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Each issue of the Courier provides me with the opportunity to reflect on the happenings at Coe College and pause to look toward our future. I am distinctly aware of this aim as I write this letter, knowing it will reach you after we have commemorated Inauguration this fall. Two facets contribute to our college's success: our commitment of evolving to exceed the expectations of what we offer as a private liberal arts college, and the fact that we are not attempting this work alone. As we strive forward, I am honored and humbled to serve this great institution and the scores of people who make the promise of Coe possible today and for the many tomorrows to come.

During this busy fall, Coe's welcoming and supportive community encouraged growth, provided possibilities and celebrated successes together. The class of 2026, nearly 400 strong and academically well-prepared, is eagerly diving into campus life. As we return to a more stable global health situation, I was particularly thankful to see an increase in our international student population, which has always been a critical component of the Coe experience. This year's Homecoming weekend welcomed over 400 alumni as they joined us in toasting and connecting over the traditions old and new that speak to Coe's past, present and future. Equally important to the celebrations with our Kohawk alumni family are the significant milestones we shared with our community partners and broader network this fall. I encourage you to read the following pages and hear more about Inauguration and the dedication of the David and Janice McInally Center for Health & Society (CHS).

I am particularly inspired that we have opened the doors of CHS this term, ushering in innumerable opportunities for Kohawks interested in the health care industry. CHS allows them to participate in brand-new programs and receive real-world experiences through collaboration with the Cedar Rapids MedQuarter Regional Medical District and Corridor communities. This exciting accomplishment is an example not only of the incredible dedication and investment of our donors and partners to whom we are indebted, but also our vision for the future of education that a Coe experience will provide for all Kohawks. Even as one project comes to fruition, we are never done bettering our campus and the lives of our students. To that end, we are in the beginning stages of several large-scale initiatives, including renovations to Dows Theatre, Murray Hall and Greene Hall.

It is necessary for us to continue to use our creative and evaluative talents as we set the path for Coe's future. As we do so, it will be with an eye on balancing student needs with budget refinement, as we are mindful of the impact of increased operating costs and shifts in enrollment across higher education. A focus on evolving the collegiate experience is essential to our institution forging ahead, and we are in the process of developing a comprehensive strategic plan that will guide the actions of Coe College in the coming years.

The connection and bond to our college is a lifelong one, and I am incredibly grateful to be a part of the Coe community. I encourage you to view the 2021-2022 Annual Report within this issue to see how your investments made a difference in the lives of every single Kohawk. Without the enduring support of our devoted alumni and friends, none of the accomplishments detailed within these pages or our hopes for the future would be possible. Thank you for being a part of the life of this college.

Alma mater, hail, hail, hail.

David Hayes '93  
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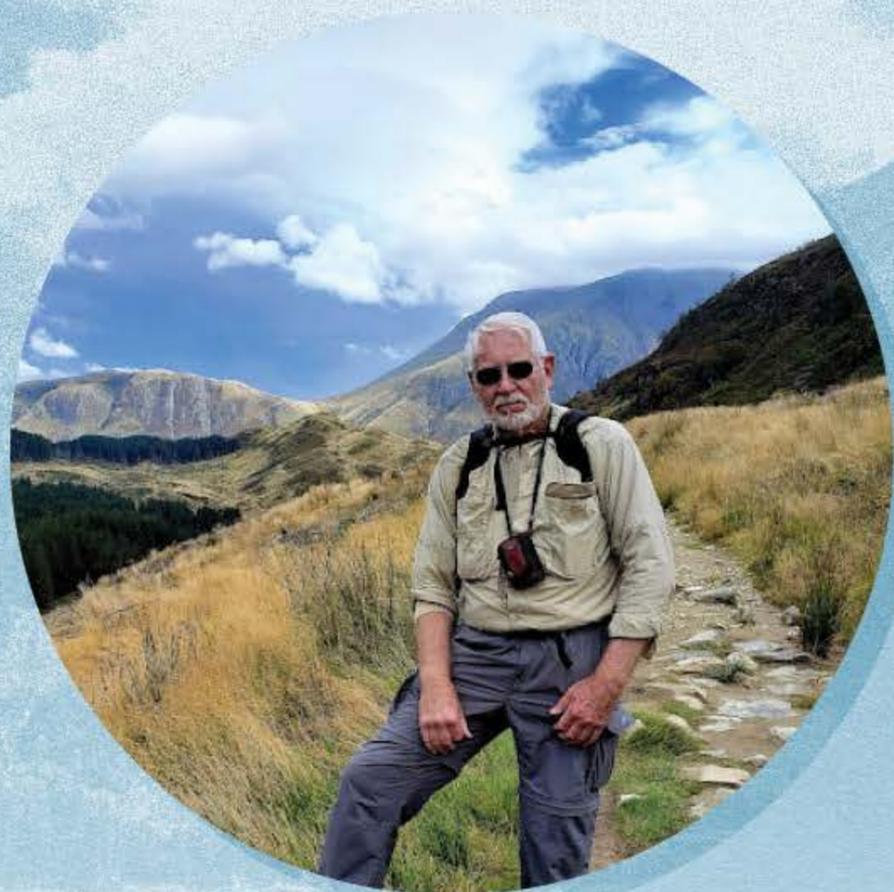
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# Floyd Remembers:

## *A Spotlight on the Life and Coe Connections of an Emeritus Professor*



*The connection to Coe doesn't end when you graduate — or when you retire.*

Dr. Floyd Sandford, professor emeritus of biology, is one example of former professors embodying the Coe spirit of lifelong education, involvement and taking advantage of possibilities. "I greatly enjoyed my time at Coe, immersed in a liberal arts environment," says Floyd, who taught a wide variety of biology courses from 1971 to 2005. He has stayed busy during retirement pursuing interests ranging from traveling the world and exploring nature to serving others and even performing.

While at Coe, Floyd often led January-term off-campus study for students, including exploring Texas, visiting zoos around the country and studying seashore biology in Florida. Nature far and near remains a great passion for the biology generalist. He travels internationally, especially to the United Kingdom for long-distance hikes on their national trails. Some recent international adventures include a solo hike on the 110-mile-long Cleveland Way during September 2022 and a 10-day hike across England's Jurassic Coast in June 2021. Closer to home, Floyd manages 30 acres of land in Clayton County, planting hundreds of native trees to increase the area's biodiversity and serve as a wildlife sanctuary.

For students and professors alike, being a Kohawk is inseparable from involvement in the Cedar Rapids community. Floyd has taken advantage of his retirement by regularly volunteering in the area. He serves as a docent and provides tours at the Cedar Rapids Museum of Art and the Grant Wood Studio which it owns and operates. As an ESL tutor at the Catherine McAuley Center, which is a regular volunteer location for Coe students as well, Floyd helps recent immigrants and refugees improve their English and prepare for the U.S. Citizenship exam.

Unsurprisingly, the 2003 college-level Iowa Science Teacher of the Year still dons his teaching hat often. He organizes presentations about his long-distance hikes, travels abroad and more as a frequent popular speaker at several senior living facilities. He also hasn't forgotten his beloved Coe College. While a professor, Floyd performed in several theatrical productions, sang in two operas under the late Professor Emeritus of Music Allan Kellar and debuted his one-man play, "Darwin Remembers," at Coe's community education Thursday Forum series in 2000. His play intends to "shed more light and less heat" on the life and work of English biologist Charles Darwin and has been performed across the United States. He returned to Thursday Forum this fall to perform "Darwin Remembers," making a full circle back to the world of Coe.



Pictures from Floyd's travels appeared originally on his blog at <http://spongemanfloyd.blogspot.com>.



If you have suggestions of which emeritus professor should be featured next or if you are interested in writing a guest piece, email [courler@coe.edu](mailto:courler@coe.edu).

# MEET THE CLARK MERIT SCHOLARS

## 2022-2023



### JENNA MEEHAN '23, POLITICAL SCIENCE AND SOCIAL AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

To say Meehan believes in education is a vast understatement. In fact, she is hoping to become the Director of the

Iowa Department of Education someday, and ultimately, the Secretary of Education of the United States of America. During her time at Coe, Meehan has engaged in every opportunity to gain real-world experience and help young people in the community. She has served as an intern for United Way of Dubuque Area Tri-States, AmeriCorps Teen Mentor for the Multicultural Family Center, Student Learning Specialist for Kids on Course and Office of Legislative Affairs Intern for the Federal Communications Commission in Washington, D.C. She has also held many leadership positions on campus including Chapter President of Alpha Gamma Delta and Student Senator.



### ANH NGUYEN '23, PUBLIC ACCOUNTING AND BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

The Clark Merit Scholarship is among Nguyen's long list of accolades. Her dedication to break down biases

and stereotypes against women in her home country of Vietnam has garnered the attention of various prestigious organizations. Nguyen has been awarded the Discover Japan National Scholarship, the Association of Accountant and Financial Professionals in Business IMA Scholarship and the Coe College Global Leadership Scholarship. She is an aspiring accountant — a lifelong dream of her mother's which she was not able to complete due to the societal pressures she faced in Vietnam. Nguyen has served the Coe community in various leadership roles such as a Student Senator, Peer Education Leader, College Adjustment Peer (CAP) Leader and member of Model UN.



### RYAN SMITH '23, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION AND ECONOMICS

If this Clark Merit Scholar can help someone, he will. Smith is a student-athlete and Spellman Research Associate

who is planning to become a financial analyst. His motivations are inspiring as he hopes to be defined by

the impact of his actions. The cross country and track and field runner does everything possible to form a strong team. Whether it's becoming a first-year student's initial friend on campus or helping teammates work on their form, Smith is passionate about uplifting others. He volunteers for the Special Olympics, plants and harvests at a local cooperative organic farm and serves as a mentor in the Ames Middle School Super Summer program. Professionally, he plans to utilize his education to improve people's financial situation.



### SKYLER STOOKEY '23, ELEMENTARY EDUCATION AND KINESIOLOGY

As a lifelong softball player and future elementary school teacher, Stookey knows the value of teamwork and wants

to be known as a kind and supportive role model. At Coe, she mentors Kohawks through her many roles as a College Adjustment Peer (CAP) leader, a volunteer for the Coe College softball camps and a member of the Coe Student Education Association and Student Athlete Advisory committees. She is involved in youth sports in her hometown of Solon, Iowa, working in the parks and recreation department. In addition to completing her senior year at Coe, Stookey is currently employed in the Solon Community School District where she works with special education students and substitute teaches for high school Spanish and physical education.



### JOANNA VOSS '23, ENGLISH AND BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION WITH A MINOR IN ECONOMICS

Inspiration for Voss has come directly from the people she loves. She aspires to

be an attorney like her mom, and her dad's character and commitment to helping others has shaped the kind of attorney she would like to be. Currently, Voss works as an assistant and receptionist at a law firm to gain first-hand experience in the field before law school. She's learned to see the potential in every person and be a supportive mentor thanks to her parents and experiences at Coe. Voss is a volleyball player at Coe and a member of the Pre-Law Society, and she serves on the Student Athlete Leadership committee and Coe College Tutoring services.

**The Clark Merit Award provides a scholarship equal to one year's tuition for each recipient.** These students have been selected by a committee of faculty members and a member of the Board of Trustees based on their integrity, intellect, leadership and social responsibility. The Clark Merit Awards are funded by an endowment created in 1995 by the late Coe alumnus **K. Raymond Clark '30**.

# THE RETURN OF THE **BARRON BREMNER OUTSTANDING ATHLETE AWARD**

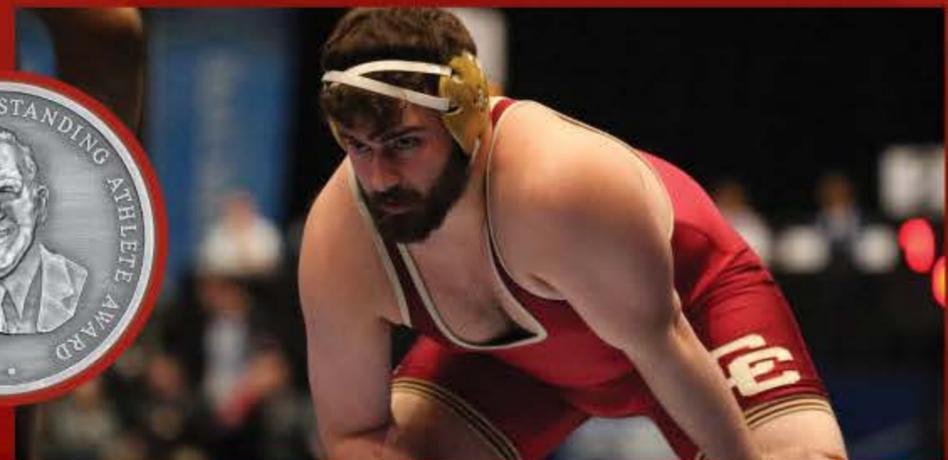
The full return of college athletics last school year produced some great moments for the Kohawk athletic department, but the resumption of the Barron Bremner Outstanding Athlete Award was the exclamation mark on the campaigns. After a year-long break, the department's most prestigious individual awards were presented at the end of the academic year after nominations from Kohawk head coaches. The awards and the Strohm Family Endowment were generously established by **John Strohm '79** and his wife Mary Pat Link in 1995. In 2001, the award was renamed after Barron Bremner in honor of his many years of outstanding service to the college, its students and community.

