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Between the covers of every Courier, you'll find a window into Coe College. This publication is intended to give Kohawks near and far a glimpse into what's happening on campus and how Coe alumni and friends are making an impact in the world. In this issue, you'll see how your college is adapting to and meeting the challenges of our day.

We are effectively managing the continuing realities of COVID-19 while also restoring the rich and vibrant Coe campus experience, which is thriving. In-person classes have fully returned, athletic competitions and arts performances have taken place as scheduled and students are fully engaging in campus activities that allow them to build the relationships that endure for generations with their Kohawk peers. We were overjoyed to host Homecoming in October after a hiatus in 2020, and we enthusiastically welcomed more than 600 alumni back to campus for the festivities.

Just as we've adjusted to the changes brought about by the pandemic, we are adapting and evolving the resources offered on campus to better serve our students. This fall, we established the Office of Student Success & Persistence to help first-year students make a smooth transition from high school to college through the support of staff coaches. Our Office of Health and Wellness is perpetually expanding and enhancing its programs and resources to benefit the physical, mental and emotional well-being of our students. We also continue our essential work related to diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) across campus. Ongoing conversations between students, faculty, staff and administrators as well as educational programming are providing opportunities for learning and growth. Coe's commitment to DEI is unwavering and extends to all corners of the college, and as our work evolves, we will share more about our efforts in future communications.

We continue to move forward and make progress toward strategic endeavors. We held a steel signing ceremony at the end of September to kick off the construction of the David and Janice McNally Center for Health and Society (CHS), which you can read more about in the pages of this Courier. I'm fortunate to have an excellent vantage point from my office to view the construction, and it is inspiring to observe the progress each day and watch Peterson Hall transform as our vision becomes a reality. All of us at Coe are eager to see the doors of the CHS open next fall and provide a space for students to pioneer the future of health care and allied fields.

Of course, none of these exciting initiatives and developments would be possible without the steadfast support of our devoted alumni and friends. The investments you make in our college allow our students to thrive and grow. I encourage you to view our 2020-2021 Annual Report contained in this issue to see an illustration of those investments at work. It is my fervent hope that you understand how integral your support is to the mission of Coe College and how appreciative we are of your commitment to bettering the lives of our students.

Alma mater, hail hail hail.

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President

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During the Center for Health and Society steel signing ceremony, David and Janice McNally were celebrated for their contributions to Coe and to CHS, which will be named after them as the David and Janice McNally Center for Health and Society.



Steel signing ceremony

MARKS THE START OF CHS CONSTRUCTION

There was an undeniable sense of pride and optimism — on the faces of attendees and within the words spoken by those addressing the crowd — as more than 120 people gathered September 30 to celebrate the ceremonial start of the construction phase of the David and Janice McNally Center for Health and Society (CHS). Members of the Coe, Cedar Rapids and local medical communities gathered behind Cherry Auditorium and reviewed the architectural renderings of the future facility, heard about the impact the CHS will have on the region and signed their names on a steel beam that will be used in construction of the building.

The CHS facility will be a space dedicated to advising, mentoring and preparing students for careers in the growing health care industry. It is named for Coe President Emeritus David McNally and former First Lady Janice

McNally. Dave served as Coe's 15th president from July 2013 until the end of 2020. He recently was succeeded by **David T. Hayes '93** as the 16th president. Both were instrumental in implementing the college's current strategic plan, A Bolder Coe, of which the CHS is a critical component.

Hayes, Coe Trustee Dr. **Tim Sagers '97** and Coe Board of Trustees Chair **Ken Golder '82** addressed event attendees, and all shared a similar message: The CHS will have a transformative impact on health care locally and on a broader scale.

"The CHS will be a rare place — a place where all students from any major or area of study can be exposed to the complex health care ecosystem by didactic work, clinical exploration, internships and research," said Sagers, who



is the medical director of MercyCare Business Health Solutions and a doctor with MercyCare Community Physicians. "Coe's proximity to the MedQuarter will allow us to strengthen our relationships and build new opportunities with our partners in the MedQuarter at Mercy, UnityPoint and Physicians' Clinic of Iowa. Our work at the CHS will garner much attention and will allow Coe to build new opportunities near and far."

Sagers also noted construction of the CHS comes at an opportune time, especially in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"I am optimistic that we are about to witness an explosion of health care-related innovation and a significant retooling of the health care system, and our students, faculty and staff here at the CHS will lead the way," he said.

Local health care and business organizations attending in support of the project included The Hall-Perrine Foundation, Mercy Medical Center, UnityPoint Health - St.

Luke's Hospital, Cedar Rapids Metro Economic Alliance, MedQuarter Regional Medical District, Family Caregivers Center of Mercy, Rock Valley Physical Therapy, East Central Iowa Acute Care Emergency Medicine and Dental Equipment and Supply.

"Seeing the Coe community and MedQuarter leaders come together for the steel signing offered an exciting preview of the enhanced partnerships the CHS will foster," said Hayes. "Initiatives of this magnitude cannot happen without incredible collaboration and trusted partnerships, and we are grateful to have these in abundance at Coe. This event was a fitting way to kick off the construction phase of this transformative project."

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. The CHS will open in the fall of 2022.



More than 120 people gathered to sign a steel beam that will be used in the construction of the David and Janice McNally Center for Health and Society.



Board of Trustees Chair **Ken Golder '82** makes closing remarks at the CHS steel signing ceremony.





President **David Hayes '93** delivers opening remarks to the crowd gathered for the CHS steel signing.



Coe Trustee **Dr. Tim Sagers '97** addresses the crowd at the CHS steel signing ceremony. His remarks brought the critical impact of the CHS into focus.

An excerpt from Dr. Sagers' remarks

The CHS is about our need for new kinds of health care professionals, nurses and other providers who have a solid understanding of data and how it can impact clinical decision making. Using data analytic tools to make real-time clinical decisions will fundamentally change care delivery and make health care safer. The incorporation of Coe's new data analytics coursework into the study of the life sciences could allow Coe to produce a new generation of caregivers with skills graduates from other institutions do not possess but are greatly needed.

It's about providing a health care context to our social science students and those studying politics and policy, so they can leave Coe and help solve the problems of health care inequity made so obvious during the pandemic. These disparities have tremendous impact on health outcomes. It will take a multidisciplinary approach to better understand and find solutions for these complex social determinants of health.

It's about providing an understanding of the significant role mental health plays in societal health as a whole — so our psychology students and others might be motivated to pursue a clinical career to help solve the tremendous deficiencies in our mental health system delivery, a system that struggles to provide even simple access to the one in five Americans who deal with a mental health problem.

It's about computer science and engineering directed students who can leave Coe with a core understanding of the health delivery model, leveraging the IT and AI technologies so they can build new platforms and products to open new health care access, enhance communication between provider and patient and help patients find greater control and influence over their health care.

It's about music and performing arts students who understand the healing power of music and the arts on seriously ill patients and those at the end of their life. It is about those studying creative arts who can illustrate and demonstrate complex health concepts to patients and their families.

It's about business, econ and accounting majors who will leave Coe with an understanding of the financial and supply chain inefficiencies behind our health care delivery system so they can find new ways to maintain financial solvency, build more reliable supply logistics systems and find new ways to fund care for those most in need.

These are just a few examples of the kind of cross-campus opportunities the CHS could produce. Opportunities made possible by Coe's commitment to the liberal arts and the real life, career-oriented work supported by our center for creativity and careers initiative.

I have only scratched the surface here. I believe the applications and use cases that will be borne of the CHS are endless.

I am confident that we can see immediate results.

The close working relationship shared by our faculty and students will allow for new ideas to grow quickly.

DR. TIM SAGERS '97



ALUMNUS
DAVID T. HAYES '93
selected as Coe College's
16TH PRESIDENT



Nearly 30 years after serving as Coe's student body president, **David T. Hayes '93** officially assumed the presidency of Coe College October 1, 2021

Acting as interim president since January 1, 2021, Hayes sustained the positive progress of the A Bolder Coe strategic plan and guided the college through a public health crisis and recovery from a natural disaster, the August 2020 derecho. In the interim time period, Coe enrolled the third-largest class in the college's history, earned national rankings for its internship and networking initiatives and successfully advanced fundraising for the David and Janice McNally Center for Health and Society. In his prior role as vice president for advancement he increased Coe's average annual fundraising outcomes by nearly 40% over the previous five-year average.

After graduating magna cum laude from Coe in 1993, Hayes continued his education at the University of Iowa College of Law where he earned his Juris Doctor with high distinction and an LLM in international and comparative law. He practiced law with Shuttleworth & Ingersoll PLC in Cedar Rapids prior to returning to Coe in 2001 as a member of the faculty.

A passionate teacher, Hayes is known for his commitment to the student experience as an engaging and accessible mentor, twice earning the Charles J. Lynch Outstanding Teacher Award and holding the Louis J. & Ella Pochobradsky chair. He also directed Coe's pre-law and environmental studies programs before transitioning to vice president for advancement in 2014.

HAYES IS THE FIRST ALUM TO SERVE AS PRESIDENT AT COE.

"It has been an honor to serve Coe in the interim role. The resiliency and ingenuity of our community over the past nine

"I am committed to upholding Coe's values and advocating for our mission, which has resonated with thousands of students over decades. I look forward to continuing the tradition of fostering an informed, curious and innovative campus community."

months has been humbling to witness," Hayes said. "It is with great joy and eagerness that I begin this new role as president, especially at a college so dear to me personally."

In addition to his fundraising acumen and teaching accolades, Hayes has been a leading force in recent transformative efforts across campus. Under his leadership, the development of the C3: Creativity, Careers, Community center was started and completed. He has guided sustainability initiatives like the solar panels on Clark Racquet Center, the green roof on Gage Memorial Union and a water management program.

Hayes and his wife, Heather, are the parents of three children, Mackenzie, Johanna and Allison. Heather is the senior pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Cedar Rapids.

CLARK MERIT SCHOLARS

2021-2022



LILA
DABILL '22



NATALIE
HANSEN '22



ZACH
NIEMEYER '22



ALLYSSA
ROEKER '22



LUKE
VANDERSCHAAFF '22

The Clark Merit Award provides a scholarship equal to one year's tuition. The recipients of this prestigious award demonstrate qualities of character, integrity, intellect, leadership and social responsibility. Clark Merit Scholars are chosen each year by a committee of faculty members and a member of the Board of Trustees. "Congratulations to these outstanding winners! The Coe community is honored to have the opportunity to recognize exceptional student achievement from a talented pool of candidates," said Coe President **David Hayes '93**.

MEET THE CLARK MERIT SCHOLARS

LILA, PHYSICS AND MATHEMATICS — “I’m extremely grateful for this scholarship award and honored by the Clark Merit Committee’s faith in my abilities and future goals. This award will push me to work harder at making my voice heard in the male-dominated field of physics and to raise the voices of those around me.”

NATALIE, ECONOMICS WITH MINORS IN SPANISH AND DATA SCIENCE — “I am so honored to receive this award alongside the other students selected, out of a very talented pool of applicants. The Clark Merit Scholarship will allow me to focus on my studies for my senior year while I explore options for graduate school or a career path post-graduation. I want to thank all of my professors, classmates and softball teammates for pushing me in my academics and extracurriculars and my family for being my biggest cheerleaders along the way.”

ZACH, BIOLOGY AND CHEMISTRY — “The award is a great honor and blessing. The Clark family’s ability to have continual impact on Coe College students is astounding, and for that I am grateful as I consider the possibilities of attending medical or graduate school. Thank you to the Clarks and to all my professors and mentors who have helped mold me into a fortunate recipient!”

ALLY, ENGLISH, COMMUNICATION STUDIES AND WRITING — “Receiving this award is an incredible encouragement and motivational force, especially for someone who is in the humanities. Because the world often scoffs at English majors, being selected shows that my college supports and believes in what I do and study. It also pushes me

to work even harder and make my community, my family and myself proud of what I’ve accomplished at Coe. I can keep my attention on preparing for my next big life transition and taking advantage of all my final year at Coe has to offer.”

LUKE, POLITICAL SCIENCE AND PHILOSOPHY WITH A MINOR IN HISTORY — “I am honored to receive this award because it recognizes all my hard work in and out of the classroom over the past few years. It also makes my dream of graduate school and helping others through public policy more of a reality. I want to thank my friends, family and mentors for their guidance that helped make all of this possible.”

