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Greetings from Coe. This issue of the Courier celebrates the accomplishments of our graduating class and the collective college community, concluding another successful year at our wonderful institution. In these pages you'll read of individual awards and honors, as well as triumphs on our fields, courts and stages. Coe as a whole has received continued endorsement and recognition for our strong academics and innovative programs with a top ten ranking for internships, top 20 ranking for alumni network and National Science Foundation funding for physics research. But this graduating class brings to mind another Kohawk attribute, one that endures across generations of alumni, faculty, staff and friends of the college — resiliency in the face of adversity.

I've seen a unique fortitude and adaptability in this class, as it encountered the many uncertain twists brought on by the pandemic and derecho. These students have been challenged and tested in unforeseen ways, and through perseverance, have grown in both their empathy and sense of self-empowerment. They set and adjusted expectations, only to change and reset them time and again. They adapted to evolving learning environments as learning spaces changed with safety protocols. They learned to lean on others in ways they hadn't before, and in turn, offered their own shoulders to peers who needed a shared strength. I am immensely proud of all they have accomplished and how the entire Coe community rallied together with a singular focus on helping our students be as successful as possible.

Thanks to our dedicated faculty and staff, Coe continues to meet the challenges of our days. The campus has continued to grow and expand, both in terms of facilities and programs. Majors added in recent years such as data science and criminal and social justice are expanding rapidly and attracting students from across the country. Our newest athletic teams like esports, clay target and bowling are finding early successes and are establishing a foundation on which to flourish. The David & Janice McNally Center for Health & Society is nearing completion and we are eager to accept students in its classrooms this fall. We can't wait for alumni to visit campus and tour the facility during Homecoming this October and see the incredible resources available to our students.

This next year, we turn our attention to the future and how we are positioning Coe to be a leader in education and engagement in Cedar Rapids and beyond. The aforementioned Center for Health & Society will bring together dozens of healthcare partners across Cedar Rapids' MedQuarter Regional Medical District to more fully explore the intersection of health and society and how these areas are more interconnected than ever. In addition, we are securing funds to update and renovate several elements within Greene and Murray Halls. These efforts and more have us feeling as optimistic as ever about the direction and future of Coe. Our alumni and friends will be critical to this future and we can't wait to have you with us on this journey.

I have enjoyed getting out and seeing many Coe faces throughout my travels the last few months, and look forward to seeing more of you at future events including Homecoming this fall. Thank you for all you do to support Coe and our students. You truly embody an alumni community that believes in paying it forward and helping generations of Coe students to come be successful in their pursuits. You are the best of us.

Alma mater, hail hail hail.

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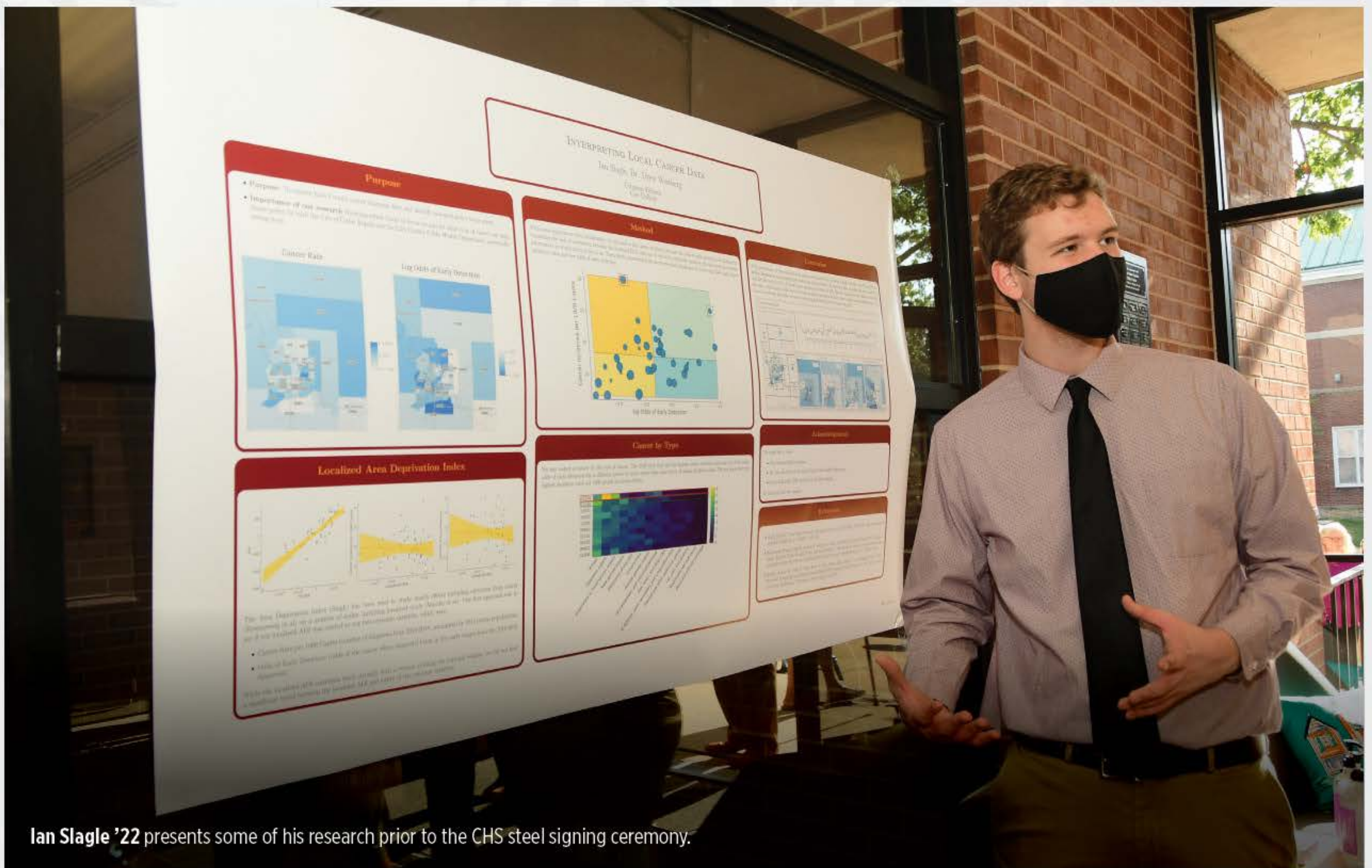
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Ian Slagle '22 presents some of his research prior to the CHS steel signing ceremony.

Kohawk receives \$230,000 through NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION Graduate Research Fellowship Program

Years of studying, hundreds of hours in laboratories and days and nights of networking were about to culminate in an internationally recognized accolade — and **Ian Slagle '22** fell asleep.

To be fair, Ian didn't know the National Science Foundation's (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP) winners were going to be posted the evening of April 3, but he had been checking often since results were expected to be released in early April. So, he checked one last time that night about ten minutes before the winners were released and shut his eyes when there wasn't any new information.

The next morning, though, got off to an exceptional start when he checked the website shortly after getting up.

"It woke me up, that's for sure," Ian said. "There was a lot of adrenaline."

There was his name, a winner of the distinguished five-year fellowship that supports outstanding graduate students in science, technology, engineering and math

(STEM) disciplines. Between research stipends and cost of education allowances, Ian had just been awarded \$230,000 for computationally intensive materials research.

"I was a bit overwhelmed, but incredibly grateful and excited for the possibilities [the fellowship] unlocks with my future research," Ian said.

His research will take him to Georgia Institute of Technology, commonly referred to as Georgia Tech, in the fall to pursue his doctorate in computational science and engineering (materials science and engineering). The research project he proposed for the GRFP relates to working on methods to discover new materials and behaviors faster, beginning with battery cathodes.

What's just as impressive is how he — and others in the broader Coe community — put him in position to earn the prestigious honor. The power of the Kohawk network was on full display.

Coe's most recent GRFP recipients helped him with his

application. Ian's partner, **Kalina Eskew '21**, received the GRFP one year ago, and two recent physics alumni, **Nathan Dvorak '19** and **Rebecca Welch '20**, were awarded the GRFP in 2019 and 2020 respectively. In all, there have been six Kohawk GRFP winners in the last six years. An amazing streak, since only about 2,000 of the 12,000 applicants are accepted annually.

B.D. Silliman Professor of Physics Steve Feller and Assistant Professor of Mathematical Science Michael Stobb wrote letters of recommendation. Steve connected Ian with Coe alumnus **Faisal Alamgir '96** who will be Ian's advisor at Georgia Tech and helped him develop his research plan. Even Ian's internship supervisor at Corning put in a good word via a recommendation. It made a difference, as Ian said the letters of recommendation were often cited by the NSF in the reviews of his application.

But the connections also helped Ian get a head start on his doctoral program.

"The other thing about the GRFP is that it is also a research proposal. Which means it provided an excellent opportunity for me to work together with my soon-to-be advisor, Dr. Alamgir, as well as Dr. Alena Alamgir, who is a specialist in technical communication. With their help, I put together a proposal not just for the purpose of this application, but to provide a starting point for my Ph.D.," Ian said.

It's all the culmination of an undergraduate experience at Coe full of "rare and appealing" opportunities according to Ian.

"There were three factors that I consider to be most influential in the success of my application: my major plan, published research and networking with experts," Ian summarized.

Ian's advisor, Professor of Mathematics Kent Herron, helped him develop a unique major plan starting early in his Coe career. With Kent's guidance, Ian has been able to secure a quintuple major in physics, chemistry, data science, computer science and mathematics.

During his visit to campus as a prospective student, Ian connected with Fran Allison and Francis Halpin Professor of Physics **Mario Affatigato '89** who helped Ian secure a research opportunity the summer before his first-year classes began. He has since completed two full summers of research in the physics department, and last summer was a glass development intern at Corning.

"All of these contacts were made through Coe physics connections, whether it be through research, internship opportunities, or in the Alamgirs' case, Dr. Feller's alumni newsletter," Ian said.

"Looking back, there were some genuinely amazing opportunities I had at Coe," he added.

Currently, Ian is back at Corning for the summer interning as a research statistician. He will move to Atlanta in August to begin his graduate studies at Georgia Tech.

