenburg, New York, on January 29.

1990s

1991 Jeffrey "Jeff" Arnell, 57, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on February 25.

1993 Lloyd Frederick, 74, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on April 15.

1995 Jennifer "Jenni" Hills Wise, 46, of Central City, Iowa, on March 13.

1997 Herbert Musser, 61, of Fairfax, Iowa, on May 6.

2000s

2008 Bradley Bosma, 33, of Chicago, Illinois, on February 11.

Faculty

Former German professor **Richard Benesh**, 85, of Brodhead, Wisconsin, on March 17.

Former sociology professor **James "Jim" Campbell**, 73, of Columbia, Missouri, on February 20.



Former head golf coach and Trustee **William "Bill" Fletcher**, 93, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on April 21. Bill earned his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Iowa State University, where he was a member of the Naval ROTC. Upon graduation, he served as a naval officer in World War II. He then earned his MBA from Harvard University in 1955 before being called back into the Navy, where he served in the Pacific theater during the Korean War. After leaving the Navy, Bill joined his father at the family business, Rapids Chevrolet, and continued running the company until his retirement and the subsequent sale of the business. In 1990, he was named Time Magazine's "Dealer of the Year" for Iowa and was a finalist for its national award. He then became chairman of the board of Perpetual Savings Bank, where he helped guide the bank's sale to its successor. Bill also was the head golf coach at Coe for more than 35 years, with his 1974 men's team winning the conference championship. He received the Distinguished Service Award in 2001 and was inducted into the Coe College Athletic Hall of Fame in 2007. Bill further served Coe as a member of the Board of Trustees. Bill was active in Immaculate Conception Church and served as a golf rules official for tournaments in and around the state of Iowa. He also was chairman of numerous community organizations, taking special pride in his efforts on the boards of the Five Seasons Center, Hawthorne Hills, Cedar Rapids Country Club and Cedar Rapids YMCA, to name just a few. Bill is survived by two sons, Daniel and Andrew Fletcher; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Former Nursing Department secretary **Josephine "Jo" Horst**, 92, of Waunakee, Wisconsin, on March 20.

Former aerospace studies professor and director of Coe ROTC Col. **Jack Jeangerard**, 92, of Madera, California, on January 9.



Former paraprofessional and secretary **Phyllis Lindsay**, 89, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on February 1. Phyllis was the wife of the late Yother Professor of Mathematics **Charles Lindsay**. Phyllis earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in French from the University of Iowa, then spent a year in Paris at the Sorbonne. It was on her way to Paris aboard the Queen Mary where she first met Charles, who was on his way to study at a different graduate school in the city, and the two were married before returning home the following year. Over the many years that Charles taught at Coe, Phyllis was primarily a stay-at-home mom to the couple's four children. In addition to working at Coe, she also taught French at Cedar Rapids elementary schools. She was active in many Coe activities including Phi Beta Kappa and the French conversation lunches that took place weekly in the 1980s and 1990s. The Lindsay study lounge on the third floor of Stuart Hall is named in honor of both Phyllis and Charles, and Phyllis established the Charles and Phyllis Lindsay Scholarship for Study Abroad in 2017. Phyllis also was a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church, where she sang in the choir and led Bible study for decades. She is survived by three daughters, **Chris Lindsay '78**, Sarah Lindsay and Virginia Mizobuchi; a son, Roger Lindsay; a sister, Glenna Podlaha; and two grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Charles.

Former assistant professor of psychology **Richard Putney**, 87, of Atlanta, Georgia, on June 8.

Former physics professor emeritus **Paul Smith**, 86, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on March 9.

Former assistant professor of political science **Dean Yarwood**, 85, of Columbia, Missouri, on June 15.

Share your news!

Information compiled in "Class Notes" comes from a variety of sources, including direct correspondence from alumni, clipping services and news releases. The college received these class notes by June 30. **The deadline for the Fall 2020 Issue is October 15.** Announcements older than one year at the time they are submitted will not be published.