This year’s selection committee members were Assistant Professor of Stead Department of Business Administration and Economics **Chelsea Crain** Lensing ’14, Associate Professor of Biology David Lo and Trustee Dr. **David Gehring** ’89.

The Clark Merit Awards are funded by an endowment created in 1995 by the late Coe alumnus **K. Raymond Clark** ’30. Clark’s gratitude and loyalty to his alma mater were unequivocally and magnificently evidenced by his service as a member of Coe’s Board of Trustees from 1966 until his death in 2005 and by his unparalleled record of personal giving to the institution. The Clark Racquet Center and Clark Field, Clark Alumni House, Contemporary Issues Forum and Clark Endowment for Merit Awards have significantly enhanced the Coe educational experience and greatly strengthened the institution.

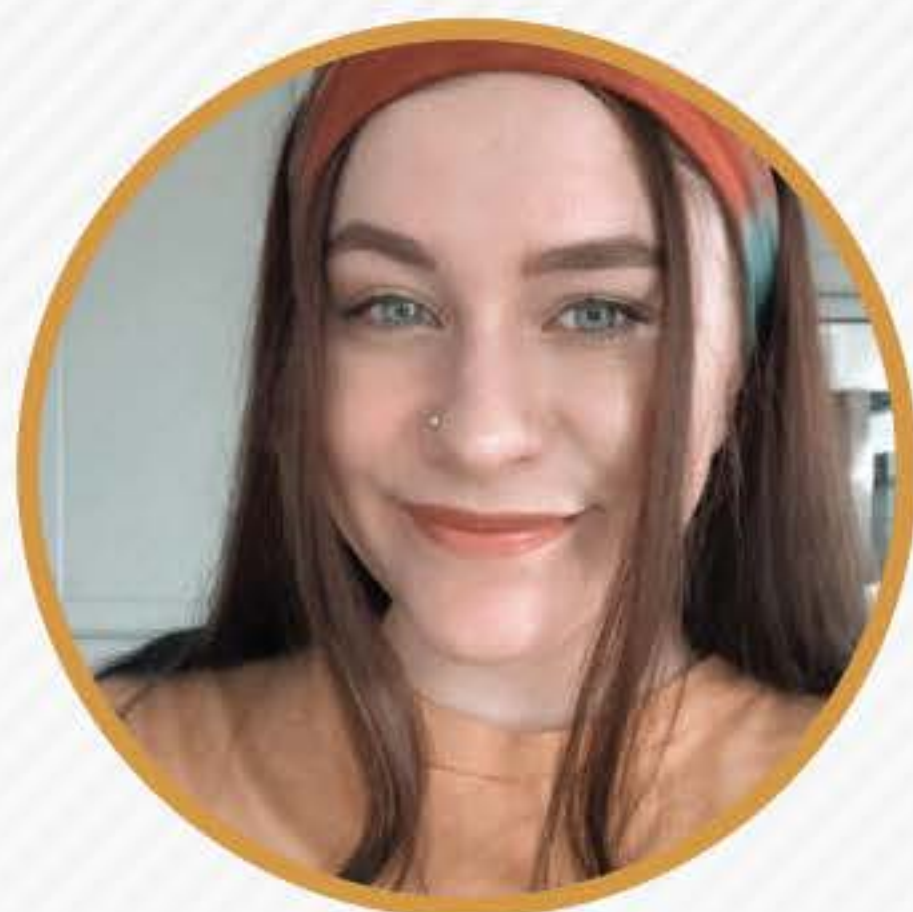
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COE ADVANTAGE

KOHAWKS FIND THEIR PURPOSE WITH SUPPORT FROM THEIR FLOCK

Summer is for gorging on cool, crisp watermelon at barbecues, the lingering smell of chlorine after a pool party and nights lounging in front of the crimson crackle of a campfire. But, when you're a Kohawk, chances are your summers are packed with exciting internship opportunities, too. For many students, a summer internship is transformative and career-affirming.

A pillar of a Coe education is that 100% of students are guaranteed an internship, research opportunity or off-campus study. But they don't embark on those journeys alone. They have alumni, faculty, staff and campus resources like C3: Creativity, Careers, Community to act as mentors through this pivotal time in their lives.



KAILEY BLUNK '22

Majors: Communication Studies and Public Relations

Minors: Creative Writing and Gender Studies

Internship: Waypoint Services

A fervent writer, Kailey found her passion interning for the violence and homelessness crisis center Waypoint Services, developing content for its website.

"This has helped me figure out what I want to do after graduation. I'm interested in a career in nonprofit marketing."



JOSHUA CONTE '23

Majors: Business Administration and Managerial Accounting

Minor: Communication Studies

Internship: Shuttleworth & Ingersoll

As someone who has followed the stock market since ninth grade, Joshua is one step closer to corporate law with a summer internship turned part-time job at Shuttleworth & Ingersoll with help from Nanci Young, careers director at C3: Creativity, Careers, Community.

"It's hard enough to get an internship at a law firm, let alone as an undergraduate. The fact that I was able to get my foot in the door and make these connections is big."



MIMI DAOUD '23

Majors: Psychology and Social and Criminal Justice

Internship: Reintegration Initiative for Safety and Empowerment (RISE)

A believer in the power of empathy and unity, Mimi is leading a new art program at RISE, a Cedar Rapids program that guides individuals who were recently incarcerated toward resources and services such as housing, transportation, food and jobs. Mimi was able to shape her internship, which included securing a partnership with the Eastern Iowa Academy of Arts for supplies.

"This is definitely something I want to do in the future, working with my social and criminal justice background in a rehabilitative aspect. I want to basically make it so the people that have been incarcerated can return and re-enter society as productive members of society."



HUNTER JEFFREY '22

Major: Business Administration - Sports Management Concentration

Internship: Ledgestone Insurance

Working for an NFL team after graduation was Hunter's plan — until he fell in love with disc golf last spring and interned for the Ledgestone Insurance Open disc golf tournament after talking it through with his mentor and coach, Larry Atwater '82.

"I talk to Coach Atwater often. I'm in this office a lot. He helped provide me with a list of internships I could do with our local sports teams in Cedar Rapids. But I told him I was interested in disc golf and talked to him about the tournament. He let me do what I wanted to do to find my passion."



KATIE KROB '22

Major: Mathematics

Minor: Spanish

Internship: United Way of Central Iowa

After a heart-to-heart with Assistant Professor of Mathematics Brittney Miller, Katie explored the highly coveted and growing field of data science interning for United Way of Central Iowa.

"She helped me when I didn't know what I wanted to do. I talked to her a lot, and she really calmed me down and helped me figure out what I could do. She opened my eyes to all the possibilities in mathematics and the interesting work behind data science. She's definitely a big mentor for me."



CAROLINE STRAUDEL '22

Majors: Psychology, Biology and Neuroscience

Internship: UnityPoint Health - St. Luke's Hospital

Caroline is set on pursuing a doctorate in health or counseling psychology after gaining real-life experience in the field interning and researching with psychologist Dr. Benjamin Tallman '04 at UnityPoint Health - St. Luke's and Associate Professor of Biology Paul Storer.

"My two experiences this summer provided me with a realistic outlook on both areas and will make me a better, more informed applicant. These opportunities are going to be valuable research and clinical experiences that will help guide me in identifying a graduate program that best suits my interests and future career."



COE COLLEGE NAVIGATES EXTRAORDINARY RECRUITING YEAR TO WELCOME THIRD-LARGEST CLASS

High school students across the country continue to take notice of Coe College's perennial national recognition as a leading college, as Coe welcomed 436 new students this fall.

Coe is in the top 7% of four-year colleges and universities on The Princeton Review Best Value Colleges list, and ranks nationally in the private college category as the 10th Best School for Internships and the 20th Best Alumni Network. Coe is the only Iowa college or university to earn rankings in both categories.

The incoming students comprise the third-largest class in the college's 170-year history, including the largest domestic first-year population ever. The nine largest classes in Coe's history have all come over the past nine years.

Over the past year, communicating the opportunities and value that a Coe education creates took ingenuity and patience when relationship-building and campus visits were mostly limited to a virtual setting.

"I'm thrilled to be able to welcome these students," said Associate Vice President for Enrollment Josh Kite. "This past year was atypical in so many ways, but the one thing that never wavered was the resiliency of the admission staff and Coe community working together alongside our incoming class to navigate this unforeseen situation."

Coe remained committed to connect on a personal level with students who were interested in enrolling at Coe. In addition to limited in-person contact, online chats, video calls and virtual tours with a student guide allowed admission counselors to demonstrate and discuss the Coe experience.

The efforts resulted in the impressive class, which is composed of students from 27 different states and six countries — the second-largest state distribution in the college's history. Of the 436 students, 48% will play varsity athletics, 42% are first-generation students and one-third

(33.5%) come from underrepresented backgrounds, also the second highest percentage in the college's history. The class academic profile features an average GPA of 3.7 and average ACT of 25.

"It's a historic class in historic times. It speaks to our reputation and to our commitment to foster academic excellence and student success," Kite said.

The Class of 2025 is currently working with members of the newly formed Office of Student Success and Persistence to aid in their transition to college. Success coaches will work with members of the class throughout the year to provide guidance on how to assimilate into a college environment.

"Coe is poised to meet the needs of this generation of students. We recognize the uniqueness of the times and have risen to provide the needed services to our community," said Vice President for Enrollment, Marketing and Institutional Effectiveness **Julie Kleis Staker '93**. "In addition to the Office of Student Success and Persistence, our C3: Creativity, Careers, Community center is connecting students to alumni and internships in a way that's nationally recognized, and Coe continues to proceed with innovations like our Center for Health and Society."

"We're excited to not only welcome these students to their new home but to begin to pair them with these opportunities while they are undergraduate students, which in turn will create valuable professional experience and networks to open doors upon graduation," Staker said.

The efforts to enhance academics with career-affirming experiences and professional connections have been effective. For the past decade, reporting Coe graduates have been employed, in graduate school or involved in service opportunities nearly 100% of the time within nine months of graduation. The national average is 83%.

2021 HOMECOMING

— Home Sweet Coe! —

OCTOBER 21-24

Campus was bustling with activity throughout Homecoming week, as Kohawk pride blazed as bright as the crimson and gold leaves decorating campus. Between unwinding with pet therapy and jamming at Kohawk Rock, students energetically commemorated Homecoming week. Meanwhile, the classes of 1970 and 1971 celebrated their golden anniversary with a pinning and party recognizing 50 years as Kohawks! The Athletic Hall of Fame added two new classes to the ranks, and three remarkable alumni were honored with awards. To top it all off, the Kohawk football team was victorious with a 63-7 win over Luther College. As over 600 alumni returned to campus, it was affirmed that campus always will be home sweet Coe.

HONORING DISTINGUISHED KOHAWKS

The Coe College Alumni Council celebrated Coe's finest at the All-Alumni Recognition Program during Homecoming. **Justin Nylin '13** was the recipient of the Young Alum Award, **Paula Ginder Lentz '89** was the recipient of the Alumni Award of Merit and **Heather Daniels '95** was presented with the Distinguished Service Award.

YOUNG ALUM AWARD

At MercyOne Clinton Medical Center in Clinton, Iowa, everyone knows Justin Nylin. His mom, Carol, has worked there for over four decades but says, "I get called 'Justin's mom' all the time here at Mercy. He has a huge outreach in the community and the hospital. Everybody knows Justin around here."

Nylin has worked at MercyOne Clinton for 13 years and has served as a registered nurse since he graduated from Coe with his nursing degree in 2013. He first worked as a nurse in the Intensive Care Unit and then became a house supervisor in Clinical Operations. In his next role, he ran daily operations for the Ambulatory Care Unit as the unit charge nurse, where he expanded the unit's treatment options to include Peripherally Inserted Central Catheter (PICC) insertion for daily antibiotics or chemotherapy, as well as pain management for patients with severe and chronic pain. Next, he took a role as a nursing supervisor where Nylin monitored quality of care and patient satisfaction and developed and facilitated educational training for fellow nurses in his units. In his current role as director of cardiac services at MercyOne Clinton, Nylin is responsible for daily operations of the cardiac catheterization lab, stress lab and cardiac rehabilitation. At the same time, he also serves as a registered nurse at Bickford Assisted Living where he coordinates care with patients and their families.