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— Ian Slagle '22



Coe grad receives honorable mention from the National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program

With parents working in the healthcare field, **Sigrid Van Den Abbeele '20** has known about health inequality her whole life. Now, she's a doctorate student in geography with an emphasis on demography at the University of California, Santa Barbara after witnessing the consequences of health disparities during the COVID-19 pandemic. She recently received an honorable mention from the National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program for the COVID-19 research plan she outlined in her application.

Her interest in studying the relationship between health and geographic space grew at Coe when she had the opportunity to participate in a May Term in Tanzania. As a Spellman Summer Research Fellow, she honed her research skills. After graduating from Coe, she joined AmeriCorps VISTA to serve as a contact tracer in her community.

"In this job, I saw the incredible and disparate impact that this disease has had on peoples' lives and the variability in public health interventions enacted by different levels of government," she said.

Van Den Abbeele's research plan includes collecting data of the federal, state and county-level public health interventions implemented across the nation throughout the pandemic. This data will be examined to study the different COVID-19 outcomes in relation to their location.

"By documenting COVID-19-related public health interventions and their relationship to outcomes from COVID-19, I hope that this project will better prepare scientists and policymakers to respond to the next pandemic," she said.



#10

BEST SCHOOLS FOR INTERNSHIPS



#20

BEST ALUMNI NETWORK



TOP 7%

NATIONALLY FOR VALUE

Coe named a **BEST SCHOOL FOR INTERNSHIPS** for the fifth consecutive year; **ALUMNI NETWORK** recognized for a second consecutive year

Coe College remains the only college or university — public or private — in Iowa to make both the Best Schools for Internships and Best Alumni Network lists by The Princeton Review. Across all private colleges and universities in the country, Coe is the #10 Best School for Internships and has the #20 Best Alumni Network. The 2022 rankings were released in late April as part of The Princeton Review's Best Value Colleges.

This is the fifth year in a row that Coe has been nationally ranked for internship opportunities, and Coe is one of only five private colleges nationwide to be ranked for internships in each of the last five years.

Only 209 colleges in total were recognized by The Princeton Review for meeting its best value criteria, placing Coe in the top 7 percent of four-year undergraduate colleges and universities in the country.

This annual review names the public and private colleges that have earned the highest return on investment rating—a score the company tallies using more than 40 data points including academic offerings, cost/financial aid, career placement services, graduation rates and student debt as well as alumni salary levels and job satisfaction.

In its profile, The Princeton Review cites Coe students who laud the college's academics, emphasis on experience, faculty support and community.

"These recognitions are a campus wide accomplishment," said Coe President **David Hayes '93**. "They reflect an arduous effort by faculty, staff and alumni to connect our students with people, organizations and resources on campus and throughout the Corridor. That's truly one of the defining points of Coe — an education that invites real world experience into the learning environment."



Much of Coe's achievements in connecting students to internships and alumni can be attributed to the vision and development of the C3: Creativity, Careers and Community center. The on-campus resource assists students with career exploration, networking, interviewing, application critique and identifying volunteer opportunities, and was established as the result of a collaborative effort within the A Bolder Coe strategic plan. C3 emphasizes the connections between liberal education and careers and between Coe College and the surrounding region. Through internships, grants, experiential learning opportunities, sponsored visits from entrepreneurs and innovators and expansive partnerships with local businesses, arts organizations and nonprofits, students explore career and community engagement options and build their resumes prior to graduation.

Coe guarantees each student access to an internship, research or off-campus study before graduation. The Cedar Rapids metro area provides hundreds of internship possibilities, including with Fortune 500 companies, but Coe students also engage with national companies and organizations like Google, Corning, FOX Sports, the Chicago Board of Trade and the United States Senate. The valuable hands-on experience and networking opportunities are just two reasons why nearly 100% of Coe graduates are either employed, in grad school or engaging in service within nine months of graduation.

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— President David Hayes '93



Take a Seat

DOWS THEATRE

CAMPAIGN

“SPACIOUSNESS...LIGHT...BEAUTIFUL AND USEFUL”

were the words used to characterize the Sutherland C. Dows Fine Arts Center when it was dedicated on May 16, 1974. Nearly 50 years later, this custom-made facility is in need of renovation in order to serve the arts of today.

The presence of a vibrant arts scene in the undergraduate experience is of vital importance in Coe's mission to develop liberally educated citizens. To celebrate the arts in our lives and the lives of Coe students, we invite you to become our partners in this first phase of Coe's renovation of Dows Theatre to include new seating and theater equipment.

Remember all those roles you performed or the friends you encouraged by attending their shows? You were there for stellar performances and memorable moments. By becoming our partner in this first phase of Coe's fine arts campaign, we will recognize your support with **your name on one or more of the 200 new seats in Dows Theatre.**

- Buy one seat, make a \$1,500 contribution
- Buy four seats, make a \$5,000 contribution (\$1,250 per seat for a 16% discount)
- Buy 10 seats, make a \$10,000 contribution (\$1,000 per seat for a 33% discount)

The performing arts represent a key opportunity for residential colleges because performance experiences cannot be replicated through technology, and involvement options generally are limited at large universities for students not majoring in music or theater. Due to the thriving arts community in our region, Coe is in an optimal position to expand programs, increase opportunities and establish local partnerships, all for the benefit of Coe students.

www.alumni.coe.edu/takeaseat

Dows is not just a space for students. It is Coe's open door to the Cedar Rapids community. Our theater is a reflection of how we are viewed as a college. Receiving new seats in the space would allow us to put our best foot forward for our performances and for our community who views them. And unlike other theaters where the seats are all level, Dows' seats are elevated, so they are the first thing you see when you enter the theater. So it's immediately apparent that our current chairs are falling apart. This also means this upgrade won't go unnoticed or unappreciated. It'll be more noticeable than any other change in the space and will be a talking point of the theater for years to come. Let's beautify Dows and make it more inviting for all whom we welcome to Coe!

BELLE CANNEY '22



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THE CHERRY ORCHARD, FALL 2018



BIG LOVE, WINTER 2018



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THE COE COLLEGE STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

welcomed back its annual celebration of all things Kohawk Athletics in late April. The committee, along with votes from coaches, student-athletes and other staff, recognized numerous teams and athletes for their accomplishments during the 2020-21 and 2021-22 seasons. The event was highlighted by the addition of a new award, the Alana Littleton Most Inspirational Student-Athlete Award, which is named after Coe Cross Country and Track and Field Coaches Mat and Krista Littleton's daughter, who was born asleep. This year's award was presented to football player **Sam Jackson '22**.



Head Men's Cross Country and Track and Field Coach Mat Littleton and Head Women's Cross Country and Track and Field Coach Krista Littleton



COE BASEBALL

— ENDS ON A HIGH —

The Coe baseball team recently saw their 2022 season come to a close in dramatic fashion. The Kohawks made a thrilling run in the American Rivers Conference tournament to claim the title and earn a birth in the NCAA tournament. Coe won its first elimination game over Lawrence University before suffering the season-ending defeat to UW Stevens Point. The Kohawks finished the season at 22-21.

— LUCAS — GEIGER

MEN'S GOLF ALL-CONFERENCE

Coe College men's golfer **Lucas Geiger '24** earned a spot on the All-American Rivers Conference Team after finishing T9 at the 2022 A-R-C Championships. Geiger, from Mt. Prospect, Illinois, shot a third-round 76 to secure the all-conference honor, becoming Coe's first all-conference men's golfer since 2017.



Bringing adventure



Looking down on Budapest from above.
Photo from **Madison De Boer '22**.



re back

Kohawks once again are traveling throughout the world, absorbing culture, creating new connections and capturing moments they'll never forget.

Since learning through experience is an integral part of education, Coe offers more than 40 options for off-campus across the country and six continents — and 40% of students take advantage. Live vicariously, even just for a moment, through the photos Coe students sent back from their adventures this past year.



Fiona Kilgore travelled to Ephesus with friends from her university abroad. The Ancient Greek city is the site of one of the Seven Wonders of the World, where the Temple of Artemis was located. This is the Library of Celsus, which was built in the first century. Photo from **Fiona Kilgore '23**.



On the way to a traditional Arabian dinner in a limited edition Jeep in Sharjah, United Arab Emirates.
Photo from MyKeisha Wells '22.



Louis Anthony enjoying a moment in New York's Central Park.
Photo from Louis Anthony '23.



Natural beauty of Slovakia featuring the Váh River in Žilina.
Photo from **Madison De Boer '22**.



Giant's Causeway in Northern Ireland.
Photo from **Megan Bass '22**.



Madison De Boer with Berlin's Schloss Charlottenburg in the background.
Photo from **Madison De Boer '22**.



A chapel built in the 10th century in Ani, a UNESCO World Heritage Site that is right on the border between Turkey and Armenia.
Photo from **Fiona Kilgore '23**.



Northern Coast at Sunset.
Photo from **Megan Bass '22**.



