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DAVID MCINALLY

And the good news just kept on coming this year. Coe was recognized as one of the top 25 colleges or universities in America for student internships, which are an ideal way to link our first-rate academic program with the thriving Cedar Rapids business community. The college also received a number of awards from Iowa Campus Compact, including being recognized for our work with first generation college students. This all serves as external validation of what you already know and value about Coe. Our students benefit from an exceptional liberal arts education and life enhancing experience, and when they become graduates they pay it forward in their workplaces and communities.

Speaking of paying it forward, this year you enabled Coe to achieve another significant milestone with the successful completion — well ahead of schedule — of the largest capital fundraising project in recent memory. As of June 30, Coe surpassed our \$6 million challenge goal to fully secure a \$3 million grant from the Hall-Perrine Foundation. The support of the Make Your Move campaign by our alumni and friends has placed our students in new wellness, athletic and academic spaces that are second to none in Iowa and beyond. Along the way the campaign honored several legends of Coe, including Kent "Doc" Herron, Barron Bremner, Dougie Peters and Marv Levy, to name just a few. We are proud to carry on and extend their legacy.

As we prepare the campus for what will be another record enrollment this fall, I'm mindful of the famous quote by the legendary cyclist Greg LeMond. When asked if at some point his training allowed him to relax and back off, LeMond wryly replied, "It never gets easier, you just get faster." And so it must be for Coe, as there is much we must do to continue to strengthen our college. In the next year we will work to expand access and success for all students of talent and promise, regardless of financial capability, to acquire a Coe degree through programs like College Possible. We will develop new programs of distinction, most notably the Center for Health and Society, which we believe can establish Coe as the preeminent college in the Midwest for students interested in the health fields. And we will continue to focus on fully implementing the strategic plan, A Bolder Coe, as we enhance environmental sustainability, become more diverse among our student body and our employees, and continue to improve the physical campus, building on the momentum of the stunning projects of the last several years. Our work won't be easier — in fact, we relish the chance to roll up our sleeves to do the good work ahead of us. We invite each of you to join us for an even faster ride in 2018-2019.

Thank you for all that you invest in the lives of our students and for being such an important part of the Coe community. Please come and visit us whenever you can — we are always eager to welcome you home to Coe.

David McNally
David McNally
President

It never gets easier, you just get faster

— 3X TOUR DE FRANCE CHAMPION GREG LEMOND

By many measures across multiple fronts, the 2017-2018 academic year was a great one to be a Kohawk. Our students excelled in the classroom and beyond, and we celebrated with them as they received a number of awards and distinctions. In just the past three months, our students have been named an Arthur Ashe award winner, earned four Fulbright awards (a total of 24 in the last six years), won another R.J. McElroy scholarship and were designated as a Truman Scholar (Coe's first since 1994).

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

CURRENT NEWS AND EVENTS IN KOHAWK NATION



More than 100 participants in Bike Lehn II enjoyed an afternoon of cycling in memory of former Coe Professor of Psychology and Associate Dean of the Faculty Dan Lehn.

BIKE RIDE HONORS LEHN'S MEMORY

After a prolonged winter, spring arrived in Cedar Rapids just in time for Bike Lehn II on April 22. More than 100 registered cyclists, walkers and runners turned out to celebrate the memory of former Coe Professor of Psychology and Associate Dean of the Faculty Dan Lehn. Proceeds from Bike Lehn II benefitted the Dan Lehn Memorial Scholarship.

Lehn, 58, died in July 2016 from injuries sustained in a bicycle-automobile accident. Cyclists honored his memory by biking 20 miles round trip between Chrome Horse Saloon NewBo in Cedar Rapids and Odie's Bar & Grill in Ely. Stops along the way included The Shack Tavern, Dan and Debbie's Creamery and Jerseys Pub & Grub. Runners and walkers explored the NewBo and downtown Cedar Rapids.

Additional sponsors included Iowa Running Co., Coe Athletics, Raygun, the Cedar Rapids Kernels, Northtowne Cycling & Fitness, Casa Las Glorias, Cedar River Landing, the Coe Bookstore and Hy-Vee.

With many people generously donating on top of registration fees, the event raised more than \$2,500 for the Dan Lehn Memorial Scholarship, which supports one or more annual scholarships for deserving psychology students at Coe.

In an effort to attract greater alumni participation, the event is being moved from the spring to Homecoming weekend in the fall. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend Bike Lehn III on Sunday, Sept. 30.

ALUMNI JOIN TRUSTEES

Dave Lusson '87 and **Bill Schalk '65** were installed earlier this year as the newest members of the Coe Board of Trustees.

Lusson, who grew up on a farm in northeast Iowa, is executive vice president of Diamond V, a global animal health company now included as part of the Cargill family of companies. He's been an executive and shareholder with the company for the last 11 years, and prior to that was a partner at RSM, which included spending 20 years with the firm. During this tenure, he studied corporate business strategy at the University of Chicago.

During his days at Coe, Lusson participated in football and track all four years, including being a starting cornerback on the 1985 and 1986 football teams, both of which had undefeated regular seasons under Coach **Bob Thurness '62**. Lusson was also captain of the 1987 Coe track team and had the opportunity to be part of three conference championship teams under Lonnie Rogers. He majored in accounting and business, and was fortunate to have many memorable and

thought-provoking professors who provided the educational springboard to succeed in life after college.

A 10-year resident of Iowa City, Lusson supports many local causes including Coe College, the United Way, the Muscular Dystrophy Association, and the Hawkeye Area Community Action Program's Operation Backpack. He still frequents the gym and partakes in running, biking and various CrossFit activities. For him, it's exciting to see the facilities at Coe as he recalls the corner classroom that was the acting weight room back in the day, along with the junior high oval where track practice was held, except in the winter where running the street was the norm!

Schalk, a Chicago native, earned his bachelor's in political science. After graduation, he joined the Navy and went to flight school in Pensacola, Florida. He was a naval flight officer who made seven aircraft carrier deployments, including two combat deployments to Vietnam, and one as an exchange officer with the Royal Navy in Scotland. He was a career naval officer, retiring in 1986 with the rank of commander.

Schalk then attended Marquette University Law School, where he graduated in 1989. He served Racine County, Wisconsin as an assistant district attorney until his retirement in 1997. He prosecuted several thousand cases and took several hundred to trial.

After retiring, Schalk was elected to the Racine Unified School District Board of Education. During his nine years on the board, he was president, vice president and treasurer. He was also elected as a trustee and president of the Village of Wind Point from 2001-09, where he upgraded the governance model by increasing efficiencies and improving management.

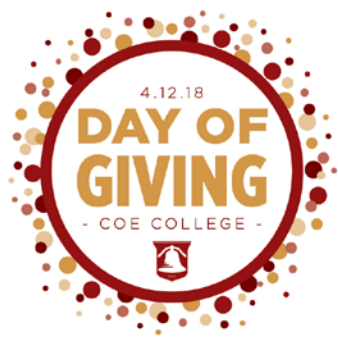
Schalk has served on many non-profit boards including the Coe College Alumni Council and the Wisconsin State of Veterans Affairs Finance Committee. He is currently on the Board of Directors and is a founding member of Siena-on-the-Lake, a Dominican-run ministry that provides memory care, assisted living, nursing home and rehabilitation services.



Dave Lusson '87



Bill Schalk '65



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Celebrations

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THANK YOU!

More information about the board, including trustee profiles, is available at www.coe.edu/aboutcoe/trustees.



SPORT SHORTS

A HIGHLIGHT REEL OF KOHAWK ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENTS



The conference-champion Kohawk softball team featured IIAC MVPs **Alyssa Olson '19** in the circle and **Haley Jones '19** at shortstop.

COE SWEEPS IOWA CONFERENCE SOFTBALL AWARDS

As the 2018 Iowa Conference Champions, the Coe College softball team swept the major league awards, while eight players earned All-Iowa Conference honors.

Alyssa Olson '19 was selected as the IIAC Pitcher of the Year, **Haley Jones '19** was selected as the IIAC Player of the Year, and the Kohawk coaching staff earned the honor of IIAC Softball Coaching Staff of the Year.

From the circle, Olson posted a league-high seven wins with just one loss. The Kohawk junior owned the conference's second-best ERA at 1.04 in 60.1 innings pitched. She struck out 75 batters in conference play, 26 more than any other pitcher. Olson recorded three shutouts and picked up two saves in 10 conference appearances while holding opposing batters to an average of .197.

Jones led the league with a batting average of .474, an on-base percentage of .531 and 46 total bases. The junior shortstop ranked second in the IIAC in slugging percentage (.807), hits (27), runs (18), triples (2), home runs (4) and stolen bases (12).

Olson and Jones are the second Kohawk duo to sweep Pitcher and Position Player of the Year honors, joining **Abby Flannagan '14** and **Ashlee Simon Rush '12** of 2011. Olson becomes the fourth Kohawk Pitcher of the Year winner while Jones is the third IIAC Player of the Year in Coe history.

Under fourth-year Head Coach **Diane Meyer '85**, the Kohawks won their fifth Iowa Conference

regular season title, finishing with a 13-3 IIAC record. In league play the Kohawks led the conference in slugging percentage (.489), doubles (27), home runs (16) and tallied 218 total bases. Ranking second in the league, the Coe pitching staff owned a 1.31 team ERA and a conference-best 94 strike outs.

Joining Olson and Jones with First-Team All-Iowa Conference honors was first baseman **Allie O'Brien '19** and designated player **Megan Weber '21**. In league play, O'Brien recorded 10 runs, 20 hits, 15 RBIs, with a team-high of six doubles and three home runs. The junior's 15 runs batted in was the third-most in the conference. Weber totaled 17 hits and 10 RBIs with two doubles and two home runs during her freshman season.

O'Brien was also named an NFCA All-American, becoming the 13th player in program history to earn the honor. Jones was a first-team NFCA All-Midwest Region selection, while Olson and Weber were selected to the second team. Olson was also named to the Google Cloud/CoSIDA Academic All-District First Team.

Earning second-team IIAC honors was freshman pitcher **Bailey Smith '21**. In league play, Smith accumulated an ERA of 1.24 with six wins and only one loss. She also pitched two league shutouts.

Outfielder **Madi Miller '19** and utility player **Mady Ryan '19** received Iowa Conference honorable mention honors.

The Kohawks won the program's fifth IIAC regular season title and qualified for the NCAA Championship Tournament for the 16th time in school history. Coe's season ended with a 3-2 loss

to host University of Wisconsin-Whitewater in the NCAA Regional Championship final. The Kohawks were 13-3 in conference play and 28-14 overall on the year.

KOHAWKS 12TH AT NCAA WRESTLING WITH THREE ALL-AMERICANS

The Coe College wrestling team finished 12th at the NCAA National Championships while crowning three All-Americans. This year's championships were held March 9-10 in Cleveland.

In the 157-pound championship semifinals, **Cole Erickson '20** lost 3-1 to the number-one seeded Ryan Apps of Augsburg. Wrestling in the consolation semifinals, Erickson won by fall in 2:05 and advanced to the consolation championship match, which he won 4-0 over Stevens' Zach Wilhelm for third place. Now a two-time All-American, Erickson finished his sophomore season 19-7.