In addition to his Coe nursing degree, Nylin earned his Master of Science in nursing from Chamberlain University in 2018. He specialized in the nurse executive track while

attending Chamberlain, where he graduated with high distinction. Even as a successful leader in his hometown hospital, Nylin is able to retain his critical care certification through the American Association of Critical Care Nurses.

Nylin has served on several councils and committees at MercyOne Clinton during his tenure, including the Executive Interprofessional Practice Council. He has educated and guided new nurses as a preceptor since 2014 and provides training and guidance to students as the high school medical careers coordinator. In his community, Nylin serves on the Career and Technical Education Advisory Board at Clinton High School and gives presentations about nursing and the medical field at various community sites and events.

Given Nylin's passion for serving others, it's no surprise he chooses to give back to Coe. As a student, Nylin was involved in the Student Nursing Association, Student Alumni Association, Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, Student Senate as the student body president, Flunk Day Committee and Senior Class Gift Committee, and he also served as a College Adjustment Peer. As an alumnus, he serves on the Coe College Nursing Advisory Board and is a regular guest lecturer in Coe nursing classes. He is still actively involved in his fraternity and was a mentor in the Coe College Alumni Mentoring Program in 2018 and 2019. He has attended every Homecoming since 2013, has volunteered for scholarship weekends and is a consistent donor to Coe's Annual Fund.

Nylin's care and commitment to his patients and his profession earned him the honor of being named one of the 100 Great Iowa Nurses of 2019. According to the 100 Great Iowa Nurses program, the award "recognizes nurses that have made meaningful, lasting contributions to their patients, colleagues and the nursing profession and are viewed as mentors to other nursing professionals."

Nylin resides in Clinton with his wife, Megan, who is an elementary school teacher in the community school district.

ALUMNI AWARD OF MERIT

Every college has professors who are beloved and remembered by their students long after they graduate. At the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire College of Business, Paula Ginder Lentz is one of those professors.

At Coe, Lentz was a member of Mu Phi Epsilon and graduated Phi Beta Kappa in 1989 with her degree in English and psychology and a minor in music. She went on to earn her Master of Arts in English from UW-Eau Claire in 1998 and her doctorate in rhetoric and scientific and technical communication from the University of Minnesota.

Lentz joined the business communication faculty in the College of Business at UW-Eau Claire in 1999 and has been teaching there ever since. She also is the academic program director for the Department of Business Communication, the academic director for the UW MBA Consortium, the director of the Student Professional Development Program and the director of the Business Writing and Presentations Studio.

In her years as a faculty member, Lentz has developed and taught numerous courses in both the undergraduate and MBA programs including Business Writing; Advanced Business Writing; Communicating for Success: Speak, Engage, Lead; and Leading a Dynamic and Diverse Workforce. She has served on a variety of committees within the College of Business and UW-Eau Claire as a whole. She is a member of the Association for Business Communication's (ABC) executive board and has served on and chaired several committees and task forces within the organization to support the profession of business communication. She also has dozens of publications and research presentations to her credit, including several business communication textbooks. She is the co-author of "Rhetorical Theory and Praxis in the Business Communication Classroom," which won ABC's Distinguished Book on Business Communication award in 2019.

Throughout her career, Lentz has been honored with several awards and accolades. In 2017, she received the Francis Weeks Award of Merit from ABC, which recognizes contributions to the profession and outstanding accomplishments that advanced the discipline of business communication. In 2020, she received the Meada Gibbs Outstanding Teacher-Scholar Award, ABC's top national award for teaching. In 2020, the students in the MBA program voted her the Outstanding Instructor in the program's module courses. In 2021, she won the UWEC College of Business Coaching award.

If you talk to Lentz's students, it is easy to see why she earns such accolades. In a news article published by UW-Eau Claire announcing Lentz's selection for the Meada Gibbs award, one of her students was quoted as saying, "I could not think of a professor more deserving of this award. ... Dr. Lentz's advanced BCOM class was the most rigorous I've taken and taught me the most of any course in all of my four years at UWEC." Another student noted, "My favorite thing about Dr. Lentz is how much she genuinely cares about her students and wants us to succeed."

In addition to Lentz's teaching career, she is active in the music program at her church, where she plays the organ and participates in choirs and instrumental ensembles. She is a past member of the Eau Claire Chamber Orchestra Board of Directors, serving as president from 2014-2017. Coe has remained important to Lentz as well — she has returned to campus for various events including Homecoming, and she has been a loyal Annual Fund donor for many years.

Lentz's work has made positive impacts and advancements within the College of Business at UW-Eau Claire and the broader profession of business communication. But perhaps most importantly, she has had a positive and lasting impact on her

students. By challenging them academically while also showing true care and concern for them as individuals, she has helped countless students succeed.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Loyal Kohawks can be found all over the country, and you'll find one of them in Madison, Wisconsin. Heather Daniels may have left the nest when she graduated, but she never lost her connection with Coe — if anything, it has grown stronger.

Daniels was active on campus as a Coe student. She was a founding member of the pompon squad, played in concert band and jazz band and was a member of Coe Greens, Alpha Lambda Delta, Strata, Phi Beta Kappa and Mortar Board. She graduated in 1995 with her degree in biology and went on to earn her master's degree in biology from Boston University in 1996 and her Master of Library Science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2003.

Daniels has worked for UW-Madison for the past 25 years in various roles. She began as the assistant director of graduate studies in the Neuroscience Training Program and then took on the role of research administrator in the Graduate School. In 2013, she became secretary of the academic staff until she was named secretary of the faculty in early 2020. In her role, she facilitates shared governance for over 2,000 faculty on the UW-Madison campus and acts as the main liaison between the faculty and the administration.

At UW-Madison, Daniels is known and appreciated for her administrative talents. In 2007, she received the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Service to the University in recognition of her work in not only managing the Neuroscience Training Program — a job that required her to coordinate more than 50 graduate students and 80 faculty members from six schools and colleges and 22 departments — but also her efforts to encourage women in science and address issues of equity and diversity across campus.

Although Daniels has spent her career at another institution of higher education, her dedication to Coe has never wavered. She has long been Coe's "boots on the ground" in Wisconsin, hosting or assisting with 13 alumni events in Milwaukee since 2006. She also makes it a point to travel back to Coe for Homecoming/June Reunion and has made it to those events nearly every year since 2006. Her love of Coe also led her to serve on the Coe College Alumni Council from 2004-2016, including being president from 2012-2014.

Along with her time and talents, Daniels has provided Coe with financial gifts as well. She and her husband, **Alan Hiebert '96**, have been longtime supporters of the college. Among many projects, they have supported the renovations of Hickok Hall and Peterson Hall of Science. They are loyal supporters of the Coe Fund and belong to the Heritage Club, Coe's planned giving society.

Daniels' service to Coe has far-reaching effects that benefit everyone in the Kohawk community. By volunteering her time and sharing her passion for Coe, she has helped other alumni connect and build relationships with the college, contributing to the robust alumni network for which Coe is known. Her generosity makes incredible opportunities possible for students and inspires others to give back as well. Coe College is stronger because of Daniels, and she is most deserving of the Distinguished Service Award.

- 1 **Justin Nylin '13** received the Young Alum Award, **Paula Ginder Lentz '89** received the Alumni Award of Merit and **Heather Daniels '95** received the Distinguished Service Award.
- 2 **Doug Peters '81**, **Wayne "Phiz" Phillips '56** and Jim Phillips pose for a photo at the Athletic Hall of Fame reception.
- 3 Coe students were out distributing Homecoming T-shirts at the Brat 'n' Beverage tent before the game.
- 4 Are you excited to be back on campus? These alumnae were an emphatic yes!
- 5 Old friends had a chance to reconnect.





- 1 All-Alumni Celebration attendees rocked to the **Luke Viertel '09** Band (featuring Amy Friedl Stoner).
- 2 Just wanted to point out which team won Saturday!
- 3 **Angelina Ramirez '22** and **Kaleb Donels '22** were crowned Homecoming royals! The 2021 Homecoming court included (left to right) **Piper Cooper '22**, **Allyssa Roeker '22**, **Jack Rey '22**, **Sydney Cheek '22**, **Harold Walehwa '22**, **Angelina Ramirez '22**, **Natalie Hansen '22**, **Kaleb Donels '22**, **Majda Suljic '22** and **Diate Jackson '22**.
- 4 The classes of 1970 and 1971 gathered to celebrate their 50th reunion. Attending from the Class of 1971 were **Peter Burnett**, **Lonnie Cakerice**, **Nancy Hamblin** Evans, **Karen Johnson**, **Sylvia Lewis**, **John McLaughlin**, **Don Paynter**, **Rich Silverman** and **Susan Ahlquist**.
- 5 The classes of 1980 and 1981 celebrated their 40th reunion. Classmates in attendance were: Class of 1980 – **Mark Sanders**. Class of 1981 – **Lena Gilbert**, **Nanette Sexton** Gunn, **Kathy Davidson** Hawes, **Sallie Reida** Hedgepeth, **Vannessia Vangen** Klinsky, **Beth Kucera**, **Dodie Gull** Leners, **Dougie Peters**, **John Raley** and **Jenny Smith** Sanders. (Not all attendees are pictured)
- 6 Attending their 50th reunion from the Class of 1970 were **Susan Skinner** Beilfuss, Trustee **Jack Evans**, **Al Gildemeister**, **Craig Gingrich**, **Elizabeth Petterson** Hadley, **Bonnie Glienke** Loughman, **Jean Morrison** Macenski, **Larry Milroy**, **Michael Moore**, **Marylou Britt** Patterson, **Tony Patterson**, **Diana Sentz** Rowe, **Richard Rowe**, Trustee **Craig Struve**, **Dianne Van Tasell**, **Gentre Vartan**, Trustee **Ed Walsh**, **Bobbi Covert** Walsh and **Sarah Seitner** Wheeler.

- 7 The crowd applauds the newest inductees into the Coe College Athletic Hall of Fame.
- 8 The newest inductees into Coe's Athletic Hall of Fame are (front, left to right) **Brian Collier '98** (track and field, football), **Molly Fiala** Garber '10 (women's tennis), **Beth Rohlena** Boettcher '05 (softball), **Clayton Rush '11** (wrestling), (back, left to right) **Shane Staker '97** (baseball, football), **Tyler Burkle '10** (wrestling), **Roger Schlegel** (coach, 1972-1982) and **Alison Rohdy '00** (softball). These inductees comprise the Hall of Fame classes of 2020 and 2021. They have combined to earn over 20 all-conference honors and 13 all-American honors while racking up over 10 national qualifications.
- 9 Members of the Iota Chapter of Phi Kappa Tau celebrated 100 years of their fraternity at Coe.
- 10-13 Cluster reunions were held for several alumni groups. The classes of 1989-1991 celebrated their 30th reunion, the classes of 1994-1996 celebrated their 25th reunion, the classes of 2000-2002 celebrated their 20th reunion, the classes of 2010-2011 celebrated their 10th reunion and the classes of 2014-2016 celebrated their fifth reunion.

Join us next year for
HOMECOMING
2022
 OCTOBER 13-16





COE MAKES THINGS HAPPEN... EVEN WHEN IT FEELS IMPOSSIBLE

In true Kohawk fashion, Coe took a year of adversity and turned it on its head. With a pandemic and natural disaster as a background, the college strengthened student resources and moved forward on high visibility projects...

1 AN INDOOR TRACK FIT FOR AN OLYMPIAN

A new indoor 200-meter track was made possible by a generous gift from Coe Trustee Dave Lusson '87. Coe is one of the only Division III colleges in America with a Mondo Super X 720 surface oversized indoor track and a 90 meter sprint straightaway. The same surface was used in the 2021 Summer Tokyo Olympics.

2 NO MATCH FOR A DERECHO

Major repairs were made to the outdoor tennis courts, Sinclair Auditorium stained glass windows and roofs that were damaged in the derecho last year. Kohawks also banded together to replant over 200 trees that were lost in the storm. Over 120 trees and funds were generously donated by the Coe community.

3 A NEW SCOREBOARD TO COMMEMORATE PAPA STAKE

A new state-of-the-art digital scoreboard dedicated to the memory of Coach Steve Staker was installed at Clark Field Stadium with a generous \$50,000 lead gift from the Staker family. Coach Staker's former players, friends and coaching peers contributed the remaining \$150,000 needed to honor his legacy and replace the football scoreboard demolished in the derecho.