Please follow these basic guidelines when submitting information:

NEWS

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

MARRIAGES & ANNIVERSARIES

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

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

DEATHS

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

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Former head football coach **Steve Staker**, 76, of Lisbon, Iowa, on April 28. Steve attended the University of Northern Iowa and then Upper Iowa University, where he played football, earned his bachelor's degree in 1968 and was inducted into the Upper Iowa University Hall of Fame in 2001. Shortly after graduating, he began his career at Fredericksburg High School, where he spent 36 years coaching football, basketball, track and baseball; teaching physical education; and serving as the athletic director. His "unofficial duties" included team bus driver, groundskeeper and trainer.

Among his many coaching achievements was a state track title in 1992, a state football championship in 2001 and membership into the Iowa Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 1994. The Fredericksburg football field was named Steve Staker Field in 2012. He also was actively involved with the Special Olympics, ran summer youth baseball, managed the city pool, organized summer "Street Sports," taught Sunday school and sang in the choir at his church. Upon retiring from Fredericksburg High School at age 61, Steve began coaching football as defensive coordinator at Coe in 2004 and became head coach in 2008. Known affectionately as "Papa Stake," Steve compiled a 55-29 record, giving him the third most wins in school history. In 2009, he led the Kohawks to an NCAA playoff victory and was named Liberty Mutual National Coach of the Year. In his eight years as head coach, he coached three Iowa Conference MVPs, seven D3football.com All-Americans and 67 All-Iowa Conference players, 32 of whom were first-team selections. Steve is survived by his wife, Linda; five children, **Cody Staker '90**, **Lance Staker '93** and his wife, Coe Vice President for Enrollment, Marketing & Institutional Effectiveness **Julie Kleis Staker '93**, **Shane Staker '97** and his wife, **Kelly Isbell Staker '96**, **Shannon Staker Cook '02** and her husband, Coe Director of Athletics & Recreation and Head Baseball Coach Steve Cook, and Coe Head Football Coach **Tyler Staker '06** and his wife, **Kristy Upah Staker '08**; six siblings, Bryce Staker, Robert Staker, Mariel Brubaker, Gene Staker, Gloria Whisner and Joie Casto; 19 grandchildren; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.



Former Marvin D. Cone Professor of Art Emeritus **Robert "Bob" Kocher**, 90, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on February 16. Bob earned his bachelor's degree in art and zoology and his master's degree in painting from the University of Missouri. After graduation, he was employed by and served in the Missouri National Guard for four years, achieving the rank of master sergeant. He taught art for

four years at Culver-Stockton College before being recruited to Coe by art professor Marvin Cone in 1959. Bob became a full professor in 1971 and served for many years as chair of the Art Department, director of the art galleries and curator of the college's permanent art collection. He also co-chaired the Coe Sesquicentennial Committee and served for many years as the director of the Coe Fine Arts Festival. Bob produced a variety of artwork and exhibited widely during his career, retiring in 1995 as the Marvin D. Cone Professor of Art Emeritus.

He and his beloved wife, Joan, were very involved in the Coe community and were fixtures at a variety of campus events — often with Bob sporting two colorful ties. The couple received the Eliza Hickok Kesler Outstanding Service Award in 2006 and the Distinguished Service Award in 2011. They also established the Kocher Visual Arts Endowment, which brings a visiting artist to campus each year and annually supports a prize in art to a Coe student. In October 2019, Bob and Joan had a 50-year retrospective art show at the Marvin D. Cone Galleries at Coe College. Beyond Coe's campus, Bob served on the committees of the Iowa Arts Council, Cedar Rapids Arts Council, Cedar Rapids Museum of Art and Cedar Rapids-Marion Trust for Historic Preservation. He also served as the director of the Iowa Association of Visual Artists and was a longtime member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church. Bob is survived by his wife, Joan; two daughters, Terrye Kocher and **Paula Kocher Barnes '77**, a son, Erik Kocher; five grandchildren; two brothers-in-law; and a cousin.

COE VIEWBOOKS WIN SILVER AND BRONZE AMERICAN ADVERTISING AWARDS

The Coe College Office of Marketing has again been honored for its creativity, winning two awards this year from the American Advertising Federation-Cedar Valley.