In the 174-pound consolation quarterfinals, **Jake Voss '19** lost 9-5 to Sawyer Massie of Wisconsin-La Crosse. An 8-3 loss to Augsburg's Tanner Vassar gave Voss eighth place and the first All-American honors of his career. Voss led the Kohawks with a 30-8 record and ranked second on the team with 12 technical falls.

In the 197-pound consolation quarterfinals, **Andrew Holladay '18** upset fifth-seeded Devon Carrillo 7-5. Holladay then defeated Brockport's sixth-seeded Triston Engle 8-7 to advance to the



Andrew Holladay '18, Cole Erickson '20 and Jake Voss '19 give the Kohawk wrestling team All-Americans for the 16th-straight year.

consolation championships. He fell to seventh-seeded Wesley Schultz of Wisconsin-La Crosse for a fourth-place finish and the first All-American honors of his career. Holladay ended his career with a record of 86-44 and totaled 25 technical falls.

With three more All-Americans this season, Coe owns the sixth longest streak in the nation with 16 consecutive years of All-Americans. The Kohawks finished 12th as a team with 34 points. Wartburg won the team title with 136.5 points.

In 17 years at the helm of Coe wrestling, Head Coach John Oostendorp has guided the Kohawks to 212 dual meet victories. He has now coached 49 of the 66 All-Americans in program history.

In addition to the three national qualifiers, **Brock Henderson '21, Brady Ruden '18 and Levi Azinger '18**, earned All-Iowa Conference honors as Coe finished third at the NCAA Regional Championships.



The Coe women's tennis team earned its seventh-straight NCAA Tournament berth with an IIAAC Tournament victory over Luther.

WOMEN'S TENNIS FALLS IN NCAA TOURNAMENT

The Coe College women's tennis team dropped a 5-1 decision to Grinnell on May 11 in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament in Janesville, Wisconsin. It was Coe's seventh-straight appearance in the tournament.

The Kohawks jumped out to the early lead, as 25th-ranked **Lauren French '19** and **Haley Resnick '18** defeated Milica Cvrkota and Abby Nielsen 8-2.

It was the 14th-straight win for the Kohawk pair. The win gave Resnick sole possession of second place in school history with her 183rd career win.

French was named to the Google Cloud/CoSIDA Academic All-District At-Large First Team. She was 27-8 in singles on the year, while tallying a 30-5 record in doubles. French had 57 wins on the year, the second most in school history in one season.

It was Coe's ninth NCAA Tournament appearance overall, as the Kohawks also qualified in 2007-08 and 2012-17. Coe is now 5-9 all-time in the tournament, with a 5-4 record in the first round.

Coe earned its tournament berth by defeating Luther in the IIAAC Automatic Qualifier Tournament on April 28.



The Coe men's tennis team earned its seventh-straight NCAA Tournament berth with an IIAAC Tournament victory over Luther.

WHITMAN TOPS COE IN NCAA TOURNAMENT SECOND ROUND

The 40th-ranked Coe College men's tennis team dropped a 5-0 decision to 20th-ranked Whitman in the second round of the NCAA Tournament May 11 in St. Peter, Minnesota. It was Coe's

seventh-straight appearance in the tournament. Advancing to the second round for the 10th time in school history, the Kohawks beat Northwestern (Minn.) 5-0 in the opening round for the eighth NCAA Tournament win in school history. It was the 14th NCAA Tournament appearance for the Kohawks (1996, 2001-06, 2012-17).

Coe earned its seventh straight berth into the NCAA Regionals by defeating Luther in the IIAAC Automatic Qualifier Tournament on May 5. The Kohawks have now won seven-straight IIAAC regular season titles and won 44-straight IIAAC regular season matches.

For the third-straight year, **Brady Anderson '18** was named the Iowa Conference MVP. Anderson becomes Coe's fourth three-time MVP in men's tennis. He also earned All-Iowa Conference honors in singles and doubles, capping his career by earning league honors in both during all four years he played. Anderson was 30-6 on the year in singles and went 8-0 in Iowa Conference play.



Brady Anderson '18

Anderson was named the ITA Arthur Ashe Leadership and Sportsmanship Award winner for NCAA Division III Men's Tennis. The award goes to NCAA Divisions I, II and III, NAIA and JUCO men's and women's players who have exhibited outstanding sportsmanship and leadership as well as scholastic, extracurricular and tennis achievements.

"Brady stands as the epitome of a scholar-athlete," Head Coach Eric Rodgers said. "Accomplished in both the classroom and on a tennis court, Brady serves as an example of what one can accomplish in life through lessons learned on a tennis court. In all aspects of his life, he applies himself, totally immersed in the desire to learn, to improve and become the very best he is capable of becoming. Like many Americans, Brady entered college as 'outcome-oriented,' but now revels in the process or journey. He certainly is poised to move on to the next phase in his life. He will be successful."

Anderson was selected to participate in the NCAA National Singles Championships for the third-straight year. In his May 24 match in Claremont, California against top-seeded Nikolai Parodi, Anderson lost in three sets 6-4, 0-6 and 1-6.

Joining **Noah Sprinkel '15** (2013-15), Anderson's selection marks the sixth-straight year a Kohawk has been invited to the exclusive field. This marks the 16th time in school history that a Coe men's tennis player participated in the NCAA National Singles Championships. Anderson is the sixth different Kohawk to play in the championship and the fifth to earn multiple bids.

One of the top players in school history, Anderson owns Coe school records in career singles wins (109), doubles wins (100) and total wins (209).

Anderson capped his career by earning Google Cloud/CoSIDA Academic All-America honors for the third-straight year. Anderson is the first student-athlete in Coe history to earn the honor three times and the first to be a two-time first team selection.

For the ninth time, Rodgers was named the Iowa Conference Men's Tennis Coach of the Year. Rodgers surpassed 800 career victories during the season, including 46 wins as head coach of the men's team at Evansville, 236 wins as head coach of the Coe women's team and 539 as head coach of the Coe men.

Nate Ackert '19 was selected to both All-IIAC singles and doubles teams.

Josh Pudlo '19 earned All-Iowa Conference honors in singles and doubles.

Luke Ford '20 was named to the doubles team for the second-straight year.

Jake Kudrick '21 was named to the All-Iowa Conference Singles team for the first time. During the fall portion of the season, he won the Iowa Conference Flight A Singles title.

After earning honorable mention honors last season, **Nate Greiner '20** was an All-Iowa Conference Singles selection this year.

Evgeny Pakhomenko '19 and **Tyler Nelson '20** each earned honorable mention honors from the Iowa Conference.

HENNING NAMED MVP AS FIVE EARN IIAC BASEBALL HONORS

Five Kohawk baseball players were named to the All-Iowa Conference teams, while senior **Grant Henning '18** was also named the Iowa Conference Position Player of the Year.

Along with Henning being named the MVP, the Kohawks had three first-team selections and a second-team selection to the All-Iowa Conference teams. **Jack Greene '20**, **Jordan Kaplan '20** and **Kevin DeLaney '19** were all named to the first team, while **Alex Timp '21** was named to the second team. Henning and Kaplan were also second-team ABCA/Rawlings All-Central Region

honorees, while Timp was a third-team selection. Henning was a first-team D3baseball.com All-Central Region selection at catcher, while Kaplan was a second-team pick at first base.

Henning was also named to the Google Cloud/CoSIDA Academic All-America First Team, marking the second-straight year Henning has been named to the team. He hit a career-best .354 in his final season. He tallied 52 hits, scored 23 runs and drove in 39 runs. He also had 15 doubles, two triples and four home runs. Henning finished his career as one of nine players in school history with an average over .300 with over 500 career at-bats. His 130 career RBI rank third in school history.

Kaplan led the IIAC with a .413 batting average and was the only player in the league to hit over .400 on the season. He tallied 66 hits and 34 runs, while driving in 41 runs. He had 16 doubles and three home runs to go along with a .569 slugging percentage.

Timp was 6-0 on the year with a 2.67 ERA in 11 appearances. He started 10 of his 11 appearances, while tossing 54.0 innings. Timp gave up 18 runs (16 earned) on 42 hits, while striking out 25 and walking 19. Opponents hit .221 against Timp on the year, the fourth lowest in the IIAC.

Greene earned all-league honors for the second-straight year, as he was named to the second team last year. One of five pitchers to finish with an ERA below 2.00 this year, Greene was 3-1 in league play with a 1.82 ERA in 29.2 innings of work. Opponents hit just .196 off Greene, the second-lowest average in the league.

For the third-straight year, DeLaney earned a spot on the first team in the outfield. DeLaney ranked 10th in the league with a .363 batting average, while leading the Iowa Conference with 27 runs scored. DeLaney ranked third in the league with nine stolen bases.

The Kohawks went 28-14 overall and 14-8 in the Iowa Conference. Coe finished third in the Iowa Conference regular season standings, while advancing to the final day of the Iowa Conference Tournament for the fourth-straight year.

COE WOMEN CLAIM TRACK AND FIELD HONORS

A pair of Kohawks earned All-Iowa Conference honors at the Iowa Conference Track & Field Championships.

Lauren Steege '21 earned all-conference honors with her third-place finish in the 100-meter hurdles, finishing in 15.40. **Christina Brown '18** earned all-conference honors in the pole vault, as she finished third with a height of 10' 4" (3.15m).

As a team, the Kohawk women finished seventh with 33 points. The Coe men finished ninth with 12 points.

Tieranny Keahna '20 was named to the United States Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association All-Central Region team after the indoor season. Her weight throw distance of 52' 9 1/4" (16.08m) at the Iowa Conference Indoor Championships ranked fifth in the region and 28th in the nation.

Mareena Franke '19 was named to the Google Cloud/CoSIDA Academic All-District First Team for the first time in her career. A double major in chemistry and physics, Franke earned a pair of first place finishes in the 5,000-meter run this season.

FITZGERALD NAMED ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT

Coe swimmer **Sam Fitzgerald '18** has been named to the Google Cloud/CoSIDA Academic All-District First Team for the first time in her career.