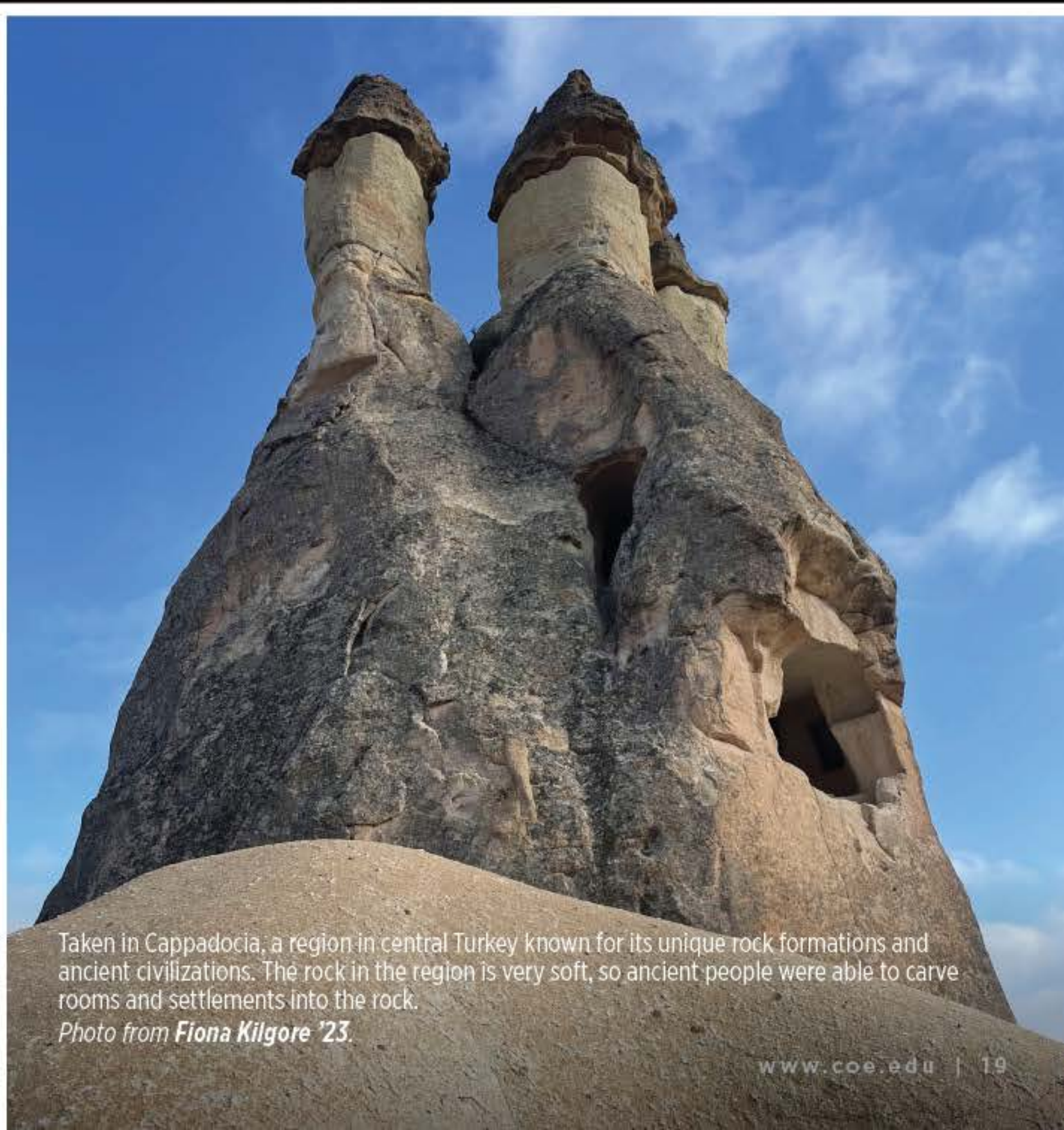
This is Camlica Mosque, the biggest mosque in Turkey. Construction on the mosque was finished in 2018. ESN is an organization that plans activities for international students, so this picture shows a mix of Turkish students and other international exchange students.
Photo from **Fiona Kilgore '23**.



The Hungarian Parliament Building at night in Budapest.
 Photo from **Madison De Boer '22**.



Taken from the Galata Tower in Istanbul looking up the Golden Horn River to the western part of the city. The tower was originally built as a strategic watchtower to see intruders, but it is now a museum.
 Photo from **Fiona Kilgore '23**.

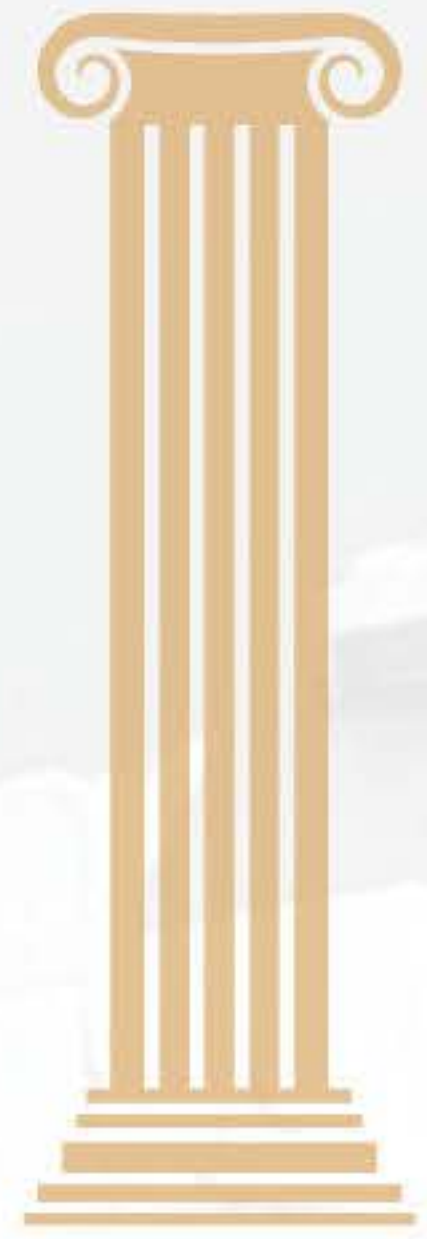


Taken in Cappadocia, a region in central Turkey known for its unique rock formations and ancient civilizations. The rock in the region is very soft, so ancient people were able to carve rooms and settlements into the rock.
 Photo from **Fiona Kilgore '23**.



OUR GREEK *Odyssey*

By *Julie Kliegl,*
MBA, Ph.D. '83,
Guest Writer



Can you imagine Coe College sponsors an actual archaeological excavation site at Lechaion Harbor near ancient Corinth? Dr. Angela Ziskowski is Coe's interim provost, associate professor of history and the assistant director of the Lechaion Harbor and Settlement Land Project in Corinth, Greece. Each summer she takes Coe students to work with her, continuing the Coe tradition of making meaningful learning accessible, challenging and joyful. Since getting permission from the Greek government to dig at that site, three major buildings have been discovered and countless items have been identified, all with the help of Coe students.

In March 2022, Dr. Ziskowski hosted her second alumni trip to Greece, and our group of 12 Kohawks and three guests were privileged to travel with her. We came for history and archaeology. We came because of childhood fascination with Greek mythology. We came after reflecting on how fleeting life can be and how important it is to keep exploring and learning. We came from Texas, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Iowa, Illinois and Montana. None of the parties coordinated their plans, it was happenstance that brought us all to Greece with Dr. Ziskowski, who organizes these alumni trips with the sole purpose of sharing what it takes to get her students to the site, raising awareness and donations to support this engaging program for her students.

For a few brief shining days, we all went back to Coe again while traveling through Greece with a maestro of Greek archaeology and masterful teacher who brought all our experiences to life with insightful planning and lecturing, sprinkled with food, wine and cultural insights.

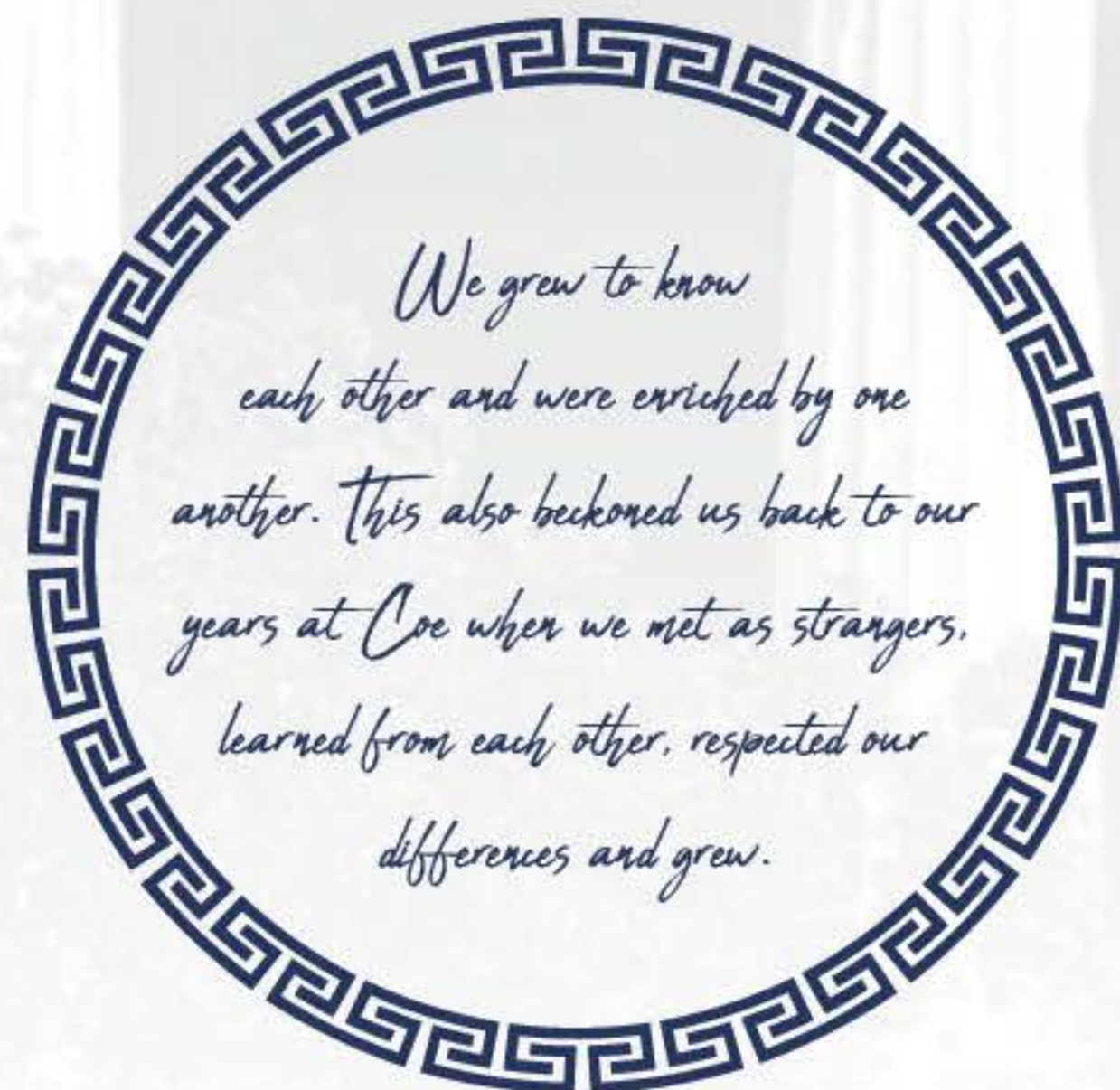
We traveled back centuries in time, challenging our knowledge of history and civilizations. We started in Athens where we gathered for lunch with a view of the Acropolis that literally took our breath away. We jumped right into Greek cuisine with mezzes and shared plates, together in that beautiful spot. Dr. Ziskowski arranged a delightful meal of Greek specialties. We lost count of the number of items we sampled but there were no less than five desserts.

