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Commencement at Coe is always a momentous occasion as we honor our graduating Kohawks and take note of their distinctive accomplishments and successes. As with a lot of events over the last many months, this year's Commencement weekend was particularly unique, as we recognized achievements of not one but two Coe College classes. The Classes of 2020 and 2021 completed their undergraduate education under extraordinary circumstances, facing trials few of us ever could have predicted. Navigating the COVID-19 pandemic has been a marathon, and the college community was overjoyed to celebrate a victory for our students as we arrived at the end point of an academic year like no other.

The completion of the school year was not only a finish line but a starting point as well. In spite of recent challenges, Coe has tremendous momentum, and many promising developments are visible on the horizon. Perhaps most notable is the centerpiece of the A Bolder Coe strategic plan, the Center for Health and Society (CHS), which will establish Coe as the preferred choice for students interested in careers in fields related to all aspects of health care. The pandemic has called attention to the capabilities and needs of our health care system, as well as the interconnectedness of so many of our other systems (such as political, social and economic) to health concerns, making Coe's creation of the CHS more critical than ever before. As we draw closer to completing our fundraising for the CHS building, I invite you to read about our plans and progress within the pages of this Courier, including an exciting announcement about the naming of the building.

In our efforts to continually evolve as a college and prepare our students for success in a rapidly changing world, we have added a new data science program to the robust slate of majors and programs we offer. The field of data science is an interdisciplinary approach to making sense of the world, and Coe students who major in this area will learn how to recognize patterns, predict outcomes, ascribe meaning, transform data into decisions and communicate discoveries. In our increasingly digital and information-driven world, the ability to analyze and draw conclusions from data is vital to our society, making this discipline an integral part of the modern liberal arts experience.

The physical landscape of our campus also is undergoing changes as we rebuild from last August's devastating derecho. Among the freshly planted trees and repaired buildings stands a new scoreboard at Clark Field dedicated to legendary Coe football coach Steve Staker, who passed away after a valiant battle with cancer in April 2020. The Staker family chose the scoreboard as a tangible way to honor Steve's legacy, and with a generous lead gift from the Stakers and contributions from many of Steve's former players, coaches and friends, the scoreboard was installed just in time for the first football game this spring. It stands as a fitting tribute to a coach who cared deeply about his players, and it inspires Coe Athletics to persist in its tradition of preparing Kohawk student-athletes for success on and off the field.

As you can see, exciting days are ahead for Coe College, and we look forward to celebrating our past, present and future with alumni at Homecoming on October 21-24. While the festivities may look a little different as a result of the pandemic, we eagerly await the chance to come together in a safe manner. And since we were not able to gather for Homecoming 2020, there will be even more reunions this year to help us make up for lost time. I hope to see many alumni back on campus at long last so we can connect in person once again.

Alma mater, hail hail hail.

David Hayes '93  
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# CAMPUS BRIEFS

CURRENT NEWS AND EVENTS IN KOHAWK NATION



## TAYLOR AND HEMMING-MEYER JOIN BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**Hank Taylor '75** and **Sarah Hemming-Meyer '05** were installed earlier this academic year as the newest members of the Coe Board of Trustees.

Taylor graduated cum laude from Coe in 1975. He was a Distinguished Military Graduate in the Air Force ROTC program and upon graduation was commissioned in the U.S. Air Force where he served for 30 years. He retired from active service in 2005 as a brigadier general and returned to his hometown of Charleston, South Carolina. He is active in economic development at the state, regional and local levels. Currently, Taylor serves as the chairman of the board for the Dorchester County Economic Development Corporation. In addition, he serves on the boards of several for-profit and nonprofit organizations.

Taylor also earned a Master of Human Relations degree from the University of Oklahoma in Norman, Oklahoma, in 1986 and a Master of Science degree in national security strategy from National Defense University in Washington, D.C., in 1996.

Taylor and his wife, Dell, are the proud parents of two adult children, Mark and Savita.

Hemming-Meyer graduated from Coe in 2005 with her degree in nursing. She worked as a nurse for four years before attending medical school at Des Moines University, graduating as a doctor of osteopathic medicine in 2013. She completed her emergency medicine residency at Indiana University and returned to Cedar Rapids where she is currently an emergency medicine physician with East Central Iowa Acute Care, a group of physicians and allied health professionals who provide board-certified emergency medical care to UnityPoint Health - St. Luke's Hospital and other hospitals in the region. She also is the resident liaison and clerkship coordinator for the University of Iowa Emergency Medicine Residency at St. Luke's.

During her time at Coe, Hemming-Meyer played on the women's basketball team. She and her late husband, **Joe Meyer '07**, have one daughter, Kyley Jo.







# FLUNK DAY PLANNING NO FLUKE

Think of your favorite Flunk Day memories — they probably involve jovial large groups and plenty of close-knit camaraderie with your best friends. This year's Flunk Day Committee had the unenviable task of trying to keep a century of festive traditions alive while dealing with pandemic-related restrictions.

"Our biggest issue was trying to combat the usual culture of large gatherings while trying to make sure there were enough virtual events and socially distanced in-person events," said **Mady Fink '21**, former student body president and member of the Flunk Day Committee. Fink added that during the planning stages, the challenge of balancing the spirit of the event with safety was a constant conversation.

And since safety was the main priority

in planning this year, the 12-person committee, made up of current students with two faculty advisors, put their Coe education to work.

"We calculated the square footage of the quad and tabulated how many people could be present while allowing enough space for 6 feet of separation," said former student body vice president **Kayden Dangremond '21**.

"We had to reconsider all events, from spreading out to different areas of campus, entertainment that allowed for easy sanitation and virtual events — all while one of our main goals was to keep as many traditions as possible."

All told, the adjustments went smoothly. Despite a chilly and gray day, events went on without incident — and with traditions intact.

The Victory Bell quad was buzzing because of both chatter among friends and the neon hues of clothing choices the '90s theme inspired. A big screen playing '90s music videos provided the soundtrack for the day while food trucks and spaces for a photo booth, spin art and balloon animals ringed the edges of the quad.

To enable more social distancing, there also was karaoke in the amphitheater, movies in Cherry Auditorium, activities like Giant Jenga in the library and virtual trivia and games.

Throughout all in-person activities, established Safe Campus Initiatives were enforced, including wearing masks when not eating or drinking.

## PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH UPDATE

Coe's search for its 16th president has resumed after a pause brought on by the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. The search is being led by Presidential Search Committee Chair and Trustee **Ken Golder '82**.

On July 23, applications are due for all interested candidates. Previous preparations including a clear leadership agenda and a compelling search profile were put back into place to attract qualified candidates nationwide.

Leading candidates are expected to be invited to campus in late summer or early fall for interviews, with the next president to be named sometime this coming fall.

Updates on the search process will be posted at [www.coe.edu/why-coe/discover-coe/human-resources/careers/presidential-search](http://www.coe.edu/why-coe/discover-coe/human-resources/careers/presidential-search).



# KOHAWKS TAKE FLIGHT WITH PRESTIGIOUS FELLOWSHIPS



## Top Producer of U.S. Fulbright Students for 2020-2021

Once again, Coe College is receiving national recognition as one of the U.S. colleges and universities with the most Fulbright U.S. students. As the producer of 32 Fulbright students in the last nine years, Coe has been named a top producer of Fulbright U.S. students three of the last four years. Coe holds the highest percentage of applicants receiving awards among bachelor's institutions in Iowa for 2020-2021.

"We are delighted to receive national recognition as a leading Fulbright U.S. student institution again. The Coe community is beyond proud of our Fulbright winners. They exemplify Coe's mission to engage in a diverse, interconnected world. It's thrilling to see our students take a leap toward an enriching experience that will impact their lives and those they serve," Interim President **David Hayes '93** said.

Six Kohawks were awarded Fulbright teaching assignments for the 2020-2021 academic year:

**Hannah Daley '20** of Red Wing, Minnesota, is an international business, English and Asian studies alum.

**Leslie Ortiz '20** of Houston, Texas, is a biology and neuroscience alum.

**Kaylee Skweres '20** of Chicago, Illinois, is an African American studies, communication studies and secondary education alum.

**Mary McCormick '20** of Urbandale, Iowa, is a biology and neuroscience alum.

**Zeki Salah '20** of New Orleans, Louisiana, is a philosophy and religion alum.

**Gretchen Oelrich '19** of Mount Vernon, Iowa, is an international studies alum.

The Fulbright U.S. Student Program is the world's largest and most diverse international educational exchange program. Coe applicants receive guidance through the rigorous application process from Henry and Margaret Haegg Associate Professor of English and National Fellowship Advisor Amber Shaw as well as other faculty members.

"I have the privilege of working alongside each Kohawk through the application process. These students join an exclusive network of accomplished individuals. Students emerge from their Fulbright experiences as even stronger leaders," Shaw said.

Since its inception in 1946, over 400,000 people have participated in the Fulbright Program. Fulbright alumni have become heads of state, judges, ambassadors, cabinet ministers, CEOs and university presidents, as well as leading journalists, artists, scientists and teachers. They include 60 Nobel Laureates, 88 Pulitzer Prize winners, 75 MacArthur Fellows and thousands of leaders across the private, public and nonprofit sectors.

## Truman Scholarship Finalist



Coe College is proud to announce **Angelina Ramirez '22** has been named a 2021 Truman Scholarship finalist. The Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation awards a \$30,000

graduate fellowship to distinguished college students pursuing careers in public service.

Nearly 845 students across the nation completed the rigorous application process that includes seven essays and a detailed policy proposal. Ramirez is among 193 students shortlisted as a finalist for the prestigious award.

"I'm feeling very excited. I want to make communities of color proud, Cedar Rapids proud and Coe proud. I know many great candidates at Coe didn't make it to the next round, and I hope to be a Truman Scholar in their honor. It's a humbling and truly exciting opportunity," Ramirez said.

She is a political science and social and criminal justice double major with a minor in religion who has a passion for advocating for equality and empowering marginalized communities. Ramirez plans to go to law school to study civil and human rights law with the goal of working for the American Civil Liberties Union and eventually running for Congress.



Ramirez is president and co-founder of CoeVotes, a nonpartisan club engaging students in local and presidential elections. She previously served as student coordinator of civic engagement at Coe, interned for the Linn County Board of Supervisors and was a field representative for Progressive Turnout Project.

Ramirez is a recipient of the United Way Young Leaders Society Board Orientation and Leadership Development training scholarship. She currently serves as an intern for Advocates for Social Justice, a project fellow for West Wind Education Policy Inc. and is the legislative aid for Iowa State Sen. Rob Hogg.

"I think the work I've done is largely impacted by the support and guidance I was given at Coe. The courses and faculty helped me think critically and really got me involved with Linn County

politics. My family lives halfway across the country, so having such a strong support system at Coe was vital to my success. Coe staff and faculty presented me with opportunities and connected me to things I'm passionate about. I feel very blessed and lucky," she said.

Her work in public service was recognized with the Waypoint Services Women of Achievement Award and the 2020 Newman Civic Fellowship. Ramirez is a member of the Cedar Rapids NAACP Council and was a panel speaker at the Iowa Campus Compact 2020 Civic Action Academy and the 2020 Harvard Alumni of Color Conference. She has done volunteer work for Habitat for Humanity, Catherine McAuley Center and Green Square Meals and derecho relief through Advocates for Social Justice.

National Fellowship Advisor and Henry and Margaret Haegg Associate Professor

of English Amber Shaw was a guide for Ramirez through the complex application process. "Angelina's actions set her apart from other applicants. She believes it is her duty to fight for racial and socioeconomic inequities and leads with her heart. She is a role model to young activists and those seeking change. I'm honored to help students like Angelina pursue opportunities like this that launch their dreams into reality," Shaw said.

Ramirez joins Kohawks **Larissa Alire '20**, **Kelly May '19** and **Briana Gipson '19** as one of four Coe finalists in the last three years. Alire and May both were awarded a Truman Scholarship.

The Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation was created by Congress in 1975 to be a living memorial to President Harry S. Truman.

## Kohawk awarded esteemed National Science Foundation Fellowship



"Complete shock" is how **Kalina Eskew '21** described their reaction when notified they were the recipient of a prestigious Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP) award from the National Science Foundation (NSF).