BOOKS AND KOHAWK SPIRIT

Coe launched a new Coe Online Bookstore and remodeled the space in Gage Memorial Union into a convenience and merchandise store.

4-5 NEW FACES IN THE RESTRUCTURED OFFICE OF STUDENT LIFE

Dean of Student Experience Keniese Evans and Dean of Residential Experience Steven Strope '08 joined the restructured Office of Student Life.

COE'S NEWEST MAJOR: DATA SCIENCE

The demand for data scientists across all industries is creating one of the fastest growing fields in the nation with an expected 15% growth through 2029. Coe is at the forefront of educating the new wave of data scientists as less than one-third of college campuses in Iowa offer a data science degree.

6 CELEBRATING THE CLASSES OF 2020 AND 2021

For the first time in Coe's 170-year history, a graduated class was invited back for Commencement after the pandemic postponed plans for the Class of 2020. The historic graduation weekend featured two commencements over two days on Clark Field for the first time, honoring the Class of 2020 and Class of 2021. Commencement speaker Matt Clark '95 received an honorary degree from Coe in recognition of his fight against COVID-19 as a United States Army colonel and program manager for the Federal COVID Response.

7-11 INTRODUCING THE OFFICE OF STUDENT SUCCESS & PERSISTENCE

This fall, each first-year student was paired with a staff coach in the newly formed Office of Student Success & Persistence to meet on a regular basis to navigate the social transition from high school to college.

Coaches include Lexie White '20, Jaylah Roberts-Coleman '20, Jonah Alfaro '20, Chandler Robles '21 and Dean of Student Success & Persistence Lauren Garcia-Pastorek '10

AN INNOVATIVE CENTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIETY

Construction is underway to add Coe's new 15,000-square-foot Center for Health and Society (CHS) to Peterson Hall. (See Page 4 for more.)

A HYBRID FLUNK DAY

After the first-ever virtual Flunk Day in 2020, the highly anticipated Coe tradition returned for in-person and virtual celebrations. The '90s themed Flunk Day was strategically planned to follow Coe's COVID-19 Safe Campus Initiatives.

PRIORITIZING MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING

The Office of Health and Wellness continues to expand wellness events including free virtual yoga, meditation and mindfulness classes for students, faculty and staff.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS MAKE UP LIBRARY RESERVE PROJECT

Student Senate launched the Library Reserve Project, making all required textbooks available on a two-hour loan period at Stewart Memorial Library. The new program supports student access to textbooks and coursework.

SOARING HIGH IN RANKINGS

Coe is in the top 14% of four-year colleges and universities nationwide, according to The Princeton Review. Coe also ranked 10th nationally on its list of Best Schools for Internships and 20th nationally for Best Alumni Network, both in the private college category. Washington Monthly moved Coe up 39 spots in its rankings (to No. 88), naming Coe a Top 100 Liberal Arts College based on contribution to the public good.

SOLAR POWER AT WILDERNESS FIELD STATION

The Coe Wilderness Field Station is powered by solar energy thanks to a generous gift made by Roger and Consie Powell.

CAMPUS MAKEOVER

New campus branding is in the process of being unveiled for the Athletic Hall of Fame, Lusson Lobby in the ARC, cross country and track and field suite and the new campus information and security office space.



Office of Student Life: 4. Keniese Evans, 5. Steven Strobe '08; Commencement speaker: Matt Clark '95; Office of Student Success & Persistence: 7. Lexie White '20, 8. Jaylah Roberts-Coleman '20, 9. Jonah Alfaro '20, 10. Chandler Robles '21, 11. Lauren Garcia-Pastorek '10

KOHAWKS CLAIM SUCCESS

DESPITE “COVID” SEASON

2020-2021 was an unusual year for college athletics, but Kohawk student-athletes didn't let the many challenges of the pandemic stop them from winning big. All teams were able to compete, with several achieving remarkable success despite the obstacles in their way.

WRESTLING

The wrestling team finished their 2021 season with a 7-1 overall record, nine All-Americans and three national champions for the first time in program history. **Alex Friddle '23**, **Brock Henderson '22** and **Josh Gerke '21** topped the podium in their respective weight classes at the National Wrestling Coaches Association Division III National Championships, the most individual national champions of any team in the field. Henderson also was named American Rivers Conference co-MVP and joined eight other Kohawks earning all-conference honors. To round it all out, Head Coach John Oostendorp was named Coach of the Year for the third time in his career.

SOFTBALL

The softball team had a successful spring, finishing their season as A-R-C champions and competing in the NCAA tournament for the fourth year in a row. **Elle Thurow '23** was named A-R-C Pitcher of the Year and was one of eight players named to all-conference teams. **Skyler Stookey '23** was named first-team all-region by the National Fastpitch Coaches Association.

VOLLEYBALL

The volleyball team scored big this season, taking the A-R-C championship title with a 7-1 regular season record. Four players earned all-conference honors with setter and 2019-2020 Bremner Outstanding Athlete Award finalist **Ellie Teeple '22** being named the A-R-C Volleyball MVP, and two players received honorable mention. Head Coach DeAnn Akins and Assistant Coach Joe Adams were named Coaching Staff of the Year.

BASEBALL

It was another banner year for the Kohawk baseball team as they rounded out their season with a 36-7 overall record (28-4 in A-R-C play), won every series in league play and won the regular season conference championship. Seven players earned all-conference honors, four were named all-region and **TJ Deardorff '21** and **TJ Johnson '21** were named All-Americans, marking the first time in Kohawk baseball history in which two players earned the recognition in the same season. Deardorff also was named the A-R-C Pitcher of the Year, making this the second straight season a Kohawk pitcher has won the award.

MEN'S TENNIS

The men's tennis team had a strong showing this year with a 14-5 overall record (7-1 in A-R-C play). After a valiant effort, the team fell to Luther 5-2 in the conference championship match. Five players earned all-conference honors including **Rami Hemaldan '22**, who also was named the league MVP.

MEN'S BOWLING

The men's bowling team competed in five total events in their inaugural season and qualified for the opening round of the 2021 Intercollegiate Team Championships Sectionals, making them the only first-year program in the country to earn a spot in postseason competition.

Due to the shortened competitive seasons last year, the Barron Bremner Outstanding Athlete Award will not be awarded for 2020-2021. We look forward to presenting the 2021-2022 award next fall.

Coe Athletics are back in full swing for the 2021-2022 year. Be sure to check out kohawkathletics.com for the latest news and stats from all your favorite sports.



The Heritage CLUB

Creating a brighter future

The Coe College Heritage Club recognizes the foresight and generosity of alumni and friends who have made plans to provide future support to Coe College through a planned gift. Planned gifts of any size can be accomplished in many different ways including naming Coe in your will or trust, naming Coe as beneficiary on a retirement account or life insurance policy or giving the college a qualified life insurance policy.

Whatever your gift, know it is much more than a sum of money or other assets — it represents your values and priorities and a lifetime of hard work. It also is a strong endorsement of Coe and a powerful testimonial about your relationship with the college. Most importantly, planned gifts contribute to the continued excellence of Coe and make a significant impact in the lives of our students.

How to become a member

Membership in the Heritage Club is simple and easy. If you have made a planned gift of any kind and of any size to Coe College, then you are eligible for membership. All you have to do is let us know.

We will work with you to make sure we understand your goals and intentions and make certain your gift is used in the way you intend. If you are unsure of the best way to make a gift, we will work with you to discuss how to meet your goals, including maximizing your gift to Coe.

A bequest is one of the easiest ways to create a legacy

Please contact us to request a copy of our FREE Wills Guide with sample language that your attorney may use in drafting a bequest to Coe College. You also can download a copy and review our sample bequest language on our website at www.coelegacy.org.

If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact our gift planning officers:

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Board of Trustees chair transitions from

GOLDER TO VEACH



Ken Golder



Carson Veach

At the fall meeting of the Coe College Board of Trustees, **Ken Golder '82** completed his three-year term of service as board chair and passed the torch to **Carson Veach '74**. Golder, who has been a member of the board since 2007, presided over the board during an eventful period in the history of the college. He served as chair of the search committee for Coe's 16th president and led the board throughout the planning of the Center for Health and Society (CHS); the navigation of the COVID-19 pandemic; the creation of a diversity, equity and inclusion action plan; and the aftermath of the derecho that struck Coe on August 10, 2020. The board and the college extend to him their thanks and appreciation for his leadership.

Originally from Winnetka, Illinois, Golder was a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity and played on the Kohawk football team during his days at Coe. He graduated with an interdisciplinary bachelor's degree in communication techniques and went on to become a real estate investor and hotelier. He is the founder and CEO of Golder Hospitality and Golder Hotel Properties LLC. His hospitality and real estate experience span 40 years, and he owns and manages a diverse portfolio of 10 properties in five states encompassing five major hotel brands.

Golder enjoys golfing, cooking and fishing. He has lived in Apple Valley, Minnesota, with his wife, **Suzanne Roe Golder '82**, since 1986. They have three children, Elias, Abigail and **Meg Golder Lisenby '19**.

Veach has been a board member since 2010 and was part of the Presidential Search Committee for Coe's 16th president. He has served on and chaired the board's Investment Committee, been a member of the board's Audit Committee and has served on the Executive Committee of the board.

Veach's connections to Coe run in the family — his father, the late Carson Ward Veach, was provost and dean of the college from 1970-1975, and his sister, **Cindy Veach Lappetito '75**, is a fellow alum. As a Coe student, Veach played on the Kohawk tennis team. He earned his history degree from Coe and went on to earn his MBA and Juris Doctor from the University of Chicago. His early law career includes a 17-year association with the law firm of Seyfarth, Shaw, Fairweather and Geraldson, where he was first an associate and then an equity partner, as well as a multiyear stint as a trial attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice. From 1998-2004 he was part owner, COO and general counsel of a privately held national wine importing and distribution company. He later joined the law firm Freeborn & Peters and currently is a principal with the law firm Miller Canfield Paddock Stone. He is resident in their Chicago office. For many years, he served on the advisory board of the Chinese American Service League.

In his spare time, Veach enjoys golf, platform tennis, playing with his dog, reading, listening to music and watching movies.

2020-2021

ANNUAL REPORT

In a year marked by the challenges of a pandemic and a natural disaster, Coe College easily could have faltered in our mission to deliver the best education to our students. But with the support of our community and our donors, we did more than just survive — we thrived. In the pages of the 2020-2021 annual report, you will see how your support helped the college and our students weather multiple storms and succeed against the odds.



COE COLLEGE.

Welcome to the 2020-2021 COE COLLEGE ANNUAL REPORT.

Contained within this report, you will see the impact of your generous support of Coe. We've endured much this past year with continued management of a pandemic as well as the derecho that hit our community in August 2020, but with your help, we not only persevered but actually gained momentum. Your commitment to our college has made it possible to continue to lower our endowment spending, invest in capital projects, finalize fundraising for the Center for Health and Society and continue to enjoy record enrollments. We remain committed to our mission to provide a first-rate educational experience for our students, both inside and outside the classroom. Coe would not be where we are today without you, and I express my deep gratitude for all you have done and continue to do in support of our college. As you read about our outcomes, I ask that you continue to invest in the future of Coe College — your gifts make it possible so students can make it happen.