A committee of voters reduced the strong nominations to three male and three female finalists. **Rami Hemaldan '22** (tennis), **Jarad Kruse '22** (basketball) and **Kaleb Reeves '23** (wrestling) were selected as male finalists, and **Heather Boeckenstedt '23** (softball), **Elli Teeple '22** (volleyball) and **Madison Schultz '25** (tennis) were named female finalists. The six finalists combined for six all-conference, three all-region and two all-American honors while claiming two A-R-C MVP awards. All six student-athletes were invited to the annual ceremony, which was held October 16, the Sunday after Homecoming. During the event, finalists were recognized by President **David Hayes '93** and Director of Athletics and Recreation Steve Cook.

At the banquet, Kaleb Reeves and Elli Teeple were announced as the 2021-22 male and female Barron Bremner Outstanding Athletes. Reeves, who was a NCAA all-American at 285 pounds, set Coe's single-season and career fall record during the 2021-22 season. Kaleb also finished the year as the fall leader across all three NCAA divisions, racking up 27 total pins. Teeple capped off an excellent career with a standout senior season, earning all-American status from the AVCA. Elli was fourth in the NCAA in total assists, ending the season with 1,213. The Barron Bremner Outstanding Female and Male Athletes each receive an inscribed medallion bearing the likeness of Barron Bremner embedded in a Lucite pyramid.



**ELLI  
TEEPLE '22**



**KALEB  
REEVES '23**



Head Clay Target Team Coach Patrick Cory, Hunter Linder, Cameron Kelso, Bradley Metz, Collin Malin, Whitney Finer, Erin Neppel, Allison Darling, Rachel Rickert

# **CLAY TARGET TEAM**

## **EARNs SECOND PLACE AT ACUI NATIONAL MEET**

The Coe Clay Target team had never completed a full season of competition prior to the 2021-22 campaign, yet the Kohawks showed no signs of inexperience. The season featured 10 competitions for the team including the SCTP State Championships and the ACUI National Meet. Freshman Erin Neppel '25 was Coe's standout performer at the State Championships in the fall, taking home the state title in the ladies collegiate sporting clay division.



## **ERIN NEPPL NAMED ALL-AMERICAN**

Neppel and her teammates returned to competition in March of 2022, competing in a pair of invitationals ahead of the ACUI National Meet in San Antonio. Coe closed out its inaugural season with an impressive second-place finish in the Classic All-American discipline. The year was capped off with the program's first-ever all-American as Neppel was named to the NSCA-SCTP All-American team.

# Make an IMPACT TODAY, tomorrow and in the future

## MAKE A DIFFERENCE THROUGH THE ANNUAL FUND

Your gift each year to Coe's Annual Fund makes it possible for this generation of Kohawks to continue the Coe story. These unrestricted gifts of all sizes come together to make an immediate and collective impact on our campus and for all students. Make a difference for:



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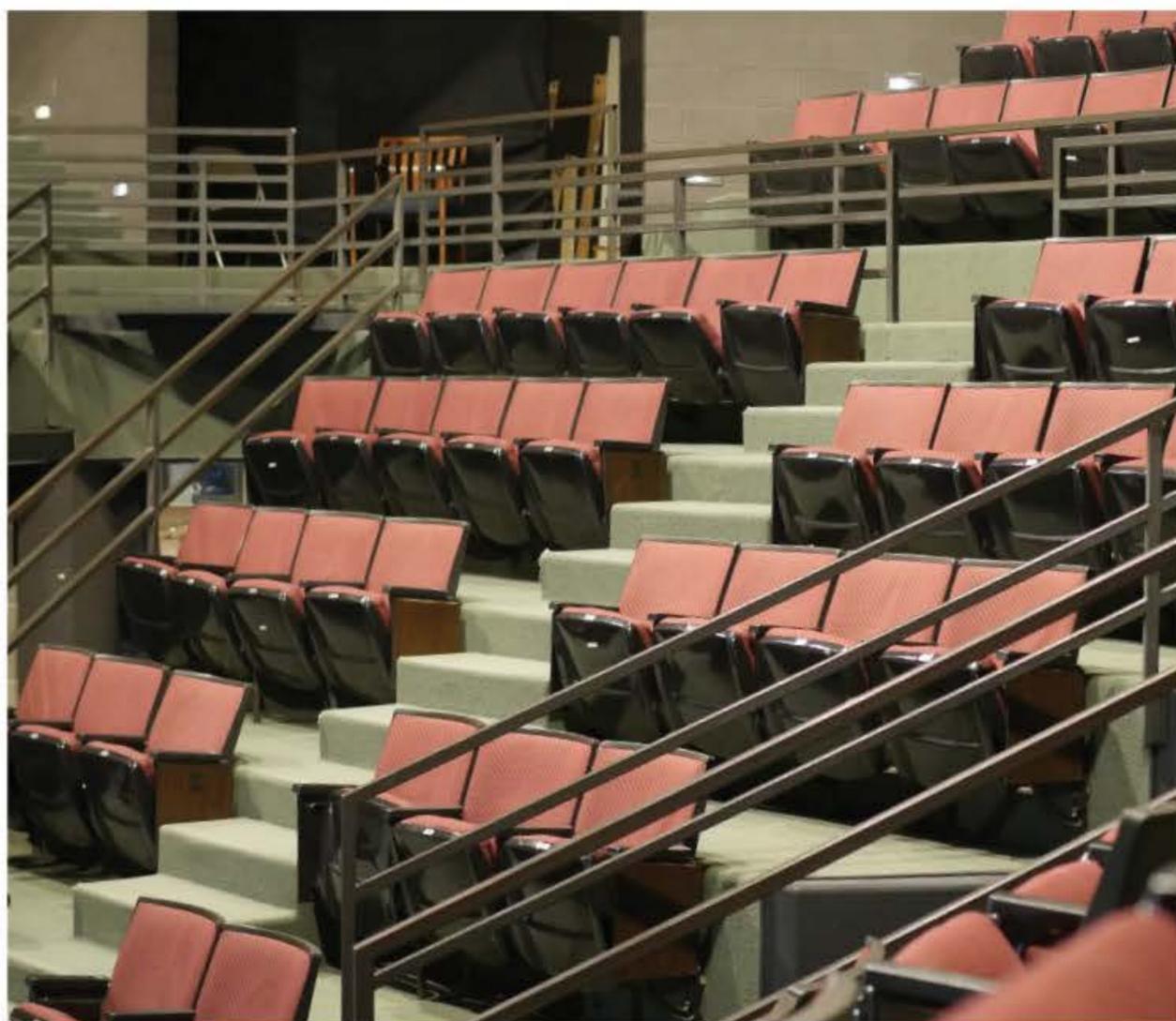


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## TAKE A SEAT IN DOWS THEATRE

The Sutherland C. Dows Fine Arts Center was characterized as “spaciousness...light... beautiful and useful” at its dedication in 1974. Almost 50 years later, this custom-made facility is in need of renovation to increase accessibility and ensure our facilities match the caliber of our students' arts programming. Coe embraces the role of the arts in the undergraduate experience and their importance throughout the lives of liberally

educated citizens. We invite you to become a partner in our first phase of this campaign as we focus on replacing furnishings and changing the face of fine arts at Coe. Your support allows the arts community in our region and on our campus to thrive.

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# RENOVATE MURRAY AND GREENE HALLS

Student life wouldn't be possible without the living arrangements that make Coe a residential campus. "High Rise" Murray Hall's nine floors make it the tallest building on Coe's campus and can house 153 students of all genders and years. The dormitory was built in 1966, with no major renovations since it was first added to campus 56 years ago. The all-male Greene Hall can be home to 247 students of all years, with several of its floors dedicated to housing fraternities. It was first built in 1938 and has not seen the attention of a large renovation since 1983.

For both Murray and Greene, it's time. We have implemented a crucial project to renovate and update both structural and furnishing elements of these buildings. With your support, we plan to tackle renovations to Murray in summer 2023 and Greene during summer 2024, so the time to invest is now. These projects will have a substantial impact on the residents of tomorrow and how they live each and every day.

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*Greene Hall*



*Murray Hall*



Charity Roberts Tyler '96 with her husband Chris and their three children Calli, Sam and Jonathan

## LEAVE A LEGACY WITH HERITAGE CLUB

Membership in the Heritage Club can be simple and easy. If you make a planned gift of any kind or size you are eligible for membership.

One shining example of an alumna who joined the Heritage Club barely a decade after graduation is **Charity Roberts Tyler '96**. She made the move from Oklahoma to Iowa at age 17 after a whirlwind tour of nine colleges across five states, where Coe College was the standout choice. From Campus Visit Coordinator Sharon Fair greeting her with cookies on the rainy visit day to Dr. Glenn Janus personally asking about her after the Oklahoma City bombing, Charity remembers Coe as a place embracing her like family. "Coe is my home away from home," she said.

As a student, Charity was invested in making an impact as a Student Senator, member of her

sorority Delta Delta Delta and coordinator for the Coe Volunteer Clearinghouse, which matched local organizations and students with volunteer opportunities. These early experiences laid the foundation for a career of making a difference. As executive director of the Cedar Rapids Public Library Foundation, Charity focuses on innovative projects and provides opportunities for access to best serve the people of Cedar Rapids.

Charity always knew she wanted to give back to her alma mater in some way. Inspired by her time at Coe and the philanthropic values her mother had instilled, in 2007 she decided it was the right time to become part of Coe's Heritage Club by naming Coe as a beneficiary in her will. Charity views this easy commitment as one small way she can make an impact for the place that took care of her and for the students of tomorrow.

*To learn more, please reach out to*  
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# CHS DEDICATION

*For the future of health care, for Coe, for the McInallys*

The newest addition to Coe's campus already is attracting a crowd.

After construction crews cleared out, the curious came in for the dedication of the David and Janice McInally Center for Health & Society (CHS). A large contingent of individuals and organizations from across campus and up-and-down the Corridor were on hand the evening of Thursday, September 29 to celebrate the project's visionary roots and recognize the namesakes of the shimmering new three-story space.

As the guests of honor, Coe President Emeritus David McInally and former First Lady Janice McInally were central to the event, but all attendees were instrumental in the vision, funding, completion or future of the CHS. They explored the upper levels, marveling at the floor-to-ceiling windows in the classrooms while envisioning the advanced equipment that would be in place, before gathering for remarks in the Esther and Robert Armstrong Charitable Trust Lobby of the CHS.

"It is a great honor to dedicate the Center for Health & Society to David and Janice McInally, and I am delighted they are here to join us," said Coe President **David Hayes '93**.

Invitees included National Advisory Board members Michelle Niermann (President and CEO for UnityPoint Health - Cedar Rapids), Okpara Rice (CEO of Tanager Place), Tim Charles (Mercy Medical Center President and CEO), Dr. **Tim Sagers '97** (MercyCare Business Health Solutions) and Dr. **Dustin Arnold '91** (UnityPoint Health - St. Luke's Chief Medical Officer and Associate Medical Director of Hospital-Based Providers). Other Board members are health experts from across the country, including eight more Coe graduates. Dr. **Mary Jeanne Krob '73** is the chair.

Additionally, organizations critical to construction were represented including the Hall Perrine Foundation, the Esther and Robert Armstrong Charitable Trust, Family

Caregivers Center of Mercy, MedQuarter Regional Medical District, the City of Cedar Rapids, OPN Architects and Build to Suit Inc.

This particular moment belonged to the McInallys, though, who described the occasion as "almost surreal."

"Coming up with the project, visualizing it and now actually seeing it, it's almost like I can see students coming in and working with our faculty and using the rooms. It's really great," David McInally said.

"It's really an honor. We wanted to do something to give back to the wonderful students and faculty at Coe. To see [the CHS] and see our names on it is incredible, knowing how it will affect campus life, the future of Coe and its students. It's truly a humbling experience and we are so grateful," Janice McInally added.

Hayes began his remarks with a story. As he was showing David McInally around campus after McInally first started at Coe, the president emeritus asked how many medical providers were within walking distance of campus. Hayes thought that was the first spark of the idea to create the CHS.

"The vision was his from the very beginning," Hayes noted. "It was a prescient one, too, because at that time he did not know the public health crisis that was far on the horizon."

As impressive as it is, the physical space is just the conduit, though, for Kohawks to explore transformative opportunities, as other speakers noted.