"Honestly, I had practically forgotten that I had applied for the GRFP back in October, so I was not expecting to find out I had gotten it that morning. I read the email over and over until I decided to text my loved ones, then rushed to tell my advisor at Coe, Dr. Jesse Ellis," they said.

The fellowship supports outstanding graduate students pursuing research-based master's and doctoral degrees in a STEM field. Five other recent Coe alumni have been awarded the fellowship in recent years — **Rebecca Welch '20**, **Annie Ruckman '20**, **Nathan Dvorak '19**, **Dahlia Baker '18** and **Emily Roberts '16**.

Eskew is a biology and environmental science major at Coe, and their graduate studies at Texas A&M University will focus on animal behavior. As a GRFP fellow, they will receive 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.

"I want to continue asking questions through research and support other underserved students to reach their goals. It can be difficult to find graduate advisors with funding in the area that you are most interested, but with the GRFP, essentially you bring funding from the NSF with you," they said.

Achievement is nothing new to Eskew. They will be the first in their family to earn a bachelor's degree and now also the first to earn a doctorate. The breadth of opportunities at Coe, coupled with the level of support Ellis was able to provide were catalysts for this accomplishment.

"Coe has given me a lot of opportunities to get field experience and know how to set up my own research projects. I spent two summers at the Wilderness Field Station, first taking a class and then working on both my own independent study and Dr. Ellis's work on Ovenbirds. I have also had a lot of chances to practice writing proposals and lab reports in my science classes and then presenting my information to other students," they said.

Ellis is the director of Coe's Wilderness Field Station in the boundary waters of northern Minnesota. The station puts 2 million acres of pristine natural habitat at students' fingertips, providing everything from serenity for contemplative creative writers to live island labs for biogeography study.

"Dr. Ellis was a huge help in preparing my materials. He understands the kind of work I am interested in and helped me make my application the best it could possibly be, right down to the deadline. I do not think I would have been nearly as successful without his help. I owe a lot to Dr. Ellis," Eskew said.

This year, the NSF awarded 2,074 fellowships throughout the country. More than 12,000 typically submit applications.





# Coe College is Top 10 nationally as a Best School for Internships and **EARNs BEST ALUMNI NETWORK RANKING FOR THE FIRST TIME**

Coe College remains a national leader in student internship and networking opportunities. This commitment to enhancing education with professional experiences and valuable mentorship continues to be nationally recognized, but also pays off for Coe students. For many years nearly 100% of reporting Coe graduates have been employed or in graduate school within one year of graduation.

This year, The Princeton Review ranked Coe 10th nationally on its list of Best Schools for Internships in the private college category. This is the fourth consecutive year Coe has been ranked in the Top 25 in the internship category, with 10th being its highest ranking. Coe also was ranked 20th nationally for Best Alumni Network for private colleges, which is a new recognition for the college.

Coe is the only Iowa college or university — public or private — to earn rankings in these categories.

The rankings are part of a broader list of the 200 Best Value Colleges compiled by The Princeton Review. The publication evaluates four-year colleges and universities across the country, with the top 200 earning recommendations as offering the best return on investment. Coe made the list once again, which places the college in the top 7% of four-year colleges and universities nationwide.

“Focusing on the student experience and providing the exposure and guidance they need out of the classroom to thrive after graduation is one of our main objectives,” said Interim President **David Hayes ’93**. “I’m pleased our efforts have coincided with these national rankings, but they don’t rival the satisfaction we get from seeing our students enter the world, find success and create positive change.”

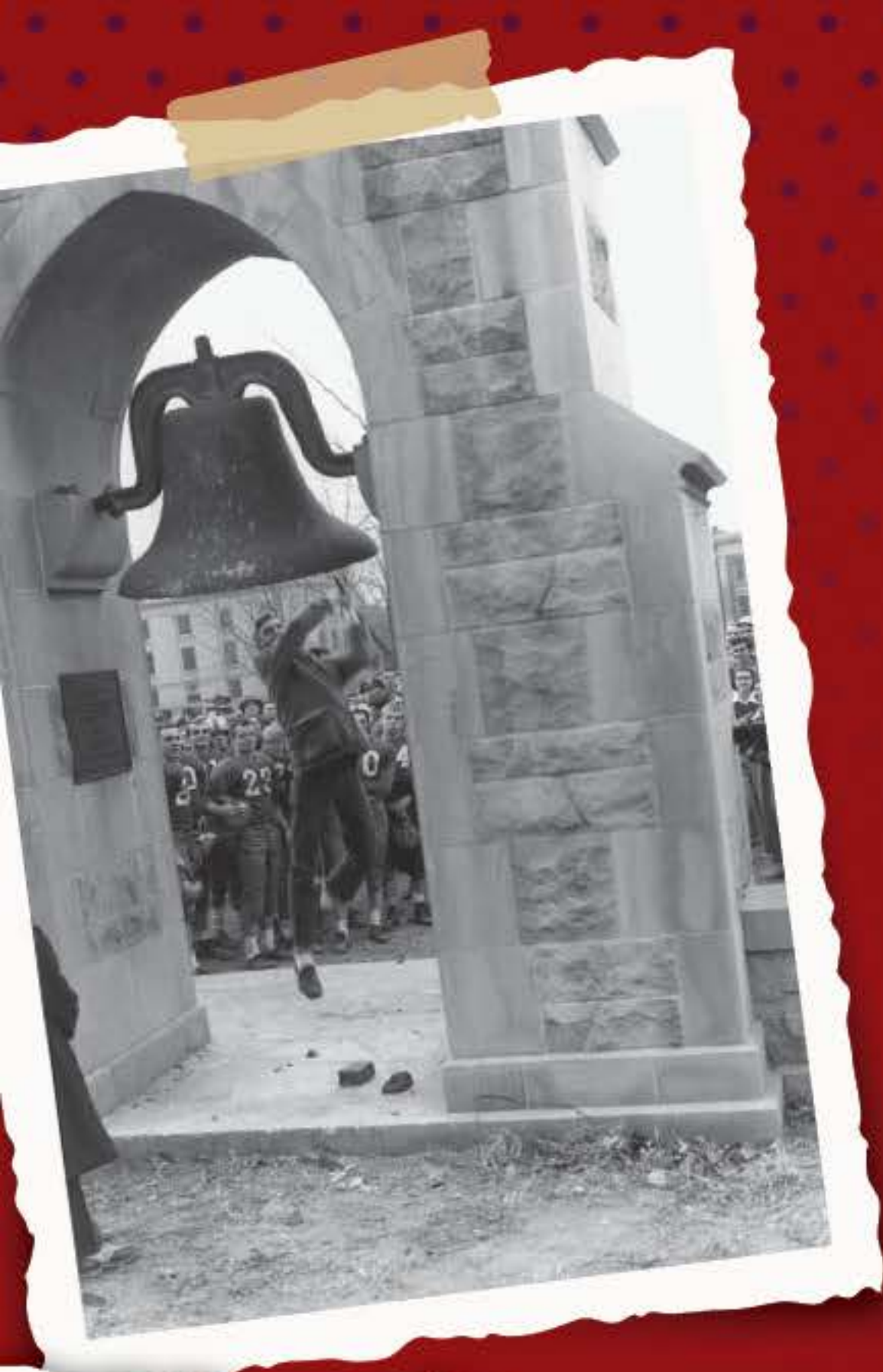
Much of Coe’s achievements in connecting students to internships and alumni can be attributed to the vision and development of the C3: Creativity,

Careers, Community center. This on-campus resource assists students with career exploration, interviewing, applications and identifying engagement opportunities.

“The opportunities to engage with professionals outside of campus is a decided advantage for our students. I’m grateful to all our alumni, community members and business partners for the role they play in providing these experiences for our Kohawks,” Hayes said.

Coe guarantees each student access to an internship, research or off-campus study before graduation. The Cedar Rapids metro area provides hundreds of internship possibilities, including with Fortune 500 companies, but Coe students also engage with national companies and organizations like Google, the Chicago Board of Trade and the United States Senate.

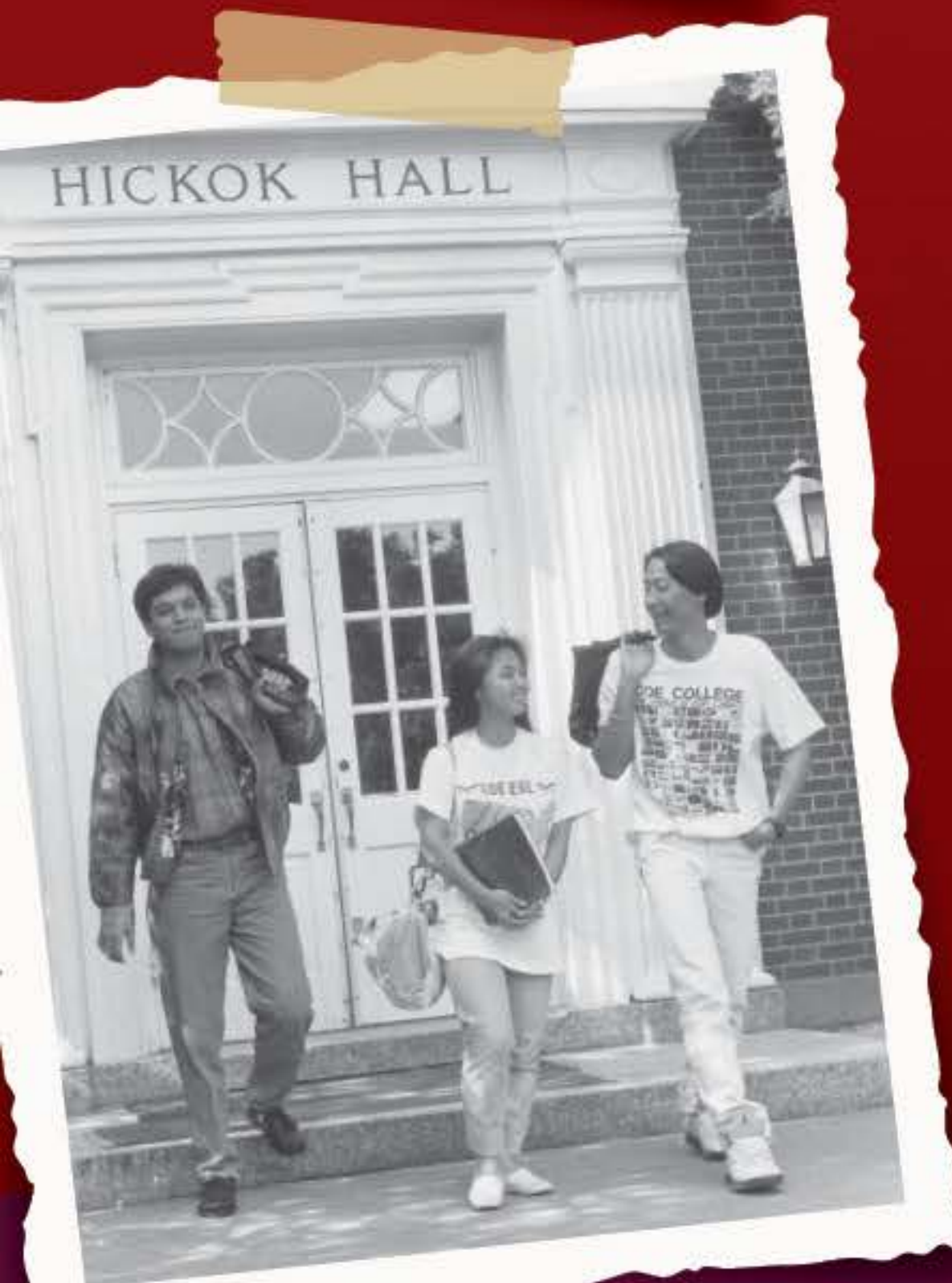




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your Coe  
memories...



now help  
others make  
their own.



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# SPORT SHORTS

A HIGHLIGHT REEL OF KOHAWK ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENT

## NEW ESPORTS PROGRAM

### MAKING VIRTUAL COMPETITION A REALITY AT COE

While there have not been any competitions yet, there will be plenty of games played within Coe's new esports program. The first season will be this coming fall and include Coe teams competing against other colleges and universities at some of the most popular video game titles in the world.