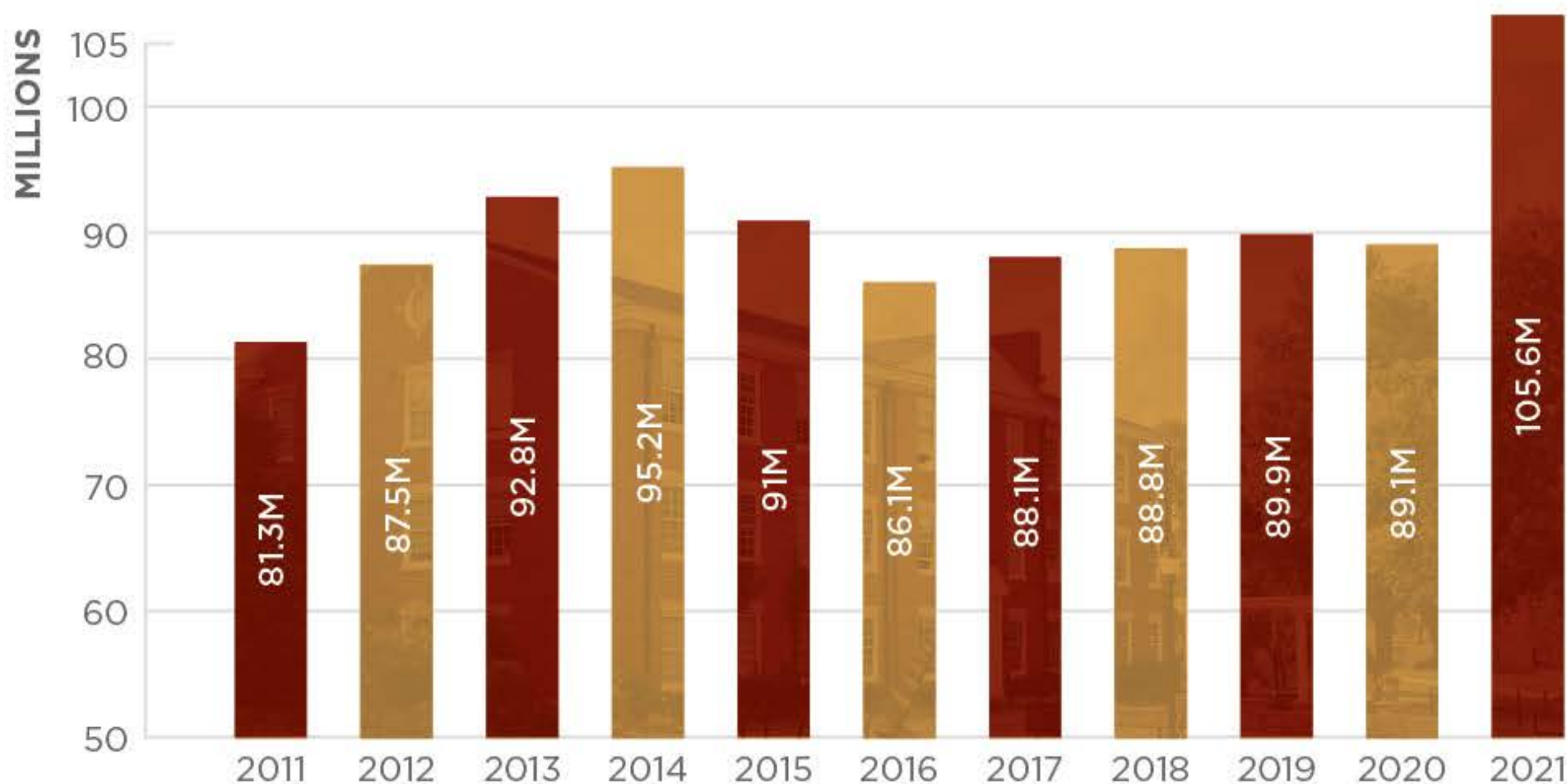
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Barb Ernst Tupper '89
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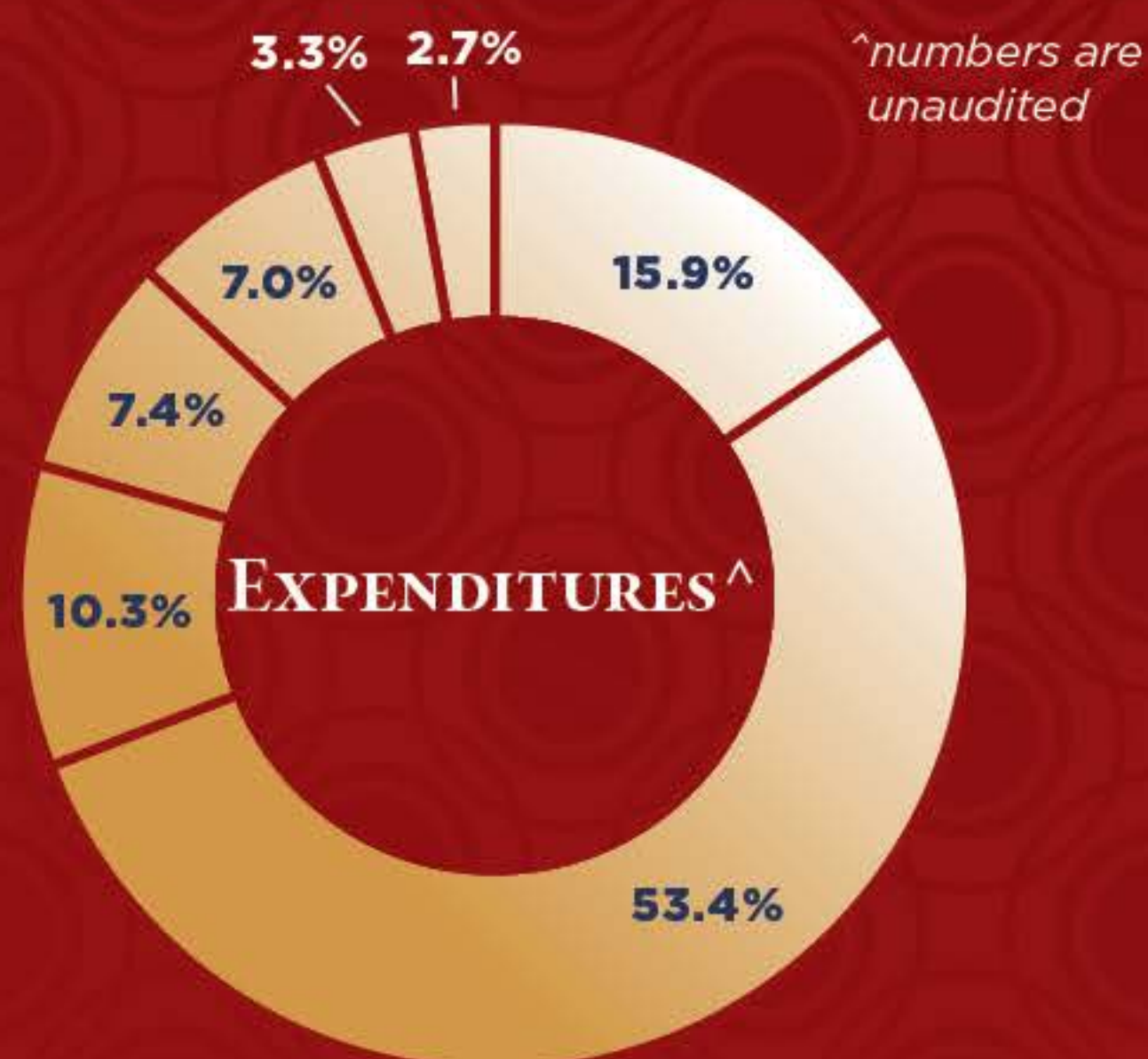
ENDOWMENT - TOTAL ASSETS MARKET VALUE

FISCAL YEARS ENDING JUNE 30





Tuition & Fees: **73.8%**
 Gifts Supporting Operations: **2.3%**
 Endowment Support for Operations: **5.5%**
 Residence and Dining Services: **11.3%**
 Other Sources: **7.1%**



Academic Program: **15.9%**
 Financial Aid (Scholarships and Grants): **53.4%**
 Student Services: **10.3%**
 General Administration: **7.4%**
 Campus Facilities: **7%**
 Residence and Dining Services: **3.3%**
 Debt Service: **2.7%**

TOTAL AMOUNT RAISED:

\$4,807,222



Alumni: **72%** | **\$3,442,383**
 Foundations: **11%** | **\$544,316**
 Other: **7%** | **\$345,207**
 Friends: **5%** | **\$242,927**
 Corporations/Businesses: **3%** | **\$150,268**
 Parents: **2%** | **\$82,121**



Capital Projects: **28%** | **\$1,327,943**
 Endowment: **27%** | **\$1,306,183**
 Annual Fund: **19%** | **\$934,500**
 Undesignated Estates: **10%** | **\$480,353**
 Emergency Relief*: **6%** | **\$298,545**
 Scholarships/Prizes: **4%** | **\$179,361**
 Athletics: **3%** | **\$142,283**
 Special Projects: **3%** | **\$138,054**

**Donor support that directly impacted Coe in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and the August 10, 2020, storm devastation on campus.*

YOUR GIFTS AT WORK IN 2020-2021

Gifts from our donors are the lifeblood of Coe, and they enable us to provide our students with experiences and opportunities they can't find anywhere else. In 2020-2021, your gifts sustained the college and allowed students to return to Coe after a prolonged absence due to the COVID-19 pandemic. From recovery in the aftermath of a derecho storm to the creation of exciting new programs, the impact of your generosity was seen and felt across campus. The highlights on these pages show just how powerful your gifts were this year.



DERECHO

On August 10, 2020, a catastrophic storm known as a derecho devastated Cedar Rapids and Coe College. Hurricane-force winds estimated at up to 140 mph pummeled the city for 25 minutes, causing significant damage to Coe's campus just as students were returning for the fall term. Our dedicated and quick-thinking staff members ensured students were safe and cared for during and after the storm, a situation made even more challenging due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Across campus, more than 200 trees were uprooted or destroyed, and 28 buildings were damaged, with property losses and cleanup costs totaling approximately \$2.25 million. In the months following the storm, more than 550 donors contributed to Coe's Storm Relief Fund, while a few others made gifts of new trees. This generous support allowed Coe to plant more than 140 trees, restore landscaping and repair damaged buildings and outdoor structures all across campus.

What's next... Repairs still are being made on campus during the 2021-2022 school year as Coe continues to recover from the storm. Visit campus soon to see our derecho kiosk that highlights our generous donors and features a map of all newly planted trees.



SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID

In the 2020-2021 school year, Coe awarded over \$44 million in scholarships and grants to 99.9% of our students, and we could never have done it without our Annual Fund donors. The financial aid you help provide to our students is life-changing every year, but it meant even more this year as they navigated the many challenges of the pandemic. Your gifts allowed them to continue their education during an unusual and tumultuous year, giving them access to a supportive community of faculty, staff and fellow students and the ability to pursue their goals to create a brighter future for all of us.

What's next... Coe continues our commitment of providing the scholarships necessary for any student to attend Coe. We also are committed to continuing our focus on diversity scholarships, with two specific scholarship funding opportunities available — our Kids on Course Scholarship and our Diversity Leadership Scholarship. For more details or to discuss an interest in supporting these funds, **please contact Associate Vice President for Advancement Barb Tupper at 319.399.8662 or btupper@coe.edu.**



CENTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIETY

The pandemic has shown the need for high-quality health care is greater than ever before. To help meet that need, Coe continued developing plans for the Center for Health and Society (CHS) this year, including naming the facility after Coe's 15th President Dave McNally and former First Lady Janice McNally. The CHS will create dedicated advising, mentoring and preparation spaces for students pursuing careers in all areas of the health care field. Generous lead gifts from several alumni and friends, as well as a \$700,000 challenge grant from the Hall-Perrine Foundation of Cedar Rapids helped Coe raise the funds needed to break ground on the CHS building in the fall of 2021. Future gifts of all sizes will allow the college to expand and enhance the programming offered within the CHS to prepare students to become leaders and innovators in the health care field.

What's next... Check out the recap from the CHS steel signing event in this Courier, and watch for continuing details about programs and events within the CHS as those unfold. To financially support the CHS or volunteer your time or expertise, **please contact Associate Vice President for Advancement Barb Tupper at 319.399.8662 or btupper@coe.edu.**



DOUGIE: A LOYAL COE DONOR

When it comes to loyal Coe donors, there's no better example than **Doug Peters '81**. Dougie retired from Coe after 40 years as the Coe Athletics equipment manager, and throughout his career he made regular contributions to the Annual Fund and other areas of the college. He matched donor gifts for #KohawkDay and the Senior Class Gift, created the Doug Peters Equipment Manager Endowed Fund and is a member of the Heritage Club, Coe's planned giving society. Dougie's "start small, think big" mentality is a perfect motto for giving to the Annual Fund: Every dollar counts, and those dollars add up to big things for Coe students.

What's next... Dougie is already enjoying his retirement, making his way back to campus for his daily word jumbles when he can. Check out the Homecoming section of this Courier to see photos of Dougie and friends.