"This building supports the notion that Coe students and graduates have a connection to something larger than themselves. We want our students to understand that health careers are expansive," Vice Chair of the Coe Board of Trustees, **Sigrd Reynolds '94** said.



With the CHS, any major at Coe College could lead to a career related to health and well-being. Advising, networking and first-hand experience will facilitate the pursuit of a range of career paths that suit a student's individual strengths. For instance, art majors could learn about medical illustration, religion majors could study the role of spirituality in healing and business majors could prepare to become administrators. The CHS will help people realize they can have a career helping people, directly and indirectly, and alleviate some of the staffing burden the health industry is facing — which is expected to have 2.6 million open positions by 2030.

Joining Hayes and Reynolds as speakers were current student **Antonia Valdivia Araya '24** and Interim Provost Angela Ziskowski.

"The new Center for Health & Society will allow Coe College to focus on pre-health paths, allied health and the medical humanities through a multi and interdisciplinary lens," Ziskowski said.

"Aarman Rowther very articulately shared that for premedical students the liberal arts teach the basis for language and communication between doctor and patient, they teach the critical thinking required for the uncertain and ethically challenging decisions faced by all in the medical profession, and the large questions that face the health fields about what roles they should play in healthcare politics, business and society as a whole," Ziskowski added.

With the addition of the CHS, Coe is now positioned as the preferred liberal arts choice for pre-health students. The Center will help expand health-related graduate outcomes with experienced advisors, dual degree opportunities and direct connections to internships or job shadowing within the Cedar Rapids MedQuarter Regional Medical District.

President Emeritus McNally fittingly summed up the endeavor best.

"I loved the feeling I got from Coe as soon as I got on campus the first time. It's incredible the way that everyone can access these resources. Especially now as we are living through a pandemic, it's such important knowledge for everyone to have, regardless of their major or discipline. And [the CHS] helps provide that; people have the knowledge to help themselves and those around them through this time," he said.



As Chair of the Center for Health & Society Board of Advisors, Dr. **Mary Jeanne Krob '73** helped form the vision and is now helping to guide the implementation of the CHS. With an extensive direct care background, she is excited by the prospect of expansive health education and prepared to help all those who are interested in helping others.

After Coe, she received a master's degree in genetics at the University of Missouri in 1974, her M.D. at the University of Iowa in 1978 and a master's degree in instructional design and technology at the University of Iowa in 1995. As a physician and surgeon, Mary Jeanne retired as a medical director at Highmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield in 2021 and served as Medical Director of the Burn Center at Mercy Hospital in Pittsburgh from 1987-1991.

"Health care is more than being a doctor, nurse or therapist. How can we work to help immerse our students in non-traditional and creative ways to help support health? The answer to that question is the CHS," she said.



# Coe welcomes students from across the country and around the globe in the Class of 2026

The internships, networking and community at Coe College and in Cedar Rapids continue to attract a diverse and motivated group of students. The possibilities are appealing for those who seek not only a rigorous academic experience, but opportunities outside the classroom that will enhance their education and provide a professional head start. The Coe College class of 2026 is the latest to see this great promise.

Traveling from as far as 7,500 miles away, and as near as two miles, Coe welcomed nearly 400 new students and a geographically diverse class — both domestically and internationally. New students joining the Coe community represent 270 cities, 26 states and seven countries with 60 percent of the Class of 2026 enrolling from outside of Iowa. Also, 35 percent of the group comes from underrepresented backgrounds, which is the highest percentage for a single class in the college's history.

“When you look at Coe’s combination of distinctive features, some of which were recently recognized by The Princeton Review such as the most accessible faculty, there simply is not another college like Coe in Iowa and only a small number in the country,” said Coe’s Vice President for Enrollment, Marketing and Institutional Effectiveness **Julie Kleis Staker '93**.

Kohawks will capitalize on the college’s focus on personal academic preparation and excellence in providing robust professional and extracurricular experiences, such as

internships, networking and athletics. The Princeton Review ranked Coe No. 17 nationally for Best Career Services and No. 20 nationally for Most Accessible Professors, as well as the No. 10 Best School for Internships and No. 20 Best Alumni Network among private schools. Coe is Iowa’s only college or university to be ranked for career services, accessible professors and alumni network.

More than half of the incoming class are student-athletes, and the academic profile features an average GPA of 3.6 and an average ACT of 25. More than half of the students ranked in the top 30 percent of their graduating class.

Nearly 100 percent of reporting graduates find employment, attend graduate school or engage in a service opportunity within nine months of graduation, and have done so consistently now for more than a decade.

“I’m really excited for this class,” said Associate Vice President for Enrollment and Dean of Admission Josh Kite. “The opportunities students will have to work closely with Coe’s excellent faculty and staff to challenge themselves academically and gain professional experience will leave them well prepared for their futures.”

Refer a future Kohawk!



## Meet the class of 2026

270  
cities

26  
states

7  
countries

35%  
underrepresented  
backgrounds

Over  
50%  
student-athletes

3.6  
average GPA

25  
average  
ACT



# HOMECOMING

— TRADITIONS OLD AND NEW IN 2022 —

OCTOBER 13-16, 2022

*Coe welcomed over 400 alumni and friends back to campus Homecoming weekend — reuniting old friends and celebrating what it means to be a Kohawk.*



The festivities kicked off with a registration hub in Phifer Commons, where guests left their signature under their decade of graduation, picked up memorabilia from years past and decorated the country with crimson and gold push pins representing their hometowns. Fresh off of fall break, students put their talents on display at Kohawk Rock, voted for their Homecoming royalty and fought for their school, winning on the soccer pitch and only one point away from victory on the football field. That didn't dampen the spirit of the weekend, as we celebrated award winners, Hall of Fame inductees and many reunions, including an important year for some Greek sisters and Charlie Kohawk himself. The weekend allowed people to reminisce and create new memories as they honored traditions old and new.

« **TOP LEFT:** We've got spirit, how about you? **Josie Heeren '22**, **Analise Steeber '22** and **Brianna Williams '22** had a blast at their first Homecoming as alumnae.

« **BOTTOM LEFT:** The Brat 'n' Beverage tent is a staple at Homecoming — just ask **Mary Ann Kucera '58** and **Tom Hazelton '77**.





Campus joined together at the all-alumni celebration to wish Charlie Kohawk a happy 100th birthday.



The thought of investing in Coe always brings a smile for Heritage Club members **Charles Davis '86**, Jean Johnson, Coe's former longtime Director of Alumni Programs and **Dougie Peters '81**.

## HONORING DISTINGUISHED KOHAWKS

Each year at Homecoming, the Coe College Alumni Council celebrates notable alumni achievements during the All-Alumni Recognition Program. **Arial Harland Montag '14** was the recipient of the Young Alum Award, and **Scott Riemenschneider '90** was the recipient of the Alumni Award of Merit. Each award was presented by a fellow Kohawk, including an inspiration to Arial, **Sally Roegner Brause '88**, and Scott's daughter, **Rachel Riemenschneider Reddin '18**.

### Young Alum Award

Even though she has been a Coe graduate for less than a decade, Arial Harland Montag has already made great professional strides and has been recognized for her organizational leadership. Arial obtained her bachelor's degree in organizational sciences and psychology at Coe, and she went on to St. Ambrose University to earn her master's in organizational leadership. Both her degrees emphasize an interdisciplinary approach to understanding how organizations work and cultivating effective leadership, two qualities that Arial has exemplified in her professional career.

She started working with GreatAmerica Financial Services right after graduating from Coe in 2014, and currently serves as a talent acquisition leader for the organization. In doing so, Arial provides strategic leadership in many areas including employment branding, position advertising, candidate sourcing, employment testing, interviewing, assessments and college relations. Her work is an integral part of ensuring effectiveness and improving strategy to fulfill the needs of the company, both present and future.

Arial is consistently known as someone who is passionate and enthusiastic about her work, and her thoughtfulness helps her to understand challenges and provide solutions. She has been recognized for her accomplishments by being named an industry "Difference Maker" in ENX Magazine and an

industry "Young Influencer" in The Cannata Report in 2018. Arial is also certified by the Society for Human Resource Management as a Senior Certified Professional (SHRM-SCP), and she is a certified AVA Analyst and Predictive Index Master.

During her time at Coe, Arial demonstrated her passion for leading others to success through holding leadership positions in Delta Delta Delta, Panhellenic Council and Environmental Club, as well as serving as a College Adjustment Peer, student-athlete in cross country and track & field and a member of the time-honored Flunk Day Committee. Her academic excellence was recognized through her acceptance into the Psi Chi honor society for psychology students and the National Society of Leadership & Success. Arial married fellow Kohawk, **Patrick Montag '13**, and the two have stayed in the Cedar Rapids area. As an alumna, she has participated in local Day of Giving events and career events to support C3: Creativity, Careers, Community and Coe students.

It is clear that Arial has a bright future and career ahead of her, with the past eight years of passion and accomplishments serving as a promising foundation. She is well-deserving to be recognized as a recipient of Coe College's Young Alum Award.



The Alumni Council presented **Arial Harland Montag '14** with the Young Alum Award and **Scott Riemenschneider '90** with the Alumni Award of Merit.

During the ceremony **Matt Clark '95** was also recognized with the Order of Achievement from the National Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity. Matt was at the forefront of the United States' COVID-19 response, and he served as commencement speaker for Coe in 2021.



In its 50th year, the Coe Athletic Hall of Fame inducted (left to right) **Nick Frank '03** (tennis), **Amber Karkosh Bolen '08** (volleyball, basketball), **Bryce Berkompas '01** (track & field), **Sarah Anciaux '11** (track & field, basketball) and **Don Stevenson '76** (basketball).



## Alumni Award of Merit

Scott Riemenschneider has made a living by practicing law, but his true calling has been using his talents to serve and support the communities to which he belongs. After graduating cum laude from Coe in 1990 with his bachelor's degree in economics and business administration, Scott earned his MBA and a Juris Doctorate from Drake University in Des Moines.

Scott was admitted to the Iowa Bar in 1993 to practice in all state and federal courts located in Iowa. Since then, he has handled many cases involving legal issues ranging from divorce, adoption and bankruptcy to criminal law and debt collection. Scott served as the managing partner for the downtown Des Moines law firm formerly known as Riemenschneider, Rydell & Smalley prior to joining Wilson, Deege, Despotovich, Riemenschneider & Rittgers, PLC in 2007. In his current role, Scott primarily serves the Iowan population through the areas of wills, trusts, probate, estate planning, guardianships and conservatorships, real estate, income tax and elder law.

His work also includes contributions to public-facing resources to educate and support Iowa citizens. Scott is a co-author of the Handbook for Older Iowans and helped produce the guardianship and conservatorship training video distributed by the Iowa State Bar Association. In addition, he is a contributor to the substitute decision making DVD developed by the Iowa Department of Elder Affairs.

Scott has been recognized for his incredible pro-bono work by the Iowa Department of Human Services

and was granted the 2011 Volunteer Award by then-Governor Terry Brandstad and Lieutenant Governor Kim Reynolds. He also has invested in his community through professional and personal involvement in many organizations. Scott is currently a member of the American Bar Association, the Iowa State Bar Association - probate section, the Polk County Bar Association and the Des Moines Estate Planners Forum, where he served as president 2015 to 2017. He was also a former trustee in the Des Moines Christian School Foundation, and he is an active member of Summitcreek Church.

Scott's commitment to excellence and community involvement have stemmed back from when he was a student at Coe. He was inducted as a member into several academic honor societies, including Alpha Lambda Delta for first-years, Sachem for men, Omicron Delta Epsilon recognizing economics students and the Crescent Chapter of Mortar Board. He also was a member of the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity and served his peers as a Resident Assistant. Scott and his wife, Brenda, have been consistent supporters of the college for 30 years and are the proud parents of three daughters: Hailey, Jessica and Rachel.

Through his professional accomplishments and commitment to serving others, Scott demonstrates the investment and character defining an exceptional member of the Coe community. It is the college's pleasure to present him with the Alumni Award of Merit.



**1** The class of 2012, with **Samantha Lynn Dolezal**, **All Pillard Egerly** and **Chelsea White**, joined together for their 10th reunion.

**2** Returning for their 15th cluster reunion were alumni from the classes of 2006, 2007 and 2008. A handful of the people saying "cheers!" included **Chris Adair '07**, **Jamie Boley '08**, **Zach Nosblisch '07**, **Lucas Novotny '08**, **Barry Smith '98**, **Matt Starmer '06** and **Blake Strobel '07**.

**3** Back at Coe for their 25th reunion was the class of 1997 with **Chip Chaon**, **Jessica Mead Chaon**, **Jennifer McGee Hunt**, **Donielle Mayhew Jarvela**, **Carol Pankau Thompson** and **Jodi Michaels Treharne**.