From the Parthenon at the Acropolis to the Agora and the Plaka, Athens is chock full of amazing places to explore and learn.

At Tony Patterson's '70 prompting, we took a side stop on our walk up the Acropolis at the Areopagus. It is here where the Council of Elders met, and it is believed to be where Paul spoke to the Athenians about their unnamed god. It is a place with a wonderful view of the city and where you can imagine the many discussions being held as the ancient Greeks moved beyond a personal revenge justice system and developed a democracy.

On our way up the processional path for the Panathenaic festival we passed the Temple to Athena Nike.

"The engineering feats to construct these monuments and lift these stones is amazing," commented Todd Buchardt '82. "The ingenuity of design and construction, the artisanship and craftsmanship is remarkable."



We saw the Theater of Dionysus on the south side of the Acropolis, the oldest in the western world, and days later we saw the Theater in the Sanctuary of Asklepios at Epidauros, the best preserved in the western world. Theater was a competitive activity in ancient Greece.

In the Acropolis Museum we learned about the development of sculpture from the archaic to the classical. We viewed the Karyatids, the women from the porch of the Erechtheion who bear the weight of the world on their heads with saddened faces for betraying Greece to the Persians. You can see some of the original parts of the metopes, friezes and pediments of the Parthenon. We learned how some are in the British Museum and some are at home in Greece where they truly belong. We discussed the complex issues surrounding repatriating cultural items.

But to share a day-by-day tour of the sights would be an injustice to the experience. What mattered were the intricate insights we were able to experience under the tutelage of Dr. Ziskowski. We got a glimpse of the kinds of experiences Coe students have each summer when they travel with Dr. Ziskowski to her dig site in Lechaion Harbor. We were impressed with her meticulous pre-trip planning, her impressive facility with the Greek language, her gregarious nature, her love of teaching and her effective communication skills with the citizens of Greece and as well as with those in her charge.

A major highlight was visiting Dr. Ziskowski's dig site, holding relics Coe students discovered and carefully cleaned and seeing the trenches that will soon be uncovered for this summer's excavation. It really connected us to the students.

"We held the artifacts in our hands. It was so much more than I expected," said Sigrid Reynolds '94.

While strangers at the outset, by the end of the trip, we were all struck by the community we formed and the friendships that blossomed. We came from many places, backgrounds and beliefs. We grew to know each other and were enriched by one another. This also beckoned us back to our years at Coe when we met as strangers, learned from each other, respected our differences and grew.

Yes, we went back to Coe, in Greece, with an amazing professor and we are forever changed. We enjoyed a fantastic tour and we have the added benefit of knowing that our experience will enable more Coe students to get these opportunities, as a portion of our fees supports this ongoing work. If you would like to donate to Dr. Ziskowski's archaeology program, there is a place in the annual giving process to designate your funds. We know firsthand how this opportunity will enrich a Coe educational experience. We encourage you to heed the next call for an alumni trip to Greece! Step aboard her winged chariot and accompany her on her next easterly voyage, a voyage you shall cherish forever.



UNITY MURAL



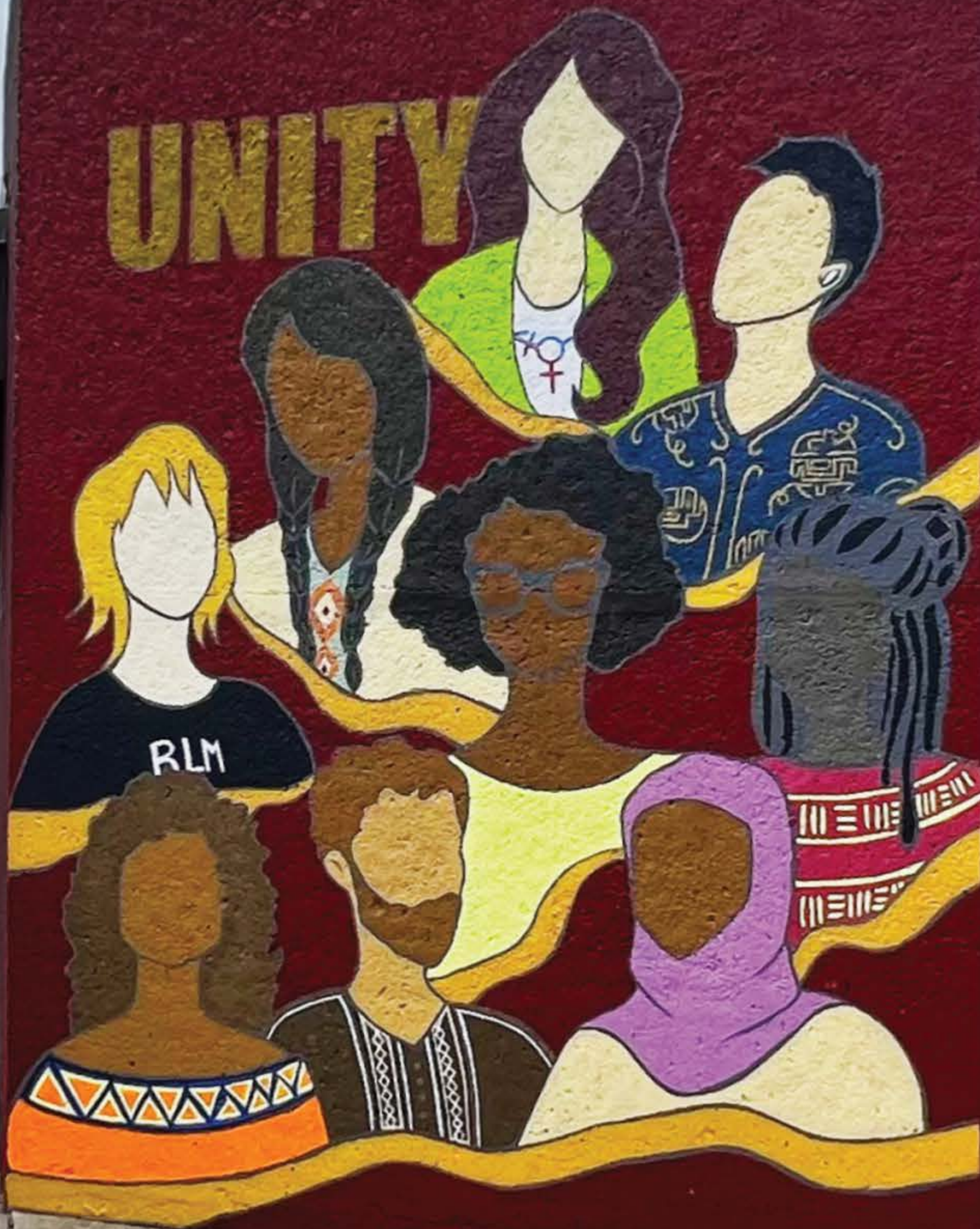
A mural project that brought campus organizations together throughout the year culminated at the end of the spring term to transform a blank outside wall of Charlie's P.U.B. into an inspirational message.

The creative force behind the project was artist **MayLing Chuong '22** and collaborator **Nallely Sanchez '23**. The project had its roots with the club formerly known as LatinX. This year, the initiative came to fruition as a cooperative effort between Nuestra Comunidad at Coe, Black Self-Educated Organization, Asian Association of Coe, International Club, Multicultural Fusion, Muslim Student Association, Coespañol, Coe Alliance, Sigma Lambda Gamma and Sigma Lambda Beta with funding through Student Senate.

The process to install the mural was also a shared effort — Chuong projected and traced the mural at night, and then members of the involved campus groups and the larger Coe community came together to paint it. The project was finished on May 2.

Further collaboration came from campus offices including the physical plant and marketing in selecting and preparing the mural location.

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Join us...

...in providing scholarships, access and transformative opportunities for our students!

Our recent Day of Giving was our best ever, and we thank everyone who contributed to Coe. It was such a great day and demonstration of the impact each of us can make in the lives of Coe students.

And...we are not done yet! Join the wave of momentum our #KohawkDay created with a gift today using the link below to help every student on Coe's campus (and future Kohawks) realize their dreams and potential.

Please consider making a gift today. All gifts before June 30 will make the most immediate impact.

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TOP DESIGNATIONS

Annual Fund
Athletics
Academics

FACULTY/STAFF DONORS

80

TOTAL % TO GOAL

149%



DECADE WITH THE MOST DONORS

2010s

STUDENT PROMO VIDEO VIEWS

260

TOTAL PLEDGED AND RAISED:

\$745,231.61

SPRING BREAK EXTERNSHIP RETURNS TO COE

While many Kohawks made spring break plans to bask in the sun, 13 students opted for business casual and got a head start on their post-Coe career prospects. As part of the Spring Break Externship organized by C3: Creativity, Careers, Community, students toured six employers in Cedar Rapids, met recruiters, networked with alumni, participated in workshops and explored internship and job opportunities — all in just three days.

"This experience taught me to take advantage of any opportunities I get, and I also learned how businesses hire from several fields and not only from one specialization," **Maggie Nansamba '25** said.

Kohawks kicked-off the externship with a visit to GreatAmerica Financial Services in downtown Cedar Rapids which featured an alumni Q&A panel with **Derek Meier '08**, **Constance Schlitter '20** and senior **Lilly Meade '22**. The next stop at the Cedar Rapids Kernels was led by Coe alum **Scott Wilson '91**, who serves as the general manager, and included hands-on activities to help students grow their knowledge of the sports industry. The third and final stop of the day was the National Czech and Slovak Museum and Library, which allowed students to learn about the logistics of scheduling exhibits and the organization's staff structure. The end of a busy first day was commemorated with an alumni networking dinner at Parlor City restaurant where students connected with

Zoe Fredriksen '19, **Mike Coulter '10**, **Nick Ludwig '11**, **Constance Schlitter '20** and **Dale Todd '78**.