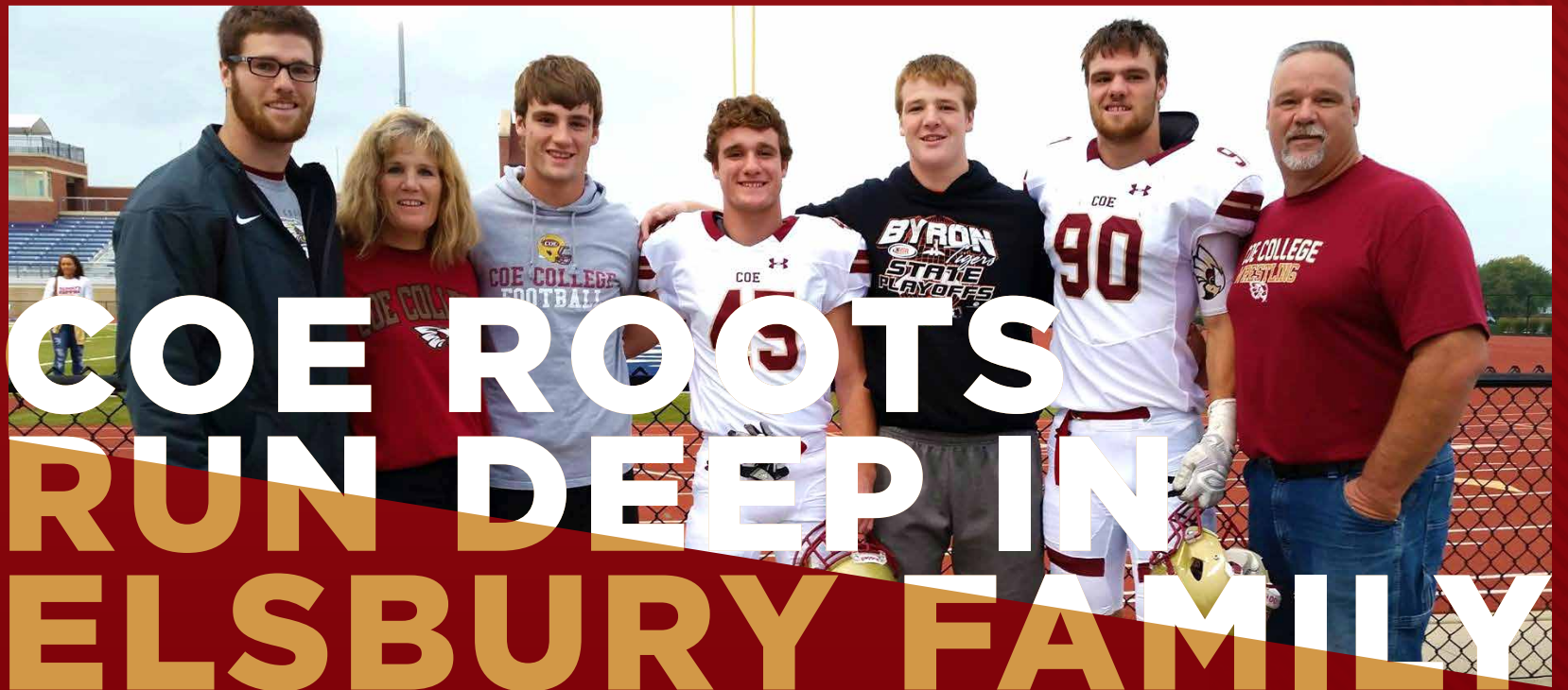
A double major in chemistry and biochemistry, Fitzgerald led the Kohawks to a second-place finish at the Liberal Arts Championships, the highest finish in the program's history. At the Liberal Arts Champions, Fitzgerald was crowned champion of the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 1:06.87, earning her All-Liberal Arts Championships honors and All-Iowa Conference honors. Fitzgerald also earned All-IIAC honors with a 2:29.72 fifth-place finish in the 200-yard breaststroke.

Fitzgerald and her teammates were the Liberal Arts Championship runner-ups and the IIAC champions in the 200-medley relay (1:49.64), the 200-freestyle relay (1:39.39), the 400-medley relay (4:02.72) and the 400-freestyle relay (3:40.20).

In her career at Coe, Fitzgerald is a four-time record holder with the fastest times in school history in the 100-breaststroke (1:05.80 in 2015), the 200-breaststroke (2:23.84 in 2016), the 200-individual medley (2:13.09 in 2016) and as a member of the 200-freestyle relay. Fitzgerald is a three-time All-IIAC swimmer in the 100-breaststroke, 200-breaststroke, 200-medley relay, a two-time All-IIIAC swimmer in the 400-medley relay, 200-freestyle relay, 400-freestyle relay and a one-time All-IIAC swimmer in the 200-individual medley.



Grant Henning '18 capped his Coe baseball career as Iowa Conference MVP.



COE ROOTS RUN DEEP IN ELSBURY FAMILY

*Kohawk athletics is a family affair for the Elsburys of Byron, Illinois. Collectively representing approximately 23 Coe varsity letters (and counting) are (left to right) **Dustin Elsbury '15**, **Cyndi Kies Elsbury '87**, **Brandon Elsbury '21**, **Jacob Elsbury '20**, **Tyler Elsbury**, **Nick Elsbury '17** and **Mike Elsbury '89**. Photo by Russ De Hoedt.*

Cyndi Kies Elsbury '87 and **Mike Elsbury '89** let their sons decide where they wanted to pursue their college education. That four Elsbury sons followed their footsteps at Coe is icing on the parental cake.

“We’ve kind of decided Coe should stand for College of Elsbury,” Cyndi said.

Rather than favoring any one college, the Elsburys encouraged their sons to make getting a good education their top priority. “We told our children they needed to pick a place where they wanted to go to school first,” said Mike.

That place was Coe for alumni **Dustin Elsbury '15** and **Nick Elsbury '17** and current students **Jacob Elsbury '20** and **Brandon Elsbury '21**.

Their parents knew they would receive quality education while continuing their athletic careers. As an added bonus, students whose parents or grandparents graduated from Coe receive a Legacy Scholarship valued at \$1,000 per year.

Cyndi said she was encouraged to attend Coe by her father, a teacher and coach who was familiar with

Kohawk athletics. She played tennis and basketball while majoring in physical education.

Mike visited Iowa State but found Ames to be a little overwhelming for a first generation college student from Lamont, Iowa. Instead, he followed high school classmates to Coe, where he also majored in physical education while playing football for **Bob Thurness '62** and wrestling for **Rick Coles '79**.

“It was the right place for me,” he said.

After meeting and dating at Coe, Cyndi and Mike got married as he pursued high school teaching and coaching opportunities in Clear Lake, Wisconsin; Tipton, Iowa; and Winnebago, Illinois. Cyndi worked in parks and recreation while raising their five sons.

The Elsburys eventually settled in Byron, Illinois, where Mike has served as head wrestling coach since 2007. He surpassed 200 dual meet victories as a head coach this past season. Mike also coached football at Byron until their oldest son went to college.

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Dustin wanted to blaze his own trail, but was attracted to the family atmosphere he found at Coe. “I love the sense of community that Coe creates and being in the city of Cedar Rapids is a big advantage when it comes to opportunities for a career,” he said.

Dustin majored in athletic training and physical education while playing football for the Kohawks. After working as an athletic trainer for the hospital in Marengo, Iowa, he is currently serving an internship with the football strength and conditioning program at the University of Iowa.

“My Coe experience was great,” he said. “I was able to continue my athletic career playing football while receiving a top-of-the-line education in athletic training and physical education.”

Nick had no interest in the “Little Els” nickname following him to college. “I distinctly remember telling my parents, ‘I know where I’m not going,’” he said.

But he was also won over by Coe’s family atmosphere and became a Kohawk. Nick majored in mathematics while, like his father, playing football and wrestling for Coe. An Iowa Conference championship football season his senior year included victories over three of the colleges he had considered attending – Wartburg, Dubuque and Monmouth.

After finishing requirements for his degree in December while working for the Byron Parks and Recreation Department, Nick has accepted an assignment to teach eighth grade math while coaching Byron High School wrestling and football.

An all-state linebacker and MVP of the Illinois Shrine Bowl, Jacob had offers from other colleges, including a Division II school in Indiana. But after visiting Coe for several years to watch his brothers play, he followed

them in the Kohawk football program.

A kinesiology major, Jacob said there were many factors that brought him to Coe. “Being able to compete and play alongside my siblings has to be near the top of that list,” he said.

Brandon considered attending the University of Iowa and ending his athletic career after high school. Instead, he’s entering his second year as a member of the Kohawk football team as he works to join his father and older brothers as a conference champion and NCAA playoff participant. He hasn’t decided on a major, but is considering accounting or education.

In addition to the opportunity to play football, Brandon said he was attracted by Coe’s size and the opportunity to maintain personal relationships with professors that his older brothers had begun. “They set a standard where professors and staff feel like they’ve already developed a relationship with me,” he said. “There’s a connection there.”

Mike and Cyndi have a few more years of making the 150-mile trip from Byron to Cedar Rapids for Kohawk football games, but they prefer that to splitting up and going to different colleges on fall Saturdays. “Even though it wasn’t the plan, it certainly worked out well,” Mike said.

Because of their Coe history and their involvement as teachers and coaches, Byron-area parents often consult them upon receiving marketing materials from the college.

“In this area, my wife and I seem to be the ambassadors of Coe College, and that’s fine,” Mike said. “Now, when you say ‘Coe College’ people know where it is and they know it’s a great school, both athletically and academically.”

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PRESENTING THE

Coe Class of 2018

The Coe College class of 2018 graduated on the Stewart Memorial Library mall on May 6. With a large number of family and friends in attendance on a picture-perfect day, Coe President David McNally conferred Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Bachelor of Music degrees on 280 graduates.

Dr. Karim Budhwani '93, CEO-scientist of elixir international, delivered the commencement address. A native of India, Budhwani graduated magna cum laude from Coe, triple majoring in computer science, economics and business administration, with a minor in mathematics. He received International Management Audit certification from the London School of Economics in 2004. Budhwani earned his master's in biomedical engineering in 2015, and a Ph.D. in materials science and engineering with a

focus in nanomedicine this year, all from the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB).

Bucking the trend to offer advice based on pivotal moments from his life, Budhwani focused on the graduates' futures. He encouraged the newest Coe alumni to embrace innovation and new knowledge, to engage across geographies, cultures, and ideologies, to connect with their alumni network, and to balance passion with pragmatism.

"My dear class of 2018, your future is not a spectator sport. It is not a show that you simply Netflix and then chill," Budhwani said. "You will have to shape your future. You will have to make it happen!"

Continuing a tradition that began last year, **Nathan Kibler '18** represented the class of 2018 as the student speaker.

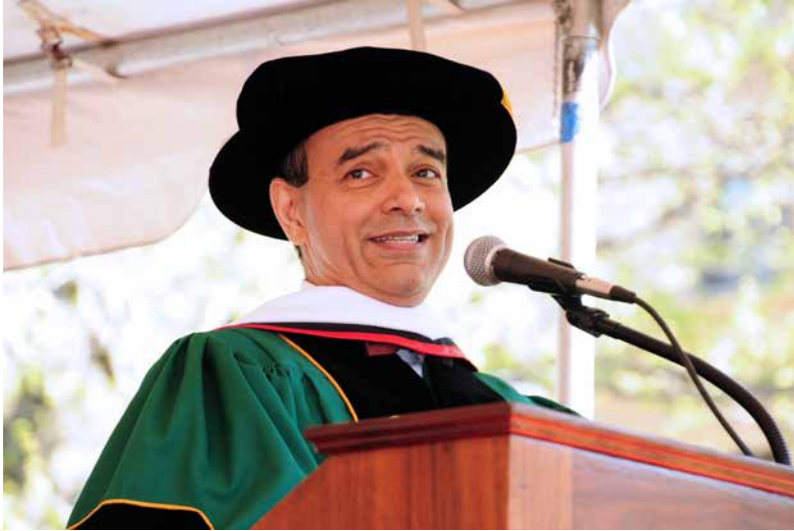


Nathan Kibler '18

Presenting diplomas at graduation were Alma A. Turechek Professor of Music Bill Carson to his daughter, **Marissa Carson '18**; Academic Achievement Program Director Lois Kabelo-Coates to her daughter, **Kelsie Coates '18**; and Executive Director of External Partnerships & Annual Giving **Barb Ernst Tupper '89** to her daughter, **Claire Tupper '18**.