**4** Alumni from the classes of 1986, 1987 and 1988 gathered to commemorate their 35th cluster reunion.

**5** The 40th reunion turned into a cozy cluster reunion for the 80's, with **Patti Bridenstine Buchardt '83**, **Todd Buchardt '82**, **Lisa Conway '82**, **Terri Rowenhorst '83** and **Barb Ernst Tupper '89**.

**6** The class of 1972 celebrated their 50th reunion on campus. Classmates in attendance were **Gary Bligg**, **Dave Carson**, **Steve Cone**, **Mike Davenport**, **Jim Evans**, **Jon Galloway**, **Dave Garner**, **Chip Kensinger**, **Ken Kuhn**, **John Pallzza**, **Joe Payton**, **Bob Poretti**, **Marcy Trach**, **George Tsul** and **Jeff Vaughan**.

**7** The Delta Eta chapter of Delta Delta Delta celebrated 110 years on Coe's campus, with over 80 alumnae across eight decades reuniting over the course of the weekend.

THE INAUGURATION OF  
DAVID THOMAS  
HAYES '93

HE'S COE FROM HEAD TO TOE



**D**eftly wielding a shovel, Coe College President **David Hayes '93** gently tamped down loose soil surrounding a recently planted tree the morning of his inauguration. It was an act which provided just a little protection for the sapling and its roots, but was heavy with symbolism.

A native of Cedar Rapids, former Coe student body president, two-time C.J. Lynch Outstanding Teacher awardee and vice president for advancement, Hayes was already a Kohawk through and through. However on Friday, October 28, 2022, dressed head to toe in crimson and gold including his favorite socks, Hayes' Coe roots grew even deeper as he was inaugurated as the 16th president of Coe College — the first alumnus to hold the title.

And, like stabilizing the tree, the rest of the day was about strengthening the prospects of the college.

In his inaugural address, Hayes demonstrated the depth of his relationship with Coe while simultaneously weaving in stories of his past and delivering his vision for the college's future. He

One of the more poignant moments was Hayes' experience after his sophomore year. He lost his father the day he came home from that academic year. Half a dozen Coe faculty came to the visitation, but it was an encounter shortly after the devastating loss that left a lasting impression.

"A month or so later on campus, I bumped into the then academic dean, who happened to be the eventual 14th president of Coe, Dr. James Phifer. I will never forget this. He had no reason to know me, but he stopped me — a 20-year-old rising junior — to ask if I was OK and if I needed anything from the college. And he then counseled me that I would think of my father every day for the rest of my life, that was just fine, and to embrace it and understand that these are the thoughts and memories of how we bridge experiences and go forward," Hayes recalled.

The empathy and personal nature of that moment has carried into how Hayes interacts with students, staff, faculty and other colleagues. Constituency pledges were delivered by Coe Student Body President **Toby Lister '24**, Coe Alumni Association President **Lauren DuBay Gilbertson '13**,

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began, though, by acknowledging all those who have invested in him and noting the day was truly about celebrating the college as a whole.

"This gratitude that swells my soul is shaped and scoped by the fact I as a Kohawk find myself on the stage of Sinclair Auditorium, accepting the presidency of Coe College," Hayes said.

What's remarkable is that Hayes' first appearance on the Sinclair stage — behind the same podium — was just over 30 years prior, as the student body president during orientation for the Class of 1997.

Hayes asked the crowd filling Sinclair if they would allow him to reminisce a bit, and recounted stories of his time as a student and encounters he has had throughout his roles at the college.

Ben Peterson Professor of Chemistry and Environmental Studies Marty St. Clair, Associate Vice President for Advancement **Barb Ernst Tupper '89**, Cedar Rapids City Councilman **Dale Todd '78**, Cedar Rapids First Presbyterian Church elder Rev. Herbert Isenberg and Coe College Board of Trustees member retired Brigadier General **Hank Taylor '75**. Delegates from 13 other colleges, universities and higher education organizations were in attendance, as well, while eight other institutions of higher learning sent certificates honoring Hayes on the occasion.

Presenting Hayes for the presidency was Greater Des Moines Partnership CEO, and longtime friend from their time together in law school, Jay Byers.

Describing Hayes as a "renaissance person" (which includes keeping a steady beat as the drummer in their law school band), Byers added, "I have long thought David would make an



excellent college president, and I firmly believe he is the right person at the right time to serve as Coe's president."

Now, Hayes' dream is to build on the momentum and reputation Coe holds — both in the measurable categories like academic rigor and professional outcomes as well as the intangible. He is at the helm of a college that offers a first rate liberal arts education and is nationally ranked for internships, career services, accessible professors and alumni network. But, Hayes noted that's not the most important Coe story.

"I can tell you [Coe] is so much more than classrooms, laboratories, fields and stages. I have heard [stories like] my Coe story told again and again, by scores of alumni, who can put a finger directly on how Coe literally changed their lives, gave them traction when it would be so easy to slip, and launched them forward toward lives of accomplishment," Hayes said. "This enterprise, this thing we call Coe College — is precious and unique."

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*"I know exactly the value of Coe,  
and it will endure," Hayes said.*

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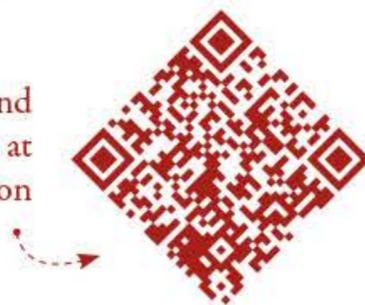
"At a time when so many seek an environment where they feel valued and a sense of belonging, we need to work with intention to assure that my Coe experience is never the exception, but it's instead so intensely woven into the very fabric of this place — our shared DNA — that every single student feels nurtured, welcomed and valued," Hayes added.

Moving forward, Hayes vowed to enhance the Kohawk experience at every step and stage. A central part of his vision is expanded partnerships throughout Cedar Rapids and the Creative Corridor. He sees vibrant extracurricular activities and a focus on life skills that will continue to create a clear path to personal and professional success for Kohawks.

"I thank you for receiving and considering these remarks, and for helping me celebrate today. I am so grateful and blessed to call this college home. And for the first time in its 171 year history, your president can lead the cheer, Alma mater, hail hail hail."

PICTURED: 1. President Hayes preparing. 2. Linnie and James Phifer, Coe's 14th president. 3. **Mary Ann Kucera '58** and **Beth Kucera '81**. Mary Ann wore an heirloom ring that has been to 15 Coe inaugurations! 4. President Hayes, wife Heather and daughters, Mackenzie, Johanna and Allison. 5. Inauguration attendees gather outside Sinclair Auditorium. 6. President Hayes, **Enzo Nagao '20** and **Kent VonBehren '91** of Trees Forever, and Student Body President **Toby Lister '24** plant a tree outside the CHS. 7. Jay Byers, CEO of the Greater Des Moines Partnership, presented his friend and law school colleague David Hayes for inauguration. The two were able to display their Coe socks afterward at the reception.

See the entire inauguration and  
President Hayes' inaugural speech at  
[www.coe.edu/presidential-inauguration](http://www.coe.edu/presidential-inauguration)



## PRESIDENTS OF COE COLLEGE

STEPHEN PHELPS

1881-1887

JAMES MARSHALL

1887-1896

SAMUEL B. MCCORMICK

1897-1904

WILLIAM WILBERFORCE SMITH

1905-1908

JOHN A. MARQUIS

1909-1920

HARRY MOREHOUSE GAGE

1920-1941

CHARLES A. ANDERSON

1942-1944

BYRON SHARPE HOLLINSHEAD

1945-1950

EDGAR CROWTHER CUMINGS

1950-1951

HOWELL HARRIS BROOKS

1952-1956

JOSEPH E. MCCABE

1958-1970

LEO L. NUSSBAUM

1970-1982

JOHN E. BROWN

1982-1996

JAMES R. PHIFER

1996-2013

DAVID W. MCINALLY

2013-2021

DAVID THOMAS HAYES

2021-

# “I JUST LOVE COE”

## Nancy Skogsbergh '53 Women of Coe



Few people can claim to be as Coe-to-the-core as **Nancy Skogsbergh '53**. The connection started young. As a seventh-grader, she hung out in Hickok Hall and greeted the president by name. As years passed, she would fire the starting gun for

the Lamb-Kohawk cross country meet and used her Kohawk experience to become a top nursing educator in Eastern Iowa.

For eight decades, there has been an unbreakable bond between Nancy and Coe. The college provided a livelihood for her family growing up, a valuable education and stories that have stuck with her through all the years.

Her history with Coe, though, begins with her father — **Harris Lamb '27**, a Coe legend in his own right. Harris was a standout athlete during his days as a student, earning an induction into the Coe Athletic Hall of Fame as a charter member. He returned to campus later as a coach, co-athletic director with his brother, Willis, and eventually was Coe's first alumni director, bringing Coe coast-to-coast. He's fondly remembered by many as never forgetting a name.

It's clear Nancy, now 91, has fond memories of her father as well because he was the instigator in her

Kohawk story. Harris moved his family from Ada, Ohio, and Ohio Northern University to work at Coe when Nancy was 12. She had heard his stories and passion for Coe and quickly developed an affinity of her own as she became familiar with campus.

“I knew most everybody on campus — faculty, coaches, even the president,” Nancy recalled. “I was comfortable.”

**“I was able to express myself, have an opinion and debate. Through those experiences I learned how to care and how to help others.”**

**- Nancy Skogsbergh**

With her mother ailing and her familiarity with the area, choosing where to go to college was simple — she was confident in Coe. Nancy could even walk to campus from their home.

As she started as a student, many service members were also pursuing their degrees after serving in World War II. There was a camaraderie on campus that created both a fun atmosphere and an engaging learning environment. In fact, famous Coe figures like **Marv Levy '50** and **Wayne “Phiz” Phillips '56** have kept up with her through the years.

“I was surrounded by good people, fun guys. We just had a wonderful time,” Nancy said. “And beyond that, I was able to express myself, have an opinion, debate and be heard. Through those experiences I learned how to think on my own, care and how to help others.”

# COE COLLEGE”

She created plenty of friendships during her time attending Coe, but also encountered challenges in the classroom — namely statistics. She loved psychology because she learned how to relate to different people, but numbers were different. Fortunately, even then, tutors were available and it was her father that led her to the resources and provided the encouragement for her to buckle down and pass, even though she was working nights at the time.

Her experience with conquering statistics gave her confidence to take on other subjects she didn't have much experience with, including chemistry with Dr. Ben Peterson, who is the namesake of Peterson Hall on campus.

“He took care of us non-majors just like his [chemistry] majors. That's the attitude that Coe had. I mean, everyone just wanted us to succeed,” Nancy said.

Nancy carried that helpful approach into the next phase of her life, where her Coe roots blossomed into an incredible career as an educator at Unity Point-St. Luke's hospital across from campus.

Nursing education looked different 70 years ago in Cedar Rapids — St. Luke's ran its own nursing school, and Nancy split her time between the hospital and Coe in a five-year program, eventually graduating with a Bachelor of Arts from Coe and a nursing diploma from St. Luke's. Education was where her heart was, so she combined that passion with her nursing acumen and worked at St. Luke's for 46 years, mostly as an influential nursing faculty member. She even received her Master of Arts in educational administration from the University of Iowa in 1979, while she was raising her children. She retired in 1999 as an education administrator in St. Luke's Patient Care Services, where she continued to develop ongoing training materials.

There are even parallels between Nancy's career and the establishment of the David and Janice

McInally Center for Health & Society on campus. As the face of professional nursing in the area, Nancy was essential to health care growth in Cedar Rapids. Former students remember her as always smart, confident, enthusiastic, kind, respectful, articulate and compassionate. The similarities come to a head with one trait in particular — possessing a prescient vision for health care needs and evolution.

In particular, Nancy reinforced a culture of caring at St. Luke's, renowned for her devotion to patient advocacy. She even came full circle back to Coe as an adjunct nursing instructor in the '80s.

Nancy was recognized with the St. Luke's Foundation Founder's Award in June 2022 for her service to the school of nursing, which closed in 1987 after graduating 2,524 students since 1892, and her continuing educational service within the hospital afterward. The Founder's Award honors “community members who have had a significant and outstanding impact on health care in Eastern Iowa through their leadership and devotion,” which is certainly one way to describe Nancy.

In retrospect, she has lived a life of service, for which Coe and her family prepared her.

“That Coe degree is who I am now,” she added. “I just love Coe College.”





# DOUBLE THE IMPACT

*of Coe College's Band Tours*

Coe traditions have always been accented by music — from performances at convocation and graduation ceremonies to pep songs at athletic events. The many bands, ensembles and groups where students' musical talents thrive provide the melodic backdrops for those events. For those students, music's impact is especially prominent if they've partaken in band tours over the years.

These trips have taken place all over the country and the world, including Pearl Harbor, Yellowstone National Park, South Korea, China, Italy, Costa Rica and more. Not only do they offer a unique opportunity to tour and perform, band tours also allow their musicians to understand other cultures, stay involved with the alumni music community and gain lasting memories. As alumnus **Jonathan Dyrland '01** attests, "getting to go out on 'the road' with my college friends and experience so much of the United States while also making music are some of the biggest highlights of my college years."