DATABASE CONVERSION

The Office of Advancement implemented a database conversion to Blackbaud Raiser's Edge NXT, a fundraising and alumni management software. This new system will allow Coe to serve our alumni, parents and friends more effectively and efficiently and furthers the college's commitment to investing in improved technology as part of the current strategic plan, A Bolder Coe. The Advancement Services team worked diligently throughout the year to prepare for the conversion and to ensure a smooth transition after the conversion took place. All of the Advancement staff look forward to utilizing Raiser's Edge NXT to its full potential to create even stronger connections with our alumni and donors.

When you give to the college, IT IS YOUR WAY OF SAYING YOUR COE EXPERIENCE WAS MEANINGFUL.

And a higher participation rate makes Coe more appealing to prospective students and grant-awarding foundations. The more alumni who support the college, the more valuable a Coe degree becomes. In this way, every gift makes a difference.

Class Year	Alumni*	Donors	Participation Rate	Class Year	Alumni*	Donors	Participation Rate	Class Year	Alumni*	Donors	Participation Rate
1944-49	58	5	8.62%	1974	233	76	32.62%	1999	233	32	13.73%
1950	20	7	35.00%	1975	175	35	20.00%	2000	213	23	10.80%
1951	28	8	28.57%	1976	196	40	20.41%	2001	234	22	9.40%
1952	28	5	17.86%	1977	180	36	20.00%	2002	206	35	16.99%
1953	23	7	30.43%	1978	197	27	13.71%	2003	283	21	7.42%
1954	28	9	32.14%	1979	171	37	21.64%	2004	230	24	10.43%
1955	39	9	23.08%	1980	160	24	15.00%	2005	236	26	11.02%
1956	44	16	36.36%	1981	199	37	18.59%	2006	245	44	17.96%
1957	61	24	39.34%	1982	216	31	14.35%	2007	267	31	11.61%
1958	43	7	16.28%	1983	216	28	12.96%	2008	268	27	10.07%
1959	53	15	28.30%	1984	223	26	11.66%	2009	250	19	7.60%
1960	80	23	28.75%	1985	226	26	11.50%	2010	245	22	8.98%
1961	75	22	29.33%	1986	211	24	11.37%	2011	268	21	7.84%
1962	82	25	30.49%	1987	219	23	10.50%	2012	266	34	12.78%
1963	80	21	26.25%	1988	208	30	14.42%	2013	277	41	14.80%
1964	78	23	29.49%	1989	167	22	13.17%	2014	248	27	10.89%
1965	119	50	42.02%	1990	206	28	13.59%	2015	282	20	7.09%
1966	113	38	33.63%	1991	214	33	15.42%	2016	262	23	8.78%
1967	118	40	33.90%	1992	201	17	8.46%	2017	292	24	8.22%
1968	135	38	28.15%	1993	190	27	14.21%	2018	259	31	11.97%
1969	144	26	18.06%	1994	262	29	11.07%	2019	268	15	5.60%
1970	135	36	26.67%	1995	212	20	9.43%	2020	292	19	6.51%
1971	133	31	23.31%	1996	267	43	16.10%	2021	236	5	2.12%
1972	129	36	27.91%	1997	224	27	12.05%				
1973	159	42	26.42%	1998	226	17	7.52%				

*The number of solicitable alumni in a given class year.

2020-2021 VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP

Listed here are alumni, parents and friends who build Coe's future through their volunteer leadership. We thank these dedicated individuals for their service to Coe College.

2020-2021 COE COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The Coe College Alumni Association's activities are coordinated in the Alumni Office in McCabe Hall. Purposes of the association include promoting the welfare and influence of Coe College and establishing a mutually beneficial relationship between the college and its alumni; fostering a spirit of fellowship and loyalty among its members; encouraging support of the college; and providing members with news of current activities at the college through publications.

Katie Lillibridge Dostal '99
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Past President

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Matt Clark '95

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Amber Mason Lusson '03

Wendy Andrews Nielsen '01

Ben Sagers '18

Jessica Schau Nelson '06

Pat Steele '75

Jodi Bauer Stepanek '00

2020-2021 THE PRESIDENT'S ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)

Members of the PAC provide strategic advice and guidance to the president on specific initiatives and priorities of the college, with a particular emphasis on strategic initiatives, community outreach and engagement, and philanthropic campaigns undertaken by Coe.

Becky Anderson '71

Steve Bohr '92

Todd Buchardt '82

Jane Michaels Dufoe '92

Deborah Lindberg Gertsen '87

Kelly Strohm Galbraith '13

Reid Galbraith '13

Sam Hammes '10

Terry Hiebert '76

Kathy Steffensmeier Jasper '90

Stephanie Kroger '88

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Melissa Ingersoll Shepard '96

Mike Shepard '94

Kevin Welu '86

2020-2021 COE COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees is the governing body for Coe College. While the president of the college, who is hired and evaluated by the board, is ultimately responsible for managing the college on a daily basis, the trustees set broad policy and offer direction for Coe. In addition, the trustees are particularly active in philanthropic support for the college.

Wale Adeosun '84

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Kevin Buckner '93

J. David Carson '72

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Doug Eden '77

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Christine Galloway '73

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Dennis Greenspon '68

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Kent Herink '76

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Mary Jeanne Krob '73

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Julie Johnson McLean '78

Curt Menefee '87

Paul Meyer '74

Sumit Nijhawan '93

Sigrid Reynolds '94

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Craig Struve '70

Lori Sturdevant '74

Henry Taylor '75

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Gary Schlarbaum '65

Bruce Spivey '56

Jerre L. Stead '65

John D. Strohm '79

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Alumni Council President

David Hayes '93

Coe College Interim President

Dave McNally
President/Chancellor

CLASS NOTES

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

1950s

'50 **Marv Levy** of Chicago, Illinois, was inducted into the Canadian Football Hall of Fame. He was head coach of the Montreal Alouettes in the Canadian Football League from 1973-1977 before becoming a head coach in the NFL. Levy is one of only three people to be a member of both the Pro Football Hall of Fame and the Canadian Football Hall of Fame.

'51 **Mary Crane Gorman** of Duluth, Minnesota, was featured in the March issue of the *Benedictine Beacon*, the newsletter of the Benedictine Living Center where she resides. The article gives a biography of Gorman's life, which included working for the Indonesian Mission and many adventures with her family.



'54 **Dana Van Burgh** of Casper, Wyoming, received the Casper College Alumni Association's 2020 Commitment to Excellence award. He taught general science and geology at Dean Morgan Junior High School in Casper for

38 years and then taught at Casper College as an adjunct instructor of geology for 18 years.

'56 **Phiz Phillips** of Grapevine, Texas, introduced Coach Roger Schlegel for his induction into the Coe College Athletic Hall of Fame at Homecoming. Phiz has been on the road to recovery after an operation to repair his heart valve in October 2019 resulted in a severed artery. After being without oxygen and declared dead for 20 minutes, he has experienced difficulties with his memory and balance but has been working out and slowly improving.

'59 **Susan Lawson Bouma** of Lake Forest, Illinois, was featured in *Forest & Bluff Magazine* for her work as an artist.

1960s

'67 Trustee **Shirley Hughes** of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and her brother took part in an interview about their father, the late Solomon Hughes, a UGA golfer who fought to integrate the PGA after being denied entry into the St. Paul Open in 1948 and 1951. The clubhouse at the Hiawatha Golf Club in Minneapolis recently was renamed in his memory.

1970s

'77 **Kim Wasson** of Akdale, Wisconsin, is a professional artist and author whose artworks were shown in Wisconsin, Missouri, Montana and New York in 2020-2021. A book she wrote is used at a South Dakota school, and her writing also is in the *BBI Bulletin*.

'78 **Dwayne Ackman** of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, retired after a 46-year career in broadcasting that began at Coe's student-run radio station, KCOE-FM Cedar Rapids. Known on air as Randy Lee, Ackman spent most of his career at local radio station WMT, where he served as program director for the past 32 years.

1980s

'81 **Sallie Reida** Hedgepeth of Johnston, Iowa, retired from Johnston Community Schools in June after 25 years as a special education teacher in Iowa schools. She lives with her husband, Rob, and daughter, Sydney.

'84 **Peter Xiao** of Bettendorf, Iowa, had his art exhibit "iNundATIONS" on display in the Rock Island Gallery of the Quad City Arts Center earlier this year.

'87 **Stacey Abel** of Iowa City, Iowa, was named one of the 100 Great Iowa Nurses of 2021.

'88 **Kevin Astor** of Fort Dodge, Iowa, retired as the athletic and activities director of Fort Dodge Senior High.

David Hoth of Carlisle, Pennsylvania, is serving as vicar/intern at St. Matthias Evangelical Lutheran Church in Carlisle. This is the last step of his journey toward receiving his Master's of Divinity from United Lutheran Seminary. Prior to seminary, he was a prop carpenter in regional theater for 24 years, 20 of those at the Denver Center for the Performing Arts.

1990s

'90 **Nancy Brewer** of Independence, Iowa, was named one of the 100 Great Iowa Nurses of 2021.

'91 **Dustin Arnold** of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, was named Physician of the Year by the Iowa Osteopathic Medical Association. He is the chief medical officer at St. Luke's Hospital in Cedar Rapids.

Brad Brooks of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, moved back to Cedar Rapids in July and now is

working at Coe as a security officer.

'93 **Karim Budhwani** of Vestavia Hills, Alabama, is the CEO of CerFlux, which was selected for the I-Corps Accelerator program and received a \$50,000 grant from the National Institutes of Health.

Christie Milligan of Baxter, Iowa, was named one of the 100 Great Iowa Nurses of 2021.

Stacie Tvedt Eastman of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, was honored with a 2021 Women of Achievement Award from Waypoint Services in recognition of her service to the community. She is the director of development and communications for His Hands Free Clinic in Cedar Rapids.

'94 **Vaughn Vance** of Fitchburg, Wisconsin, was promoted to executive director of the Wisconsin Education Association (WEA) Trust and president and CEO of WEA Insurance Corporation, Health Tradition Health Plan Inc. and NeuGen LLC. He previously was vice president and legal counsel for WEA Trust.

'96 **Kristie Dotson** of Eaton Rapids, Michigan, accepted a new appointment as professor of philosophy and professor of Afroamerican and African studies at the University of Michigan. She previously was a professor of philosophy and African American and African studies at Michigan State University.

Charity Roberts Tyler of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, was elected the 2021-2022 president of United for Libraries. She is the executive director of the Cedar Rapids Public Library Foundation.

'98 **Liz Graznak** of Jamestown, Missouri, was named the 2021 Organic Farmer of the Year by the Midwest Organic & Sustainable Education Service. She is the owner of Happy Hollow Farm in Jamestown.

2000s

'00 **Beth Sheldon** Davies of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, was named a quarterfinalist for the 2022 Music Educator Award from the Recording Academy and GRAMMY Museum.

'01 **Wendy Andrews** Nielsen of Marion, Iowa, was named to the board of directors for NewBoCo in Cedar Rapids. She also received the Governor's Volunteer Award in recognition of her contributions to the Cedar Rapids community.

'03 Kane Thompson of Ely, Iowa, was named the new at-risk director and Prairie Delta administrator for the College Community School District in Cedar Rapids. He previously was the building facilitator at Prairie High School and led the wrestling program for the past six years.

'04 Rachel Gearhart of Juneau, Alaska, was promoted to COO of JAMHI Health and Wellness Inc. in Juneau. JAMHI is a Federally Qualified Health Center Look-Alike and a Certified Community Behavioral Health Center, one of only a few organizations that meet both distinctions. Gearhart has been with JAMHI for 11 years.

Tiffany Tiedtke Dill of Palo, Iowa, was named one of the 100 Great Iowa Nurses of 2021.

'08 Andrew Machacek of Winthrop, Iowa, earned his master's degree in teaching from Morningside College.

2010s

'10 Wesley Beckwith of Manson, Iowa, received the George Wythe Award from Buena Vista University (BVU), which is the university's highest honor for excellence in teaching. He is an assistant professor of psychology at BVU.

Jenny Roberts Woods of Marion, Iowa, was named one of the 100 Great Iowa Nurses of 2021.

'11 Brandon Burton of New York, New York, performed as the character the Third Man in a virtual production of the play "Baltimore Waltz" written by Paula Vogel. Burton was given equal billing with co-stars Mary-Louise Parker and Eric McCormick.