***Clockwise:** Commencement platform party members were (left to right) Roger and Mary Baxter Professor of Business Administration and World Affairs Pam Carstens, Registrar Catherine Ashton, Board of Trustees Chairman **Dave Carson '72**, **Dr. Karim Budhwani '93**, Provost Paula O'Loughlin, Trustee **Alan Anderson '78**, President David McInally and College Chaplain Melea White. | President David McInally received the Senior Class Gift from committee members (left to right) **Claire Tupper '18**, **Jamie White '18**, **Katie Sandeck '18**, **Katy Koehler '18**, **Mimi Oberbroeckling '18** and **Courtney Moore '18**. With the help of a match from **Doug Peters '81**, the class of 2018 raised \$3,282 to build a walkway and patio between Armstrong-Douglas Hall and the P.U.B. | The Rev. Heather Hayes gave the baccalaureate sermon. | **Dr. Karim Budhwani '93** delivered the Commencement address and received an honorary doctorate of liberal arts.*



A native of Phoenix, Kibler was a triple major in art, environmental studies and public relations, with a minor in art history. He was active in many organizations at Coe, serving as president of Environmental Club for three years and vice president for Habitat for Humanity. In addition, he was a member of the Sustainability Council and served as an assistant area coordinator for Coe residence life.

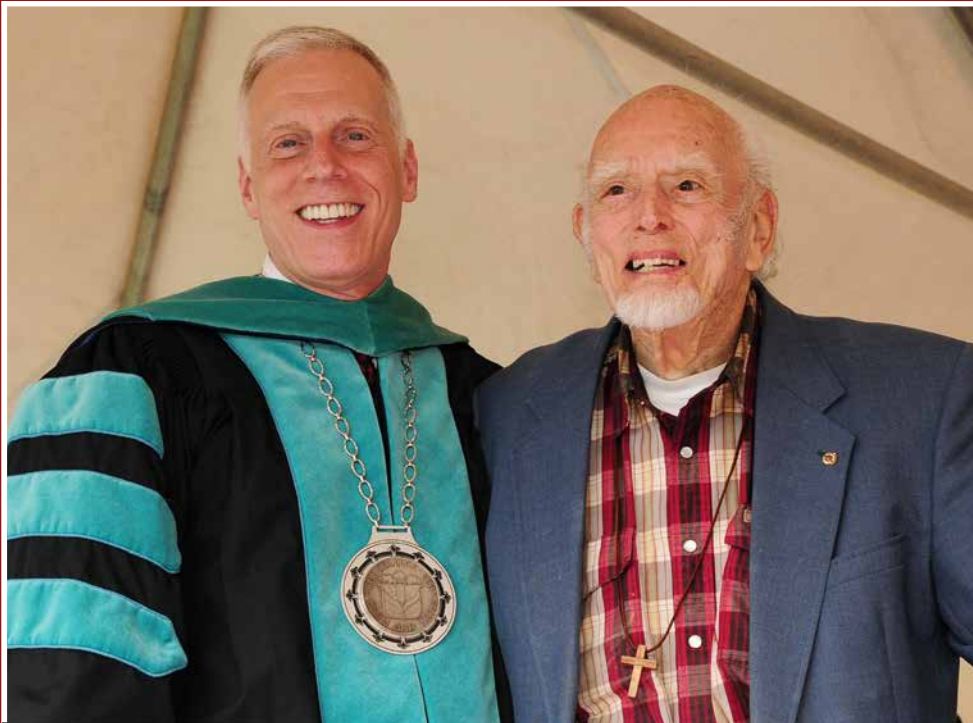
Kibler poked fun at the college's "Coe makes it possible. You make it happen." slogan, but admitted "it holds 100 percent validity" and will continue to serve graduates in the "real world."

"Through all those struggles and hardships, we have been prepared and made ready," Kibler said. "No matter where we go and no matter what we do, we will be able to succeed."

This year's baccalaureate speaker was the Rev. Heather Hayes, the senior pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Cedar Rapids. A Cedar Rapids native, Hayes is a graduate of Iowa State University and McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago,

where she discovered a love of community ministry and engagement across cultural, economic and generational divides. From small-town rural Iowa to downtown Cedar Rapids, she has built a ministry based on helping congregations in the work of creating community that is filled with grace, compassion, inclusion and justice, spreading the beacon of God's love to the world.

She currently serves on the board of Matthew 25, an organization that has been instrumental in flood recovery and neighborhood revitalization on the west side of Cedar Rapids. Hayes also serves on the board of Family Promise, an interfaith hospitality network that provides alternative solutions for children and families experiencing homelessness. In addition, she serves as a moderator for Ethical Perspectives on the News, participates in the Inter-Religious Council of Linn County, and helps to organize any number of community events and bridge-building efforts. Hayes is married to Coe Vice President for Advancement and Professor of Business Administration and Economics **David Hayes '93**.



COMMENCEMENT

Recognition and Awards

Several members of the Coe community received special recognition at the college's Commencement ceremony on May 6.

This year's Eliza Hickok Kesler Outstanding Service Award winner was photographer **George Henry '49**, whose service to the college spanned seven decades. A Cedar Rapids native, Henry first came to Coe in 1941. After interrupting his college career to serve as a bomber pilot during World War II, he returned in 1946 to complete his studies.

He devoted his career to photographing Coe events large and small – from the burning of Sinclair Chapel in 1947 to his last working Homecoming in 2015. Along the way, he photographed almost every Commencement, reunion, musical event, theatrical production, athletic team and guest speaker. His collection, representing the last third of Coe's

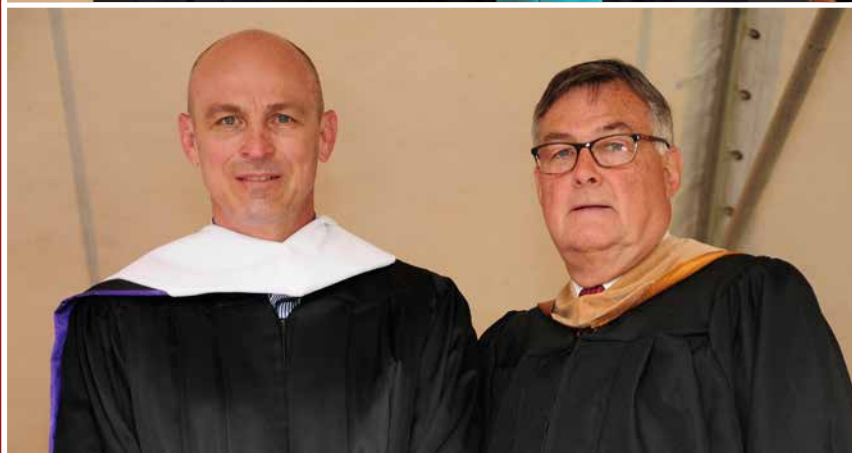
history in film, is preserved along with other college artifacts in the archives named in his honor in Stewart Memorial Library. Dedicated in 1999, the archives were funded by a most generous gift from George and Kay Henry.

In addition to an honorary doctorate of fine arts in 1998, Henry is a past recipient of the Coe College Alumni Council Distinguished Service Award in 1984 and the Alumni Award of Merit in 2004.

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

As selected by the graduating class, the Charles J. Lynch Outstanding Teacher Award was presented to

Left: George Henry '49 receives the Eliza Hickok Kesler Outstanding Service Award from President David McNally. Right: Campus, 1961, Photo by George Henry



Above: Retiring professors Peter McCormick and Cal Van Niewaal were granted emeritus status at Commencement.

Left: Larry Atwater '82 receives the Charles J. Lynch Outstanding Teacher Award from Board of Trustees Chairman Dave Carson '72.

Assistant Professor of Kinesiology **Larry Atwater '82**, who returned to his alma mater in 1990 after a career as a high school coach at Dubuque Wahlert and West Delaware. Turning his full attention to the classroom, Atwater retired from coaching last year after serving Coe as an assistant football coach for 27 years and the head wrestling coach for 11 years.

Presented by Board of Trustees Chairman **Dave Carson '72**, the award was established at Coe in 1983. It is presented annually at commencement and consists of a \$2,000 prize made possible by an endowment gift.

Two retiring Coe professors were honored during Commencement with emeritus status.

Professor of Philosophy Peter McCormick taught at Coe since 1974. After becoming interested in the logic of computing and in the process of how computers “think,” McCormick completed his master’s in computer science in 1991 and served as Coe’s first Director of Academic Computing.

During his years in this position, McCormick was able to secure external grant support from AT&T and the National Science Foundation to build four computer labs, to create a campus-wide computer network and connect Coe to the Internet, and to train faculty and staff in the use of this new and – for some – intimidating technology.

Professor of Computer Science and John F. Yothers Professor of Mathematics Cal Van Niewaal taught at Coe since 1981. The longtime elected secretary to the faculty and college marshal, Van Niewaal leads the academic processions that mark the beginning and end of each year.

He was an advisor for the college’s Beta Kappa Chapter of the Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia fraternity – which complements his personal love of music – and as the secretary-treasurer for the Phi Beta Kappa honorary society. On a national level, Van Niewaal serves as a senator for Phi Beta Kappa, representing the North Central District. He was recognized with the Kesler Outstanding Service Award in 2015.

COE STUDENTS FARING WELL IN *national fellowships*



Already recognized as a top producer of Fulbright scholars, Coe is beginning to broaden its reach in the highly competitive national fellowship market.

In addition to four new Fulbright awards this year, Coe students and alumni raked in a Goldwater Scholarship, three National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowships and a Truman Scholarship. In addition, Coe was represented with a finalist for a Rhodes Scholarship for the second straight year.

“Coe is the only college in Iowa with this rate of success across all of the awards,” said English Professor Amber Shaw, who serves as the college’s national fellowship advisor.

Such results are to be expected as the college takes a more proactive role in identifying potential candidates for national fellowships and supporting them through the application process.

“A lot of times, students just need to be told how good they are,” Shaw said. “It’s a big thing to say ‘I know I’m going to be competitive.’”

With her 2016 appointment as Coe’s provost and dean of the faculty, Paula O’Loughlin brought a history of success in securing national fellowships for students in her prior stints at Gustavus Adolphus College and the University of Minnesota-Morris.

“Our students are a very well-kept secret,” O’Loughlin said. “They are more capable and better leaders and scholars than they realize.”

Two of the three Truman Scholar finalists from Iowa this year were Coe students, and **Kelly May '19** 1 was the only Iowa student to receive the award. The last Kohawk honored as a Truman Scholar was **Vaughn Vance '94** in 1993.

One of only 59 students nationwide chosen to receive a 2018 Truman Scholarship, May will receive \$30,000 toward graduate school and the opportunity to participate in professional development programming to prepare for a career in public service leadership.

A Cedar Rapids native, May is an English major with a minor in philosophy. During his sophomore year, O’Loughlin strongly encouraged May to apply for the Truman, as it is designated for students interested in public service and is one of the few competitive national fellowships students can apply for during their junior year of study.