To support these irreplaceable experiences provided by Coe's band tours, **Joe Lilly '99** and his wife Kim have established the William S. Carson Band Tour Endowment Fund. For the guitar fan from Chicago who had not planned on attending college, meeting Alma A. Turechek Professor of Music and Director of Bands Bill Carson made all the difference. Joe knew he had to go to Coe after a tour of campus and a couple conversations with Dr. Carson, a professor he recalls as being clearly in love with his job and sincerely interested in his students.

"Giving back to Coe by creating or participating in an endowment is something I've wanted to do for a long time," Joe said. "After conversations with my wife, we decided that a fund designed to advance Dr. Carson's tour work is the best way for us to not only support Coe, but also to say thank you to Dr. Carson for everything he has done to benefit so many Coe music alumni."

*I learned more on Coe music tours than I could ever learn in a classroom.*

-JONATHAN DYRLAND '01

The Band Tour Endowment Fund provides much-needed support for band tours by enhancing the tour itinerary or reducing the cost of the trip for students who may have financial limitations. "The experiences may be brief, but the memories last your lifetime," testifies **Beth Trulson '02**. "That is why I gave to the William S. Carson Band Tour Endowment Fund. I want other students to be able to travel and have similar experiences to those I had at Coe."

Music has always played a role in the Coe experience, so we invite you to make an impact for other Coe students by joining the Lillys' matching challenge and making a gift to the Band Tour Endowment Fund. Your investment supports not only the next tour to the Netherlands and Belgium in June 2023, but also students and their trips for many years to come.

[BIT.LY/COEBANDTOUR](https://bit.ly/coebandtour)



# 2021-2022 ANNUAL REPORT

The 2021-2022 fiscal year allowed Coe to experience a return to what matters: a return to the energy and ambition to create exceptional possibilities on and off campus, a return to in-person classes and activities for our students and a return to improving our campus. This forward momentum is only possible with the dedicated support of our donors and community. Together, we know we can surpass any difficulties that will face Coe in the years to come, and we are incredibly grateful for your investments that make a difference in the future of our institution and our students.

# Welcome to the 2021-2022 COE COLLEGE ANNUAL REPORT.

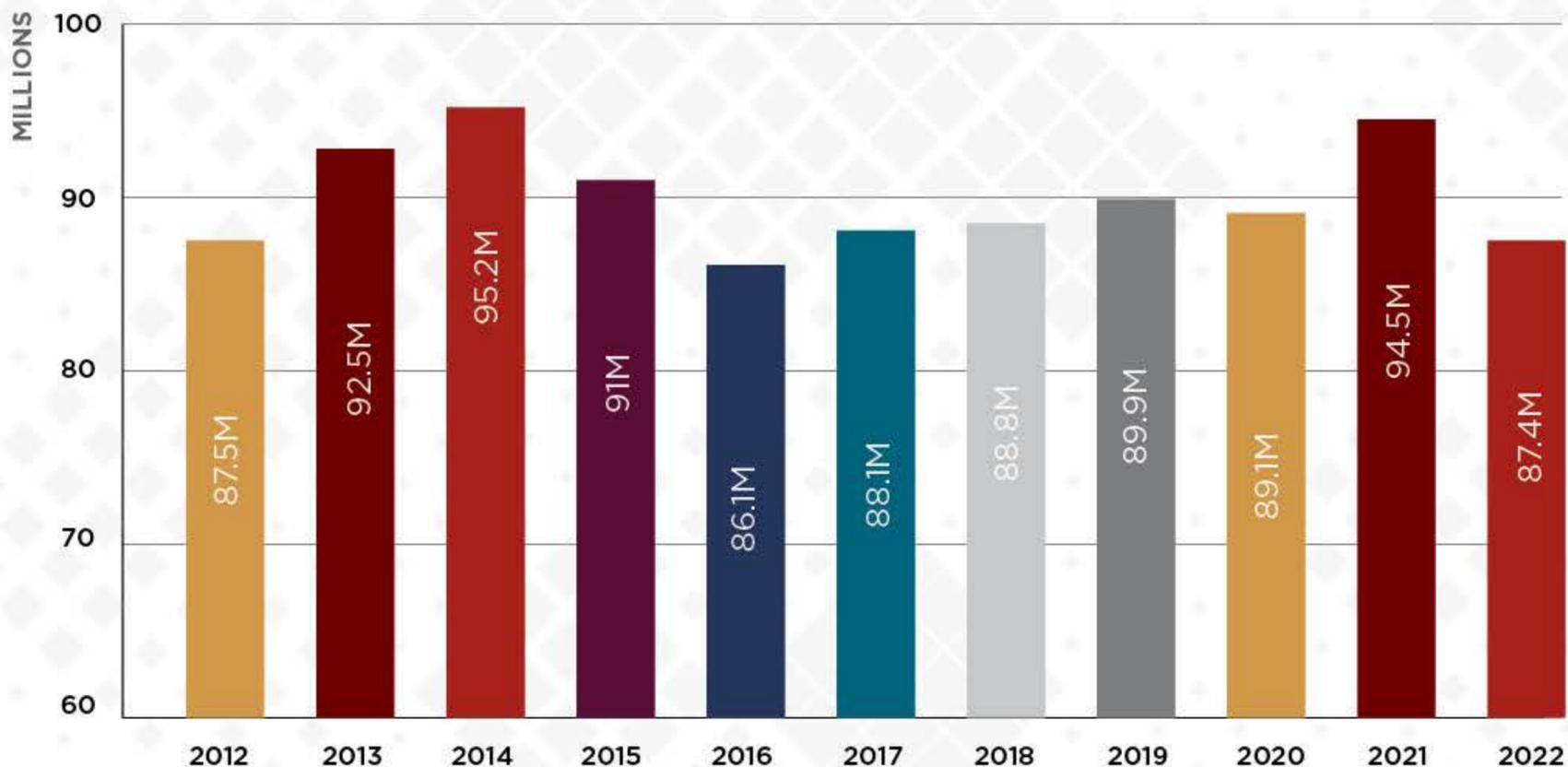
As a new member of the Coe family, I am delighted to share the 2021-2022 Annual Report. In my first few months at Coe, I have been heartened to see the deep commitment and passion the community holds for this place, the good and important work that has shaped the Coe of today and the work still in front of us to ensure a sustainable future for the students to come. This dedication is demonstrated in the pages to follow and evidenced both in the gifts of our loyal donors and engagement of our community. Record attendance at Homecoming 2021 showcased the strength of your devotion to your alma mater as did your presence in gatherings as President Hayes visited you in places like Aspen, Kansas City and New York. Furthermore, your gifts produced the **most successful Day of Giving in Coe's history and generated almost \$750,000**, contributing to \$1.2 million of total Annual Fund revenue and almost \$6 million in total philanthropy directly benefiting the college.

For this, please accept our sincerest thanks and appreciation. None of what we do would be possible without your generosity, vision and leadership, and Coe is truly a better place because of you. Here's to you, here's to Coe's past and present, and here's to an even brighter future!



**Chantel Olufsen**  
Vice President for Advancement

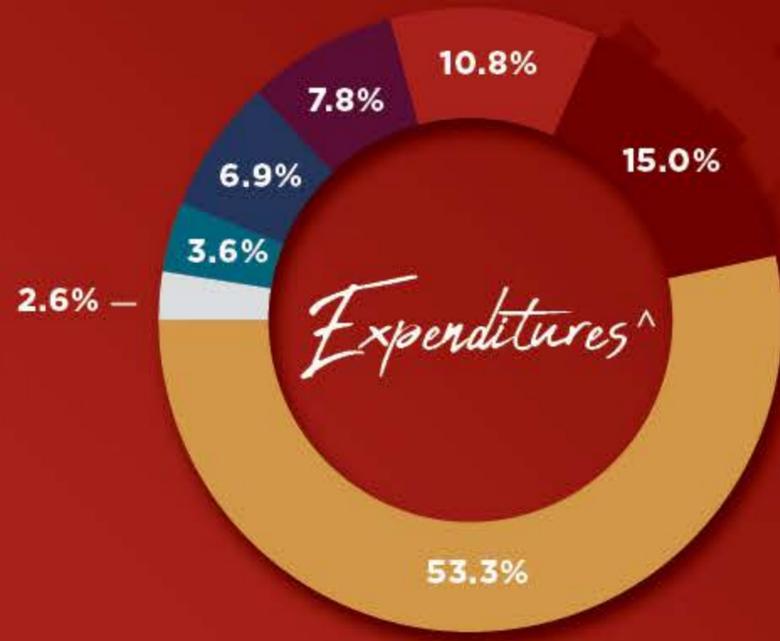
## Endowment - Total Assets Market Value FISCAL YEARS ENDING JUNE 30



<sup>^</sup>numbers are unaudited



Tuition & Fees: **72.1%**  
 Residence and Dining Services: **12.9%**  
 Other Sources: **6.4%**  
 Endowment Support for Operations: **5.0%**  
 Gifts Supporting Operations: **3.6%**



Financial Aid (Scholarships and Grants): **53.3%**  
 Academic Program: **15.0%**  
 Student Services: **10.8%**  
 General Administration: **7.8%**  
 Campus Facilities: **6.9%**  
 Residence and Dining Services: **3.6%**  
 Debt Service: **2.6%**

*Total Amount Raised:*  
**\$5,950,133**



Alumni: **67%** | **\$3,984,389**  
 Foundations: **25%** | **\$1,485,426**  
 Other: **3%** | **\$189,859**  
 Friends: **2%** | **\$138,243**  
 Corporations/Businesses: **2%** | **\$98,015**  
 Parents: **1%** | **\$54,200**



Endowment: **28.7%** | **\$1,707,278**  
 Undesignated Estates: **25.1%** | **\$1,493,922**  
 Annual Fund: **21.7%** | **\$1,292,748**  
 Capital Projects: **11.7%** | **\$695,675**  
 Special Projects: **5.3%** | **\$312,941**  
 Scholarships/Prizes: **3.7%** | **\$218,802**  
 Athletics: **2.5%** | **\$148,775**  
 Other Current Support: **1.3%** | **\$79,993**

# YOUR GIFTS

# Make the Difference



## HERITAGE CLUB

Recognizing those individuals who have committed to the long-term future of Coe College through a planned gift, the Heritage Club has 400 members. The college celebrates and recognizes its members at the annual Heritage Club dinner held during Homecoming Weekend.

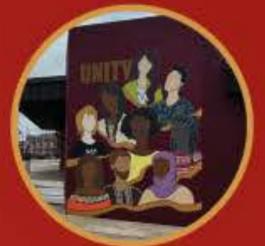


## ATHLETIC WINS

Thanks to the generous gifts that have been given to athletics programs, Coe's teams were able to excel in several ways. Some highlights include the wrestling team's six NCAA National Qualifiers and two All-Americans; women's track & field team's two all-conference performers, their first since 2018; the baseball team winning the American Rivers Conference Tournament; and two student-athletes being named the A-R-C men's and women's tennis MVPs.

**Coe College is proud to be home to an impressive and diverse student body pursuing a range of passions with the spirit of the Coe liberal arts education.**

No student's path is exactly like another — except each is made possible by the generous support of our donors, alumni and friends. When you give to Coe, your investments support difference-making enhancements in every single aspect of the Coe experience. From scholarships and financial aid to academic support programs, you provide opportunities for students to focus on their learning. From the arts to athletics to academics, you allow Kohawks to have a well-rounded collegiate experience and discover who they are. From physical resources to interpersonal relationships, Coe students have never been more supported than in the last year. This difference — your difference — changes lives.



## COE'S FINE ARTS

The arts are a unifying force on campus, evidenced by the new Unity Mural which was a shared effort among Coe student organizations and the larger community. Music and theatre majors gave impressive performances made possible by scholarships geared specifically towards the arts.



## SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID

Over \$1.7 million of endowed and gift scholarships were awarded to over 300 Coe students during the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

## TEXTBOOKS AND RESOURCES

The Blanchard-Pettibone Textbook Project implemented an initiative for required textbooks to be available on reserve at the library. Recent alumni gifted 70 textbooks toward this project and helped provide access to resources for all students.



## STUDENT SUPPORT PROGRAMS

The Office of Student Success & Persistence (OSSP) was created in fall 2021 and had its first year in existence during the 2021-2022 fiscal year. The OSSP was created to help first-year students with the transition from high school to college.



## #DayOfGiving

During the 2022 Day of Giving, we raised \$745,232 which greatly surpassed our original \$500,000 goal! Alumni accounted for 75% of those donations, with the remaining quarter coming from faculty, staff, parents, students and friends. We are especially grateful for lead gifts from our Board of Trustees and their incredible support of this effort.