The program's first director and head coach, Curt Kimm, is bringing a perspective rooted in traditional athletics to form a competitive team and recruit new students to campus. Kimm started at Coe Jan. 11 and also spent a year on the Kohawk football staff in 2015. He expects 20-30 students to be on the team next year and is generating interest from prospective students as far away as South Korea.

#### WHAT IS ESPORTS?

Esports is organized video game competitions, mostly centered around multiplayer first-person games like Overwatch and Call of Duty. More than 130 colleges and universities have teams, and there also are 29 high schools in Iowa that have teams. Coe will be competing in two conferences, the Eastern College Athletic Conference and New England Collegiate Conference, depending on the season.

#### AS A COACH, WHAT VALUES DO YOU HAVE FOR THE TEAM?

What I'm looking for is dedication to competition, but more importantly to each other. I don't care what your skill level is as long as you're willing to put in time and effort. It's not necessary to be a "gamer." If you are bought in, we'll find a way for you to participate.

#### WHAT IS THE MOST REWARDING PART OF BEING A COACH?

The most rewarding part is seeing success — not necessarily always winning but getting better and witnessing the team's time and effort pay off. I also place a lot of value on being a student first, then athlete. I want to see students become better people because seeing success on all levels is the most rewarding.

#### IN TERMS OF YOUR COACHING PHILOSOPHY, WHAT CAN FANS AND STUDENT-ATHLETES EXPECT?

During competition, I can't coach much due to the rules because I can only talk to the team at certain intervals, so it's all about preparation. So, you can expect a well-prepared team and people working together.



**DIRECTOR AND  
HEAD COACH**

**CURT  
KIMM**

#### VIDEO GAMES



**ROCKET LEAGUE  
OVERWATCH • VALORANT  
LEAGUE OF LEGENDS**

#### CONFERENCES

Eastern College Athletic Conference  
New England Collegiate Conference







**DIRECTOR AND HEAD COACH**  
**CHAD SUNNER**

**VARSITY TEAM  
MEMBERS**

**7**



**CLUB TEAM  
MEMBERS**

**31**



# COE'S ARCHERY TEAM EXPECTS TO BE ON POINT

Members of Coe's archery team will be shooting their shots soon as both the varsity and club teams prepare for the fall season. With seven members on the varsity team and 31 on the club side, expect the team to be sharp once competition begins in the fall.

The team's head coach, Chad Sunner, has been making sure team members have been getting practice shoots in while emphasizing discipline in preparation for both indoor and outdoor competitions. Those competitions have categories for age, gender and shooting style.

## WHAT DOES COMPETITION IN ARCHERY LOOK LIKE?

Archery is an individual sport where the athletes will shoot 30 to 60 arrows at 20 yards depending on the venue. They will add the individual scores to get a team score.

Competition is a little different than the traditional sports at Coe because there are not colleges close enough to have head-to-head matches, so most of our competitions are tournaments that are individual shoots. We will compete against other colleges at Collegiate Nationals in March 2022. We also have Iowa Pro Am in early January, Iowa State Indoor, Indoor Collegiate Nationals and possibly the Vegas Shoot, which is the largest indoor tourney in the world.

## WHAT DO YOUR PRACTICES LOOK LIKE?

Practices consist of working on our shooting form and mental game, followed by shooting live rounds to get the athletes ready for competition. We also practice in a league at Waltonian Archers to help simulate competitions.

## AS A COACH, WHAT VALUES DO YOU HAVE FOR THE TEAM?

Discipline, work ethic, competing with ethics and contributing to the team. These all will translate into life after college.

## WHAT IS THE MOST REWARDING PART OF BEING A COACH?

Watching the athletes achieve their goals. As a coach you know the hard work and sacrifices that went into achieving them.

## IN TERMS OF YOUR COACHING PHILOSOPHY, WHAT CAN FANS AND STUDENT-ATHLETES EXPECT?

My coaching philosophy is centered on the discipline to get better every day. You need to focus on the task at hand and improve on a different aspect of your shooting every time you are practicing or competing. Archery consists of hand-eye coordination, muscle memory and a mental plan. When these are all working together you will achieve peak performance.



*Coe moves forward with*

# — CENTER FOR — HEALTH AND SOCIETY





**T**his fall, the landscape of Coe's campus will undergo an exciting change as the college breaks ground on the new Center for Health and Society (CHS).

The \$2.5 million project will make Coe the most attractive college or university option for students interested in entering the health care industry. Coe's location in the Cedar Rapids MedQuarter Regional Medical District (MedQ) makes the college an ideal place for the CHS, with numerous hospitals and clinics just blocks from campus.

Furthermore, health care is a rapidly growing industry; the Bureau of Labor Statistics projects employment in health care occupations to grow 15% from 2019 to 2029, a considerably faster rate than the average for all occupations that translates to approximately 2.4 million new jobs. Forty percent of Coe's prospective students

indicate an interest in entering the field, and the COVID-19 pandemic has shed light on the need for well-trained, qualified individuals to work in health care. "The pandemic has called attention to the capabilities and needs of our health care system, as well as the link between health concerns and so many of our other systems — political, social, economic and beyond. These factors make Coe's creation of the CHS more critical than ever before," said Interim President **David Hayes '93**.

The benefits of the CHS will extend far beyond Coe's campus, greatly benefiting the Cedar Rapids community and the region as a whole. Coe faculty and students will be able to host area medical professionals on campus for events, including an annual symposium on health and society that will explore major health issues such as universal health care, Alzheimer's, mental health services and more.





In addition, the CHS will allow Coe to work with MedQ partners to expand Cedar Rapids' reputation as a regional leader in health careers, services and care. As health care availability becomes increasingly important for workforce recruiting and talent retention, the activities of the CHS will bring a brighter and more concentrated spotlight to the high quality of life offered within the Cedar Rapids area. "By allowing Coe to build off of the deep connections we enjoy with our MedQuarter partners, the CHS will be a powerful pathway for Kohawks to acquire the skills needed to be the next generation of leaders in health," said Coe Board of Trustees Chair **Ken Golder '82**.

The CHS will cater to students pursuing clinical health care professions as well as those interested in careers in other areas essential to health care management. The Pathways Program will offer a certificate in health and society for students participating in health-related courses, internships and experiential learning programs. This intentional health focus within fields such as management, accounting, communications and other majors will develop skills that are in demand in the expansive health care industry.

The CHS will be located in a new 15,000-square-foot building connected to Peterson Hall and incorporating the existing Cherry Auditorium. The facility will create a one-stop hub for advising, mentoring and preparation that will allow students to learn about the issues of health and society in traditional classroom spaces, in collaborative problem-solving sessions with regional health care partners in the CHS conference rooms and through presentations by health care thought leaders in the auditorium connected to the CHS. The building has been designed by OPN Architects, an award-winning Midwest design firm with offices in Iowa and Wisconsin.

Coe is pleased to announce the CHS will be named for Chancellor Dave McInally and his wife, Janice. Dave served as Coe's 15th president from July 2013 until his retirement at the end of 2020. During his tenure, Dave led efforts to increase the college's enrollment, improve student success rates, enhance facilities and elevate the college's visibility within the region and beyond. He was instrumental in creating the college's current strategic plan, A Bolder Coe, of which the CHS is a critical component. "The CHS is truly Dave's vision, one of the many distinctive ideas he spearheaded throughout his transformative leadership of the college. Coe

has benefited tremendously from Dave and Janice's service, and we are excited to honor them in this very fitting and meaningful way," Golder said.

The name of the CHS was unanimously approved at the May meeting of Coe's Board of Trustees and came as a surprise to the McInallys. "Janice and I are overwhelmed and truly humbled by the opportunity to be associated with the CHS," Dave said. "We are deeply grateful for this recognition and especially for the privilege of being part of the Coe community during this exciting period in the college's life. Our roles may be changing, but Coe will forever be first in our hearts."

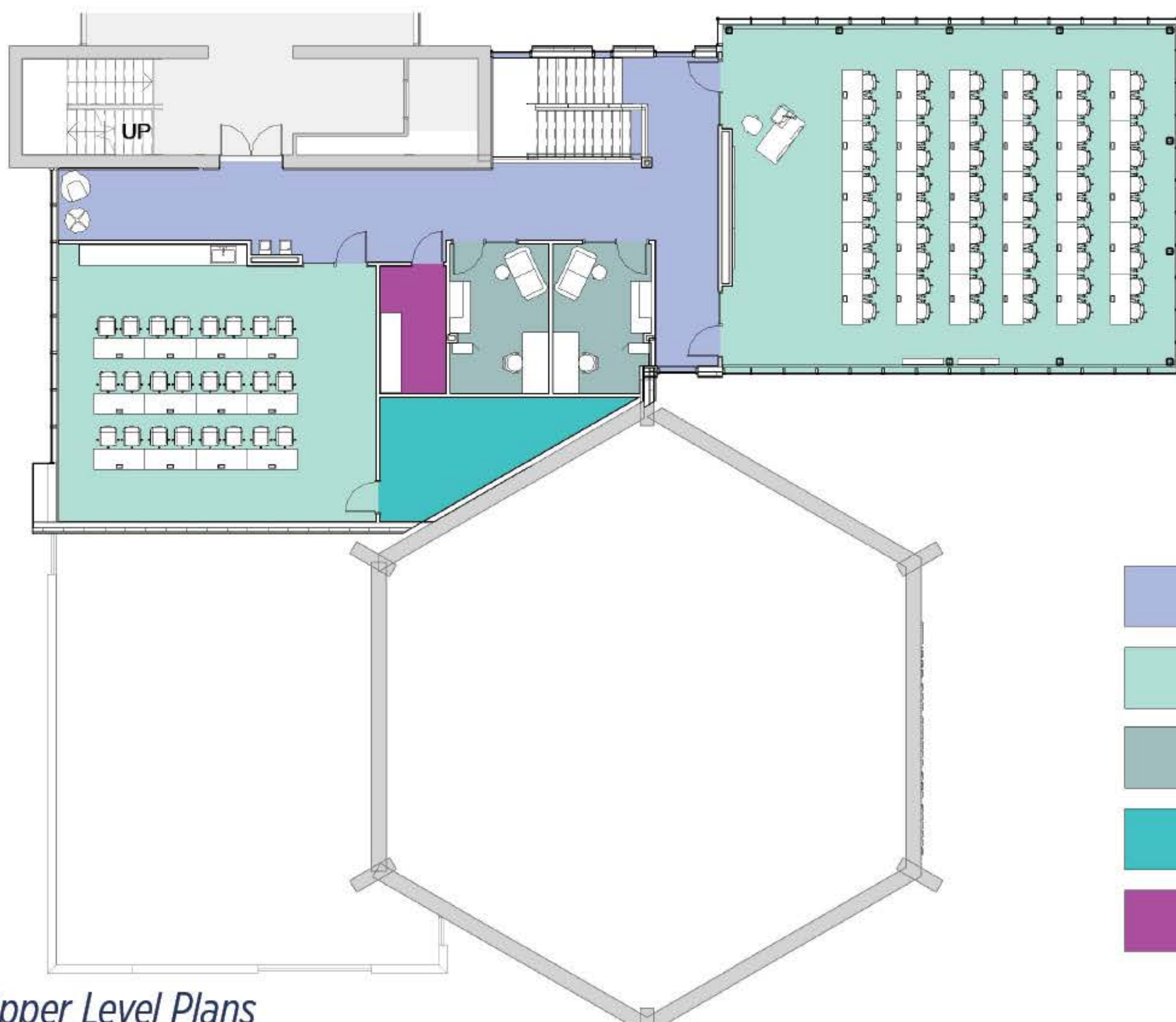
Funding for the CHS has come in the form of several generous lead gifts from

alumni and friends of the college, as well as a \$700,000 challenge grant from the Hall-Perrine Foundation of Cedar Rapids. This funding will allow Coe to break ground on the facility and cover the essential features of the building. Future gifts will help Coe vastly improve the capabilities and possibilities of the CHS and will further enhance the learning experience for students. "The programs and technology offered within the CHS will bring students and medical professionals together to move the health care industry forward. Support for this initiative is an investment in the future of health care," Hayes said.