May plans to apply to a graduate program in educational policy at the University of Washington in Seattle. When he graduates from Coe next year, the Truman Scholarship provides the opportunity to complete a six-month to one-year internship in Washington, D.C., at the federal agency of his choice. May will apply to work in the policy branch at the Department of Education.

Although it was a big commitment to apply for the Truman Scholarship, May affirms it was well worth the effort now that he has received the award.

"It was really challenging deciding to do this because it is such a big task with so many moving parts," May said. "You constantly compare yourself with the rest of the students in the nation who you probably think are so much smarter and more capable than you are. I would credit Paula (O'Loughlin) with validating my ability to do this and do it well."



"Kelly's academic excellence, humble leadership, community involvement and commitment to the public good exemplify the spirit of being a Kohawk," O'Loughlin said. "Kelly is a wonderful young person and his being chosen as a Truman Scholar reaffirms a central element of the Coe ethos. Coe makes things students never dreamed of possible, and then Coe faculty and staff support them as they pursue those dreams."

Mareena Franke '19 was awarded a Goldwater Scholarship, America's most prestigious undergraduate scholarship in the natural sciences, mathematics and engineering. Franke is one of only 211 Goldwater Scholars chosen nationally for 2018, from a pool of 1,280 high caliber students who applied from 455 colleges and universities. Among students enrolled at Iowa higher education institutions, Franke was one of only three Goldwater awardees.

As part of the Goldwater award, Franke will receive a \$7,500 scholarship. She previously received an Honorable Mention in the 2017 Goldwater Scholarship competition. Past Kohawks who have been named as Goldwater Scholars include **Ben Franta '09** in 2007 and **Jack Berkowitz '11** in 2009.

Franke is a double major in chemistry and physics, with a minor in mathematics. She was nominated for the Goldwater by the Coe Chemistry Department and the college's Goldwater Committee.

"Recognition as a Goldwater Scholar is one of the top honors for undergraduates in STEM fields," O'Loughlin said. "This is another testament to the high quality student learning environment at Coe, and the ways Coe can transform the lives of students."

Dahlia Baker '18 ², **Andrew Koehler '17** ³ and **Spencer Roth '13** ⁴ received Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP) awards from the National Science Foundation (NSF). They were among only 2,000 students chosen from more than 12,000 national applicants to receive the fellowship this year.

GRFP awards provide significant scholarship support for graduate study that leads to a research-based master's or Ph.D. in a STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) field. GRFP provides three years of financial support within a five-year fellowship period (a \$34,000 annual stipend and \$12,000 cost-of-education allowance to the graduate institution).

A physics major and mathematics minor at Coe, Baker has already completed several notable research internships during her undergraduate career. This fall, she will enroll in an aerospace engineering graduate program at the University of



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Colorado in Boulder, where she will continue her research on the shape modeling of asteroids.

Koehler graduated cum laude last year after double majoring in chemistry and physics, and minoring in mathematics. Currently teaching in Sri Lanka under a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship grant, he plans to use the NSF fellowship to build off this experience through his research.

After completing his Fulbright, Koehler will attend Colorado School of Mines, where he received a fellowship to conduct his Ph.D. research in environmental engineering at the United States Department of Energy's National Renewable Energy Laboratory.

Roth majored in biology and molecular biology with a minor in chemistry. He is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in environmental science at Rutgers University. His NSF research proposal involves investigating the impacts of nutrient inputs on microbial community structure and mercury methylation in an Alaskan peatland.

Four graduating seniors received prestigious Fulbright U.S. Student Program awards for the 2018-19 academic year. Each of the Coe students was awarded a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship from the U.S. Department of State and the J. William Fulbright Scholarship Board. This year's Fulbright recipients from Coe are:

- **Anne Atkins '18** ⁵ from Brooklyn Park, Minnesota. An international relations major with a minor in German, she will teach in Germany.
- **Christine Obiesie '18** ⁶, a native of Nigeria who immigrated to the U.S. at age 12 and came to Coe from Lee's Summit, Missouri. A biology, molecular biology and neuroscience major, she will teach in Poland.
- **Claire Tupper '18** ⁷ from Cedar Rapids is the daughter of Coe alumni **Eric Tupper '88** and **Barb Ernst Tupper '89**. A biology, neuroscience and French major, Claire will teach in Laos.
- **Lauren Winchester '18** ⁸ from Boulder, Colorado. A communication studies and German major, she will teach in Germany.



Coe has been named a top producer of Fulbright U.S. students three of the last six years. Coe has established itself as a leading national producer of Fulbright scholars, with 23 in the past five years, and 32 awardees in the past decade.

Ossama Abu-Halawa '17 was a finalist for the Rhodes Scholarship, which is generally considered the most prestigious academic award available to American college graduates. Abu-Halawa was one of 228 finalists from 100 different colleges and universities across the country who reached the final stage of competition. This marks the second time in two years that a Coe student or recent graduate has been named as a Rhodes finalist.

The Rhodes is the oldest and best known award for international study. Rhodes Scholarships provide all expenses for up to four years of study at the University of Oxford in England.

In Coe history, only four students or alumni have been Rhodes finalists, including Abu-Halawa. **Paul Engle '31** in 1933 and **Darryl Banks '72** in 1972 both received the award and went on to study at Oxford. Last year, **Malika Wilson '17** was a finalist for the scholarship.

Abu-Halawa, who majored in chemistry and biochemistry with a minor in religion, has deferred medical school to study for a master's in philosophy of science at the University of Cambridge in Cambridge, England. After he completes medical school, Abu-Halawa intends to work in research and global health.

During his sophomore year, Abu-Halawa first learned about the Rhodes Scholarship. He was strongly encouraged to apply for the national fellowship award by O'Loughlin and Banks, a previous Rhodes Scholar.

Based on his own experience, Banks applauds Coe's efforts to proactively identify, encourage and support candidates for national fellowships. The Coe trustee would not have pursued his Rhodes Scholarship if not for the suggestion of then Dean of the College Carson Veach Sr.

"It was a transformative experience," said Banks, who became emotional recalling his phone call to his parents in Kentucky after receiving the Rhodes Scholarship. "It changed our lives."

Abu-Halawa said the Rhodes interview was a fun, rewarding experience, and he is honored to have made it to the finalist stage. It gave him a platform to talk about his passions at a deeper level and demonstrate his abilities to the selection committee members, all of whom are leaders in their fields.

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"Coe prepared me well for the interdisciplinary and highly critical nature of the interviews, and although I did not receive the scholarship, I walked out of the interview feeling confident that I displayed the best of my abilities to the committee," Abu-Halawa said. "I am thankful for the professors at Coe who pushed me intellectually and fostered my critical thinking and well-roundedness for the real world."

While the Rhodes process is seemingly daunting at times, Abu-Halawa is encouraging other Coe students to apply for national fellowships.

"There are many resources to take advantage of at Coe College, especially the support of the professors," he said. "That was the most important part of my education. I highly value my conversations with them, as their insights and recommendations were crucial to my development as a student and citizen. I stand on all of their shoulders, and I will be forever grateful to them."

"IT WAS A TRANSFORMATIVE EXPERIENCE"

Kohawk Adventures Around the World

MAY TERM 2018



Above, Left: ITALY Italy The Pantheon and Vatican were just two of the many historic sites visited by students taking Made In Italy: Competing in a Global Marketplace.



Above Left: SPAIN Through the course Spanish Language Learning, Kohawks immersed themselves in a new culture.

Left: SERBIA During May Term in Serbia students met the Prince and Princess of Serbia in the White Palace in Belgrade.

Below: THAILAND Students on May Term in Thailand performed human rights work with Burmese migrants. They also found time to visit the Buddhist temples of Wat Mahathat in Ayutthaya.





Above, Left: NEW ZEALAND The course *An Exploration of Physical Activity and Recreation in New Zealand* lead Kohawks through new cities and adventures.

Right: VIETNAM Students on May Term in Asia toured the country, taking in the sites, sounds, people and culture.



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STUDENTS BENEFIT FROM

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David Wiedner '91 was looking to resurrect a long-dormant internship program at LimoLink. **Tomoaki Takebuchi '19** was looking for an internship to develop his computer programming skills. The Coe Alumni Office and the Center for Creativity and Careers (C3) brought them together at the popular Sip and Socialize networking event.

"It was a great opportunity because I got to know how they started and the kind of people they were looking for," said Takebuchi.

Takebuchi worked with his academic advisor, Jay Chen, to create an opportunity at LimoLink as part of his summer research experience. After initially meeting in November, Takebuchi began interning at LimoLink in May. Wiedner said it took some time to set up the program since the company hadn't employed interns recently.

"I wanted to make sure he and the people who follow him have a positive experience here," Wiedner said. "When he interviews after he graduates, his resume

will look completely different than it does today. That's my goal."

Connecting students with alumni and area businesses is the driving force behind C3, said Executive Director

for External Partnerships and Annual Giving Barb Ernst Tupper '89. There is also synergy between faculty and C3 staff to provide seamless opportunities for students. In addition to meeting individually with students, center staff collaborates with student organizations and the Alumni Office to organize events and facilitate connections with alumni.

"It really is a beautiful thing," Tupper said.

The Alumni Office and C3 organized the second Spring Break Externship, this year in metropolitan Minneapolis-St. Paul. Students spent March 4-7 meeting professionals and exploring careers and internships

across a variety of exciting fields and industries.

Jared Rance '04 hosted a site visit at Craig-Hallum Capital Group, an employee-owned trading and investment banking firm.

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—CAMILLE LEGANZA

Rance, now a director at Hennepin Partners, a boutique investment bank in Minneapolis, said the externship is a great way to establish connections with alumni to position students for success after graduation.

“The program is an excellent opportunity for Coe students to explore careers and discover what each offers, and hopefully introduces the students to fields of work not previously considered,” Rance said. “Investment banking in particular can be a tough field to enter coming from a liberal arts school, but I hope the visit to my firm helped them see that career options don’t have to be arbitrarily limited, but rather, with

the right combination of drive, persistence and willingness to learn, they can be successful.”

Paired through the Alumni Mentoring Program, **Justin Nylin ’13** gives nursing major **Robert Rajic ’19** a male mentor to lean on as he pursues a career in a largely female field. Nylin, a nurse at Mercy Medical Center in Clinton, Iowa, knows what Rajic is going through as a student and what he’ll face when he enters the workforce.

1 Students learned about internship and job opportunities at a healthcare career fair at Coe on March 2.

2 Jared Rance ’04 hosted a site visit at Craig-Hallum Capital Group during a Twin Cities externship organized by the Coe Alumni Office and the Center for Creativity and Careers.

3 Sip and Socialize events provide a fun networking opportunity in a casual environment for alumni, students and faculty.

4 Collective Data employees and interns Tanner Lund ’16, Tommy Hook ’20, Jacob Deaton ’16 and Will Pogge ’18 celebrated Coe’s Day of Giving at their Cedar Rapids office.

5 Kohawks networked with alumni and community partners who work in the health professions at a pre-health tailgate party before a Coe football game in October.

6 Students learned about careers at ACT from Judy Baldwin ’76 at an October career fair at Coe. The Center for Creativity and Careers hosted 15 large career events ranging from networking to mentoring to career fairs during the past academic year.