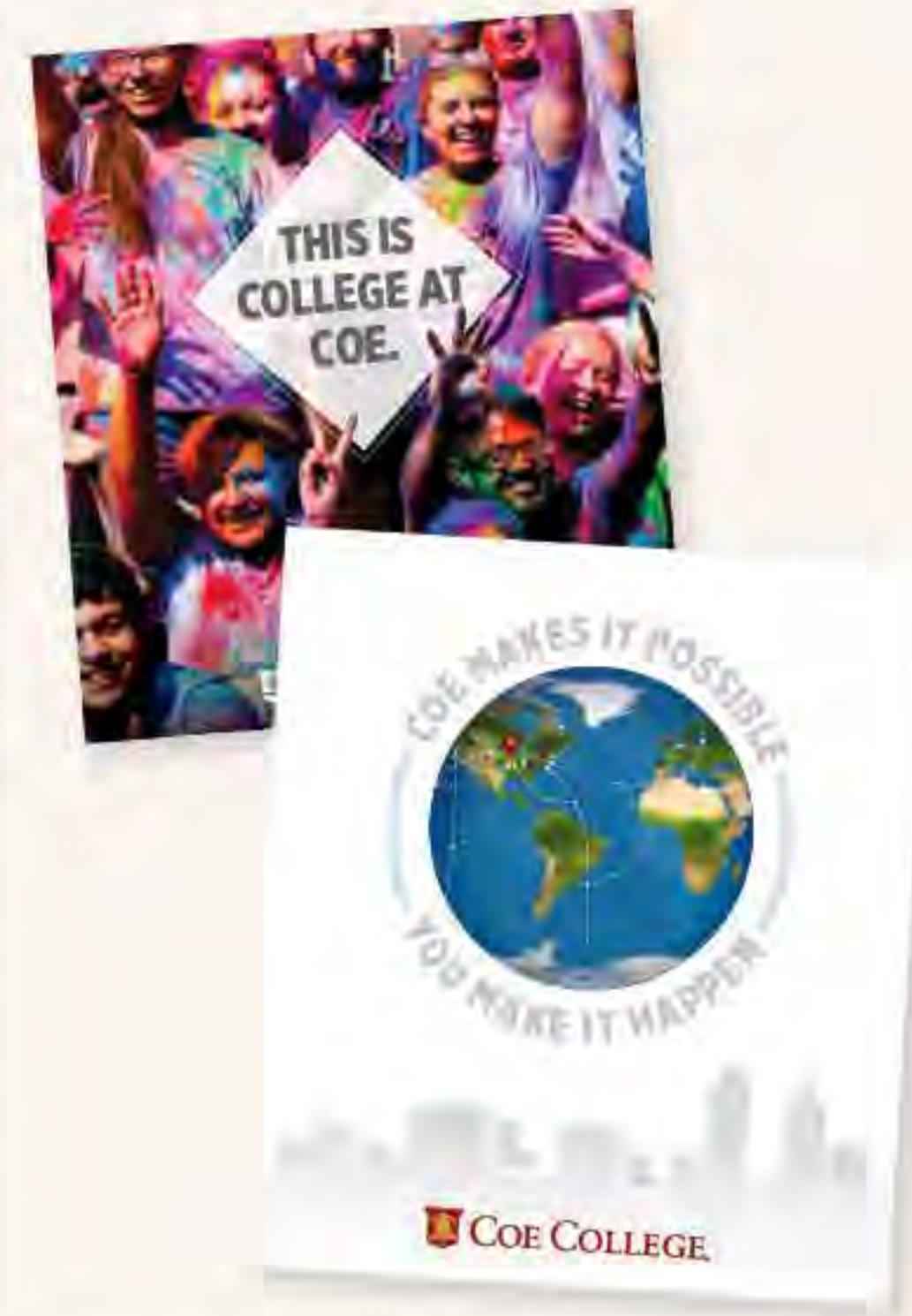
At a February 21 awards ceremony in Waterloo, Coe's admission viewbook was awarded silver and student life viewbook awarded bronze in the Direct Marketing - Direct Mail - Flat category.