**The Bureau of Labor  
Statistics projects  
employment in health  
care occupations to  
GROW 15%  
from 2019 to 2029,  
a considerably faster  
rate than the average  
for all occupations  
that translates to  
approximately  
2.4 MILLION  
NEW JOBS.**

**To CONTRIBUTE TO THE SUCCESS OF THE CHS,  
go to [www.alumni.coe.edu/centerforhealthandsociety](http://www.alumni.coe.edu/centerforhealthandsociety).**





Upper Level Plans



# Celebrating the Classes of 2020 & 2021





Fourteen months of uncertainty and unforeseen challenges culminated in a celebration of the resolve the Coe College Classes of 2020 and 2021 have demonstrated as students and recent grads during a pandemic. In any year, earning a college degree or starting your career is a laudable accomplishment. These classes handled an extra level of adversity with aplomb, which elevated the weekend from proud moment to moment of triumph.

Interim President **David Hayes '93** perhaps summed it up best as he was greeting the Class of 2021. He remarked the graduates' proof of character is already evident in how they handled themselves as leaders on campus.

"You've shown resilience and grace, and I am in awe of how you've led this campus," Hayes said.

The historic graduation weekend featured two commencements over two days to ensure both classes had the opportunity to be recognized. Since the Class of 2020 opted to postpone their Commencement, their rescheduled ceremony was Saturday, May 1. It is the first time in the college's 170-year history that a graduated class has been invited back for a Commencement. The Class of 2021 followed a day later on Sunday, May 2.

Both days began with the first toll of the Victory Bell, signalling into the clear blue skies that patience and perseverance had given way to achievement and optimism. Students lined up to take their turn pulling the bell cord, which would signify the end of their time as Coe students.





# “FLY HIGH, KOHAWKS, AND ALWAYS REMEMBER WHERE YOUR NEST IS.”

**CONSTANCE SCHLITTER '20**

As the bell's reverberations diminished, both classes made their way to Clark Field for the Commencement ceremony. It's also the first time in the college's history Clark Field has been the site for graduation, and it was chosen this year to allow for proper social distancing.

The Rev. Melea White, college chaplain, began the ceremony by leading the Invocation and asked that the graduates be inspired to walk into life with gratitude and courage after walking across the stage.

“As students hear their names called, let Your voice speak to them words of encouragement and purpose,” White prayed.

Hayes then welcomed the students and their families, urging the graduates to acknowledge those who have helped them reach this accomplishment; he also thanked the faculty and staff at Coe for always doing what's best for students during a difficult year.

## **DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS**

**1 Matt Clark '95** delivers his Commencement address.









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Both student speakers were central to the ceremonies. **Constance Schlitter** represented the Class of 2020 Saturday and delivered a message that encouraged her classmates to relish the relationships made at Coe, but to keep moving forward using the lessons learned to make a difference. She recalled how nervousness as first-year students evolved into determination and the class built a special community full of strong, talented, hard-working, worldly people who will accomplish the greatest things possible.

“Don’t forget the resilience, grace and adaptability we had in our final days as students,” she said. “Fly high, Kohawks, and always remember where your nest is.”

Class of 2021 student speaker **Carmen Chavez** greeted everyone with a cheerful “Hi,” and then relayed her experiences at Coe and the perspectives the last four years created. She said her time at Coe wasn’t always easy, but her Coe community stepped up and Chavez decided to use the experience to develop as a human being.

“Coe’s commitment to me proved I was valuable beyond grades,” Chavez said.

Her message was to embrace who you are and to be confident in the wisdom and

humanity gained while students at Coe. Both commencements featured esteemed Coe alumnus **Matt Clark ’95**. Clark is a colonel in the United States Army and is leading in the fight against COVID-19 as a program manager for the Federal COVID Response, the group formerly known as Operation Warp Speed. He received an honorary degree from Coe before addressing the graduates.

**“YOU’VE SHOWN  
RESILIENCE  
AND GRACE,  
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INTERIM PRESIDENT  
**DAVID HAYES ’93**  
TO THE CLASS OF 2021

Clark’s message was both inspirational and practical and urged his audience to be action-oriented with purpose. Or, as he put it, “go A.P.E. with gratitude.” He joked that as a member of the military, he is bound by acronyms, and A.P.E. is short for action, partnership and engagement. It was his blueprint for students to be able to quickly make positive change in the world. He said our world needs those who are willing to take action, people who can be vulnerable with ideas and be good partners in working toward a common goal.

“You can change a vicious cycle into a virtuous circle.

Changing the world can start and end with you,” Clark said.

As both classes listened, their resolve was evident again. Who else is better equipped to go forth, not be intimidated by hardship and start changing the world quickly?

#### CLASS OF 2020 STUDENT SPEAKER

- 2 Constance Schlitter

#### CLASS OF 2021 STUDENT SPEAKER

- 3 Carmen Chavez

#### SPECIAL DIPLOMA PRESENTATIONS:

- 4 **Michael Dion ’21** received his diploma from mother Mary Knudson, adjunct assistant Professor of Stead Department of Business Administration & Economics.
- 5 **Gabrielle Lee ’21** received her diploma from father Larry Lee, vice president for finance and administration.
- 6 **Maci Oostendorp ’21** received her diploma from father John Oostendorp, head wrestling coach.









#### SPECIAL DIPLOMA PRESENTATIONS:

- 7** **Claire Chandler '21** received her diploma from father John Chandler, senior athletic trainer and health care administrator.
  - 8** **Michael Guinane '20** receives his diploma from sister **Katie Guinane '17**, assistant director of admission.
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- 9** Assistant to the President Kim Pribyl receives a 2020 **ELIZA HICKOK KESLER OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD** from Interim President **David Hayes '93**.

#### **10** COMMENCEMENT PLATFORM PARTY MEMBERS

(L to R) Front row: James Y. Canfield Professor of Psychology Wendy Dunn, Trustee **Hank Taylor '75**, Trustee **Sarah Hemming-Meyer '05**, Trustee **Ken Golder '82**, Trustee **Carson Veatch '74**, the Rev. Melea White; Back row: Trustee **David Gehring '89**, Trustee **Craig Struve '70**, Distinguished Alumnus **Matt Clark '95**, Trustee **Dave Lusson '87**, Assistant Dean of Academic Operations Catherine Ashton, Assistant Registrar Jesse Upah, Interim President **David Hayes '93**, Provost and Dean of Faculty Paula O'Loughlin

- 11** 2021 **ELIZA HICKOK KESLER OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD** recipients Chancellor Dave McNally and Janice McNally with Interim President **David Hayes '93**.









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**12** Assistant Professor of Stead Department of Business Administration and Economics **Drew Westberg '05** is awarded the 2021 **CHARLES J. LYNCH OUTSTANDING TEACHER AWARD** from Board of Trustees Chairman **Ken Golder '82**.

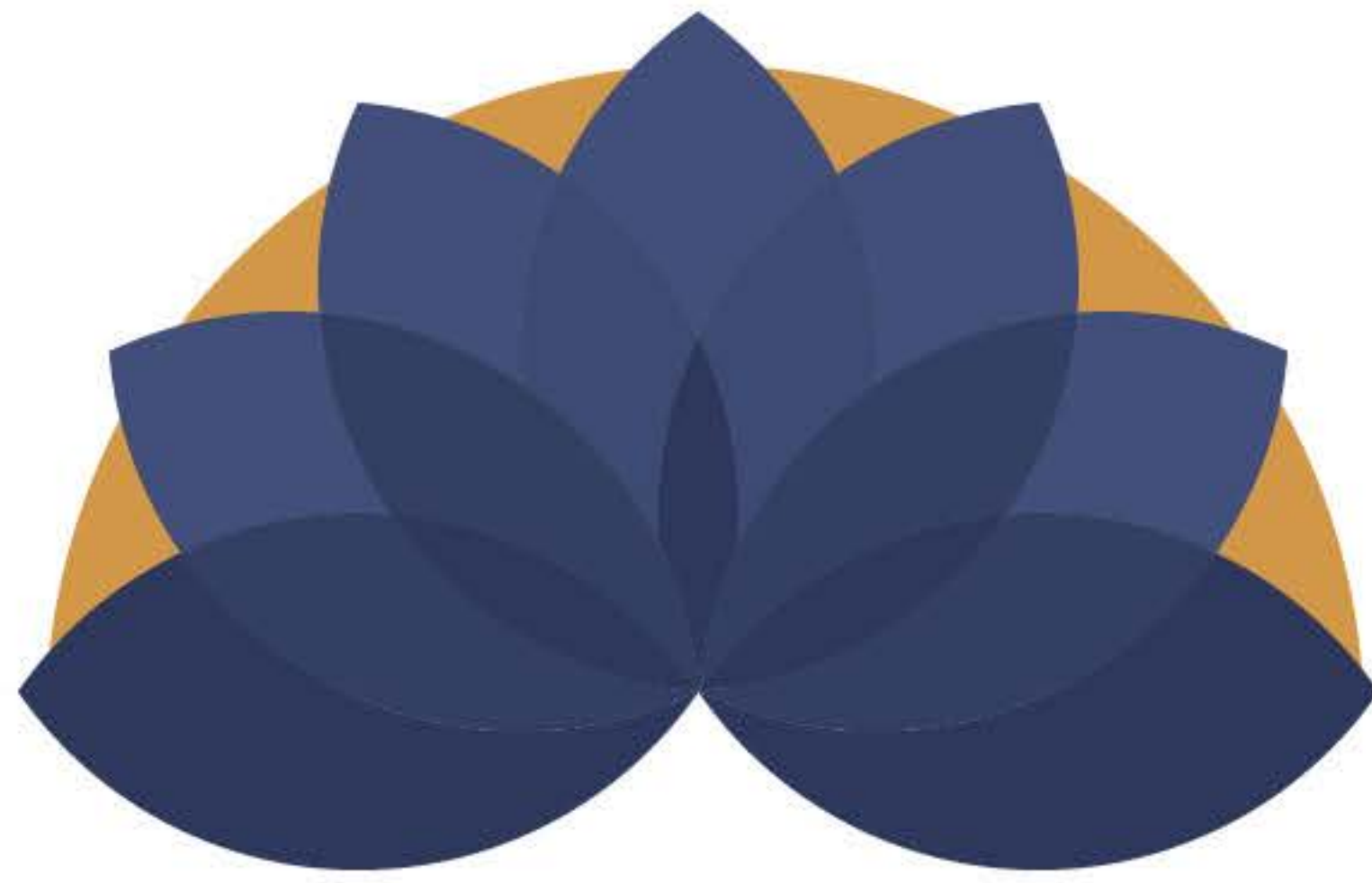
**13** James Y. Canfield Professor of Psychology Wendy Dunn is congratulated by Interim President **David Hayes '93** for her 2020 **ELIZA HICKOK KESLER OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD**.

**14** Distinguished alumnus **Matt Clark '95** receives his honorary **DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS** from Interim President **David Hayes '93**.

**15** Fran Allison and Francis Halpin Professor of Physics **Mario Affatigato '89** is honored for earning the 2020 **CHARLES J. LYNCH OUTSTANDING TEACHER AWARD**.

**16** B.D. Silliman Professor of Physics Steve Feller receives his 2021 **ELIZA HICKOK KESLER OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD** from Interim President **David Hayes '93**.





# A HOLISTIC APPROACH TO PROTECTING OUR NEST

In the spring of 2020, Director of Health and Wellness **Emily Crook Barnard '02** marched into a laboratory surrounded by people in hazmat suits. Her only defense against an unknown virus spreading across the globe was a mask. It was like a scene right out of a sci-fi film, but this heroine literally stepped into the COVID-19 front line for Kohawk nation.

“My duties shifted significantly toward pandemic response including safety planning, practices and protocols. It’s certainly been a whirlwind. We were learning about COVID-19 live with the rest of our community,” Barnard said.

The initial challenge was securing sparse COVID-19 testing. Barnard visited several laboratories and testing sites in the community to ensure students, faculty

and staff had COVID-19 testing available to transition back to campus for the fall term. Her efforts paid off with on-campus COVID-19 testing opportunities available in the fall and spring term.



“We have an incredible community of people that care about students and want to see people succeed. It truly is Coe’s best kept secret.”