On the second day, the externship students joined a behind-the-scenes tour of the Eastern Iowa Airport led by **Kathy Bell '93** before they learned how to use professional social networking platforms at the Cedar Rapids Metro Economic Alliance and met Coe alum **Anne Laugen '91** who serves as the membership growth specialist. Soon after, students discovered environmental careers with **Nancy Lackner '96** who serves as the membership and development coordinator at the Indian Creek Nature Center. Networking was on the menu again as the students finished by having dinner with **Aliana Tschida '19**, **Claire Tupper '18**, **Kevin Welu '86**, **Chris Young '85**, **Katie Dostal '99**, **Bob Untiedt '85**, **Elaina Kempin '89**, **Katie Crockett '18** and **Derek Crockett '15**. The externship concluded with an exciting visit to EcoLips where students created their own custom lip balm, had a worksite tour and a staff Q&A panel with Coe alum **Jen Johnson '98** within her current role as the director of innovation.

"...What I learned from coming here was that the way to my future and to a job is not as clear cut or black and white as it seems to be. In the future, when I get rejected from a job or graduate program or anything, I will not lie down and give up," said **Maximo Bunay '24**.





CLASS OF 2022

A feeling of optimism and a sense of accomplishment swirled with the breeze across Coe's campus May 8 — it was Commencement, and as nearly 300 Kohawks received their degrees, joy was everywhere.

When the first crisp clang of the Victory Bell reverberated off Eby Fieldhouse, exultant shouts and claps rose up from students, families and friends.

As students processed to the Stewart Memorial Library Quad between lines of applauding faculty members, smiles stretched from the library back to Marquis Hall as everyone strained to get a glimpse of the graduates.

Even the few tears that made an appearance were the result of the realization that this was one of those ultimate culminating moments in life, an accomplishment worth showing some emotion.

As graduates settled into their seats on the quad, they were greeted by Board of Trustees Chair **Carson Veach '74**. He was standing in for President **David Hayes '93** who was adhering to campus safety protocols after a positive COVID-19 test. It was the first graduation weekend Hayes has missed in 20 years. In his absence, Veach was joined by fellow trustees including Vice Chair **Sigrd Strong Reynolds '94**, **Hank Taylor '75** and Dr. **Sarah Hemming-Meyer '05** on stage. They used the remarks Hayes prepared to welcome the graduates and guests, acknowledging the families, friends, staff and faculty who helped the Class of 2022 arrive at this moment, and congratulating the graduates on attaining their degree with "energy, passion, grace, awareness and courage."

"You have proven the challenges of our day will shape, but not constrain you; influence but not

limit you, and from this have demonstrated thoughtful leadership we hope to see in our graduates,” Veach said.

Student speaker **Harper Folsom '22** built on this sentiment. The speech from the art and history major encouraged her fellow classmates to be proud of the challenges they have overcome, to celebrate what they have learned and to appreciate who they have become.

“We learned to be tough when we have to be and compassionate when we need to be. We learned to ask for help, even when it’s hard. We learned to be kind, to ourselves and to each other.

None of these things go on your transcript. They are not graded or easily defined. These are the things we celebrate today: dedication, resilience, patience, integrity and the countless other qualities I see in the graduates around me,” she said.

But most importantly, Folsom asked that her fellow Kohawks continue to care — for one another, for others in their lives and for those they haven’t met yet.

“Through authenticity and understanding, we can encourage each other to be our best selves. I’ve seen these things realized on this campus, and I hope when I see you again — here in Cedar Rapids and all around this world — I see you carrying on the work we started here. There is no limit to the goodness we can put into this world for each other,” she said.

The Commencement address was delivered by a Kohawk who has embraced the opportunity to care for others, using the skills she started to build at Coe to aid the less fortunate. Dr. **Jane Ebot-Bish '08**, is a demographer with the Center for Government Excellence at the Johns Hopkins University Krieger School of Arts and Sciences. In her professional life, she has been an advocate for women by supporting the implementation of family planning and reproductive health across 10 different countries, and currently consults with global city leaders to develop and establish data systems to support more equitable and sustainable solutions to challenges underrepresented citizens face. As she put it, she “thinks a lot about the wellbeing of communities.”

In her address, Ebot-Bish reflected on her own Coe memories. Her remarks were honest and relatable, touching on her triumphs, but also her struggles — with a little bit of debauchery mixed in as she recalled her memories of Flunk Day and the Coe Witches as a student. An overarching message, though, was that Commencement was a beginning, as well as an end.

“Coe was the beginning of my story. Not one of pure success, but one that allowed me to embrace failure, challenged me to not always have a clear plan, and taught me to embrace the uncomfortable state of not always knowing what my future would look like,” she said.

As part of her remarks, Ebot-Bish recognized several efforts the Class of 2022 had led on campus including the Blanchard Pettibone Textbook Project, advocating for social justice and establishing a Latinx fraternity and sorority. Together, she said, you have already achieved so much.

She encouraged the class to go down their own individual paths, but to use the strength of the Coe community and connections within to push further and always be listening, thinking, debating and empathizing. Having more questions than answers can be a good trait,

she said, because it will keep you curious and help you address the complicated challenges that other generations have tackled, but fallen short of alleviating.

“I have full faith and confidence that we are in capable hands because if you have been able to create a community in college during one of the hardest times we’ve ever felt, y’all can do anything,” she said. “So as your lives provide you with opportunities to exact change, I want you to think back to what you were exposed to here at Coe; think back to the personal growth you experienced; think about all that which your minds and hearts absorbed — and move forward, towards a solution, with that level of mindfulness in your toolkit.”

In a gesture of appreciation toward the Coe community, the Class of 2022 established a graduation regalia fund for future classes as their senior class gift.

“Through authenticity and understanding, we can encourage each other to be our best selves... There is no limit to the goodness we can put into this world for each other.”

As the Commencement ceremony concluded, graduates dispersed across the quad and around campus to be with loved ones, creating pockets of hugs and high fives amongst the backdrop of Voorhees, Greene, Hickok and Marquis Halls ... joy still apparent in every corner.

Recognition and awards

The Eliza Hickok Kesler Outstanding Service Award was announced at Commencement. This year's recipient is Lisa Ciha, Coe's physical plant director. Ciha has been a valued Coe employee for more than 20 years. Recently, she helped the campus through a tumultuous six month span in 2020 that saw the start of the pandemic and resulting repurposing of campus spaces for distance learning, as well as the historic derecho which devastated the campus, and Cedar Rapids' tree canopy.

Ciha's hard work ensures Coe students, faculty and staff can live and work in a comfortable environment, while helping Coe remain a leader in sustainability efforts among colleges. Coe recently earned first place in the Campus Race to Zero Waste challenge for per capita recycling among small colleges.

Created in 1999 to honor superior, long-term service to Coe, the Outstanding Service Award is given most years at Coe's graduation. The award is named for **Eliza Hickok Kesler '31**, known to generations of the Coe family as Roby, whose lifetime of distinguished service to the college is unparalleled.

Also honored at Commencement was the Charles J. Lynch Outstanding Teacher Award recipient, Chair and Assistant Professor of Biology Cassy Cozine. The annual recipient is selected by the graduating class and recognizes quality of teaching, concern for students as individuals and scholarship and memorializes the values and service of **C.J. Lynch '26**. Lynch was a prominent Cedar Rapids attorney whose dedication to Coe was reflected, among other ways, by 43 years of service on the board of trustees of the college. Above all, C.J. Lynch valued inspirational teaching and sound scholarship.



Commencement student speaker **Harper Folsom '22** delivers her address to her classmates.



Four members of the Coe College Board of Trustees donned academic regalia to assist with the Commencement ceremony. From left to right, **Carson Veach '74**, **Sigrid Strong Reynolds '94**, **Hank Taylor '75**, and **Sarah Hemming-Meyer '05**.



Assistant Professor of Sociology Lisa Barnett (left) presented an honorary degree, Doctor of Humane Letters, to Commencement speaker **Jane O. Ebot-Bish '08** (center). Trustee Vice Chair **Sigrid Strong Reynolds '94** (right) assisted with the presentation.



Trustee Vice Chair **Sigrid Strong Reynolds '94** presented Chair and Assistant Professor of Biology Cassy Cozine with the Charles J. Lynch Outstanding Teacher Award.



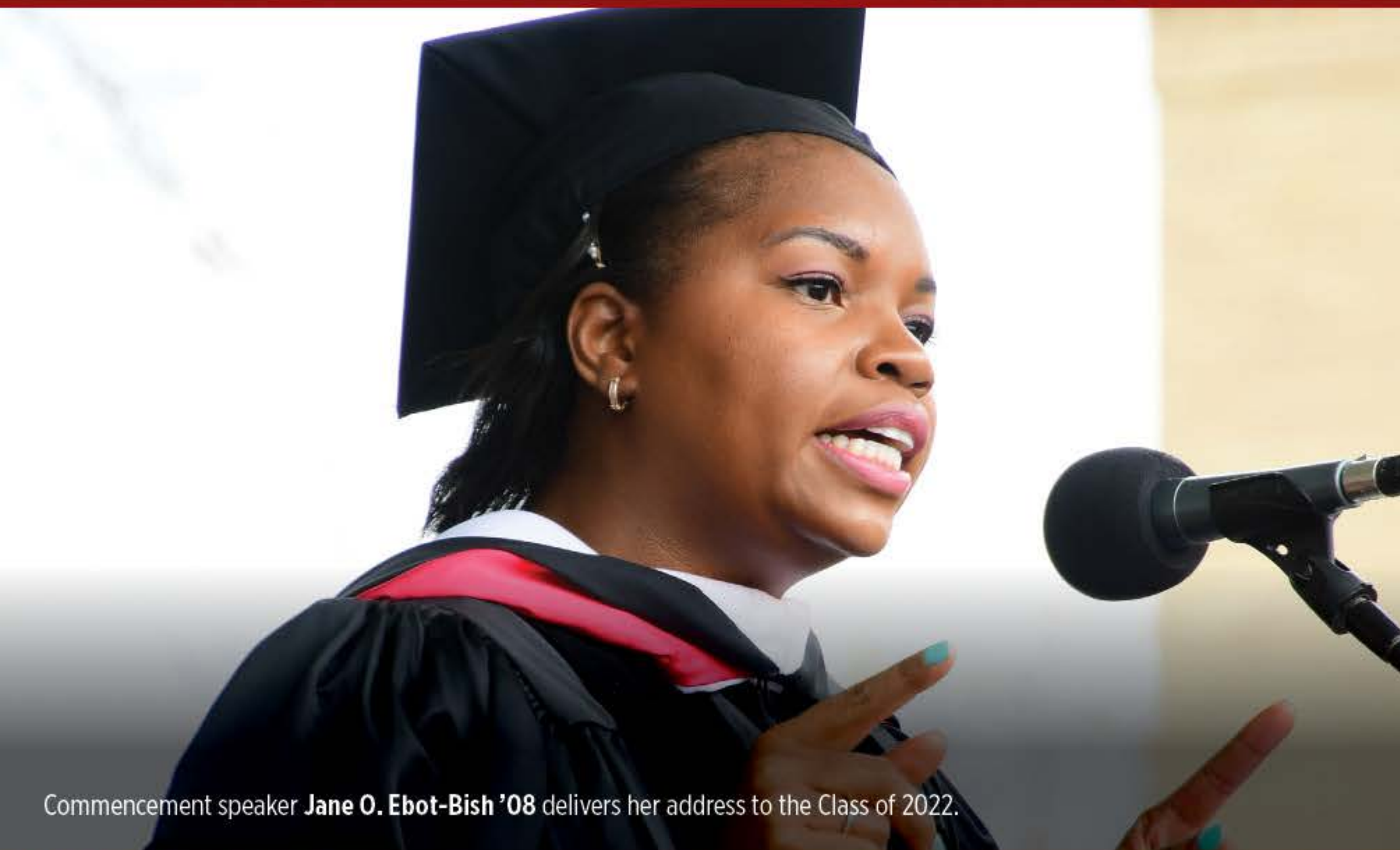
Physical Plant Director Lisa Ciha is presented the Eliza Hickok Kesler Outstanding Service Award from Trustee **Hank Taylor '75**.