Danielle Jamison Gathers of Kansas City, Missouri, earned her master's degree in nursing from Western Governors University.

Kayla Lincoln Ott of Waterloo, Iowa, was named head girls' basketball coach at Wapsie Valley Community School District, where she is a second grade teacher and has coached basketball and volleyball in previous years.

Devin Rolston Davis of DeWitt, Iowa, was promoted to head girls' basketball coach at North Scott High School. She previously served as an assistant coach.

'12 Aminata Soumah Taylor of Anchorage, Alaska, became the CFO of United Way of Anchorage.

'14 Anna Barton of St. Paul, Minnesota, was elected to serve as secretary of the Minnesota State Bar Association's New Lawyers Section. She is currently an

attorney with Maslon LLP in its Litigation and Labor & Employment groups.

'15 Stacey Teltser of North Liberty, Iowa, was featured in the Cedar Rapids Gazette for her role as a teaching assistant with DeltaV Code School in Cedar Rapids. She started as a student in the program and is now teaching classes and working on a pilot program with the Iowa Correctional Institution for Women in Mitchellville.

'16 Alec Zwanziger of New Hampton, Iowa, is a National Guard recruiter in the Decorah, Iowa, office.



'17 Kelsey Fauser of Colorado Springs, Colorado, graduated from the Chaplain Candidate Officer Course for the U.S. Navy in August, where she was selected as a class officer to lead the 17 other students in the course. She is a chaplain candidate for the Navy, working to become an active duty chaplain after she completes the candidate program in 2023-2024. She currently serves as pastor to Grace Lutheran Church in Colorado Springs.

ALUMNI COUNCIL Update

Hello Coe alumni!

We were excited to welcome the third-largest class ever to campus earlier this term. This is a true testament to the admission team and all the amazing staff at Coe. We have a new data science major on campus starting this fall, and students are excited to have more majors from which to choose. Groundbreaking for the new Center for Health and Society also took place this fall. The center will be a hub for students pursuing careers in the medical/health field and will work closely with local MedQuarter partners to offer internships and help to be a pipeline for new graduates into medical fields.

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! Contact us at alumni@coe.edu to get started!

Once a Kohawk, always a Kohawk!



Katie Lillibridge Dostal '99
Alumni Council President



Kent Herron invites alumni to join him March 13-17, 2022, for a grand reunion of a half century of Coe College skiing in Aspen! Herron has been skiing with his students in Aspen since 1972. He is excited about the opportunity to see all of them once more and celebrate old times as well as create some new memories. And he'd like to do it while he can still ski.

MORE DETAILS COMING SOON!



2000s

1 '12 **Samantha Lynn** and **Matthew Dolezal** of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on June 26. Kohawks in the wedding party were **Alison Pillard** Edgerly '12 and **Hilary Gehin** '12. Other Kohawks in attendance were **Chelsea White** '12, **Chelsea Arredondo** '13 and **Jess Henderson** Brassfield '13.

Jennifer Zeman and **David Brushaber** of Brookfield, Wisconsin, on May 15.



1990s

1 '99 Nialle Woods Sylvan and her husband, Coe Adjunct Instructor in Humanities Joshua Langseth, of Iowa City, Iowa, a son, Rowan E. S. Langseth, on May 4.

2000s

2 '06 Alaina Anderson Whitt and her husband, Adam, of Washington, D.C., a son, Anderson Charles, on November 17, 2020.

3 '07 Jenna Miller Boley and Jamie Boley '08 of Marion, Iowa, a son, Brantley Wayne, on March 24, 2020.

4 '09 Shayla Chalker and her husband, Matthew Corti-Young, of San Diego, California, a daughter, Billie Alison, on May 19.

2010s

5 '10 Bridget McCullough Schmidt and her husband, Andy, of Dubuque, Iowa, a son, Brooks Andrew, on August 5.

'11 Matt Burch and Tiffany Myers Burch of Woodbury, Minnesota, a son, Adam Lynn, on January 14.

6 Chelsea Dowdell May and her husband, Andrew, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, a daughter, Amelia Marie, on July 3.

7 '12 Brittany Nichols Peacock and her husband, Thomas, of Davenport, Iowa, a daughter, Ridley Elizabeth, on December 4, 2020.

8 '13 Kris Hopkins and Hailee Gehrls Hopkins of Marion, Iowa, a daughter, Lane Elizabeth, on August 11.

9 '17 Anthony Worden and his wife, **Laura Finneseth** Worden, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, a daughter, Annetta Kay, on July 28.



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 Spring 2022 Issue is January 1.** 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.

BIRTHS & ADOPTIONS

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.

PHOTOS

Digital photos must be at least 300 dpi when sized to 3.75 inches wide. Please save the file as a TIFF or JPEG file. We must have the photographer's permission to print a copyrighted photo. Please indicate if you would like prints returned.

Submit information via email to courier@coe.edu or mail to 1220 First Ave. NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402. Information also may be submitted online at www.alumni.coe.edu.



Indicates decedent was a member of the Coe College Heritage Club. For information, contact Director of Planned Giving Debbie Green at 319.399.8592 or dgreen@coe.edu.

Full obituaries for all decedents can be found at www.coe.edu/courier.

1940s

1940 Gretchen "Jayne" Carrier Gidel, 102, of Austin, Texas, on April 11.

1945 Jeanette Miller Hilsabeck, 97, of Downers Grove, Illinois, on August 6.

Doris "LaVaughn" Pierce Lichty, 97, of Clear Lake, Iowa, on April 19.

Doris Shirreffs Keene, 98, of Pensacola, Florida, on August 23.

1947 George Owen, 97, of Bloomington, Minnesota, on June 14.

Sarah Wendlandt, 94, of Lubbock, Texas, on March 9.

 **1948 Betty Ferguson** Emrich, 94, of Tipton, Iowa, on July 4.

Richard Peterson, 94, of College Station, Texas, on May 23.

1950s

1950 Margaret Du Bois, 92, of Lakewood, Colorado, on June 9.

Robert Funk, 98, of Niles, Illinois, on April 21.

1951 John Andersen, 93, of Geneva, Illinois, on July 30.

Margaret "Peggy" Smith Pair, 91, of Anacortes, Washington, on March 26.

Robert Fullerton, 93, of Clinton, Iowa, on April 5.

Robert "Bob" Stone, 90, of Marion, Iowa, on May 9.

1953 Richard "Dick" Ekstrand, 93, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on August 10.

Mardell Frey Henze, 89, of Shannon, Illinois, on April 16.

William Layton, 89, of Hendersonville, North Carolina, on June 12.

Carol "Cay" Zochert Wright, 89, of Edmond, Oklahoma, on June 4.



1952 Donald "Don" Erusha, 93, of Cedar Falls, Iowa, on August 3. Don served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1946-1947 and the U.S. Air Force Reserve from 1952-1968. He earned his master's degree from the University of Iowa. He was a teacher and coach for 50 years at several high schools and universities including Cedar Falls High School, Coe College, Wartburg College and the University of Northern Iowa, semi-retiring in 2000. Don played football at Coe and was inducted into the Coe College Athletic Hall of Fame in 1985 and also earned the Alumni Award of Merit in 2012. He was a life member of Cedar Falls AMVETS Post 49, Cedar Falls Lions Club and Iowa Football Coaches Association. Don is survived by one grandchild and one great-grandchild.

1955 Russell Monson, 87, of Iowa City, Iowa, on May 16.

1956 Carol Lentz Vick, 86, of Fairfax, Virginia, on May 13.

1957 Dolores Klouda Leach, 85, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on July 17.

1958 Jerry Milne Plotz, 84, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on April 4.

1959 Frances "Fran" Chaloupka Brown, 83, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on May 13.

Lowell Harkness, 88, of Marion, Iowa, on June 23.

Robert Jones, 83, of Elmhurst, Illinois, on April 9.

Gwendolyn "Gwen" Miller Johnson, 82, of Amarillo, Texas, on March 15.

1960s

 **1960 Jack Greiner**, 83, of Ada, Michigan, on May 15.

J. Dean Strom, 82, of Davenport, Iowa, on December 26.

1961 James "Jim" York, 82, of Marshalltown, Iowa, on August 10.

1962 Sally Cary Martin, 78, of Altoona, Iowa, on July 18, 2018.

William "Bill" Loftus, 80, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on March 31.

Richard Reeve, 82, of Fairfield, Iowa, on March 1.

1963 Jack Fridley, 85, of Strawberry Point, Iowa, on July 23.


1965 David Glidden, 77, of Algodones, New Mexico, on September 27, 2020.

Kenneth Hach, 77, of Alta, Iowa, on April 12.

1966 Barton Hayward, 77, of San Antonio, Texas, on March 12.

Alvin Lambert, 76, of Melbourne, Florida, on February 1.

1967 George Dewey, 75, of Huntley, Illinois, on August 9.

 **1968 Margaret "Lynn" Miller** Brosious, 74, of Dellwood, Minnesota, on August 21.

Evelyn Sorenson Petersen, 93, of Keystone, Iowa, on August 1.

1969 Michael Rose, 74, of Iowa City, Iowa, on August 21.

1970s

1970 John Raaz, 73, of Galena, Illinois, on April 24.

Joan Ronowski Luxon, 71, of Libertyville, Illinois, on March 21.

1971 Artina "Tina" LaFrentz McCormick, 75, of Omaha, Nebraska, on April 6.

1972 David Smith, 81, of Burnside, Kentucky, on July 27.

1974 Michael Svoboda, 74, of Youngstown, Ohio, on July 7.

1975 Raymond Martens, 82, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on August 16.

1976 Karen Woods Damron, 67, of Navarre, Florida, on March 19.

1977 Margaret "Meg" Hickman, 65, of Los Angeles, California, on May 30.

Marilyn Tucker, 90, of Marion, Iowa, on April 7.

1980s

1981 Dennis Smith, 61, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, on August 19, 2020.

1990s

1994 James "Jim" Willis, 49, of Waverly, Iowa, on April 24.

1995 Judith "Judy" Briggs, 78, of Marion, Iowa, on April 22.

2000s

2001 Brian "B.J." Johnson, 50, of Mount Vernon, Iowa, on July 24.

2003 Dorothy Plagmann, 98, of Norway, Iowa, on April 10.

Faculty/Staff

Physical plant team member **Lee Schneidermann**, 59, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on May 26. Lee served in the U.S. Army for four years and joined the Coe physical plant team in 1995. A highly skilled carpenter, his most recent service to Coe was in the role of locksmith. He always knew how to make the people around him laugh, and one of his greatest joys was being a grandparent. Lee is survived by his wife, Mary Kaye; his children, **Molly Schneidermann '12**, **Maggie Schneidermann '14**, Michael, **Jeni Wilson '05** and Jeffrey; and his grandchildren.

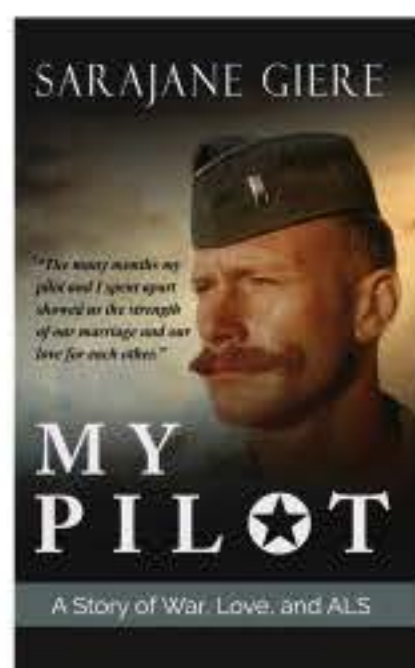


Elnora H. and William B. Quarton Professor Emeritus of Economics and Business Administration **Ramakrishna "Vaidi" Vaitheswaran**, 92, of Des Moines, Iowa, on August 30. Vaidi earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in economics from Osmania University in India. His academic and activist streak led him through careers as a journalist, speaker and professor. He met his wife, Janaki, during college, and they married on May 21, 1958. He immigrated to the U.S. with his family in 1967 to teach political science and multicultural affairs. He then worked to earn his doctorate in economics from Iowa State University. In 1973, Vaidi moved to Cedar Rapids and taught in Coe's Department of Business Administration and Economics for 26 years. He volunteered across the decades to promote cross-cultural understanding and tolerance. He sustained his intellectual curiosity during retirement, spending each day absorbing newspapers and books from his immense library and sharing books and stories with his beloved grandchildren. Vaidi is survived by his two daughters; a son-in-law; two grandchildren; a sister; many nieces and nephews; and a host of friends, colleagues and former students.