**Emily Crook Barnard '02**

Since then, the Office of Health and Wellness has continued to prioritize



mental health while also keeping the campus safe from a pandemic. This included two wellness days in the spring to allow time to recharge. A variety of yoga, meditation and mindfulness classes were provided to students, faculty and staff throughout the fall and spring terms. These group opportunities supplement the one-on-one counseling provided by Barnard and the Rev. Melea White in the Office of Health and Wellness.

“I tell students we have these services in place not because we think people can’t do it on their own. It’s because they don’t have to do it on their own. I wholeheartedly believe in that,” she said.

Initially, there was a decrease in Coe students seeking mental health services since March 2020, which is consistent with data from colleges across the country. Barnard noted a slight climb in students asking for counseling and support in the 2021 spring term, which she attributed to hope inspired by the vaccine rollout. She expects the need for extra support will continue to climb as people process the trauma, loss and grief surrounding the pandemic.

“I’ve heard from students they’re overwhelmed by so many options of support and don’t know where to start. I take that as one of the best critiques. We know everyone comes with a different story, challenges and needs. If we can have a variety of support options

matching something someone may be looking for, that means we’re doing it right,” she said.

The meditation and stress reduction classes are most popular. Barnard’s philosophy for the office is to provide resources that fit the challenges students are experiencing. Her goal is to cultivate a holistic mental health culture to help students focus on getting a quality education, internships and prepare for life after college.

A large component to the holistic approach is college chaplain and counselor White. Her unique dual role on campus emphasizes the importance of body, mind and spiritual wellness.



“We have these services in place not because we think people can’t do it on their own. It’s because they don’t have to do it on their own.”

Melea White

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“Students can bring their grief, loneliness, questions and uncertainties. Some students ask big questions during college about things like the meaning of life,





finding their purpose, identity and religious beliefs. That's where counseling and spiritual care go hand in hand. I try to see things holistically," White said.

Additionally, partnerships between community agencies offer free specialized counseling support to the Coe community such as a relationship with Amani Community Services. These services focus on victims of abuse and cultural specific support for the Black community. The Office of Health and Wellness also houses a health services clinic with a registered nurse and nurse practitioner providing free care.

For Barnard, a happy and healthy Coe is more than a job. It's personal.

"I've always loved Coe and have only been away from Coe for graduate school. I care about Coe and our students," she said.

Barnard majored in sociology at Coe and earned a graduate degree and license

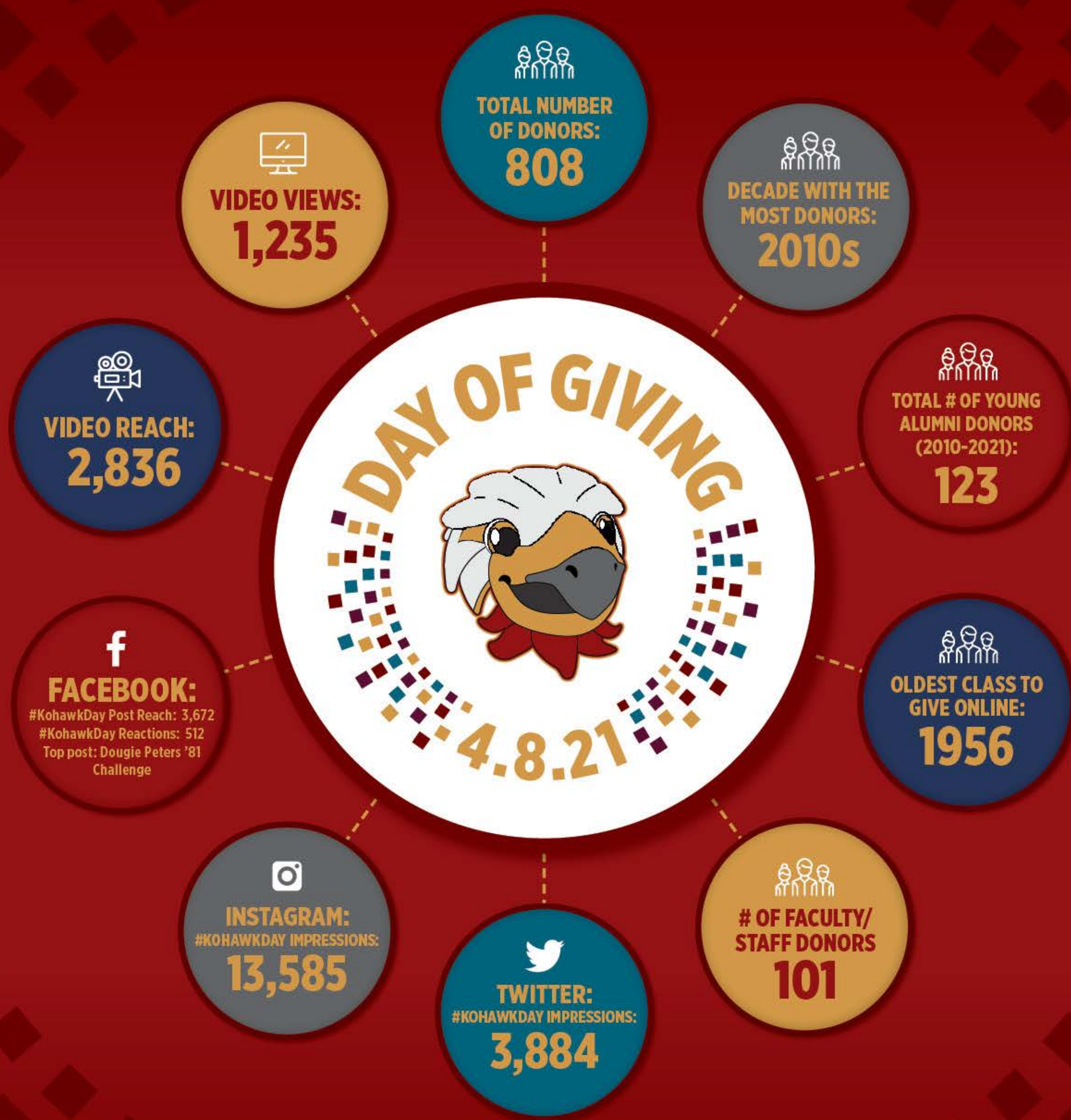
in social work. She returned to Coe as an academic advisor 16 years ago before transitioning to counseling and establishing the Office of Health and Wellness 10 years ago.

"We have an incredible community of people that care about students and want to see people succeed. It truly is Coe's best kept secret. We have a lot of faculty and staff that are alumni and a large alumni base in Cedar Rapids and across the nation that continues to be involved on campus. It says a lot of our sense of pride for Coe," she said.

The past year is nothing short of Kohawk pride.

"I'm in awe of the way our community came together. Every department across campus shifted their own initiatives, roles and work for the greater good. It was incredible to see everyone pitch in and collaborate to do what needed to be done to support our campus," Barnard said.





**TOP CLASSES – NUMBER OF DONORS:**  
1974 (22), 2013 (19), 2018 (18)

**TOP DESIGNATIONS:** Annual Fund, Kohawk Club/  
General Athletics, Track and Field Team

**TOTAL PLEDGED *and* RAISED:**  
**\$660,739.68\***

\*Includes a six-figure gift



# 30 FASCINATING COE FACTS



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The Victory Bell has been a Coe tradition since 1913. In 1972, the original bell cracked and was replaced in 1975. The second bell then cracked in 1998, and the third Victory Bell was installed in the fall of 2000.

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Organized walking was an official Coe activity in 1918.

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Coe President Emeritus Joseph E. McCabe and his wife, Peggy, made a gift to the college of every dollar ever paid to him during his 40 years as Coe's president, chancellor and president emeritus. McCabe became president in 1958.

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Coe's athletic counsel held a contest to determine the name of Coe's sports teams in 1922. More than 600 entries were submitted including the Zebras, Chipmunks, Kangaroos, Collies, Cereal Eaters, Fighting Pacemakers, Pork Choppers and Bacon Getters.

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Winnifred Swift Cone, wife of artist and Coe Art Department founder **Marvin Cone**, Class of 1914, modeled for Grant Wood in his Fruits of Iowa series on permanent display in Coe's library.

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**Mabel Lee**, Class of 1908, organized the first women's basketball game in 1902 in Centerville, Iowa, introducing the sport to her high school. After graduating from Coe with





a degree in psychology, Lee became Coe's second physical director in the history of the college in 1910.

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The first-ever Flunk Day took place on May 3, 1911.

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Louis Armstrong played a show in Sinclair Auditorium in April 1961.

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Morgan Freeman attributes part of his acting career to Coe. As the understudy in a cross-country traveling play, he knew acting was meant for him in 1966 when the lead was sick and Freeman stepped in during a performance of "The Royal Hunt of the Sun" at Coe.



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There used to be a pool in Voorhees Hall that was nicknamed the "Frog Pond."

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**Beulah Gundling '38** was instrumental in bringing synchronized swimming to the Olympics and was awarded the first gold medal for synchronized swimming at the Pan American Games.

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**Eliza "Roby" Hickok Kesler '31** was assistant director of the "Quiz Kids" radio program and author of "The Quiz Kids." They toured the U.S. during the war and raised over a million dollars in war bonds.

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In 1913, Coe's football team went the entire season without being scored upon and was dubbed the 1,000% football team.

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In 2017, solar panels were installed on the roof of the Clark Racquet Center. The panels generate 411,588 kilowatt hours of electricity. The installation also included a monitoring display system to track the energy production.

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As part of the dedication of the Clark Racquet Center in 1989, Coe benefactor Raymond Clark played a tennis match against Billie Jean King.





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The first issue of The Courier was published in 1899.

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Authors and poets Wendell Berry, Gwendolyn Brooks, Truman Capote, Robert Frost, Edna St. Vincent Millay, William Stafford, Isaac Bashevis Singer, John Updike and Aline Kilmer have visited Coe.

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Coe's college newspaper, the Cosmos, has published a monthly issue since debuting in the fall of 1890. The paper is published to this day.

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The library began collecting senior honors theses in 1926. There are 1,062 that can be found in the Archives.

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On February 22, 1911, the college staged the first all-girls banquet and dance known as the Colonial Ball. The event was a tradition for many years.



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There used to be a street across the middle of campus, in front of the library.

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Coe President Leo Nussbaum was dunked in the Natatorium after its formal dedication in the fall of 1980.

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**Clement P. Wilson**, Class of 1912, was the first Iowan and Coe athlete to qualify for the Olympics in the 100-yard dash.

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**Helen Esther Roberts**, a first-year student from Strawberry Point, Iowa, passed away in Voorhees Hall in 1918, a victim of the Spanish influenza epidemic. She is more commonly known as Helen the Ghost now, a friendly presence for all who encounter her.





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In January 1920, Coe re-opened after a four-week vacation when the school was forced to close due to a coal shortage.

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The Coe Band played for all of President Dwight Eisenhower's inaugurations and when he visited Marion, Iowa.

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**Arthur Collins '30**, at 16 years old, was the only person to receive radio transmissions in code from the MacMillan Arctic Expedition and then started the Collins Radio Corp.

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In 1881, the Rev. Stephen Phelps was inaugurated as the first president of Coe College.

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Dr. Harry Morehouse Gage was Coe's longest-serving college president, serving from 1920-41. Gage Memorial Union was named after Dr. Gage.

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Murray Hall was first known as the "High Rise."





# SHIRLEY HUGHES

## THE KOHAWK WAY OF GIVING BACK

***“Your very presence makes a difference.”***

These words resonate with **Shirley Hughes '67** as she reflects on her career. The retired corporate senior executive has been breaking glass ceilings and advocating for marginalized communities for over 35 years.

Hughes is in her natural element in service to Coe and the community. Her parents' story of perseverance and compassion drives her sense of community to others. She remembers her father sharing memories of the hunger he endured as a child. Hughes' parents moved north from Alabama to give their two daughters, Shirley's older sisters, a better life. Shirley was later born in Minnesota where her family emphasized education to reach new possibilities.