This year's awards recognize the efforts of Vice President for Enrollment, Marketing & Institutional Effectiveness **Julie Kleis Staker '93**, Director of Marketing & Institutional Effectiveness **Natalie Bordignon Milke '11** and Art Director **Melissa Kronlage**, as well as the entire Office of Marketing.

"We are thrilled to have our admission viewbooks recognized for creative excellence among our peers," Staker said. "Our goal with these direct-mail pieces was to create a first impression that compels students to open the materials. Once the reader is inside the viewbooks, we're striving to share the stories of Coe in a unique and creative way."

With two American Advertising Awards added to its collection, the Office of Marketing now boasts eight since 2016. Past awards include:

- Best in Category for Online and Interactive Media for the redesigned Coe College website (2019)
- Gold in Online and Interactive Media for the redesigned Coe College website (2019)
- Gold in Direct Mail Piece for a Hickok Hall mailer (2017)
- Silver in Direct Mail - Flat Campaign for Coe's admission viewbook series (2017)
- Silver in Sales Kit for Coe's admitted student event packet (2017)
- Silver in Direct Mail - Flat Campaign for Coe's student recruitment viewbook series (2016)



Formerly known as the ADDYs, the American Advertising Awards represent the industry's largest competition, attracting more than 40,000 entries every year in local competitions across the country. The mission of the American Advertising Awards competition is to recognize and reward creative excellence in the art of advertising.

Fran Allison and Francis Halpin Professor of Physics **Mario Affatigato '89** has been selected as a participant in the 2020-21 Senior Leadership Academy co-sponsored by the Council of Independent Colleges and the American Academic Leadership Institute.

Associate Professor of Physics **Ugur Akgun** and Assistant Professor of Physics **Firdevs Duru** had their paper "Discriminating the muon noise at the PMT windows in calorimeters" accepted for publication by the Journal of Instrumentation. Several Coe students are co-authors.

Associate Vice President for Human Resources **Kris Bridges** was voted the next advisory board chair for the Central Midwest Higher Education Recruitment Consortium (HERC) and also was voted in as an at-large member of the national HERC governance board. HERC is a nonprofit coalition of over 700 colleges, universities, hospitals, research labs, government agencies and related non- and for-profit organizations committed to diversifying

the pipeline of faculty, staff and executives in academia.

Assistant Professor of Biology **Jesse Ellis** was awarded a Faculty Career Enhancement Program grant from the Associated Colleges of the Midwest (ACM) to improve environmental studies curriculum at ACM colleges.

Adjunct Instructor of Theatre Arts **Emily Ganfield '06** received a commendation for costume design for Coe's spring 2019 production of "Big Love" at the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival. She also is slated to serve as the next vice chair of design, technology and management for the regional festival.

Associate Professor of French **Joyce Janca-Aji** was invited to participate in an interdisciplinary colloquium entitled "Liberty and Slavery in the American Imagination" in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Assistant Professor of Psychology **Scout Kelly** had her article "I'll work out tomorrow: The procrastination in exercise scale" accepted for publication in the Journal of Health Psychology. **Hayley Walton '19** is a co-author.

Ben Peterson Professor of Chemistry and Environmental Studies **Marty St. Clair** published the article "Dissolved phosphate concentrations in Iowa shallow groundwater" in the Journal of Environmental Quality.

Associate Professor of Nursing **Mary Tobin** published the article "Organizational trust, psychological empowerment, and organizational commitment among licensed practical nurses" in the journal Nursing Administration Quarterly.

Professor of Theatre Arts **Susan Wolverton** received a commendation for scenic design for Coe's spring 2019 production of "Big Love" at the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival.



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Coe students are so happy to be back on campus — their home-away-from-home — this fall. You can play a vital role in helping Coe respond to the unique challenges we face as a result of the coronavirus pandemic. Coe is committed to prioritizing the highest quality education while ensuring the safety of our students, faculty and staff. Unfortunately, many students and their families are facing untold financial hardships that make it difficult for them to access a Coe education. Now more than ever, your annual fund gifts will ensure Coe is able to provide the support these students need. From pandemic-related expenses to scholarships, your generosity will be truly life changing.

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