The Class of 2022 was supportive of each other throughout the day.



Rev. Jayne M. Thompson connects with students and families during the Baccalaureate service.



Commencement speaker **Jane O. Ebot-Bish '08** delivers her address to the Class of 2022.



Students ring the Victory Bell a final time.



Students at Baccalaureate received special feather necklaces.



Grads decorated their caps to make their day even more personal.



Provost and Dean of the Faculty Paula O'Loughlin begins the conferral of degrees.



Faculty gathered to recognize graduates within their departments who had completed exceptional work at the Honors Convocation.



Both the speakers brought out some smiles, and a few laughs, from the Class of 2022.



Each Kohawk nursing graduate was able to choose who they were pinned by, often parents or close family members.



A soon-to-be-graduate is all smiles as the Class of 2022 processes to the Commencement ceremony after ringing the Victory Bell.



Nothing but smiles as the Class of 2022 left the Commencement ceremony.



Coe helped set you on the path to success,
so help someone you care about thrive in the same way!

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OF REPORTING COE GRADUATES ARE
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OR ENGAGING IN SERVICE
WITHIN NINE MONTHS
OF GRADUATION

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REFER A FUTURE KOHAWK AT
WWW.COE.EDU/RECOMMEND_A_STUDENT

Send us their info and we'd be happy to tell them more
about how Coe can help them create a brighter future!

Protect Your Investments

PROVIDE FOR YOUR FAMILY IN TAX-ADVANTAGED WAYS.

PROTECT YOUR FAMILY BY GIVING THEM TAX-WISE ASSETS

If you are like many people, you have worked hard all your life to save for retirement. If you have saved well, you will want to consider planning how your retirement funds will be used when they are no longer needed.

DON'T MAKE THE MISTAKE OF TAXING YOUR LOVED ONES

If you want to benefit your family, leaving them your retirement plan may not be the best way to secure their future. Other assets may be a better choice. Here's why:

- Nearly all IRAs are funded with pre-tax dollars, or result from the rollover of other qualified plans at retirement, and the payouts are ordinary income.
- Thus, when a family member (other than a spouse) is the beneficiary of retirement accounts, such as a 401(k) or IRA, he or she pays income tax when the account is transferred to them.
- If your estate is taxable, your retirement plan may also be subject to estate taxes.

PLANNING FOR YOUR LOVED ONES THE RIGHT WAY

As you create a plan for your family and your philanthropic legacy, carefully consider how you want your assets to be distributed. Taking time to think through your plan can reduce taxes and allow more of your money to go where you intend it to go. Here's how:

- Give family members other assets, such as stock or real estate. Your loved ones will receive these assets with a stepped-up basis and will be able to sell them and benefit from the sales proceeds with little or no tax due.
- Give retirement accounts and other tax-burdened gifts to a nonprofit, like Coe College. We can receive these assets tax free. For example, a \$100,000 IRA may be transferred to us and we will receive the full \$100,000. However, if the \$100,000 were transferred to a child (subject to their parents' 37% tax rate), cashing out the IRA would produce a tax of \$37,000 and only \$63,000 would remain.
- After you have taken care of any family you wish to support, take time to plan your charitable legacy.

Chances are, some of your retirement assets will outlive you. You have the freedom to use them to carry on your legacy as you wish – make sure taxes don't ruin your plans.

SIMPLE WAYS TO CREATE YOUR LEGACY

Even assets with otherwise heavy tax burdens can be transferred to Coe tax free. There are many ways to build your legacy. Here are some for you to consider:

- Include a gift to Coe College in your will or estate plan. You can make a bequest to us of your retirement assets by completing a beneficiary designation form provided by your plan administrator.
- Create a testamentary unitrust that allows you to pass tax-burdened assets to your family and to Coe College in tax-favored ways.
- When you give to Coe in your estate, you also lower estate taxes, if any are applicable, which in turn benefits your loved ones.



LET US HELP YOU

Call or email us so we can send you an illustration showing how you can use various assets to benefit your loved ones and to help support Coe College.

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CLASS NOTES

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

1950s

'56 **Denny Hanson** and **Janette Manny Hanson '57** celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on April 11, 2022. In 1955 they met in the balcony of Voorhees Hall when Denny came to tutor a biology study session for some sorority women. They discovered that each was the president of their own fraternal organizations, Denny of Phi Kappa Tau and Janette of Delta Delta Delta. They were married two years later. In their years together, they have lived in four states, traveled extensively and raised three children, **Dr. Kristin Hanson Gonzalez '81**, Holly and Justin. Denny thoroughly enjoyed his career as a high school biology and chemistry teacher which kept him occupied for 28 years. Janette ran the Women's & Children's Programs at the local YMCA for many years and later had a marvelous stint as a travel agent. They now make their home in Coralville, Iowa.

1970s

'75 **Scott M. Taylor** of Nellysford, Virginia, launched "The Afterlife Files" podcast on February 16, 2022.

1990s

'92 **Carol Wynn-Green**, of Des Moines, Iowa, has returned to Iowa after living 26 years in central Florida and working 25 years with the state of Florida. She has accepted a position as the equity and inclusion program manager for the Des Moines Public Schools. She looks forward to working with the students and staff of her home state.

WEDDING BELLS

CONGRATULATIONS, KOHAWKS



2010s

1 '12 **Samantha Lynn** and **Matthew Dolezal** of Cedar Rapids, Iowa on June 26, 2021. Kohawks in the wedding party were **Allison Pillard** Edgerly '12 and **Hilary Gehin** '12. Other Kohawks in attendance were **Chelsea White** '12, **Chelsea Arredondo** '13 and **Jess Henderson** Brassfield '13.

2 '16 **Mckenzie Drahn** and **Dustin Elsbury** '15, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa on July 10, 2021.



Share your news!

Information compiled in "Class Notes" comes from a variety of sources, including direct correspondence from alumni, clipping services and news releases. The college received these class notes by March 15. **The deadline for the Fall 2022 Issue is August 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.

2010s

'11 **Kaitlin Carolan** Shiu and her husband, Ricky, of Rochester, Minnesota, a son, Rhett, on November 27, 2021.

1 '16 **McCall Meade** Atwater and her husband, **Jordan Atwater** '14, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, a son, Beckett, on January 30, 2022.



2 '18 **Mimi Oberbroeckling** Henning and her husband, **Grant Henning** '18, of Coralville, Iowa, a son, Tate, on January 21, 2022.

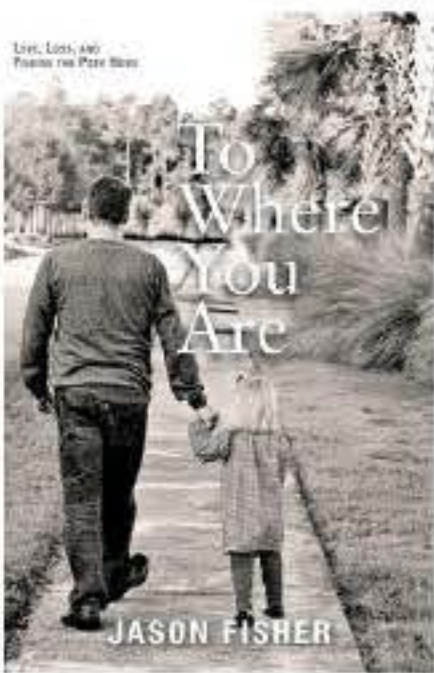
'19 **Cierra Nickerson** Gordon and her husband, **Grant Gordon** '19, of Cincinnati, Ohio, a daughter, Mia, on February 2, 2022.



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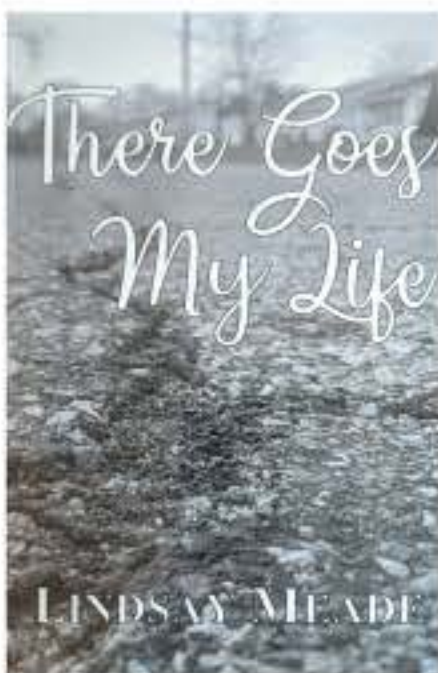
WRITTEN ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF COE'S ALUMNI

2000s



'04 **Jason Fisher** of Fairhope, Alabama, published "To Where You Are," a moving memoir that details his story of discovering unconditional love, dealing with grief and trauma following unforeseen tragedies and forging a new path forward.