Hughes' own experience as a Coe student intersected with the start of the Civil Rights movement. She questioned attending school in Iowa rather than being on the front lines of the movement, but her parents encouraged her that Coe is where she belonged. Hughes was one of only two Black first-year female students her first year. She was selected to join the cheerleading team and became the first Black student to join a Coe sorority, despite encountering racial bias during the process, which became the impetus for some students to establish the local sorority, Delta Chi Beta.

“I think about what Coe has given me and helped make it possible to extend my hand to others. It's ingrained in my family that helping others is a way of living. My three priorities have always been to help with higher education, food insecurity and mentoring,” Hughes says.

In addition, Coe contributed to the confidence and critical-thinking skills needed to be one of the early African-American women to hold a senior executive position with Ceridian Corporation. She took the opportunity to give back as a Coe Trustee.

“I'm passionate about Coe because the excellent liberal arts program added a few more bricks to the foundation my parents had laid out for me. Coe gave me the tools to work with what I have for a successful life. I think it's important for alumni to pay it forward and get involved, particularly for people who were first or were there when not many other people looked like them to ensure we create a welcoming inclusive place for more people,” she adds.

A highlight for Hughes' trustee responsibilities was being a member of the search committees that brought Coe College President David McNally. President McNally hired Provost Paula O'Loughlin, and their combined determination to encourage inclusion and diversity support for students and faculty at Coe has made a tremendous difference. This is among Hughes' proudest achievements as a trustee.



# HUGHES '67

## *Legends of Coe*

"I'm delighted with the changes I've seen. The rich diversity is very heartwarming. It looks more like a school of the 21st century. It's absolutely wonderful. There was a trustees luncheon where each of us had a table to share with students to discuss diversity. It was an opportunity for students to ask us anything they wanted. It was a very open free-flowing conversation. I was impressed at how courageous students were with their questions. Any time I interact with students and see and hear the stories of these young scholars, I'm reminded of why I want to be a trustee, why I donate to higher education. It also gives me great comfort knowing these smart bright young people are leaders of the future," she says.

Mentoring is both a passion and obligation for Hughes. She believes society has come a long way, but there is still more to be done to expand opportunities for women and people of color in all aspects of the corporate world. Hughes' first boss was a woman with a cabinet-level position in Wisconsin, who taught her many lessons she continues to credit for her smooth transition into the corporate world. The ability to learn from a woman's personal experiences and leadership in a male-dominated world is something Hughes did not take for granted.

"There's a responsibility to open the door wider so many more can come in. You might feel bullied, intimidated or marginalized, but if you know you gave it your all, know they will recognize and acknowledge your seat at the table. Coe offers phenomenal opportunities to grow. The caliber of faculty helps students to expand their critical thinking and horizons. It's the student success at the heart of the mission and a Midwestern authenticity that provides an opportunity for students to bloom and grow their best edge," she says.

Hughes has no plans on slowing down. Now, more than ever, she believes the world needs more love.

"There's a quote by the English theologian John Wesley which I try to live by. 'Do all the good you can.

By all the means you can. In all the ways you can. In all the places you can. At all the times you can. To all the people you can. As long as ever you can.' Love is the most powerful force in the world, and we need a lot more of it," she says.





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

## 1950s

'57 **Larry Bone** and **Marilyn Batz** Bone of Vancouver, Washington, moved to the independent living section of a local senior facility.

## 1960s

'67 **Jack Imig** of Boulder, Colorado, will celebrate his 50th anniversary of his medical school graduation from the University of Iowa College of Medicine. He is retired from a 38-year career in obstetrics and gynecology at the Boulder Medical Center, also having served as president of the board of directors and medical director of the clinic. **Betsy Black** Imig has retired after a career as a registered nurse at Boulder Community Hospital.

## 1970s



'70 **Alexander "Al" Julian III** of Carrboro, North Carolina, was the lead writer and principal producer for "Fever Dreams," a feature-length

film comprised of four vignettes in the style of "The Twilight Zone." It is available to stream on Amazon Prime and TUBI. Julian began writing, producing and acting after retiring from careers in clinical psychology and law eight years ago and has made a variety of short films.

'71 **David Lytle** of San Antonio, Texas, is retired from a 30-year career in information technology. He volunteers with his church's community garden, Meals on Wheels delivery and audiovisual/computer systems support and enjoys spending time with his children and grandchildren.



**Chris Watson** of Minneapolis, Minnesota, was honored with the 2020 Deborah J. Weatherston Award from the Alliance for the Advancement of Infant Mental Health. He was

recognized for his leadership in the field, including developing the Reflective Interaction Observation Scale. Dr. Watson is the founding director of the Reflective Practice Center at the University of Minnesota.

'72 **Jennifer Challand** Anderson of Port Charlotte, Florida, and her daughter, Kris, were accepted into the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Society of the Mayflower.

**Ellen McAllister** Mickey of Midlothian, Virginia, is retired from a career with the U.S. government. She volunteers for the Richmond Animal League and has three grandchildren.

**Marcy Trach** of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, became the assistant manager of the H&R Block office where she had worked as a receptionist for many years.

'74 **Nedra Foster** Hecker of St. Louis, Missouri, and her husband help care for her 98-year-old independent mother-in-law. The couple celebrated the birth of their third grandchild in November.

**Chris Soldat** of Iowa City, Iowa, was selected for the 2020-2021 EdReports' Klawe Fellows cohort. He and 10 other educators are spending the term of their fellowship developing and executing impact projects that support EdReports' mission to increase the capacity of teachers, administrators and leaders to seek, identify and demand high-quality instructional materials. Dr. Soldat has worked as a science curriculum consultant for the Van Allen Science Teaching (VAST) Center at the Grant Wood Area Education Agency in Cedar Rapids for 16 years.

'75 **Cindy Runner** Heidt of Swarthmore, Pennsylvania, is a volunteer in a phase one clinical trial for the COVID-19 vaccine.

## 1980s

'80 **Shandra Hanchett** of Colorado Springs, Colorado, retired from USAA Insurance in January after working as a licensing specialist for over 28½ years. She is catching up on craft projects, reading and online classes and looks forward to taking road trips with her sister in the near future.

**James Hollenbeck** of Jeffersonville, Indiana, is in his 19th year of teaching at Indiana University. He is the secondary education chair and associate to the dean at Indiana University Southeast. Dr. Hollenbeck also was invited to and presented at the first Digital +/- Presence Fulbright Bulgaria online conference in November.

'82 **Barry Lee** of Kankakee, Illinois, retired from his faculty position as a professor of social work at Olivet Nazarene University

this spring. He will assume a new position as a psychologist with the Illinois Department of Corrections.



'84 **Jackie Font-Guzmán** of Harrisonburg, Virginia, became the inaugural executive director of diversity, equity and inclusion at Eastern Mennonite University in April.

'87 Trustee **Curt Menefee** of Montecito, California, is pursuing his master's degree in public policy and public administration at Northwestern University.

## 1990s

'92 **Tracy Hamann** Nemechek of Elkader, Iowa, welcomed her third grandchild in February.

**Shyam Kambeyanda** of Potomac, Maryland, is the CEO of ESAB, an independent Maryland-based company that previously was a part of Colfax, which split into two separate companies in March. Kambeyanda was a Colfax executive vice president prior to the split.

'95 **Linda Sorgenfrey** Miller of Waukee, Iowa, opened her private practice, L. Miller Counseling LLC, in West Des Moines, Iowa. She is a licensed marriage and family therapist.

## 2000s

'00 **Emy Johnson** Williams of Solon, Iowa, was named the Iowa Class 3A Boys Cross Country Coach of the Year.

'01 **Matthew Hemesath** of New York, New York, served as the head costume designer on his first network television show, "Dr. Death." The show stars Alec Baldwin, Joshua Jackson and Christian Slater and will air on NBC Peacock in September.

'02 **Geneva Williams** of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, became the assistant county attorney in Tama County in November.

'04 **Lindsay Chase** of Waukee, Iowa, was named to Business Record's 2021 Forty Under 40 class. She is the senior vice president of finance at Holmes Murphy & Associates.

'07 **Luke Johnson** Lovegood of Council Bluffs, Iowa, was selected president-elect of the Iowa Choral Directors Association, the



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state's largest organization of vocal music educators. He will serve as president-elect for two years, followed by two years as president and two years as vice president.

### 2010s

'15 **Adam Kofoed** of Garner, Iowa, is the city administrator for the city of Garner.

**Tucker Rathjens** of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, became the manager of site operations at CRST Dedicated Solutions in October. He previously served as driver manager.

'17 **Wes Hoyer** of Bondurant, Iowa, joined Marquess Law Office P.C. as an associate attorney in November, growing the business from one attorney to two.

**Bill Young** of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, purchased Westfield Tennis Club in Cedar Rapids in February and has taken over the task of rebuilding after the derecho.

'18 **Juan Gomez** of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, is the co-founder of the film production company Young Creatives. The company's short film "Wake Up" won Best Short Film at the London International Film Festival.

'19 **Connor Moellenbeck** of Davenport, Iowa, co-founded Daydrink, a coffee shop with a focus on sustainability in Iowa City.

## KOHAWK GATHERINGS

KOHAWKS REUNITE AROUND THE WORLD



We've really missed getting alumni together, and we can't wait for all the Homecoming 2021 festivities happening October 21-24. **Donald Stevenson '76, Marvin Ware '75 and Ed McFalls '74** enjoyed themselves at the Coe College Black Alumni Association (CCBAA) Reunion in Houston in 2018, and we're excited to host lots of reunions on campus this fall. Make plans to join us for an unforgettable Homecoming!

## ALUMNI COUNCIL *Update*

Hi, fellow alumni!

Since I last wrote to you, a lot has changed in our world. Vaccinations for COVID-19 are out to most of the population, and we are starting to get back to our "new normal," which is so exciting.

I want to start by welcoming the Class of 2021 to the alumni family. In early May, Coe held the first-ever Commencement on Clark Field, and it was a great weekend to celebrate the Class of 2020 and the Class of 2021. We are so proud of all these students for

their resiliency over this past year and a half.

If you haven't already, mark your calendars for this year's Homecoming celebration. Since we weren't able to celebrate in person last fall, we are even more eager to see so many alumni on campus from October 21-24, 2021!

Coe also recently had a successful Day of Giving, and I want to reiterate the college's praise and thank all the amazing alumni who participated. It makes a big difference in the lives of our students.

As always, the college truly values the input and involvement from alumni, and the Alumni Council is proud to be your voice. If you have any thoughts, ideas or suggestions, please share them with us. And if you'd like to get more involved with Coe, there are many ways to do so! Just reach out to [alumni@coe.edu](mailto:alumni@coe.edu) to get started!

Once a Kohawk, always a Kohawk!