7 After meeting at a Sip and Socialize event at Coe in November, David Wiedner ’91 arranged for Tomoaki Takebuchi ’19 to complete an internship at LimoLink.

“Sometimes I have to calm him down and tell him to take it one day at a time,” Nylin said. “You feel like it’s all coming down on you at once. I used to be right where he is.”

Rajic said it’s helpful to be able to reach out to someone who has been down the same path. “I can call or text him any time,” Rajic said. “He’s become a friend to me.”

C3 doesn’t confine itself to Cedar Rapids or even Iowa when building relationships with alumni who can benefit students. Students looking to leave the Midwest or pursue filmmaking careers are put in touch with **Camille Leganza ’98**, who works remotely from Seattle as a recruiter for DreamWorks Animation.

“Camille has been a great resource for us to connect students to if they have interest in animation or getting into DreamWorks or something similar,” Tupper said.

Leganza said she’s happy to mentor Coe students as a way of repaying the debt to those who

helped launch her career. Connections from Coe and Iowa helped Leganza land an internship at Warner Brothers, which led to her career in the animated film industry.

“My career really started with an internship, so I feel pretty strongly about trying to help when I can,” she said. “I don’t think I would have had the career I’ve had if I didn’t reach out to Coe alums or made those Iowa connections.”

Coe’s location in the heart of Cedar Rapids also provides an abundance of internships for students and career opportunities for graduates. C3 has significantly expanded Coe’s connections area businesses in order to assist students with

planning and carrying out projects, forming professional networks, and putting their Coe experiences to work in the wider world.

One such connection is with Cedar Rapids-based fleet and asset management software development company Collective Data, which currently employs two Kohawks with two more serving as interns. The company has had great success hiring Coe students as interns and retaining them as employees after graduation.

“They’re well suited for our work, they’re well trained and they hit the ground running,” said Vice President of Sales and Marketing Anne King. “Their work ethic is very strong and they’re quick learners.”

Part of that success, King said, has to do with C3 staff understanding the company’s needs and knowing which students would make the best fit. Working closely with faculty members also helps identify the best candidates.

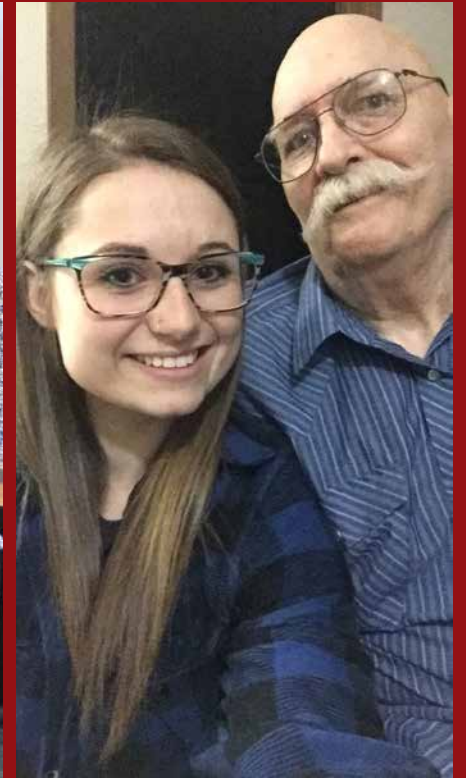
“I don’t see us ever not having a Coe student here,” King said. “We’ve been so happy with them.”

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Kohawks



connecting with Cedar Rapids seniors



Clockwise from top:

Chris Arias '21 spent time painting with her partner, Phyllis.

Simone Bouffard '18 got to practice her nursing skills while gaining a friend in George.

Mallory Hillman '21 hosted a game night for residents of the assisted-living complex where her partner, Cindy, lives.

Presenting on their experiences with the Intergenerational Connections program at the Student Research Symposium were **Kachisicho Uduanochie '19, Jaelynn Smith '21, Simone Bouffard '18, Chris Arias '21, Mallory Hillman '21, Ellie Baker '20 and Khadija Amin '19.**

Student participants in the initial Intergenerational Connections class in the fall were **Kenzie Scott '20, Mary Emma Guier '20, Alaina Tschida '21, Vanessa Cannon '18, Zhané Hedgeman '18 and Sam Collins '19.**

Coe students participating in an Intergenerational Connections program are finding they're getting as much as they give while partnering with socially isolated older adults in the community.

Under a program developed by the Council of Independent Colleges and funded by the AARP, Coe was one of 20 institutions awarded grants for the 2017-18 academic year. Coe received \$13,000 to use primarily as student stipends to address social isolation among low-income adults over age 50 in the surrounding neighborhood.

In partnership with Aging Services, students were paired with older adults living near Coe. A pilot program with six students in the fall was modified with eight students in the spring.

Students are expected to visit with their partner weekly, participate in group activities and encourage community involvement while journaling about their experience. A \$50 pocket allowance allows them to treat their partners to things like museums, movies and eating out.

Recent nursing graduate Simone Bouffard '18 developed a close friendship with her partner, George, while encouraging him to be less reliant on a wheelchair.

"Initially, he seemed shy about his prosthetic leg and told me stories about people having a negative attitude towards it," she said. "But he has become comfortable around me and enjoys having me around not only to encourage him, but to be there as an extra safety measure when practicing walking with it."

For her final project, Bouffard created a timeline of goals with distances and destinations for George to walk. She also made a chart for him to record his walks and visualize his goals.

Shopping and eating out has helped conquer George's loneliness and Bouffard has been able to apply her nursing education while making a new friend.

"We have established a friendship where I am comfortable sharing important aspects of my life and enjoy spending the day with him," she said. "I am able to apply my nursing knowledge from school in helping him get stronger, and I found a person I like to do activities with."

Freshman Mallory Hillman '21 said her partner, Cindy, opened her eyes to issues like isolation and mobility among older adults. Although she hasn't decided on a major, the program has sparked her interest in a possible career in therapeutic recreation.

"Sometimes, I'm the only person she talks to in a day," Hillman said. Because Cindy was mostly confined to a wheelchair, "even taking her out to dinner was a big deal," she added.

Because the partners both enjoy playing games, Hillman hosted a game night for residents of Cindy's assisted-living complex as her capstone project. She hopes to continue participating in the program in some capacity next year.

Freshman Chris Arias '21 and her partner, Phyllis, bonded over loom weaving, "Jeopardy" and card games. "She always beats me," Arias said.

With some experience working with older adults at a residential facility back home in Denver, Arias said she enjoyed bringing out Phyllis' vibrant personality. "She was born in November, but radiates spring," Arias said.

Aging Services Director of Program Development and Engagement

Lindsay Glynn said she is

impressed with the maturity and responsibility shown by Coe students participating in the program.

"I was nervous at first to match students with older adults for fear that they would not take the program seriously," she said. "They've really taken the program to heart. The students have been phenomenal to work with."

While student-senior partnerships are limited by available funding,

Glynn said interest has grown as

Aging Services clients become aware of the program. Given the widespread issue of social isolation in older adulthood, the program only addresses a small fraction of the need.

"We're really only hitting one quadrant within the city," Glynn said.

The grant has been renewed for 2018-19 with plans for 10 student partners and a teaching assistant, Bursch said. With no known funding source beyond the coming academic year, Bursch hopes to incorporate the program with the emerging Coe strategic plan initiative to establish the Center for Health and Society.

"Sustainability is the main concern for the program," she said.

She hopes the partnership with Coe can continue and grow.

"We don't always get this level of engagement from colleges," she said. "That's been a really neat journey."

"The students have been phenomenal to work with"



CLASS NOTES

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

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 May 1. **The deadline for the next issue is Oct. 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 to: Courier editor at courier@coe.edu or phone 319.399.8613. Mail to 1220 First Ave. NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402. Information may also be submitted online at www.alumni.coe.edu.

1930s

'38 → 80TH REUNION: SEPT. 27-30, 2018

'39 → 80TH REUNION: HOMECOMING 2019

1940s

'43 → 75TH REUNION: SEPT. 27-30, 2018

'44 → 75TH REUNION: HOMECOMING 2019

'48 → 70TH REUNION: SEPT. 27-30, 2018

'49 → 70TH REUNION: HOMECOMING 2019

1950s

'53 → 65TH REUNION: SEPT. 27-30, 2018

'54 → 65TH REUNION: HOMECOMING 2019

'56 **Milton "Ed" White** of Sun City, Arizona, will celebrate the 22nd anniversary of the Sun City "All Stars" Big Band on July 4. He performs on the trombone and founded the 20-piece stage band in 1996. Through the years the "Stars" have entertained both in California and throughout the Phoenix West Valley. Ed is senior minister emeritus at the Congregational Church of Sun City.

'58 → 60TH REUNION: SEPT. 27-30, 2018

'59 → 60TH REUNION: HOMECOMING 2019

1960s

'63 → 55TH REUNION: SEPT. 27-30, 2018

'64 → 55TH REUNION: HOMECOMING 2019

'68 → 50TH REUNION: SEPT. 27-30, 2018

Mark Hopkins and his wife, Lita, of Wallace, North Carolina, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a Viking River Cruise from Paris to Monte Carlo. He is looking forward to the 50th class reunion this year.

'69 → 50TH REUNION: HOMECOMING 2019

1970s

'71 **Dick Hoisington** of Burlington, Iowa, is refurbishing a 165-year old home, turning wood bowls, and doing volunteer work in the community since retiring from a 35-year career in manufacturing management.

'72 **John Palizza** of Lake Bluff, Illinois, and his daughter **Rebecca Palizza '09** of Washington, D.C., were unable to participate in any

#KohawkDay activities as they found themselves in Indonesia during Coe's Day of Giving on April 12. They are pictured visiting with U.S. Ambassador Joseph Donovan and his wife, Mei Chou, at the US Embassy in Jakarta.

'75 **Dane Anderson** of Woodbury, Minnesota, retired from Roquette America after 25 years in sales management.

Michael Murray of Liberty Township, Ohio, is a director and editor at SpotOn Productions.

'77 **Vanessa Shelton** of Elsberry, Missouri, was recognized by the Journalism Education Association with its Lifetime Achievement Award for significant contributions to scholastic journalism throughout her career. She retired in July, and was most recently executive director of Quill and Scroll International Honor Society for High School Journalists.

Kim Wasson of Marion, Iowa, is celebrating her 30th anniversary as a professional visual artist. Her art work is displayed in Iowa, Wisconsin, Missouri, New York and Arizona. She maintains an art studio in northern Wisconsin.

'78 → 40TH REUNION: SEPT. 27-30, 2018

Mark Wiesner of Durham, North Carolina, delivered the "charge to the graduates" at the University of Iowa's College of Engineering undergraduate commencement ceremony. He was also inducted into the college's Distinguished Engineering Alumni Academy, where he joins 83 other engineering alumni who have been noted for their personal contribution toward engineering achievement, leadership, and service to the profession and to society.





Legendary ballet costume designer **Holly Hynes '78** was selected to receive the 2018 TDF/Irene Sharaff Lifetime Achievement Award for costume design. The award was presented at an April 20 ceremony at the Edison Ballroom in New York City.