## CAMPUS RENOVATIONS

Gifts have allowed us to improve physical aspects of Coe's campus both small — such as replacing the crumbling steps to Stewart Memorial Library — and large — such as completing the majority of CHS construction.



## “ BECAUSE OF YOU... ”

Growing up in a small town, I didn't think I would even get the chance to experience half the grand adventures I've had because of Coe. My love for chemistry blossomed and reached new heights while I entertained a new fondness for biochemistry that I didn't realize I had before coming here. It is because of your kind and generous donations that I am one step closer to achieving my dreams of becoming a forensic scientist, and for that, I will never be able to thank you enough. ”

**Brianna Williams '22**

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

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
1944-49	63	5	7.94%
1950	20	4	20.00%
1951	29	7	24.14%
1952	29	7	24.14%
1953	24	6	25.00%
1954	27	6	22.22%
1955	38	7	18.42%
1956	42	14	33.33%
1957	62	19	30.65%
1958	41	7	17.07%
1959	50	11	22.00%
1960	76	22	28.95%
1961	76	19	25.00%
1962	81	21	25.93%
1963	83	18	21.69%
1964	80	22	27.50%
1965	116	40	34.48%
1966	114	34	29.82%
1967	119	30	25.21%
1968	138	38	27.54%
1969	145	21	14.48%
1970	135	41	30.37%
1971	133	26	19.55%
1972	128	30	23.44%
1973	158	31	19.62%

Class Year	Alumni*	Donors	Participation Rate
1974	232	60	25.86%
1975	176	30	17.05%
1976	197	39	19.80%
1977	180	40	22.22%
1978	195	19	9.74%
1979	169	22	13.02%
1980	160	18	11.25%
1981	198	31	15.66%
1982	218	23	10.55%
1983	216	27	12.50%
1984	224	17	7.59%
1985	227	21	9.25%
1986	214	19	8.88%
1987	219	21	9.59%
1988	208	24	11.54%
1989	168	17	10.12%
1990	205	21	10.24%
1991	214	30	14.02%
1992	200	11	5.50%
1993	192	23	11.98%
1994	262	32	12.21%
1995	217	20	9.22%
1996	276	29	10.51%
1997	228	31	13.60%
1998	230	14	6.09%

Class Year	Alumni*	Donors	Participation Rate
1999	238	30	12.61%
2000	221	14	6.33%
2001	239	20	8.37%
2002	210	24	11.43%
2003	292	17	5.82%
2004	235	14	5.96%
2005	239	19	7.95%
2006	247	26	10.53%
2007	269	23	8.55%
2008	271	21	7.75%
2009	252	20	7.94%
2010	245	17	6.94%
2011	270	20	7.41%
2012	266	20	7.52%
2013	277	32	11.55%
2014	248	16	6.45%
2015	282	14	4.96%
2016	263	14	5.32%
2017	292	12	4.11%
2018	258	19	7.36%
2019	268	11	4.10%
2020	291	14	4.81%
2021	281	8	2.85%

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

# Volunteer LEADERSHIP

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

## 2021-2022 COE COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The Coe College Alumni Association's activities are coordinated by the Alumni Office located 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  
**President**

Charles Davis '86  
**Past President**

Lauren DuBay Gilbertson '13  
**Vice President**

Trè Cotton '16  
**Treasurer**

Eric Armstrong III '74

Matt Clark '95

Don Dempsey '65

John Llewelyn '85

Amber Mason Lusson '03

Ben Sagers '18

Jessica Schau Nelson '06

Pat Steele '75

## 2021-2022 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

Reid Galbraith '13

Deborah Lindberg Gertsen '87

Sam Hammes '10

Terry Hiebert '76

Kathy Steffensmeier

Jasper '90

Stephanie Kroger '88

Linda McCormack Mattes '93

Kevin Robinson '81

Amy Sands '98

Ash Shah '89

Melissa Ingersoll Shepard '96

Mike Shepard '94

Kelly Strohm Galbraith '13

Kevin Welu '86

## 2021-2022 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

Peter Birkey '91

Kevin Buckner '93

J. David Carson '72

Steven L. Caves

Robert Chiusano

Doug Eden '77

Sam Freitag '78

Christine Galloway '73

David Gehring '89

Ken Golder '82

Dennis Greenspon '68

Sarah Hemming-Meyer '05

Gene Henderson '68

Kent Herink '76

Shirley Hughes '67

Mary Jorgenson '80

Steven Kline '76

Mary Jeanne Krob '73

Kristin Lenz '96

Dave Lusson '87

Julie Johnson McLean '78

Curt Menefee '87

Paul Meyer '74

Sumit Nijhawan '93

Sigrid Reynolds '94

Brett Rule '86

Tim Sagers '97

William Schalk '65

Larry L. Shryock '65

Kristin Strohm '05

Craig Struve '70

Henry Taylor '75

Carson Veach '74

Ed Walsh '70

### LIFE TRUSTEES

Terry J. Abernathy '70

Jack B. Evans '70

John Girotto

Doug Hyde '74

William P. Johnson '53

Vince Martin

David McNally

Chuck Peters

James R. Phifer

John M. Sagers †

Gary Schlarbaum '65

Bruce Spivey '56

Jerre L. Stead '65

John D. Strohm '79

Lori Sturdevant '74

### EX-OFFICIO

David Hayes '93

**Coe College President**

Katie Lillibridge Dostal '99

**Alumni Council President**

† Deceased



# CLASS NOTES

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

## 1950s



**'57 Paul Clement** of Downers Grove, Illinois, continues to present photographs of his travels at the local library. This year, he's shown "Up A Lazy River," pictures taken during a paddlewheel riverboat ride from New Orleans to Memphis,

and "Up Three Cricks," a riverboat ride from Budapest to Amsterdam. He and his wife Sue recently celebrated their 64th anniversary.

**Jo Ann Miller Day** of Brookfield, Illinois, has been president of the Foundation for the Brookfield Library for the past six years. A larger library has been completed with the capital campaign ending this fall.

## 1960s

**'60 Marty Miller** and his wife Marsha of Ames, Iowa, are enjoying retirement after 30 years of work. Marty taught in Iowa State University's sociology department while Marsha worked in Mary Greeley Hospital's obstetrics department. Marty still coaches volleyball at the middle school and plays bass in his barn dance band The Barn Owl, which can be heard on Bandcamp. Marsha enjoys volunteering at the library, the Iowa Archaeological Society, traveling and retirement in general.



**'62 Clete Meyer** of Las Vegas, Nevada, traveled to Germany, Austria and Israel for a once-in-a-lifetime pilgrimage.

In Israel, the group spent time in Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Qumran, Jericho and the Dead Sea area. They saw sites including the center of Jesus' ministry and the Mount of the Beatitudes, the traditional location for the calling of the disciples and the feeding of the 5,000. Clete also had a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, was baptized in the Jordan River and even floated in the Dead Sea. This year, Clete celebrates 60 years as a graduate of Coe and has many fond memories of his Coe experience.

**3 '63 Bill Rembacz and Bonnie Solheim Rembacz '64** of South Ogden, Utah, became great-grandparents on April 10, 2021, to Naomi Kaye, the daughter of their

grandson Elijah and his wife Ana.

**4 '64 Susan Calvert** Nawrocki of Columbus, Missouri, received the third place award for "Landscape 26," a pencil drawing measuring 22 inches x 30 inches at the 10th Annual National Juried Art Exhibition at the Bower Center for the Arts in Bedford, Virginia. Her graphite pencil drawings were included in six art shows across Virginia, Mississippi, Texas and Missouri in 2022.

## 1970s

**'70 Tony Patterson Jr.** of Whitefish, Montana, was elected to the American Bar Foundation's board of directors for a five-year term. He has over 40 years of experience representing both business and individual clients in a broad range of real estate, joint venture and contractual arrangement transactions.

**5 '71 Reverend Dr. Richard Floyd** of Pittsfield, Massachusetts, sings bass in the Berkshire Lyric Chorus. On May 29, the group brought the first choral concert, a Mozart and Brahms program, to

Tanglewood's Ozawa Hall since 2019. Rick has sung with Berkshire Lyric since 2010.

**David P. Lytle** recently moved to Rosenberg, Texas, to be closer to his family, including his third grandchild. He retired in 2015 after 30 years in various information technology roles at Our Lady of the Lake University, San Antonio.

**6 '72 John Palizza** of Lake Bluff, Illinois, served as the principal race officer for the U.S. Sailing Para Sailing Championships held during August in the waters of Lake Michigan. John was responsible for running all of the races for this U.S. national championship for disabled sailors, as well as ensuring the safety of the event. John reports the event is both humbling and inspiring when you see how people can overcome everything from being wheelchair bound, to visual impairment to missing a limb, and still go out and race sailboats competitively.

**'76 Donald Stevenson** of LaPlace, Louisiana, was inducted into the Coe College Athletic Hall of Fame on October 15, 2022. In 1976, the Coe College basketball team was the





top-ranked Division III team in the nation. He won two Dick Case Hustle Awards, two Defensive Player of the Year Awards and was selected to the 2nd Team All-Midwest Conference team. Don led Kohawks in assists and in free throw percentage shooting 88 percent, was third in scoring and was selected to the Kohawk Christmas Classic All-Tournament Team. He also set the career and single season assists records at Coe.

**7 '77 Tom Hazelton** of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, enters his 47th year with Iowa's County Conservation, currently serving as the CEO and transitioning to internet systems administrator in 2023. The East Central Iowa Special Olympics Spring Games will return to Coe next April, where he has served as the field events coordinator for the past 50 years. Kohawks **Doug Baldwin '76**, **Jack Minder '81**, **Kurt Tjelmaland '84** and **Chuck McDonald '85** continue to assist Haze each year and were recognized as grand marshals of the 2022 Spring Games.

**Kimberly Wasson** of Arkdale, Wisconsin, is a professional artist and author. Her writing is in BBI Answers. Her artwork received a certificate of recognition for an art exhibit in Madison, Wisconsin, in 2022, and 10 of her pieces were featured in an art exhibit in Necedah, Wisconsin.

**'78 Alan M. Anderson** of Shoreview, Minnesota, has been elected to the St. Louis County Historical Society Board of Governors in Duluth, Minnesota, a group

dedicated to discovering, preserving and disseminating knowledge about the history and prehistory of St. Louis County and the state of Minnesota since its founding in 1922. Alan received a doctorate in war studies from King's College, London, and his spouse is **Ann Luken Anderson '81**.

Reverend **Kyra Hines Baehr** of League City, Texas, is celebrating 25 years as a Unity minister at a special celebration at her ministry, Unity Bay Area Houston. She served in Arizona for 14 years before returning to Texas.

**1980s**

**'83 Paul Milakovich** of Jupiter, Florida, accepted a new position as executive director of advancement and administrative services with Jupiter Medical Center Foundation.

**8 '85 Dan Oberbroeckling** and his wife **Carol Nelson Oberbroeckling '86** of Noblesville, Indiana, enjoyed hosting lifelong friends Denny Deutmeyer, Dick Kaufmann, Mike Lutz and **Bob Possehl '85** at their daughter's wedding in June 2022.



**'87 Nick Rowe** of Koto Kinabalu, Malaysia, is a full-time preacher since his retirement in 2006 for the church of Christ Kota Kinabalu Sabah Malaysia. His children are in the United States, married to local Americans.

**'88 Ronald S. Adkins** of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, is the afternoon host and production

specialist for Jazz 88.3 KCCK. He is producer and co-writer of "Soundtrack to the Struggle," an ongoing feature spotlighting the role of jazz music and musicians in the fight for racial equality. The series was picked up for national syndication and can be heard on public radio stations across the country.

**David Henry Hoth** of Carlisle, Pennsylvania, received his Master's of Divinity from United Lutheran Seminary in May 2022.

**1990s**

**'96 Douglas Beadle** of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, attended the American Meteorological Society Conference on Cloud Physics in Madison, Wisconsin, in August. Doug has been a member of the Society for 54 years.

**Eric Lea** of Fort Collins, Colorado, was promoted to vice president of professional services in the northern Colorado territory for Robert Half.

**'97 Nicole Landphier Bode** of Oxford, Iowa, received her MBA from the University of Iowa Tippie College of Business in May 2022, graduating with distinction and receiving a certificate in Leadership. She started working as a scientific writer in the marketing department at Integrated DNA Technologies, where she previously worked as a research scientist.

**'98 Amy Wiederin Bartachek** of North Liberty, Iowa, started a new position as career services manager for specialized masters programs and career coach in the Tippie College of Business at the University of Iowa.

**2000s**

**'01 Jennifer Pietz** of Saint Louis Park, Minnesota, has been appointed assistant professor of New Testament at Luther Seminary in Saint Paul, Minnesota. Her forthcoming book "Mary Magdalene, La Malinche, and the Ethics of Interpretation" is being published by Lexington Books/Fortress Academic.