**Katie Lillibridge Dostal '99**  
Alumni Council President



# NBA coach and COE COLLEGE ATHLETIC HALL OF FAMER Bill Fitch '54



As a young Kohawk basketball player, former NBA coach and Coe College Athletic Hall of Famer **Bill Fitch '54** played under the direction of former Head Basketball Coach Theron "Tommy" Thomsen. When

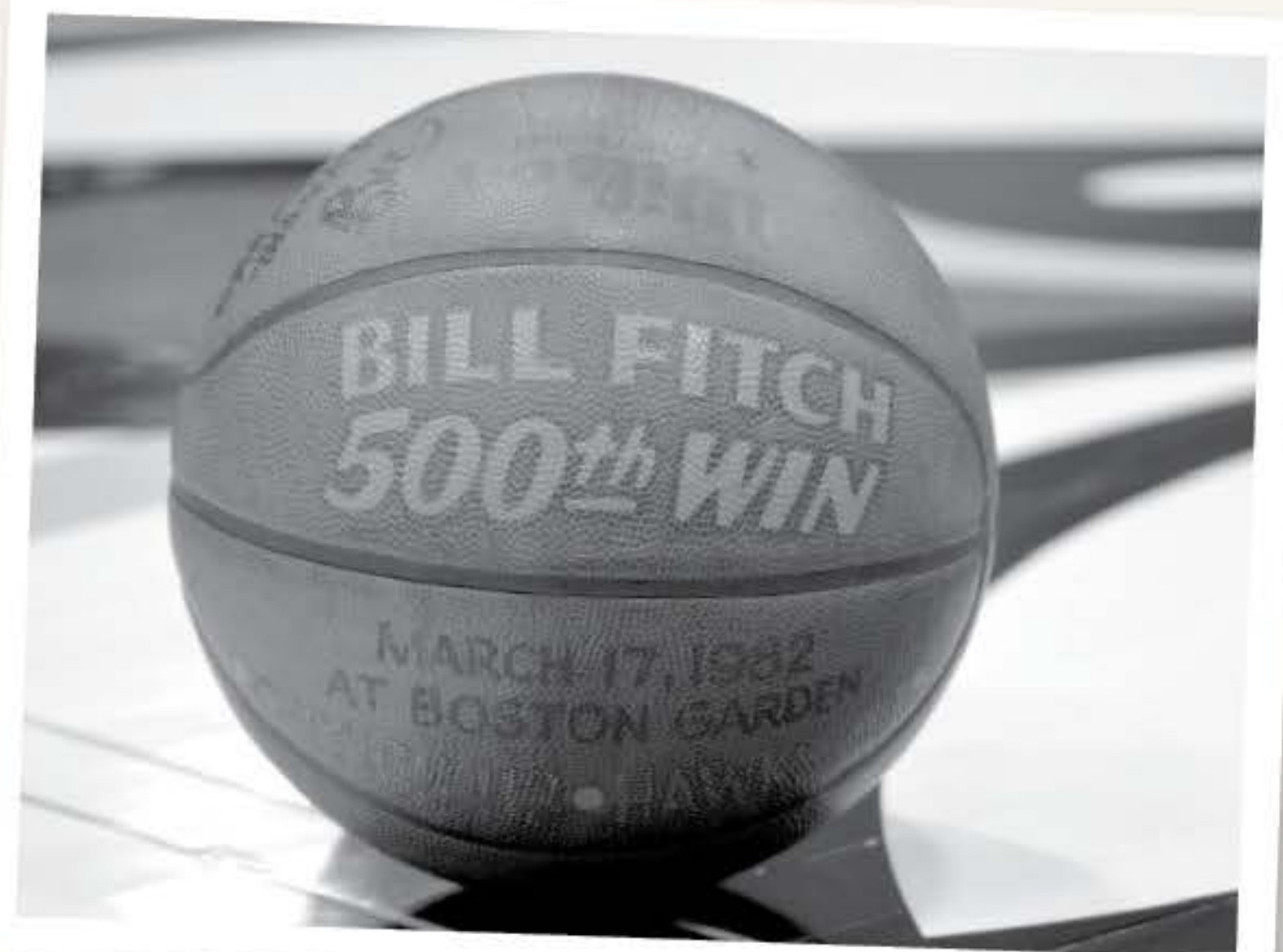
Thomsen later moved on to coach at Creighton University, he hired Fitch as his assistant. The rest, as they say, is history.

At the collegiate level, Fitch coached at Coe, University of North Dakota, Bowling Green State University and University of Minnesota. In his 25-year career in the NBA, he coached the Cleveland Cavaliers, Boston Celtics, Houston Rockets, New Jersey Nets and Los Angeles Clippers. He has many records and achievements to his credit, including two NBA Coach of the Year titles and a place in the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

When Fitch reached 500 NBA wins on March

17, 1982, he decided to show his appreciation to his former coach, presenting Thomsen with the ball from that milestone game inscribed with the message, "Tommy you were a great mentor. Thanks, Coach!"

Thomsen passed away in 2006, and his sons, Mark and Mike Thomsen, recently gifted the ball to Coe Athletics, where it will be put on display in Eby Fieldhouse.





## 2000s

**1** '03 **Bryan Boettcher** and **Beth Rohlena Boettcher '05** of Sergeant Bluff, Iowa, a son, Ace Jeffrey, on December 14. Ace is pictured with siblings Easton, Tessa and Bailey.

**2** '04 **Jennifer Flannagan** Cox and her husband, Kip, of Marion, Iowa, a son, Anthony, on September 28.

'08 **Andrew Machacek** and his wife, Katie, of Winthrop, Iowa, a son, Joseph, on November 2.

## 2010s

'10 **Jen DeHoet** Britt and her husband, Chris, of Bettendorf, Iowa, a daughter, Adalynn, on June 20, 2020.

'12 **Kyle Preuninger** and his wife, Kelly, of North Liberty, Iowa, a son, Noah McGee, on October 28.

**3** '13 **Dylan Boyle** and his wife, Rebecca, of Travelers Rest, South Carolina, a son, Jack Michael, on December 8.

**4** **Jordan Graen** and his wife, Alexandra, of Lake Elmo, Minnesota, a son, Louis Mitchell, on September 23.

**5** '14 **Mike Woolf** and **Jillian Reynolds** of Iowa City, Iowa, a daughter, Francesca Rose, on January 26.



## 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 March 15. **The deadline for the Fall 2021 Issue is September 1.** Announcements older than one year at the time they are submitted will not be published.

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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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Full obituaries for all decedents can be found at [www.coe.edu/courier](http://www.coe.edu/courier).

## 1940s

**1940 Jane Dunlap** Hagge, 103, of Hankinson, North Dakota, on January 19.

**1943 Grace Douma** Shaw, 98, of Middleton, Wisconsin, on December 17.

**Kathryn Fleu** Foulkes, 99, of Rock Island, Illinois, on February 1.

**1944 Frank "Richard" Whitters**, 98, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on December 12.

**1947 June Henrichs** Buol, 94, of Scotch Grove, Iowa, on November 3.

**Audrey Hubner** Timm, 93, of Rock Island, Illinois, on November 30.

**1948 Ruth Burlton** Lamb, 93, of Robins, Iowa, on November 4.

**Dorothy Gill** Barnes, 93, of Worthington, Ohio, on November 23.

**Jo Ann Miller** Reese, 94, of Springville, Iowa, on October 24.

**Phyllis Wise** Kurtz, 94, of Eau Claire, Wisconsin, on November 14.

**1949 John Aten**, 95, of Lake Forest, Illinois, on January 27.

**Barbara Bennett** Hyer, 94, of Anchorage, Alaska, on February 10, 2020.

**Gladys Conley** Collette, 92, of Anoka, Minnesota, on October 29.

**Robert Connell**, 97, of Alma, Michigan, on April 23, 2020.

**Richard Havlik**, 92, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on December 11.

**Gwendolyn Mix**, 96, of Des Moines, Iowa, on November 30.



Mary Neff, 91, wife of the late **John Neff '49**, of Atlanta, Georgia, on February 3. Mary earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from Purdue University. She worked in the mathematical research department at Bell Telephone Laboratories and earned her doctorate in mathematics from the University of Florida in 1956.



**Elinor Kanaske Day**, 93, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on December 10. After graduating from Coe, Elinor worked as a reporter for the Cedar Rapids Gazette. She later earned her master's degree in journalism from the University of Iowa. She became chief communications officer for the Cedar Rapids Public Schools and subsequently directed the communications programs for two different Cedar Rapids-based insurance companies and Mount Mercy College (now Mount Mercy University). She started and ran her own public relations consulting firm on two separate occasions and was the co-founder and first president of the Cedar Valley Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America. She also wrote and/

or edited five books. In the community, Elinor served as a library board member, helping to win private and public bond approval of a new public library after five public bond issues had failed previously. She was active with the Catherine McAuley Center and United Way of Linn County and served on advisory boards for Discovery Living and the regional Salvation Army. She stayed connected to Coe throughout her life, volunteering as a class representative and class reunion chair, serving as chair of the advisory board for the Coe Partners Program and receiving the Alumni Award of Merit in 1999. Elinor is survived by three sons, James, **Jonathan Day '78** and Tom; a daughter, **Ann Day** Freeman '83; a sister, Thama; eight grandchildren, including **Janey Day '17**; a niece; and a nephew. She was predeceased by her husband, **Jim Day '48**.

She became the first female faculty member at John Carroll University, an all-male Jesuit school. Mary later became a mathematics professor at Emory University, where she mentored numerous students and was the program director of the NSF Summer Program for High Ability Secondary School Students. She was actively involved in state and national organizations that promoted the teaching of mathematics. Mary served as a trustee of Coe College, completing her husband's term after John passed away in 1998. She was subsequently named an honorary trustee for the rest of her life.

**Gloria Peterson**, 93, of Omaha, Nebraska, on January 8.

**Patricia Tanner** O'Neill, 93, of Hatchechubbee, Alabama, on November 30.

**Mary Ellen Vavra** Lander, 93, of Columbus, Ohio, on December 4.

## 1950s

**1950 John Lorenz**, 92, of Bullhead City, Arizona, on December 21.

**Darlene Neprash** Lodge, 91, of Decatur, Georgia, on December 24.

**1951 Phyllis Hamilton** Babb, 91, of Southbury, Connecticut, on October 2.

**Daryl Northrop**, 91, of Indianapolis, Indiana, on October 26.

**1952 George Dostal**, 92, of Palm Desert, California, on December 6.

**LaDonna Hora**, 89, of Clutier, Iowa, on October 29.

**Lois Strother** Davis, 89, of Lisbon, Iowa, on January 2.

**1953 Robert Coppess**, 93, of Center Junction, Iowa, on February 28.

**Bruce Dunn**, 89, of Orinda, California, on October 16.

**James McGrew**, 92, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on December 10.

**Richard Smith**, 89, of Phoenix, Arizona, on January 4.

**1954 Shirley Brooks** Sachs, 88, of Wellington, Florida, on August 5.

**Donald Lodge**, 88, of Decatur, Georgia, on January 6.

**1955 Richard Dickson**, 86, of Napa, California, on March 13, 2020.

**1956 Joann Cook** Iverson, 86, of Spokane, Washington, on September 11.

**Jean Donaldson** Greener, 87, of Foley, Minnesota, on January 19.

**Robert "Boyd" Harris**, 89, of Rio Verde, Arizona, on October 7.

**William O'Hara**, 86, of Waterloo, Iowa, on October 26.

**Nancy Miller** Woodmansee, 87, of Burlington, Wisconsin, on March 8.

**Milton "Ed" White**, 87, of Sun City, Arizona, on July 6.



**1957 Agnes La Fontaine** Golda, 88, of Orlando, Florida, on December 18.

**Roy Seyller**, 92, of Elgin, Illinois, on January 2.

**Barbara Vomacka** Woito, 85, of Lincoln, Nebraska, on December 26.

**1958 Harry Halberstadt**, 85, of Rockford, Illinois, on November 11.

**James Leger**, 84, of Cambridge, Ohio, on January 22.



**Albert "Al" Pursell**, 84, of Lewisville, Texas, on December 7. At Coe, Al played on the basketball team, earning All-American honors in 1957 and induction into the Coe College Athletics Hall of Fame in 1973. He spent his professional career as a physical education teacher

and coach. Al is survived by a daughter, Barb Flanagan; a son, Bob Pursell; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