Hynes has designed more than 250 ballets in her career as a costume designer. For 21 years, she was director of costumes for the NYC Ballet (1985-2006) where she designed more than 70 ballets. Hynes has been the resident costume designer for The Suzanne Farrell Ballet since its inception in 1991 and has designed 36 ballets for the company. Her costumes were featured in a one-woman show celebrating her designs for the company at the Kennedy Center in 2011.

Her ballet designs have been featured in countless productions for major ballet companies including American Ballet Theatre: Seven Sonatas (2009), New

York City Ballet: Concerto DSCH (2008), San Francisco Ballet: Symphonic Caprice (2014), National Ballet of Canada: Don Quixote (2007), Houston Ballet: One/End/One (2011), Joffrey Ballet: Liturgy (2015), Pennsylvania Ballet: Polyphonia (2015), Pacific Northwest Ballet: Tide Harmonic (2013), Richmond Ballet: The Enchanted Toy Shop (2015), Nashville Ballet: Appalachian Spring (2017), Boston Ballet: Stars and Stripes Pas de Deux (2018), Alvin Ailey: After The Rain (2014), Ballet West: Red Angels (2008), The Suzanne Farrell Ballet: Gounod Symphony (2016) and William Whitener's Tom Sawyer for Kansas City Ballet featuring Maury Yeston's original score.

Internationally, her designs can be seen at companies including Paris Opera Ballet: Daphnis and Chloë (2014), The Royal Ballet at Covent Garden: Tzigane (2008), La Scala in Milan: Concerto DSCH (2012), Mariinsky Theatre in St. Petersburg, Russia: Aria Suspended (2007), Bolshoi in Moscow, Russia: Dream of Dream (2012), Stuttgart Ballet in Germany: Slice to Sharp (2008), Norwegian National Ballet in Oslo: Theme and Variations (2016) and Berlin State Opera Ballet: Daphnis and Chloë (2017).

In addition to her design work, Hynes serves as a consultant with authority to teach costume reproductions of various established designs for the Jerome Robbins Estate and The George Balanchine Trust, serving many companies in Europe and the United States including The Mariinsky Ballet, Paris Opera Ballet, Bavarian State Ballet, The Royal Danish Ballet, State Opera of Berlin, La Scala, Hamburg Ballet, Het National Ballet in Amsterdam and the Royal Ballet in London.

This 2017-18 season, her work can be seen at The New York City Ballet: Polyphonia and Liturgy, American Ballet Theatre: Daphnis and Chloë, Houston Ballet: Carousel and Just (premiere at Jacob's

Pillow in August), Alvin Ailey: After the Rain pas de deux, Kansas City Ballet: Nutcracker, Charlotte Ballet: Nutcracker, Miami City Ballet: Concerto DSCH, Atlanta Ballet: Tutu, Richmond Ballet: Gargoyles, Nevada Ballet: Carousel and the world premiere of Bespoke at San Francisco Ballet.

Hynes' theatre credits include: Broadway: On Borrowed Time (1991), Getting Married (1991), Off Broadway: The Baker's Wife (1985), Lost in the Stars (1988), The Lark (1989), Marry Me a Little (1987) and Theater for the Young Audiences at Kennedy Center: Kite on the Wind (2008), Trumpet of the Swan (2008) and Barrio Grrrr! (2009) as well as the national tour of Barrio Grrrr!.

The TDF/Irene Sharaff Lifetime Achievement Award, first presented to the legendary Sharaff in 1993, is bestowed upon a costume designer who, over the course of his or her career, has achieved great distinction and demonstrated a mastery of the art. The award is presented to a designer whose work embodies those qualities of excellence represented in the life work of Sharaff: a keen sense of color, a feeling for material and texture, an eye for shape and form, and a sure command of the craft. Such a designer's achievement may stem from work for the theatre, opera, dance or film or, as was true of Sharaff, from all of them together.

TDF is a not-for-profit service organization for the performing arts, dedicated to bringing the power of the performing arts to everyone. Founded in 1968, TDF's mission is to sustain live theatre and dance by engaging and cultivating a broad and diverse audience and eliminating barriers to attendance.

Hynes and her husband, **Jim Zulakis '79**, live in Teaneck, New Jersey.

'79 → 40TH REUNION: HOMECOMING 2019

Ken Uyehara is governor of the state of Angaur in Palau.

1980s

'81 **Paul Stover** of Lenexa, Kansas, joined Lee's Summit Office of Dermatology & Skin Cancer Centers, now part of U.S. Dermatology Partners.

'82 **Jon Wing** of Story City, Iowa, is a mail clerk at Iowa State University.

'83 → 35TH CLUSTER REUNION: HOMECOMING 2019

'84 → 35TH CLUSTER REUNION: HOMECOMING 2019

'85 → 35TH CLUSTER REUNION: HOMECOMING 2019

Kathi Sundet Daniel of Fort Worth, Texas, was named Teacher of the Year for 2017-18 at Duff Elementary School in Arlington. She has been an elementary music teacher for 32 years, including the last 17 at Duff.

'86 **Missy Beastrom** of Cedar Rapids is senior vice president at C1st Credit Union.

1990s

'91 **Matthew Chang** was appointed as an advisor to Distributed Credit Chain (DCC), a Hong Kong-based blockchain company developing a distributed banking public chain. He is managing

director at KKR Shanghai and will provide strategic counsel and lead expertise in finance and consulting to DCC. With over 20 years of experience advising a wide range of companies such as start-ups, multinational corporations, and professional service firms in mainland China, Europe and North America, Chang is considered a leading expert in the areas of private equity, fixed income and capital markets. Prior to his current position at KKR, he was the head of KKR Capstone in China. He also served as a global senior partner at Roland Berger Strategy Consultants, leading its Asian operations and restructuring practice.

'93 → 25TH REUNION: SEPT. 27-30, 2018

Sumit Nijhawan was named CEO of Ruffalo Noel Levitz, a Cedar Rapids-based provider of

higher education enrollment, student success, and fundraising solutions. Nijhawan will oversee all aspects of the business for the organization that serves more than 1,900 campuses and nonprofits, reaching millions of students each year, and has generated more than \$1 billion in philanthropic commitments for clients in its history. Prior to joining RNL, Nijhawan served as the CEO for Infogix, a data controls and analytics software company, where Nijhawan led strategy, operations, and customer success to create significant value for customers, shareholders and employees. Nijhawan's executive experience includes serving in leadership roles for Blue Cross Blue Shield Association, SPSS Inc., and PwC, while also acting as an advisor to other companies in the data space. Nijhawan earned his bachelor's in physics and chemistry at Coe and a Ph.D. in engineering from Brown University.

'94 → 25TH REUNION: HOMECOMING 2019

'96 **Doug Beadle** of Cedar Rapids is commemorating 50 years as a member of the American Meteorological Society.

Jodie Grout is the hospitalist at the Jefferson County Health Center in Fairfield, Iowa. She obtained her master's and is working on her doctorate from the University of Colorado in Denver, where she lived for 18 years.

'97 → 20TH CLUSTER REUNION: SEPT. 27-30, 2018

Ramsay Fernandes of Mumbai, India, is an accounts manager at DP World.

Nicky Meints Boecker is an account manager at Lundbeck Pharmaceuticals. She and Tim Boecker live in Aurora, Illinois, with their three children.

'98 → 20TH CLUSTER REUNION: SEPT. 27-30, 2018

Carrie Lego Munoz of Flowery Branch, Georgia, is an associate professor of marketing at the University of North Georgia.

'99 → 20TH CLUSTER REUNION: SEPT. 27-30, 2018

Troy Carlson of New York City joined FIG Partners in 2017 and has more than 20 years of experience as a strategic advisor to community banks, thrifts and their executives. His experience includes creating and implementing the Corporate & Private Client Services desk for Keefe, Bruyette & Woods (KBW), where he worked for 15 years. After KBW, he worked for Sterne Agee for two years, providing corporate and private client services to his existing community bank clients, as well as Sterne's existing bank clients and their executives.

Andrea Conner accepted a position as vice president and dean of students at Lake Forest (Illinois) College after nine years at Grinnell College.

Jeremey Southall of Lenexa, Kansas, was promoted to senior counsel at the National Cable TV Cooperative.

2000s

'00 **John Ernst** of Olathe, Kansas, was the keynote speaker at Baker University's commencement ceremony for doctoral and master's graduates in May. He was inducted into the Baker University School of Education Wall of Honor last year.

Julie Smith Sodey of St. Louis, Missouri, is an assistant teaching professor of educator preparation, innovation and research at the University of Missouri-St. Louis College of Education. She completed her Ed.D. at UMSL in 2017.

'01 **Chris Leyva** of Columbus, Ohio, staged the world premiere of his play, "The Throne of Oz," May 4-13 at CATCO is Kids. The play is based on L. Frank Baum's book "The Marvelous Land of Oz."

ALUMNI COUNCIL Update

Come on back! Homecoming is Sept. 27-30. The campus looks amazing and the students love the updates both indoors and out. If you haven't been back in a while, please look at making this year the year to do so.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING STUDENTS

As mentioned before, the Alumni Council raised over \$11,000 in last year's silent auction. This money has gone directly to off-campus student experiences. Thank you! We would love your participation again by either donating an item to be included or participating. If you have an item to donate — such as trips, vacation condos, spa gift certificates, wine baskets, sports tickets, etc. — please contact **Katie Lillibridge Dostal '99** at kjdostal@gmail.com.

STAYING ENGAGED?

Coe has many events and activities coming up. The Alumni Council is trying to engage and learn more about what interests you with regards to area events or activities on campus. If you have any ideas that worked or that you would like to see, please reach out to me or Director of Alumni Engagement Emily Ehrhardt at eehrhardt@coe.edu.

For example, Alumni Council member — and 2018 Commencement speaker — **Dr. Karim Budhwani '93** is an active mentor with Coe's Center for Creativity and Careers. If this is something you're interested in learning more about or participating in, please check out the website www.coe.edu/centerforcreativityandcareers.

We have a recent change in officers on the Alumni Council. **Bill Schalk '65** has been asked to join the Coe Board of Trustees. This is a huge honor and we are so happy to have Bill represent the college in this amazing way. We will miss Bill on the council, and thank him for continuing to give back to Coe!

In addition, we've had four new members join the Alumni Council. Please welcome (left to right) **Katie McGuire** Graham '86, **Wendy Andrews** Nielsen '01, **Nate Clear** '11 and **Mo Bayles** Moos '89.

STAY CONNECTED



Please continue to stay connected by checking out the website at www.alumni.coe.edu for alumni events happening around the country and on campus.

Looking forward to seeing you at Homecoming. Go Kohawks!



BETH COOK '98
PRESIDENT,
ALUMNI COUNCIL

'03 → 15TH CLUSTER REUNION: HOMECOMING 2019

Fred Jackson of Ankeny, Iowa, signed a one-day contract with the Buffalo Bills on April 18 so he could officially retire as a Bill following a 10-year NFL career.

Khadija Rehma of Dhaka, Bangladesh, is heading the communications department of a national development organization.

'04 → 15TH CLUSTER REUNION: HOMECOMING 2019

'05 → 15TH CLUSTER REUNION: HOMECOMING 2019

Jon Sims of Iowa City, Iowa, led an introduction to comic-making class at the National Czech & Slovak Museum and Library on Feb. 4 as part of Cedar Rapids Comic Con.