**'02 Denton DeSotel** of Washington, D.C., accepted a new job as vice president of market research for Ruffalo Noel Levitz.



**'06 Marie Long Young** of Maquoketa, Iowa, has been named manager in marketing & communications at Royal Neighbors of America in Rock Island, Illinois.



**'08 Meagan Porter** of Madison, Wisconsin, was the featured artist in the June 2022 issue of Madison Magazine's Madison Maker column. In August, her business TacoCat Creations was again awarded Best Local

# CLASS NOTES

SHARE YOUR CLASS NOTES AT [WWW.ALUMNI.COE.EDU](http://WWW.ALUMNI.COE.EDU).

Etsy Shop in the annual Best of Madison 2022 readers' poll, winning the gold medal for the second year in a row.

'09 **Kelley Weston** Bredfield of North Liberty, Iowa, received a promotion from a social worker I to social worker II position at the University of Iowa Hospital & Clinics in the Medication Assistance Center.

**Carrie London** of Greeley, Colorado, started her new position as a German teacher at University Schools in August 2021.

## 2010s

'11 **Molly Jorgenson** of Coralville, Iowa, received her master's in nutrition from Iowa State University and is attending the University of Iowa to complete a master's in clinical nutrition at the Carver School of Medicine.

9 **Katie Ricklefs** of Chicago, Illinois, is a senior consultant at Transamerica. She qualified and ran the Boston Marathon in 2021. In the spring of 2022, she ran the Grand Canyon Rim to Rim to Rim (50 miles with 11,400 feet of elevation gain) in under 16 hours.

10 '12 **Christopher Yossi** of Chicago, Illinois, graduated from Creighton University College of Medicine in May 2022. In July, he began his residency in anesthesiology at the University of Illinois, Chicago.

'13 **Alison Charles** Dunaj of Wausau, Wisconsin, is the marketing and communications coordinator at Kolbe Windows & Doors.

**Anna Hegland** of Kenosha, Wisconsin, successfully defended her dissertation in May 2022, earning her doctorate in medieval and early modern studies from the University of Kent.

'15 **Sarah-Elizabeth Deshaies** of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, received her doctorate in educational psychology from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

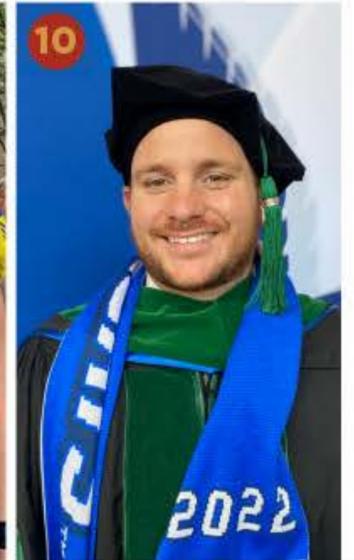
'16 **Erin Gholson** of Rock Island, Illinois, graduated with a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree from the University of Illinois, Chicago.

**Emily Roberts** of Ann Arbor, Michigan, earned her doctorate in biostatistics in 2022 from the University of Michigan and

started a faculty position in the department of biostatistics at the University of Iowa.



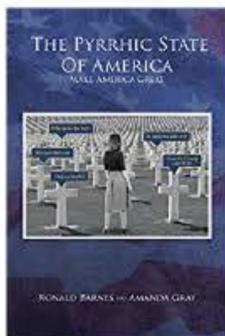
'18 **Nathan Haerr** of Seattle, Washington, accepted a position with the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee as deputy organizing director for Oregon's fifth congressional district.



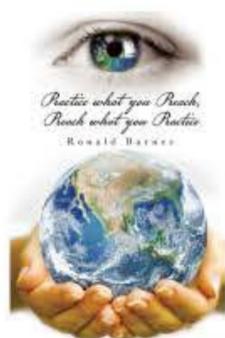
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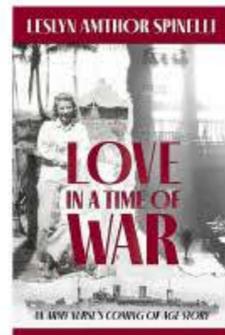
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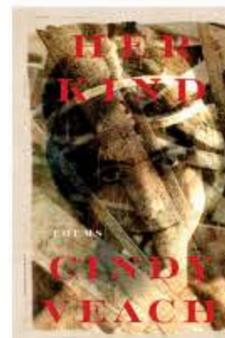
'70 **Ronald Barnes** of Chicago, Illinois, has published a new book this past May entitled "The Pyrrhic State of America: Make America Great" (Christian Faith Publishing). Written along with Attorney Amanda Gray, Dr. Barnes explores the current condition of the United States as it has struggled through a pandemic, financial unrest and increasingly unhappy citizens.



This latest book is in addition to one of Dr. Barnes's previously published books, "Practice What You Preach, Preach What You Practice" (Balboa Press). Surrounding questions about what it means to be religious, this book focuses on the necessity to follow religious beliefs on all days, not just those that are sanctified. Both books are available through Amazon and Barnes & Noble.



'73 **Leslyn Amthor Spinelli** of Apple Valley, Minnesota, published the book "Love in a Time of War: An Army Nurse's Coming of Age Story." The story follows Louise Dietrick from rural Wisconsin to the Army Nursing Corps during the 1940s. Loosely based on a woman's letters to her sister during World War II, the young Louise experiences much more of life than she could have imagined. The book is available through Amazon and Barnes & Noble.



'75 **Cindy Veach** Lappvetito of Snoqualmie, Washington, published her second poetry collection "Her Kind," which was named a finalist for the Eric Hoffer Montaigne Medal and awarded a silver medal in the IPPY Awards poetry category. The lyrical poems in this collection chronicle and braid together the narratives of the female victims of the Salem Witch Trials with personal history, events and contemporary political circumstances. It is available through CavanKerry Press, Bookshop.org, Amazon or your favorite local bookseller.

## 1980s

'83 **Joel Barrows** of Bettendorf, Iowa, released the fourth book in his "Deep Cover" series, "Deep Purple Cover." Set in Napa Valley, mystery surrounds the disappearance of a vineyard owner, requiring the assistance of David Ward, an undercover ATF agent. This thriller is available at most bookstores or from [downandoutbooks.com](http://downandoutbooks.com)/bookstore.



## 1990s

'92 **James Nulick** of Alhambra, California, published his book of short stories "Lazy Eyes" (Expat Press). This collection of well-crafted horror reveals "a world horrific and wondrous" in an "unmistakable style, known to many as 'Nulickian,'" according to a glowing review from the Los Angeles Review of Books. "Lazy Eyes" is available from [expatpress.com](http://expatpress.com).





1990s

'98 **Keith Meyer** and Jody Jenkin of Stillwater, Minnesota, on September 18, 2021.

2000s

'06 **Matt Hall** and Sara Zieglmeier of Mosinee, Wisconsin, on September 25, 2021.

2010s

1 '14 **Lauren Leckliter** and **Brody Kruse '16**, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on July 16, 2022. Kohawks in attendance were **Matt Daoust '15, Ty Gunderson '15, Sandy Krueger Locke '14, Lisa Martino '13, Erik McKillip '16, Cinnamon Moore '16, Jace Roberts '16, Chelsea Larkin Snorton '14** and **Colton Storla '16**.

2 '16 **Angela Kettle** and Cole Herrera of Fort Collins, Colorado, on June 4, 2022. Kohawks in attendance included **Kristen Scott '16, Samantha Patterson '15, Leeann Olerich '16, Sara Sweeney '16** and **Ashley Marsh '16** (left to right).

2020s

3 '21 **Liam McConville** and **Lily Coleman '20** of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on June 18, 2022. Photo courtesy of Kelsey Zwicker Photography (kelsey.z.photo@gmail.com).

4 '21 **Adrianna Jones** and Spencer Letham of Sandy, Utah, on June 4, 2022.

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 August 1. **The deadline for the Winter 2023 issue is December 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](mailto: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](http://www.alumni.coe.edu).

# IN MEMORIAM

## GONE BUT NEVER FORGOTTEN

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

### 1940s

**1944 Ruth Lenore Bice** Arnold, 98, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on May 29.

**1947 Patricia "Pat" Ann Owens** Ilten, 95, of Stevens Point, Wisconsin, on April 17.

**1948 Everett D. Hendricks**, 100, of Prescott, Arizona, on December 3, 2021.

**1949 David Mitchell**, 97, of Solon, Iowa, on April 16.

### 1950s

**1950 Elinore "Elly" Lepird** Lent, 94, of Cockeysville, Maryland, on May 3.

**1953 Roland "Lars" Martin Larsen**, 91, of Fort Myers, Florida, on September 7, 2021.

**1954 JoAnn Katherine Gabriel** Peremsky, 90, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on April 20, 2021.

**James "Jim" Hastings Redel**, 90, of Anamosa, Iowa, on June 25.

**1955 Louis David Rosenberg**, 89, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on March 22.

**Joan E. Swanson** Paulsrud, 89, of Sioux City, Iowa, on April 1.

**1956 Maurita Ann Blencoe** Haldy, 87, of Traer, Iowa, on April 11.

**Dr. Willard Fred Haldy**, D.D.S., 91, of Traer, Iowa, on April 17.

**Gordon Denny Hanson**, 88, of Coralville, Iowa, on May 22.

**Jon Renner**, 88, of Marshalltown, Iowa, on April 29.

**Carolyn Lee Quinby** Renner, 87, of Marshalltown, Iowa, on May 5.

**1958 Rowe C. Zehms Jr.**, 86, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on August 9.

### 1960s

**1960 Judith "Judy" Lattner** Dows, 92, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on June 1.

**Gary Williams**, 83, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on June 14.

**1961 Gary Ahlberg**, 84, of Marengo, Iowa, on May 15.

**Allen Verne Haworth**, 82, of Williamsburg, Iowa, on June 2.

**Stephen E. Marrs**, 84, of Paris, Texas, on July 15.

**Jack Gilbert Sedlacek**, 89, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on May 6.

**Arlene Adeline Barta** Thompson, 84, of Colorado Springs, Colorado, on May 1.

**1962 Larry Goodenough**, 81, of Palatine, Illinois, on April 12.

**Lynn Thoresen** Haakenson, 81, of Osage, Iowa, on May 1.

**Michael E. Jermier**, 82, of Mesa, Arizona, on July 17.

**Ronald T. Y. Moon**, 81, of Honolulu, Hawaii, on July 4.

"The judiciary has lost a legend. Chief Justice Moon was a visionary leader and trailblazer in the legal profession. But he never forgot his roots growing up in Wahiawa, and wanted every person to be treated fairly and with respect when they came into our courtrooms," said Chief Justice Mark Recktenwald, in a statement. "Under his leadership, the Supreme Court decided landmark cases ranging from same sex marriage, to protecting native Hawaiian rights and the environment. He also worked tirelessly to make the judiciary more effective and accessible, and shaped us into the institution we are today."

Born on September 4, 1940, in Wahiawa, Hawaii, Moon came of age during Wahiawa's plantation era and graduated from the Mid-Pacific Institute. After his graduation, Moon attended Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, before earning his law degree from The University of Iowa. He started out in public service when former Hawaii Gov. George Ariyoshi appointed him to serve as a circuit judge.

In 1990, Gov. John Waihee elevated Moon to associate justice on the Supreme Court. Moon, who spent 45 years working the law (28 years of which spent on the bench), declined a lifetime appointment to the federal court because it meant returning to the trial court level. Three years later, Waihee appointed Moon chief justice, making him the first and only chief justice of Korean ancestry in the country at the time.