**John Ugolini**, 95, of Highland Park, Illinois, on February 10.

**1959 Donald Beck**, 83, of Danville, Iowa, on February 17.

**Richard Sandercock**, 84, of Lake Ozark, Missouri, on March 10.

## 1960s

**1960 Leroy Blackledge**, 89, of Tucson, Arizona, on January 10.

**Charlotte Crees**, 100, of Horseshoe Bend, Arkansas, on January 4.

**Patricia "Pat" Kamerling** Sealy, 81, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on December 14.

**Wallace "Wally" Whigam**, 82, of Desert Hot Springs, California, on December 23.

**1961 Constance Becker** Lunde, 82, of Solon, Iowa, on October 20.

**David Bey**, 86, of Nueva Gorgona, Panama, on February 17.

**1962 Carl Hoffman**, 84, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on December 12.

**David Roser**, 80, of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, on November 24.

**Lamont "Monty" Stuhler**, 81, of Cape Coral, Florida, on March 10, 2020.

**1963 Stuart Keeley**, 79, of Bowling Green, Ohio, on December 2.


**Donald Neblung**, 79, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on March 2.

**1964 Mary Jo Votroubek**, 78, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on November 2.

**1965 Leslie Wackher**, 76, of St. Louis, Missouri, on April 24, 2020.

**1968 William Schwandt**, 86, of Springfield, Missouri, on August 17.

**1969 Susan Clark** Knudsen, 73, of Cape Coral, Florida, on January 23.

 **John Gohmann**, 73, of Libertyville, Illinois, on December 13.

## 1970s

**1971 Larry Finley**, 76, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on December 4.

**Clarence Clearwater Toledo**, 71, of Williams, Arizona, on December 28.

**1973 Michael "Mike" Janesch**, 70, of Lincoln, Nebraska, on January 13.

**1974 William Samuels**, 68, of Kennewick, Washington, on September 2.

**1978 Richard Reilly**, 64, of Phillips, Wisconsin, on November 21.


**Mitchell "Mick" Rothlein**, 63, of Manchester, Vermont, on October 31.

**Steven Wright**, 64, of Solon, Iowa, on December 6.

## 1980s

**1980 John McGee**, 73, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on December 1.

**1982 Lila Andersen**, 92, of Independence, Iowa, on December 3.

 **1985 John Schmidt**, 82, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on January 26.

**1989 Annette Keup** Baxter, 54, of Danville, Illinois, on October 3.

## 1990s

**1991 Lyn Brodersen** Cochran, 52, of Davenport, Iowa, on January 12.

**1993 Laura Townsend-Edler**, 55, of Gladbrook, Iowa, on November 18.

**1999 James "Jim" Daubenmier**, 76, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on December 12.

## 2000s

**2000 Morgan "Andrew" Small**, 41, of Berwyn, Illinois, in spring 2019.

**2003 Jamie Thomann**, 39, of Fairfax, Iowa, on February 5.

## 2020s

**2024 Chloe Ojeda**, 18, of Princeton, Minnesota, on February 11. Chloe was studying elementary education at Coe to become a school music teacher. She was a talented singer and had plans to try out for "America's Got Talent" this summer. She enjoyed choir, and throughout high school she performed in show choir and was active in theater and drama. She performed in many plays, with one-act plays being her favorite. She was a huge Disney fan and enjoyed musicals, classic rock and show tunes. Chloe is survived by her father, Jon (Shannon) Ojeda; her mother, Lisa (Jade) West; three brothers, Alex Ojeda, Cray Nelson and Briggs West; four sisters, Kristina Waldron, Katlin (Kaylin) Waldron, Kassie Waldron and Kara Main; her grandparents, Cheryl and Jesse Ojeda, Verla and Roger Nelson, Kathleen and Michael Watson and Don and Bonnie West; great-grandfather, Lawrence Main; an uncle; five aunts; a nephew; and many cousins and other family members.

## Faculty/Staff

Professor of Chemistry Emeritus **Duane Carr**, 88, of Grand Junction, Colorado, on January 28.

Former lecturer in music and New York Term on-site program co-director **Murray Ralph**, 88, of Great Barrington, Massachusetts, on April 8.

Former alumni office secretary **Ruth Switzer**, 93, of Hiawatha, Iowa, on November 7.

Howard Hall Professor of English Emeritus **Neal Woodruff**, 95, of Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, on January 14.



# DURING A TIME WHEN WE HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO GATHER IN PERSON, WE'VE FOUND CREATIVE WAYS TO ENGAGE WITH OUR ALUMNI COMMUNITY OVER THE LAST YEAR.



Through virtual events, we've connected with hundreds of Kohawks all over the country and across the world.



## Coe From Your Couch

This webinar series featured a dozen presentations by Coe faculty for alumni to enjoy from the comfort of their couches. Topics included archaeological excavations, a songwriter's roundtable, the story of the Clark Alumni House garden and American art in the 1930s, among others.



## C3 Career Communities Alumni Panels

The 10 Career Communities sponsored by Coe's C3: Creativity, Careers, Community enable alumni to network with current students and serve as resources to help them on their career journeys. Nearly all of the communities hosted virtual panel discussions through Zoom during the 2020-2021 academic year to bring alumni and students together. Each event featured a group of alumni sharing their knowledge and insights on career-related topics, allowing students to ask questions and learn more about the professional options and opportunities available in their chosen fields of study.



## Kohawk Chats

These virtual events offered various groups of alumni the chance to catch up on all things Coe with Interim President **David Hayes '93** and learn about current news and updates regarding specific departments or areas of the college. Kohawk Chats were held for members of Greek life, former athletes, history majors, physics majors and Heritage Club members.



## WEDDING BELLS

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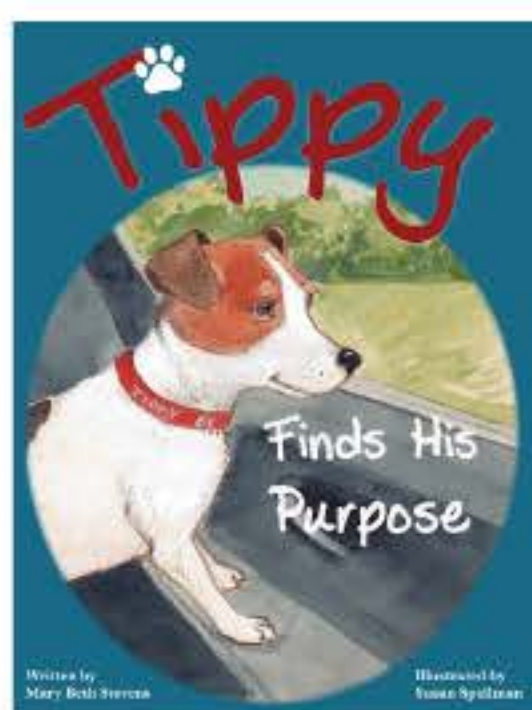
#### 1990s

'90 **Chris Baker** and Addison North of Hollister, Missouri, on July 19.

## PUSHA DA PEN

### WRITTEN ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF COE'S ALUMNI

#### 1970s



'78 **Mary Beth Richardson Stevens** of Flat Rock, North Carolina, published the children's book "Tippy Finds His Purpose," the story of a rescue dog who explores some of the ways dogs make the world a better place and discovers a

purpose that is perfect just for him. The book is available on Amazon.

## FACULTY & STAFF

### UPDATES AND ACCOLADES

Associate Professor of Physics **Ugur Akgun** and Coe students presented "Proton Imaging with Machine Learning" at the SPIE Medical Imaging Conference in February. He and Coe students also published "Human RhCG Ammonia Conduction Mechanism" in the Journal of Computational Molecular Bioscience. He also worked with collaborators to submit a National Science Foundation grant application titled "Advanced Optical Instrumentation for Ultra-compact, Radiation Hard EM Calorimetry" last fall.

William P. and Gayle S. Whipple Associate Professor of History **Brie Swenson Arnold** published "African American Migration to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and the Making of the Midwest, 1860-1900" in the anthology "The Making of the Midwest: Essays on the Formation of Midwestern Identity, 1787-1900." She also gave the presentation "Women's Work and Labor Activism" for the Council Bluffs Public Library in March.

Professor of Political Science **Lynda Barrow** published the book "Religion and Politics on

the World Stage: An IR Approach" through Lynne Rienner publishers in February.

B.D. Silliman Professor of Physics **Steve Feller** and Assistant Professor of Physics **Caio Bragatto**, along with Coe students **Graham Beckler '22**, **William Guthrie '22**, **Martha Jesuit '21**, **Makyla Boyd '22**, **Ian Slagle '22** and **Robert Wilson '22** and Coe alumna **Anne Ruckman '20** published "Lithium ion sites and their contribution to the ionic conductivity of RLi<sub>2</sub>O-B<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> glasses with R<sub>2</sub> ≤ 1.85" in the Solid State Ionics Journal.

Visiting Assistant Professor of Sociology **Alissa Boguslaw** had her article "Almost Sovereign: Kosovo's NEWBORN Sculpture and the Indeterminacy of the State" accepted for publication in the journal Nations and Nationalism.

Associate Professor of Rhetoric **Allison Carr '05** published two nonfiction essays, "What I Think About When People Ask 'How Are You'" in Apple in the Dark magazine and "Losing Composure" in CRAFT literary magazine. "Losing Composure" was nominated for a Pushcart Prize.

Elnora H. and William B. Quarton Associate Professor of Business Administration and Economics **Jay Chen** presented the paper "Size Matters or Risks Pay: Learning from the Texas University Endowment" at the annual meetings of the Midwest Economics Association in March.

William P. and Gayle S. Whipple Professor of English Emeritus **Bob Drexler** published the novel "What Comes Around" and the poetry collection "Phaulkon-esque," both of which are available on Amazon.

Adjunct Instructor in Theatre Arts **Emily Ganfield '06** was the costume designer for the Iowa PBS and Iowa Stage Theatre Company production of "It's a Wonderful Life" presented in December.

Adjunct Instructor in Education **John Hanson** was elected president of the Linn County Conservation Board for 2021.

John William King Professor of Literature and Creative Writing **Gina Hausknecht** participated in a Shakespeare Association of America seminar titled "Teaching Shakespeare in the Age of Mass Incarceration," for which she wrote the paper "Making Shakespeare in Prison, Together: Shakespearean Adaptation and Collaborative Learning." She also gave the presentation "Drawing One's Own Conclusions: Teaching Graphic Narrative Memoir in Prison" at the virtual National Conference for Higher Education in Prison. This year, she also is a co-facilitator of an Iowa/Minnesota Campus Compact Community of Practice titled "Reflecting in and on Times of Crisis and Change."

Joanne M. Pochobradsky Associate Professor of French **Joyce Janca-Aji**

published the article "The Genealogy of No-Self: Marguerite Yourcenar's Koan of the Labyrinth" in the international journal Genealogy. She was an invited discussant for an online conference titled "Liberty and Slavery in the American Imagination" in March and contributed a chapter titled "Whose Dharma is it Anyway? Identity and Belonging in American Buddhist (Post)Modernities" in the publication "For God and Country: Essays on Religion and Nationalism" published in March.

Assistant Professor of Art History **Ranelle Knight-Lueth** was invited to present several lectures at the Figge Art Museum in February and March in conjunction with the exhibition "For America: Paintings from the National Academy of Design." She also was invited to present a series of lectures on women in American art every Sunday in March, discussing contributions women made as collectors, museum founders and donors, critics, authors, art historians and artists.

Assistant Professor of Economics **Chelsea Crain Lensing '14** co-authored the book chapter "Economics of Obesity" in "Handbook of Labor, Human Resources and Population Economics."

Assistant Professor of English and Creative Writing **LaTanya McQueen** will publish her first novel, "When the Reckoning Comes," through Harper Perennial this summer. She also has published an essay collection titled "And It Begins Like This."

Assistant Professor of English **Matthew Salesses** published the book "Craft in the Real World" through Catapult Books in January, which was reviewed in The New York Times. He also was a finalist for the 2021 PEN/Faulkner Award for his book "Disappear Doppelgänger Disappear."

Henry and Margaret Haegg Associate Professor of English **Amber Shaw** published "'We could do, perhaps, more good there than here': Harriet Farley and the Transatlantic Audience of the Lowell Offering" in the journal Women's Writing; "Touring the 'Magic Castles': Nineteenth-Century European Travel Writers in Lowell, Massachusetts" in Symbiosis: A Journal of Anglo-American Relations; and "'Our humble words have gone over the seas': Mind Amongst the Spindles and the Transatlantic Circulation of the Lowell Offering" in the book "Transatlantic Girlhood in the Long Nineteenth-Century." She also had the publication "Mining the (Virtual) Archive: Navigating Student-Faculty Research in a Pandemic" accepted by the journal ESQ.

Associate Professor of History and Associate Dean for Faculty Development **Angela Ziskowski** published "Athena at Corinth: Revisiting the Identification of the Temple of Apollo" in the journal Phoenix.





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we are hopeful for an in-person

## HOMECOMING IN 2021 TAKING PLACE OCTOBER 21-24.

Make plans to attend your reunion and reconnect with classmates and friends while reliving traditions and reminiscing about your years at Coe.

### REUNIONS

2014-2016 | 2010-2011 | 2000-2002 | 1994-1996 | 1989-1991 | 1980-1981 | 1970-1971  
Phi Kappa Tau 100th + 1 Anniversary Celebration | Lambda Chi Alpha 75th Anniversary Celebration

Be sure to watch your mailbox for your official Homecoming invitation later this summer.  
Registration will open in August at [www.alumni.coe.edu/homecoming21](http://www.alumni.coe.edu/homecoming21).