2010s



'15 **Lindsay Meade** of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, published her memoir "There Goes My Life" about the events and aftermath surrounding the murder of her father when she was fifteen. Lindsay now works as a mental health therapist and director of clinical services for a non-profit.

ALUMNI COUNCIL *Update*

Hello Kohawks!

We are thrilled to welcome several new members to the Coe Alumni Council.

- Tonya Arnold '95
- Sally Brause '88
- Darcy Ehrmann '04
- Fred Jackson '03
- Delaney Cummings '15
- Constance Schlitter '20
- Nick Ludwig '11
- Dominic Fails '87

We would like to congratulate all the new graduates of the class of 2022. We are happy to welcome you as the newest members of the alumni family of Coe College.

Just a reminder Homecoming is scheduled for October 13-16, 2022. We are looking forward to several alumni coming back and getting involved in all the homecoming festivities.


I encourage all alumni to become engaged with the college. Getting involved has been such a blessing in my life. We would love to hear what you are doing so we can share with other alumni. Coe has amazing students doing incredible things and your support is instrumental.

Remember, this is YOUR alumni council, we are always interested in hearing from you. Please reach out any time and provide your thoughts, ideas or suggestions. I am honored to be your Coe College Alumni Council president.

Once a Kohawk, always a Kohawk!



Katie Lillibridge Dostal '99
Alumni Council President

 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

- 1942 Gladys M. Hellman** Cunningham, 100, of Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, on January 20.
- 1944 Ruth E. Clark** Grom, 98, of Spicer, Minnesota, on January 9.
- 1945 Lorraine E. Radke**, 97, of Savanna, Illinois, on January 10.
- 1946 Virginia “Ginny” Bowles** Taylor, 96, of Wheaton, Illinois, on January 15.
- 1948 Mardella “Mardy” Hermann**, 96, of Cedar Falls, Iowa, on January 9.
- Robert “Bob” Ilten**, 96, of Leawood, Kansas, on January 2.
- Robert A. Johnston**, 97, of Sun City West, Arizona, on December 23, 2021.
- Mary E. Phinney** Crabbs, 95, of Loughman, Florida, on January 26.
- 1949 Albion Jay Young**, 94, of Wellman, Iowa, on January 19.
- James F. Van Antwerp**, 94, of Reno, Nevada, on January 29.

1950s

- 1951 Nancy L. Augustine** Brinkmann Buckley, 92, of Batavia, Illinois, on January 19.
- Elmer T. “Toby” Ellison**, 94, of Atlanta, Georgia, on February 25.
- LaVerne M. Swanson** Tucker, 91, of Saddlebrooke, Arizona, on December 20, 2020.
- Lawrence “Larry” Toriello**, 97, of Berwyn, IL, on January 26.
- 1952 Gloria Taylor** Darragh, 92, of Middleton, Wisconsin, on February 26.
- 1954 Nancy Waddell** Ross, 88, of Centennial, Colorado, on December 25, 2021.
- 1956 Wilida Williams** Gilchrist, 87, of Hampton, Iowa, on January 16.
- James “Jim” Hamilton**, 88, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on March 16.
- 1957 Kay Yazvac**, 86, of Granby, Connecticut, on January 17.
- 1958 David L Tisi**, 86, of Stuart, Iowa, on February 9.
- 1959 Dean Culberson**, 88, of Marion, Iowa and Edinburg, Texas, on March 10.

1960s

- 1960 George Paul**, 85, of Conway, Arkansas, on January 25.
- Robert “Bob” Topping**, 85, of Decorah, Iowa, on February 19.
- 1961 Karen Hospodarsky**, 83, of Robins, Iowa, on January 18.
- 1962 Ida Miller**, 89, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa,

- on January 29.
- Elda B Woods** Miller, 89, of Cedar Rapids, IA, on January 29.
- 1964 Melvin “Mel” Meggers**, 98, of Marion, Iowa, on January 30.
- 1966 Rolf Beckhusen**, 77, of Bellingham, Washington, on February 5.
- Suzanne “Suzie” Oleson**, 77, of San Antonio, Texas, on March 7.

1970s

- 1971 Mary Beckmann**, 100, of Mechanicsville, Iowa, on January 24.
- 1973 Sandra “Sandy” Lewis**, 73, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on February 5.

1980s

- 1983 Carl Foster**, 79, of Marion, Iowa, on February 23.

1990s

- 1991 DeAnna Kellenberger**, 65, of Amana, Iowa, on February 3.

2000s

- 2001 Kanako Sheffer**, 54, of Madison, Alabama, on February 15.
- 2004 Kirsten Smith**, 40, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on January 31.

2020s

- 2021 Dr. Herbert F. Weise**, 97, of Tucson, Arizona, former Professor of German at Coe from 1952 to 1987, on December 6, 2021.



1965 Pin Pin (Ng) Chau was born in Hong Kong and came to the United States as an undergraduate student, graduating magna cum laude from Coe, and also receiving her M.A. from Yale University. She served as the president and CEO of several banks both in New York City and Georgia, including Summit Bank Corporation, where she had the distinction of being one of the first women CEOs of a public company in Georgia. During her leadership, Summit became the leading Small Business Administration lender in Georgia and was noted for providing culturally sensitive services to diverse ethnic groups. She served on the board of directors of many organizations in Atlanta, including the Carter Center

Board of Councilors, the Atlanta College of Art (now part of Savannah College of Art and Design), the Consumer Counseling Service, Atlanta Public Broadcasting, Oglethorpe University, and the Georgia Department of Industry, Trade and Tourism, among others. She was also a graduate of Leadership Atlanta, a member of the International Women’s Forum, and the Society of International Business Fellows. She was the recipient of the Shining Star award from the Atlanta Women’s Foundation in 2000. She had an enduring love of travel and art and spent precious spare moments drawing and painting memories of her travels. She is survived by her beloved husband of 53 years, Raymond; her daughter, Christine; her precious grandsons, Landon and Ryan; sisters Ying Wong, Caroline Wong, Fei Chan and husband Shi-Pei, Veronica Chan and husband Michael, and sister in law Lorraine Ma, and their families.



1965 Margaret "Peggy" Knott, 78, a beloved Coe employee, passed away on the morning of April 18. Peggy began her career at Coe after graduating in the class of 1965 and so began an association with the

college that lasted more than six decades. In his note to campus about her passing, President **David Hayes '93** noted Peggy's dedicated service, "resulted from her love of Coe and passion for adding meaningful value to the lives of our students". Peggy worked in a number of campus offices and her impact on the community was publicly recognized when she was awarded the 2003 Eliza Hickok Kessler Award for Outstanding Service to Coe.

Professor Emeritus of Biology **Floyd Sandford** said about Peggy, "I have no idea who holds the record for the greatest number of years of service to Coe College, but I'm guessing that a leading candidate

would be Peggy Knott. I have no idea how many faculty, staff and students benefited from all the knowledge she had, and willingly shared, about computers and computer programs, but I do know that during my 35 years on the Coe faculty I received more help from Peggy Knott than anyone else at the college. I always appreciated the depth of her expertise, her willingness to provide help and advice, the calm and determined manner in which she went about her work."

Peggy stayed connected with many Coe colleagues through the years through a variety of groups and associations, including as a member of Coe's Martha Marquis Book Club. Fellow book club member and former Coe employee **Chris White** said of Peggy, "She often offered additional information about a book during our discussions, which enhanced our knowledge of a particular author, subject or character. Peggy was the proverbial glue for our book group; we sorely miss her."



Dr. Allan Dean Kellar, 88, passed away Saturday, April 9, 2022, at the University of Minnesota Hospital - East Bank. He was encircled by his loving family when he peacefully returned to his heavenly

Creator. Allan was born January 26, 1934, in Danville, Iowa, the son of Paul and Grace (Mathews) Kellar. After graduation from Danville High School, where he played basketball and baseball and was active in music, he attended Grinnell College, graduating in 1955 with a Bachelor of Arts in Music and as a member of two national honor societies: Phi Beta Kappa (academics) and Pi Kappa Lambda (music). He was drafted into the US Army and served in this country and in Italy during the years 1955-1957. Following discharge from the army he taught high school and junior high choral music for four years in Chariton, Iowa, where he met and married Linda Bricker, with whom he celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary in 2021. They raised two daughters, Beth and Holly, who later became executives with different non-profit musical organizations. He began graduate studies in music at the University of Iowa in 1961, completing both his Master's degree, and in 1970, his Ph.D. Allan was invited to join the faculty at Coe College, in 1965 as chair of the music department, teacher of music history, and director of choral activities. During his years at Coe he led Coe Choirs on seven concert/study tours to Europe, during which the Choir performed in many countries both in western Europe

and behind the then-Iron Curtain. In 1975 he was named to the Pearl M. Taylor Chair in Music, Coe College's first-ever endowed professorial chair. In 2010 Grinnell College presented him with an Alumni Award for his work as a teacher and humanitarian. Allan enjoyed performing and appeared in several Cedar Rapids Opera Theater productions. Following his retirement from Coe he spent a number of months touring and performing one of the lead roles in a new opera, "The Shoulder," by Dan Hurlin and Dan Moses Schreier. These performances included a 7-week engagement at the Long Wharf Theater in New Haven, Connecticut. He was a long-time member of Actors' Equity and a life member of the American Choral Directors Association. Allan loved baseball, traveling, reading and taking photographs, but most of all he loved his family: his beloved wife Linda of 61 years; his daughters Beth (son-in-law Nathan) and Holly; and his grandchildren, Grace and Sam - all of whose achievements he was extremely proud. The 20+ years of family vacations together were the highlights of every year.

"Dr. Kellar was my music professor at Coe. He was a modest, hardworking, very talented musician and choir director. He would just beam with joy when we did something chorally in a beautiful way... like he was basking in a glorious sunny day. He was always kind and always deliberate. I never remember him ever raising his voice. Just loved and respected him so much. Such a wonderful soul."