**1964 Philip Dixon VanDaff**, 79, of Anchorage, Alaska, on September 30, 2021.

**1968 James A. "Jim" Knapp**, 77, of Pawleys Island, South Carolina, on May 4.

**Lynne Watson** Potter, 75, of West Chester, Pennsylvania, on February 16.

### 1970s

**1971 James Foley**, 73, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, on July 8.

**Roger G. Thomas**, 73, of Ottumwa, Iowa, on July 5.

**1972 Dr. Dallas Brozik**, PhD., 71, of Huntington, West Virginia, on May 15, 2021.

**Sally Cleaver** Slough, 85, of Alexandria, Virginia, on April 17.

**James Kohlhaas**, 73, of Easton, Maryland, on May 19.

**1976 Sarah Lynn Nyquist**, 67, of Scottsdale, Arizona, on May 5.

**1979 Marilyn McConkey** Boyles, 65, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on May 15.

### 1980s

**1982 Douglas Joseph Clark**, 63, of O'Fallon, Missouri, on May 23.

**Jeff Robert Scofield**, 62, of Seattle, Washington, on May 28.

**1983 Jean Knudsvig** Seery, 96, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on July 22, 2021.

**1984 Kathryn Margaret "Kathy" Duncan**, 82, of Vinton, Iowa, on July 4.

**1985 Carron Bungum** Rickels, 59, of Anamosa, Iowa, on July 1.

**1987 R. Steven Glessner**, 66, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on August 5, 2020.

**1989 Roger A. Oberfoell**, 55, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on June 16.

### 1990s

**1991 John Manson**, 60, of Anamosa, Iowa, on August 2.

### 2000s

**2000 Dr. John Edward Ernst**, 44, of Olathe, Kansas, on June 13.

**2001 Kirsten Noelle McClendon**, 47, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on Aug. 11.

**2004 John Matthew Johnson**, 40, of Burlington, Iowa, on April 3.

### FACULTY

**Dr. Allan Dean Kellar**, 88, of Lake Elmo, Minnesota, on April 9.

**Phoebe Deborah Rachel Smith**, 91, of Jackson, Mississippi, on September 19.

**Sharon Kay Stang**, 82, of Iowa City, Iowa, on July 10.

### LIFE TRUSTEE

**John Milton Sagers**, 97, of Highlands Ranch, Colorado, on May 7.

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John was born in Maquoketa, Iowa, and graduated from Maquoketa High School where he played football and basketball, and participated in band, glee club and dramatics. He attended Maquoketa Junior College. John spent three years in the service with the United States Coast Guard specializing in radar and electronics work at the Naval Research Laboratory in Washington, D.C., followed

by his service on the West Coast during World War II. Afterwards he received a bachelor's in general engineering from Iowa State College and a law degree from the University of Iowa.

John joined Peoples Bank and Trust Company in Cedar Rapids as assistant trust officer and retired as president and CEO after 40-plus years. He was a life member of the Coe College Board of Trustees where he served on the executive, finance and investment committees. He also was

greatly active in many organizations and associations of the Cedar Rapids area.

Since retirement, John enjoyed many winters in Naples, Florida, and he loved participating in activities such as tennis, golf, fishing, hunting and sporting events in Iowa. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Birgit Sagers; his parents; one brother and four sisters. He is survived by his two daughters, Janit Strother (Kenneth) and Margit Verdoorn (Robert), many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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FUTURE ALUMNI

2000s

**1 '03 Amber Mason** Lusson and **David Lusson '87**, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, a daughter, Cecilia Mae, on May 14. CC enjoys her days hanging out with her three siblings and four kittens in her Cedar Rapids house or in her beach tent at her Naples house, all the time keeping Mom and Dad very close by.

**2 '06 Travis Wiltgen** and his wife, Xica, of Imperial Beach, California, a daughter, Olivia, on January 9, 2020.

2010s

**3 '10 Kiley Schaumleffel**, of Littleton, Colorado, a daughter, Margo, on March 27, 2021.

**4 '12 Jason Taylor-Ohmes** and his fiancé, Kathryn Manz, of Kansas City, Missouri, a son, Brooks, on June 28.

**5 '13 Charles Cotton** and **Cassandra Irwin Cotton '13**, of Mattawan, Michigan, a son, Charles Edward Cotton IV, on March 20.

**6 '13 Kevin Schiroo** and **Justina Cline Schiroo '13** of New Hope, Minnesota, a son, Casimir James, on June 28.

**7 '14 TJ Trau** and **Kelsey Ehrhardt Trau '16** of Huxley, Iowa, a daughter, Addison J., on March 2.

**8 '15 Brian Wadsworth** and **Elizabeth Rumpza Wadsworth '14**, of Portland, Oregon, a son, Quentin, on June 4.

**9 '16 Joshua Rekers** and **Miranda Mead Rekers '16**, of Grundy Center, Iowa, a daughter, Elle Renee, on March 9.

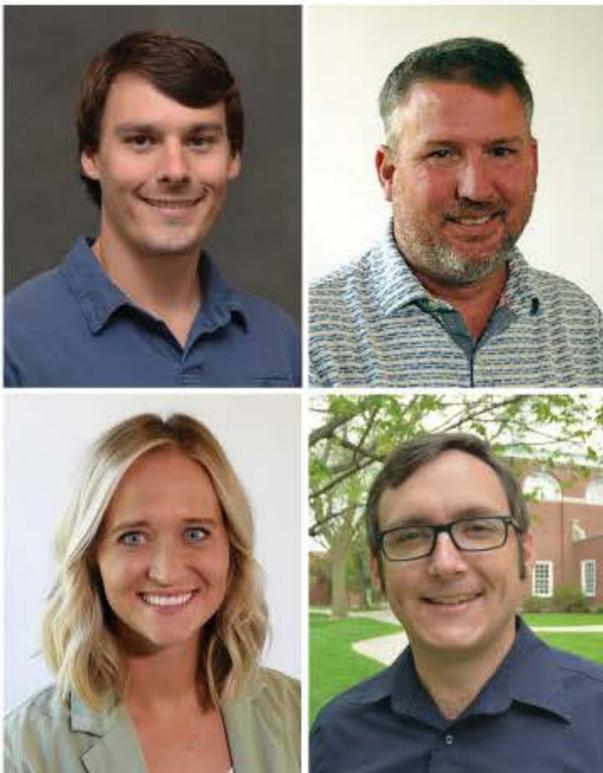
**'16 Aisha Rehberg-Booth** and her husband, Jaxon, of Des Moines, Iowa, a child, Myka, on June 10.

**10 '18 Addie Loundsbury** Comegys and her husband, Jeff, of Eldridge, Iowa, a son, Crewen, on June 2.





Professor of Physics **Ugur Akgun** and his students submitted three peer-reviewed journal articles for publication during summer 2022: "Reconstructed pCT images using Monte Carlo-generated simulations with a high-density scintillating glass calorimeter" to the Journal of Instrumentation, "Semiconducting and Scintillating Glasses for X-Ray Detection" to Glass Technology: European Journal of Glass Science and Technology Part A and "Proton stopping power images from Monte Carlo simulated dual-energy CT scans" to Biomedical Physics & Engineering Express. In addition, he and Adjunct Assistant Professor of Physics **James Wetzel** submitted the proposal, "A Fast Dose Monitoring System for Conventional and FLASH Radiotherapy" to NIH National Cancer Institute.



George R. Baker Associate Professor of Business Administration and Economics **Ryan Baranowski '08**, Henry B. Tippie Professor of Business Administration and Economics **Rick Eichhorn**, Assistant Professor of Business Administration and Economics **Chelsea Crain** Lensing '14 and Associate Professor of Economics **Drew Westburg '05** supported the work and helped lead research for the Spellman Summer Research group. The Apprentice and Fellow student groups put together an impressive portfolio of projects which were informative, professional, researched and analyzed extremely well.

Flute Instructor **Rose Bishop** won first prize in the Valencia Awards Music Competition. She also won first prize in the 2022 Golden

Classical Music Awards International Competition, resulting in her Carnegie Hall debut.

Violin Instructor **Madeline Capistran** received tenure in her position with the Des Moines Symphony Orchestra.



Assistant Professor of Art and Film Studies **Zen Cohen's** video "X\_spectres" was exhibited at the 2022 International Digital Media & Art Association's Exhibition at the Laird-Norton Gallery at Winona State University, Wisconsin, this summer.



B. D. Silliman Professor of Physics **Steve Feller** had the article "Impact of modifier field strength on hardness, crack resistance, and charge distribution in single modifier aluminoborosilicate glasses" (with **Ian Slagle '22**) accepted by the Journal of the American Ceramic Society. He published "Structure of lead borate glasses by Raman, 11B MAS, and 207Pb NMR spectroscopies" (with **Ian Slagle '22**, **Robert Wilson '22**, **Martha Jesuit '21**, **Nicholas Leonard '21**, **Brock Royle '23** and **Geoffrey Baker '25**) in the Journal of Non-Crystalline Solids and "Liquid fragility maximum in lithium borate glass-forming melts related to the local structure" in the International Journal of Applied Glass Science. He also published the chapter "Oranienburg and Sachsenhausen Concentration Camps and their In-house Monies, Stamps, Letters, Postcards, and Related Items" in "Forging Secrets: Faces and Facts Inside the Nazi Operation Bernhard Scheme" and had the chapter "Education, Books, Societies, and Outreach in Glass in the United States" accepted for the National Day of Glass book. He also was a contributor to "Undergraduate Research" in "A Guide to Effective Practices for Physics Programs (EP3)." In addition, he is the recipient of numerous grants: a \$5,000 grant from the Newman Numismatic Foundation for research on Japanese-American Internment Camps; a \$2,040 grant from Glass and Optical Materials Division Iowa Glass Conference; a \$30,000 grant from Johnson



Energy Services with Fran Allison and Francis Halpin Professor of Physics **Mario Affatigato '89**; and a \$262,022 grant from the National Science Foundation with Dr. Affatigato and Assistant Professor of Physics **Caio Bragatto**.

Assistant Professor of Creative Writing **Jen Ferguson's** debut young adult novel "The Summer of Bitter and Sweet" is receiving strong reviews, and she is touring it around the country.



Associate Professor of Nursing **Sharon Guthrie** and Assistant Professor of Education **Stacy Haynes-Moore** collaborated and virtually presented "Sleep Habits & Impact on Education," an hour and a half continuing education offering, for Iowa school nurses. About 45 nurses attended, and the collaboration between nursing and education will create additional insight, understanding and optimal outcomes for Iowa K-12 students.



Assistant Professor of English and Co-Director of the Center for Health and Society (CHS) **Margaret LeMay** was profiled in the September issue of Private University Products and News Magazine, an opportunity spearheaded by the Coe College Marketing Office. The profile focuses on how LeMay embodies the collaboration of a liberal arts education and how her work finds its place at the intersections of writing and health.



Professor of Political Science **Bruce Nesmith** will be publishing "A Congressional Election Simulation for a Small Class" as chapter 12 in "Simulations in the Political Science Classroom" (Routledge, 2023), edited by Mark Harvey, James Fielder and Ryan Gibb.



Pearl M. Taylor Associate Professor of Music **Steve Shanley** was the guest conductor for numerous honor bands, including the All-Iowa Eighth Grade Honor Band which premiered his composition

“Arte Del Tango.” Two of his new compositions were named “Editor’s Choice” by J.W. Pepper, the world’s largest seller and distributor of sheet music.



Assistant Professor of Nursing **Kelly Siems**, DNP, RN, CNE has become a Certified Healthcare Simulation Educator (CHSE). This opens the door for collaboration in simulation with Mercy Hospital for the nursing department.



Dave Mehaffey and Stanley Watkins Professor of Chemistry **Steve Singleton** published “The Hydrogen Atom Spectrum: Experimental Analysis Using Iterative Model Building” in the American Chemical Society’s Journal of Chemical Education.



Ben Peterson Professor of Chemistry **Marty St. Clair** published “Subsurface nitrate processing beneath drainageways: are they landscape opportunities for tile drainage remediation?” in the Journal of the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers.



William P. and Gayle S. Associate Professor of History **Brie Swenson Arnold** published the review “Susan Angeline Collins: With a Hallelujah Heart” in the scholarly journal Annals of Iowa. She also presented the scholarly research paper, “An Empathetic Imprint’: Coe College and the Role of the Midwest in Expanding Equity in Higher Education during the Civil War era,” at the Northern Great Plains History Conference, held at North Dakota State University in Fargo, North Dakota, in September 2022. During the 2021-22 academic year, she volunteered with the National History Day program at McKinley Middle School in Cedar Rapids.

# ALUMNI COUNCIL *Update*

Hi there Kohawks!

I’m excited to begin my term as president of Coe’s Alumni Council! Our goal is to connect you with what’s happening at our alma mater and to relay information about events on campus that is meaningful to you.

Speaking of campus happenings, it was great to see so many alumni at Homecoming! Over 400 alumni made their way back to campus to celebrate traditions new and old. During the festivities, many of you were able to see and celebrate the opening of Coe’s latest physical addition to campus, the David and Janice McNally Center for Health & Society (CHS). The CHS will be a hub for students across all majors pursuing careers in the health and medical fields and will work closely with local MedQuarter partners to offer internships.

Another bright spot during homecoming weekend was the Alumni Awards. For the past 70 years, the Coe College Alumni Office has sought to honor alumni and friends who have made significant contributions to the college and to society. See this year’s honorees on page 15. We are always seeking nominations! If you know someone who is deserving of the Alumni Award of Merit, Distinguished Service Award or Young Alumni Award, please visit [www.alumni.coe.edu/alumniawards](http://www.alumni.coe.edu/alumniawards) to submit a nomination by January 1.

With so many great things happening at Coe, we’re excited about what this year will bring for students, alumni and the campus community. Thank you for staying connected, and keep an eye out for alumni events across the country this year. As always, if you have ideas or suggestions, please share them. We love hearing from our fellow Kohawks!



**Lauren DuBay Gilbertson ’13**  
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Dougie is looking for **100 members** of the Coe community to join him in starting small and thinking big. If you want to take part in the challenge, all it takes is a \$25 or more monthly gift to the Annual Fund.