WRITTEN ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF COE'S ALUMNI

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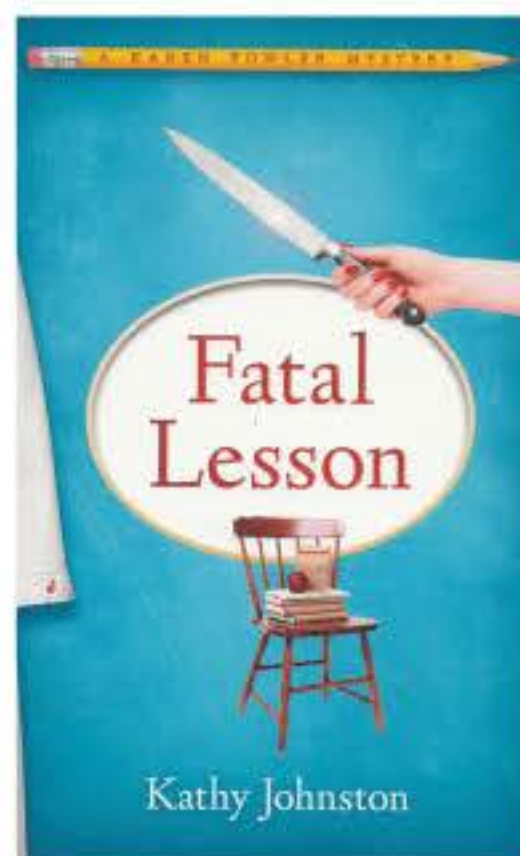
1960s



'62 Sarajane Palmer Giere of West Caldwell, New Jersey, published the memoir "My Pilot: A Story of War, Love, and ALS." Giere wrote the book as a tribute to her late husband, **Bernard Giere '62**, who graduated as a second lieutenant from Coe's Air Force ROTC

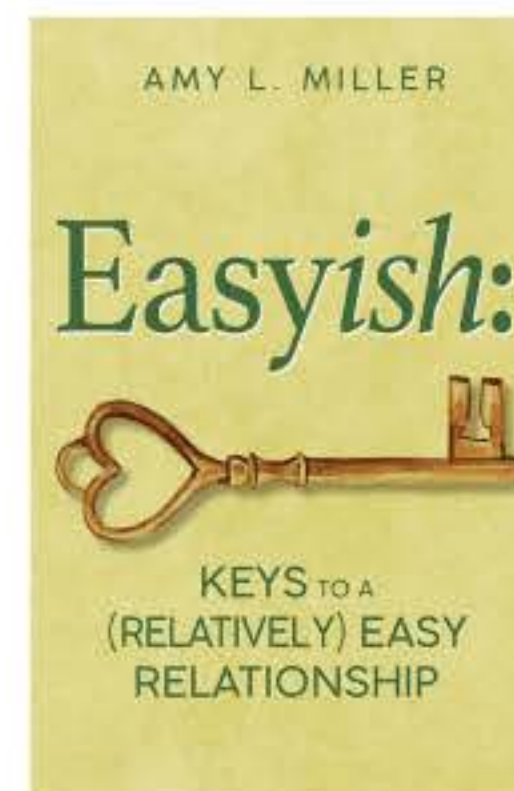
program and went on to fly 214 combat missions in the Vietnam War and serve 25 years in the Air National Guard's 106th Rescue Wing. The book won the Independent Press Award in the military nonfiction category. It is available on Amazon.

1970s



'74 Kathy Johnston of Grayslake, Illinois, published the mystery novel "Fatal Lesson." This first book in the Karen Fowler series centers around a murder mystery at a school in the quirky small town of Chaldea, Iowa. It is available on Amazon.

2000s



'01 Amy Miller of Florissant, Missouri, published the book "Easyish: Keys to a (Relatively) Easy Relationship." Miller, a licensed clinical social worker, wrote the book out of the desire to help everyone — not just those in intimate relationships or marriages — begin to experience some ease and peace in their relationships across the board. The book is available on Amazon.

Associate Professor of Physics **Ugur Akgun** applied for a patent for his discovery of a new radiation hard scintillator material for medical and physics applications. The patent application has reached the national stage.

William P. and Gayle S. Whipple Associate Professor of History **Brie Swenson Arnold** wrote the introductory essay and served as guest editor for the entire volume of the Middle West Review's special issue on African American migration to the Midwest (1860-1920) in spring 2021. She also published "African American Migration to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and the Making of the Midwest, 1860-1900" in "The Making of the Midwest: Essays on the Formation of Midwestern Identity, 1787-1900."

Associate Professor of Theatre Arts **Dennis Barnett** published the chapter "Racial Nationalism and the Serbian Theatre: From Radovan III to DAH" in "The Palgrave Handbook of Theatre and Race." He also spoke at DAH Theatre's 30th anniversary festival in Belgrade, Serbia, on the topic "Theatre and Revolution."

Professor of Political Science **Lynda Barrow** was invited to present a four-part series in March on "Saints, Sinners, & Secularists: Religion & Politics on the World Stage."

Flute Instructor **Rose Bishop** published (with Lizzy Darling) "A Flutist's Guide to the Voxman Etudes," a new performance

guide in conjunction with Himie Voxman's Selected Studies for Flute. Bishop professionally recorded all 55 etudes with Darling, which Coe helped support financially. She presented with Darling workshops on their book for flute festivals across the country, including the Upper Midwest Flute Association, Flute Society of St. Louis, Seattle Flute Society, Flute Society of Greater Philadelphia, Eastern Iowa Flute Workshop and Montana Flute Society, as well as the Opus Ithaca School of Music since its publication. Bishop also received the prestigious prize with the National Flute Association's Newly Published Works Competition - Pedagogical Works Category, a highly competitive competition that receives applications from around the world each year.

Associate Professor of Rhetoric **Allison Carr '05** published the essay "Losing Composure" in CRAFT Literary magazine; the essay was then included in the index of "Notable Literary Nonfiction" in Best American Essays 2021.

Alma A. Turechek Professor of Music **Bill Carson** published his edition of Percy Grainger's "Spoon River" for concert band in Volume 12 of Teaching Music through Performance in Band.

Assistant Professor of Art **Zen Cohen** had her photography work published as two book covers this year. A portrait of performance artist and author Guillermo

Gómez-Peña is the cover image of his new anthology, "Gómez-Peña Unplugged," which contains a selection of Cohen's photographs of the artist. A portrait of Drew Cameron, hand papermaker and founder of Combat Paper, appears on the cover of "Veteran Reintegration: The Trauma of Social Isolation & Cultural Chasms."

Assistant Professor of Biology and Director of the Wilderness Field Station **Jesse Ellis** oversaw **Kalina Eskew '21** when they received a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship their senior year.

Associate Professor of Anthropology **Julie Fairbanks** presented the paper "Invisible and Visible: Narrative Complications in Late Soviet Ethnographic Writings on the Caucasus" at the virtual Central States Anthropological Society conference in April.

B.D. Silliman Professor of Physics **Steve Feller** and Fran Allison and Francis Halpin Professor of Physics **Mario Affatigato '89** co-authored the article "Four decades of growth: The undergraduate glass research program of Coe College," which appeared in the American Ceramic Society Bulletin. Feller co-authored the article "Comparisons of atomic arrangements in binary borate glasses with total, oxygen and modifier packing fractions," which was accepted for publication in the European Journal of Glass Science Part B, with Coe students **Sophie**

KOHAWKS REPRESENT AT IACAC

Coe College has a strong presence within the Iowa Association for College Admission Counseling (IACAC).

At the May 2021 IACAC conference, Dean of Student Success & Persistence **Lauren Garcia-Pastorek '10** was elected assembly delegate on the IACAC board. As an assembly delegate, she will advocate for Iowa students and admission professionals at the national level and primarily focus on ethical administration and organizational practices. Assistant Director of Admission **Jessica Salgado '17** and Associate Director of Admission **Yuri Tilapa Serna '16** joined the IACAC Inclusion,

Access and Success committee, with Serna serving as a committee co-chair. They were guest speakers at the IACAC Leading & Excelling, Academically & Professionally (LEAP) conference that covered a range of topics from selecting a major to assisting first-generation students navigate their college search.

The conference culminated with Serna and her team receiving the IACAC Rising Star Award honoring individuals and programs that exemplify excellence and dedication to serving students in their transition to college.

Weiss '21, Peyton McGuire '21, Ian Slagle '22 and **Joel Cook '22**. Feller also co-authored "Structural units of binary vanadate glasses by X-ray and neutron diffraction" submitted to the Journal of Non-Crystalline Solids; contributed to "Undergraduate Research" in "A Guide to Effective Practices for Physics Programs (EP3)"; and co-authored the chapter "Oranienburg and Sachsenhausen Concentration Camps and their In-house Monies, Stamps, Letters, Postcards, and Medals" accepted for "Operation Bernhard."

Associate Professor of Art **Lucille Goodson** was accepted into an international juried exhibition titled "The Nude" at the SE Center for Photography in Greenville, South Carolina.

Assistant Wrestling Coach and Assistant Strength and Conditioning Coach **Jim Gotto '14** was inducted into the Western Dubuque High School athletic Hall of Fame this fall.

John William King Professor of Literature and Creative Writing **Gina Hausknecht** organized and facilitated the panel "Teaching Transformed: The Other Impact of Teaching Shakespeare in Prison" for the Ohio Valley Shakespeare Conference in October, which included her talk "Transforming Shakespeare in Prison: Shakespearean Adaptation as a Critical Pedagogy."

Accessibility Services Coordinator **Laura Hayes** successfully defended her dissertation "Vital Compositions: Writing Matter in Victorian Literature and Culture" and received her doctorate in English from the University of Iowa.

Associate Professor of French **Joyce Janca-Aji** completed training in medical interpreting in French and English to include interpreting skills as part of the program in French and Francophone Studies.

McCabe Professor of Philosophy **John Lemos** gave an invited lecture to the faculty and students of the City University of New York titled "Coherent Naturalistic Libertarian Free Will and Criminal Justice" last December.

Assistant Professor of English and Creative Writing **LaTanya McQueen** published her first novel, "When the Reckoning Comes," which was included in the New York Times Book Review. She also published the essay "What Visiting Plantations Taught Me About Historical Erasure" on LitHub in August.

Professor Emeritus of Biology **Floyd Sandford** solo-hiked 60 miles from Exmouth to Abbotsbury along the scenic Jurassic Coast Path in southern England in May. Because of the unique geology of the coastal cliffs rich in fossils from the Age of Dinosaurs, the area was England's first UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Ben Peterson Professor of Chemistry and Environmental Studies **Marty St. Clair** co-authored "Aquifer Lithology Affects Shallow Groundwater Quality More Than N Fertilizer Form and Placement Method in an Iowa Agricultural Field," which was accepted for publication in the journal *Agrosystems, Geosciences & Environment*.

Assistant Professor of Data Science **Michael Stobb** and Associate Professor of Physics **Ugur Akgun**, along with Coe students **Grant Finneman '22, Nathan Meskell '22, Tim Caplice '22, Owen Eichhorn '23** and **Ammar Abu-Halawa '22**, published the article "Proton Imaging with Machine Learning" in *SPIE Proceedings Volume 11595, Medical Imaging 2021: Physics of Medical Imaging*.

Associate Professor of History and Associate Dean for Faculty Development **Angela Ziskowski** and Assistant Professor of Data Science **Michael Stobb** co-authored "Old Data, New Approaches: Using the Hands of Corinthian Vase Painters for Data Analysis of Maritime Trade," which was accepted for publication in *The Potters' Quarter: A Corinthian Context Revisited, Hesperia Supplement*. Ziskowski also co-authored "Myth and Identity in Corinthian Numismatics: Cohesive Programming in the Early Corinthian Coin Types," which was accepted for publication in *The Numismatic Chronicle*.



President Emeritus David McNally was presented his portrait during a small reception at Clark Alumni House in September. The portrait was painted by Marvin D. Cone Professor of Art Peter Thompson.



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