— **Debbie Brooks '73**



Betty Jean Rogers, 76, of Marion, died at home with her loved ones by her side after a long struggle with cancer on Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2022. Betty was born to Frank and Morine Van Steenhuyse on March

5, 1945. She was raised in Blainstown, Iowa, and completed her elementary and secondary education in the Blainstown school system. She entered Mount Mercy College in 1963, graduating in 1967 with music and biology as her major areas of study. Soon after graduation Betty moved to Iowa City, where she worked at the Catholic Student Center, then attached to St. Thomas More parish. She was active in what was then known as the "folk mass." She met her future husband John after one of these masses in 1968. The relationship grew and they were married at St. Thomas More in August 1969. After John's completion of graduate school, the couple moved to Cedar Rapids where they lived until moving to Marion in 2015. In 1971 Betty started working as a paraprofessional at Coe's Stewart Memorial Library. Her love was reference work, not only for the service it provided to faculty and students, but for how it enlarged her own fund of information. In this job, she refined and developed her reference skills, mentored many students and colleagues, contributed to the changes as the library transitioned to electronic information storage and services, and became involved in state and national professional library organizations. She served several years as President of the Iowa Library Association. In 1990 Betty graduated from the U of Iowa Library School with a Masters of Library Science, after which she became the head of the Reference Department at Stewart Memorial, a position she held until her retirement in 2007. Betty was a strong woman - strong in expressing her beliefs about women's rights, social justice, Democratic politics and the need for a compassionate society for all citizens. She was strong in battling the health challenges she faced. She defeated three cancers, but the fourth proved too much. Betty is survived by her husband of 52 years; three sisters, Nancy Hart, Linda McDevitt and Mary Mumby; three brothers-in-law, Robert Hart, Paul Manternach and Larry Mumby; and many beloved nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; oldest sister, Elodie Manternach; parents-in-law, Evans and Georgia Rogers; brothers-in-law, George McDevitt and George Rogers; niece, Sarah McDevitt; grand-niece, Debbie Manternach; and grand-nephew, Alex Manternach.

Fran Allison and Francis Halpin Professor of Physics **Mario Affatigato '89**, Assistant Professor of Physics **Caio Bragatto**, and B.D. Sillman Professor of Physics **Steve Feller** received an NSF grant titled, "RUI: Glass Science Research at Coe College" for \$600,000 to support 40 Coe students doing on campus research over four years.

Associate Professor of Physics **Ugur Agkun** was invited and served as a reviewer in the NIH National Cancer Institute SBIR grants on "FLASH radiation detectors and safety systems." Agkun also submitted a manuscript titled "Reconstructed pCT images using Monte Carlo-generated simulations with a high-density scintillating glass calorimeter" to the Journal of Instrumentation as well as a manuscript titled "Proton stopping power images from Monte Carlo simulated dual-energy CT scans" to the journal of Biomedical Physics & Engineering Express.

Professor of Political Science **Lynda Barrow** was a participant and panelist in the roundtable discussion, "Getting Your Book Published: Advice from Authors," at the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago (via Zoom) in April 2022.

B.D. Sillman Professor of Physics **Steve Feller** presented as the featured speaker at Georgia Tech Institute for Materials, "Undergraduate Research in Materials Physics at Coe College."

John William Kim Professor of Literature and Creative Writing **Gina Hausknecht** received an Iowa Humanities Project Grant for the discussion series at Coe entitled, "Lives Behind Bars: A Film Discussion Series."

Associate Professor of Education **Nancy Hayes** presented "Flip, or Flop?: One Professor's Go at Self-Paced Learning" at the Supporting Learning and Technology in Education (SLATE) Conference in November 2021.

Assistant Professor of Education **Stacy Haynes Moore's** paper titled, "Called to the Office and Yet We Keep Cool: Teachers' Resources and Practices to Defend Classroom Reading" was accepted for the National Council Teachers of English conference in Fall 2022.

Associate Professor of French **Joyce Janca-Aji** presented the conference paper, "Yourcenar's Rereading of the Tibetan Tale of the Wish-Fulfilling Jewel" at the Kentucky Foreign Language Conference; Lexington, Kentucky.

Assistant Professor of Nursing **Aleesa Kitrell** presented the conference paper, "Virtual Escape Rooms" at The NurseTim Next Generation Learning conference in February, 2022.

Coe's **Political Science Department** hosted the 30th annual Midwest Political Science Undergraduate Research Conference April 1-2.

Assistant Professor of Art History **Ranelle Knight-Lueth** was one of 20 participants selected to attend the CIC's summer seminar, Critical Making: Knowledge and Art in the Early Modern Globe, c. 1400-1660.

Assistant Professor of Spanish **Laissa M. Rodriguez** received an invitation to the 2022 Mellon School of Theater and Performance Research at Harvard University.

Associate Dean of Faculty Development, Associate Professor of History, and Assistant Director, Lechaion Harbor and Settlement Land Project (Greece) Dr. **Angela Ziskowski** was elected co-president of the American School of Classical Studies at Athens Alumni Council for a three-year term.

Coe College announces INTERIM PROVOST



President **David Hayes '93** announced Associate Professor of History and Associate Dean for Faculty Development Dr. **Angela Ziskowski** will be assuming the role of provost and dean of faculty in an interim capacity. As the interim senior academic officer of the college, Ziskowski will be responsible for guiding and shaping the academic experience and mission of Coe.

Ziskowski is filling the position after former Provost and Dean of the Faculty Paula O'Loughlin announced she was departing Coe to serve as provost and senior vice president of academic affairs at Augsburg University in Minneapolis. O'Loughlin served as provost for six years.

"Coe is fortunate to have someone of Dr. Ziskowski's caliber who is ready and willing to step into this important role," Hayes said. "In addition to being an accomplished scholar, her broad experience across campus and with faculty will create valuable continuity as we seek a permanent appointment."

Ziskowski's interim appointment is a result of input from Coe's Faculty Executive Committee and other campus constituencies. She has served as associate dean of faculty development since 2019, served on numerous campus committees working with college leadership and has been a faculty member at Coe since 2012 teaching history, anthropology and archaeology. Her research centers on the ancient Greek world, and she also currently serves as the assistant director of the Lechaion Harbor and Settlement and Project based in the Corinthia, Greece. Ziskowski earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Cincinnati and her master's and doctorate degrees from Bryn Mawr College.

"Aiding the college in the interim provost role is an opportunity I relish. I look forward to continuing the work of creating the best academic environment possible for our students," Ziskowski said.

A national search will be conducted to seek a permanent appointment to the provost position.

FROM SIXTH GRADE TO RETIREMENT, LONGTIME KOHAWK MADE MANY COE MEMORIES



"My time at Coe made me realize how you should never stop learning from others," **Janet Boddicker Rampulla '94** said.

As the assistant director of student financial services, Boddicker-Rampulla is the first point of contact with office visitors and a prominent role for work-study students. And after 11 years of exceptional service, Boddicker-Rampulla is certain her retirement from Coe College isn't a goodbye. After all, she's always known this is where she was meant to be.

The first time Boddicker-Rampulla's path led to Coe, she was a sixth grader attending a science fair on campus. The visit left an impression – several years after moving away to earn an associate degree and start a family, Boddicker-Rampulla didn't want to enroll anywhere other than Coe to finish her undergraduate degree in business administration.

A few years after graduating from Coe, Boddicker-Rampulla landed a role in the Office of Student Financial Services as an office manager. She was promoted to financial aid counselor six months later.

"I commend Janet on her years of service to Coe," said Director of Financial Aid Barbara Hoffman. "She's been a great guide for our students, a wonderful presence in our office and a fantastic friend as well."

The campus community has always been one of Boddicker-Rampulla's favorite aspects of Coe, which includes friendships with long-time colleagues. But truly the best part is helping students navigate more than their financial aid. She's built a welcoming space for students to thrive in their personal development journey at Coe.

"A couple years ago, a graduating work-study student that had helped us in the office all four years gave us a hug and said they couldn't have done it without us. I remember another year we had a first-year work-study student so shy they would practically hide. And we got to see their confidence grow throughout the years. And as a senior, they couldn't stop talking. It really is fun," Boddicker-Rampulla said.

And just like Boddicker-Rampulla began a new chapter in her life at Coe on a fine June day when she married her husband in the Clark Alumni House in 1996, she is set to begin her next chapter in retirement on June 1, 2022.

"I don't want to sit around all day. I'll be back on campus in some capacity," she laughed.



Olufsen named Coe College vice president for advancement

After an extensive national search, Coe College President **David Hayes '93** has appointed Chantel Olufsen as the new vice president for advancement. In this role, Olufsen will be responsible for development efforts and alumni relations for the college. She is the first female vice president for advancement at Coe College. The position was previously held by Hayes prior to being named president.

A native of Northeast Iowa, Olufsen has spent her career as a leader across education with deep experience in advancement, communications and marketing as well as admission. She is committed to serving mission-aligned organizations while building sustaining relationships and creating opportunities and access for all individuals. Currently serving as the Chief Advancement Officer of the Awty International School in Houston,

Texas, her portfolio includes oversight of both fundraising and admission. Through Olufsen's leadership, her teams produced \$50 million in revenue annually, increased annual fund revenue by 56 percent and launched the school's most successful capital campaign to date. She holds a Master of Education from the University of Wisconsin - La Crosse and a Bachelor of Arts in History and Political Science from Luther College.

"I am confident that Chantel will have a substantial impact on the Coe experience, serving as a wonderful partner with colleagues, alumni, parents and friends of the college," said Hayes. "As a product of a liberal arts institution, Chantel's knowledge and appreciation of Coe's academic mission and culture as well as her strong communication skills and impressive track record of fundraising success, prepare her

well to serve the college. I am delighted she will be part of the Coe team at this time of great opportunity."

Olufsen said she is thrilled to join the team at Coe College and noted the deep care and universal passion each individual expressed when talking about Coe during the interview process.

"From the moment I arrived on campus, I witnessed Coe's mission statement in action. I am excited to partner with President Hayes, and the team, to build on the solid foundation they have created in the Office of Advancement and C3: Creativity, Careers, Community. I can't wait to help construct the next successful chapter at Coe and to become part of the Kohawk family," Olufsen said.



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