'06 **Jess Brownell** of Wellington, New Zealand, completed her master's in secondary teaching and learning with distinction at Victoria University of Wellington. She is now teaching high school science and chemistry. She continues to pursue work in the performing arts, and completed a successful run of her fourth devised piece in the New Zealand Fringe Festival.

Brett Karkosh is a counselor at Mount Vernon High School. He and Carrie Ehrmann Karkosh '07 live in Cedar Rapids.

'07 **Sarah Duffel** Karber of Minneapolis is a chaplain at Augustana Health Care Center of Minneapolis.

'08 → 10TH REUNION: SEPT. 27-30, 2018

Jessica Fraghia Wachniak of Des Plaines, Illinois, is an administrative assistant at Custom House Fund Services.

'09 → 10TH REUNION: HOMECOMING 2019

2010s

'10 **Vaclav Shatillo** of Philadelphia is a manager of consumer insights at Aramark.

'11 **Sue Behera** has been accepted into the dual master's program in public health and physician's assistant at Touro University-California.

'12 **Scott DeAngelis** completed his joint J.D. and Ph.D. in economics at Vanderbilt University. He will begin working for a law firm in Charlotte, North Carolina in August.

Erin Salisbury of London was named Young Professional of the Year at the PRmoment.com Awards. She is a senior project manager at Ketchum.

'13 **Reid Galbraith**, an associate in the Denver office of Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, was elected to the Food Bank of the Rockies' board of directors on March 27. He and his wife, **Kelly Strohm** Galbraith, live in Centennial, Colorado.

Whitney Hu of New York City is director of public programs at the National Book Foundation.

Jared McNutt of Warren, Illinois, is head football coach at Eastland-Pearl City Co-op.

'15 **Marissa Seamon** received a Graduate Research Assistantship and a Dean's Doctoral Fellowship from Augusta (Georgia) University, where she is pursuing her Ph.D. in physiology.

'16 **Mark Atwater** is head football coach and assistant wrestling coach at Beckman Catholic High School in Dyersville, Iowa. He also teaches physical education and runs the strength and conditioning program.

Craig Konrardy is a strength and conditioning coach at Engineered Per4mance in Ankeny, Iowa. He received his master's in kinesiology and sports performance from the University of Northern Iowa last fall.

'17 **Bethany Lehman** of Cedar Rapids became the first National Park Service employee to join the lifetime 500-Miler Club in one season while working at Yellowstone National Park last summer. She is now an emergency medical technician for Area Ambulance Service.



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WRITTEN ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF COE'S ALUMNI



GLOVED AGAINST BLOOD

BY CINDY VEACH '75

The debut poetry collection by Cindy Veach '75 explores the relationships of four generations of women against a backdrop of the patriarchal textile mills of 19th century Lowell, Massachusetts. The collection speaks to family, lost love, infidelities, abandonment and the close work, women's work of mending what is torn, making it like new despite the forces of inherited histories.

Veach received an MFA from the University of Oregon. Her poetry has appeared in the Academy of American Poets' Poem-a-Day, AGNI, Prairie Schooner, Poet Lore, Michigan Quarterly Review, The Journal, Salamander and elsewhere. She directs fundraising programs for non-profit organizations and lives in Manchester-by-the-Sea, Massachusetts.

"Gloved Against Blood," 92 pages, is available in paperback for \$16 from CavanKerry Press. ISBN: 1933880643.



FUTURE ALUMNI

WELCOMING NEW KOHAWKS INTO THE NEST

1998

Lori Meinholz Lokken and her husband, Todd, of Blanchardville, Wisconsin, a son, Jasper, on Aug. 4. **06**

2003

Michelle Davids and her husband, Keith Boot, of Des Moines, Iowa, a son, Theodore, on March 20.

2004

Milary Mayhew Kastner and **Mike Kastner** of Cedar Rapids, a son, Jake, on Oct. 20. **01**

2006

Mitch Bockenstedt and his wife, Kate, of St. Peter, Minnesota, a daughter, Dani, on Feb. 15.

Andrea Christoffel Domask and her husband, Mike, of Neenah, Wisconsin, a son, Tucker, on Jan. 17.

Brian Karnik and his wife, Stephanie, of Overland Park, Kansas, a son, Henry, on March 30.

2009

Liz Reedy Kelliher and her husband, Pat, of Arlington Heights, Illinois, a daughter, Peyton, on Feb. 20.

2011

Michael Rozum and his wife, Josie, of Ely, Iowa, a son, Baylor, on April 4.

2012

Ashley Hood Miller and her husband, Brian, of Marion, Iowa, a son, Cameron, on March 7. **04**

Sidney Ridout and Becca Hayes of Huntington, West Virginia, a daughter, Waverly, on Feb. 18. **05**

2013

Kelsey Jipp Sampson and **Bryce Sampson** of Nevada, Iowa, a daughter, Rylee, on Feb. 14. **02**

2014

Julianne Kopriva Jones and her husband, Marcus, a son, Soren, on Feb. 3. **03**



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WEDDING BELLS

CONGRATULATIONS, KOHAWK BRIDES AND GROOMS



1983

Betsy Peterson and Connie Langellier of College Station, Texas, on Nov. 14.

2012

Roxie Wincenciak and Nick Benning of Carol Stream, Illinois, on March 31. **Sarah Henderson** Otton '12 and **Chelsea Simmons** '12 were bridesmaids. Also in attendance were **Isaac Fox-Poulsen** '12 and **Jason Nguyen** '12.

2014

Amanda Kohn and Ben Lang of Medford, Massachusetts, on July 15, 2017.

Sean Stokstad and **Kelsey Tardrew** '15 of Madison, Wisconsin, on Oct. 7.

2016

Kelsey Kemp and Andrew Gonner of Dubuque, Iowa, on Oct. 7.

2013

Shanel Wermerskirchen and **John Slater** '14 of Cedar Rapids on Dec. 2. Kohawks in attendance were **Michael Janssen** '14, **Kevin Powell** '15, **Sandy Krueger** Locke '14, **Elizabeth Rumpza** '14, **Christopher King** '13, **Kallie Bamsey** '14 and **Cinnamon Moore** '16.

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IN MEMORIAM

GONE BUT NEVER FORGOTTEN



*indicates decedent was a member of the Coe College Heritage Club. For information, contact Vice President for Advancement **David Hayes** '93 at 319.399.8555 or dhayes@coe.edu.*

1938 Jewel Auman Blahnik, 100, of Marshalltown, Iowa, on April 7. She was a public school music supervisor for several years, and was a violinist with the Cedar Rapids Symphony Orchestra while living in Cedar

Rapids. In 1950, Jewel and her husband, Richard, moved to Marshalltown and established Dick's Auto Supply, which they owned and operated until the business was sold in 1978. She is survived by a son, Richard Blahnik Jr.

1940 Jane Sigmund Cooper, 99, of Marion, Iowa, on March 10. She worked for the United States Postal Service and also the late Central City Dr. Alfred Brendel. She is survived by a son, Larry Cooper of Cedar Rapids; eight grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

1943 Grace Bakken Walter, 95, of Carmel, California, on Jan. 10. She taught music briefly and was a homemaker. She was an accomplished decorative and folk art painter, winning several awards locally as well as statewide. She is survived by two sons, James Walter Jr. of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and Charles Walter of Bellingham, Washington; four granddaughters; and a great-grandchild.

James Pope, 97, of Bloomington, Minnesota, on April 23. He served in the Army stationed in the Pacific region for the last few years of World War II. He was a graphic arts photographer

in book publishing at Bethany International. He is survived by two sons, Stephen and Robert; four grandsons; and four great-grandchildren.

1944 Gordon Currie, 94, of Prospect, Kentucky, on March 24. While working for Mack Trucks, he was selected for the Advanced Management Program at Harvard University. With the 8th Air Force in 1944-45, flying multiple tours as lead navigator of his B-24 unit, he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. After the war, he found his calling in business finance and management. He was vice president-controller of Mack Trucks. "Retiring" early at age 55, he bought the Mack Truck

distributorship in Louisville and learned to drive the rigs himself. Later he became a certified financial planner and consultant, helping small businesses become stable, profitable operations. At 71, as a consultant with SCORE, he spent a month at a Russian truck factory. He served as a census worker, an election proctor, and a volunteer driver and board member for SeniorCare Experts. He also taught accounting and finance at Webster University at their campuses around the world. At 85, after 25 years of service, they awarded him a commemorative armchair. He is survived by a brother, James of Sun City, Arizona; four children, Mark Currie of Moscow, Russia; Sarah Currie Fox of Philadelphia; Todd Currie of Seattle; and Amy Currie of Louisville; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

1946 Jane Kirkman Peyton, 94, of White Plains, New York, on April 8. She began her career as a school teacher in Ottumwa, Iowa. She later worked at Yellowstone Park in Montana and taught several secondary-level classes for schools in Cheyenne, Wyoming. After moving to Washington, D.C., and Arlington, Virginia, she resumed her career as a teacher at the St. Agnes Catholic School. She is survived by two sons, Patrick of North Beach, Maryland, and James of White Plains; two brothers, Philip and Burton, and a sister, Jean Ward.

1948 Donna Orr Welterlen, 90, of Edgewood, Iowa, on April 6. After college, she moved to Edgewood to begin her teaching career. She is survived by a son, Eugene of Mons, Belgium; two daughters, Nancy Miller of Austin, Texas, and Marilyn Funk of Cedar Rapids; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a sister, June Orr of Cedar Rapids.

1950 Jane Hughes Rendall, 90, of Lombard, Illinois, on April 14. She was a member of Kappa Delta Sorority. She worked at the Rambler Shop in downtown Downers Grove for more than 12 years. She is survived by her husband,

George Rendall, Lexington Square, 555 Foxworth Blvd. Apt. 126, Lombard, IL 60148; three children, Thomas Rendall, William Rendall and Barbara Hochstadt; and four grandchildren.

1953 Jean Rogers Harris, 86, of Castle Rock, Colorado, on Feb. 8. She was a lab technician at St. Francis Hospital in Colorado Springs, at KSB Hospital, and later LeSage Clinic, before becoming a school teacher. She was an active school teacher for 25 years, in the gym as a physical education instructor, and later teaching fifth and sixth grades at Lincoln and Jefferson elementary schools. She is survived by a daughter, Denise Harris-Frazier of Franktown.

Retired Air Force Lt. Colonel **Robert Slater**, 87, of Owls Head, Maine, on April 4 in Cocoa Beach, Florida. He served 20 years as an Air Force pilot, and retiring in 1973 from Patrick Air Force Base where he flew the ARIA during the Apollo missions. His squadron delivered the first samples of Moon rocks to Houston Space Center. He also trained in the F105 and flew the C-119 and the C-135 refueling planes in Vietnam. He continued flying a crop dusting plane after moving to Owls Head in 1977. He also operated Slater Service Lighting. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, **Dolores "Dolly" Johnson Slater '56**, 118 Bayside W., Owls Head, ME 04854; three daughters, Cynthia Kendall, Sandra Wurtzebach and Judith Eberle; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a sister, **Jean Slater Kerns '60** of Tampa, Florida.

1956 Kenneth James, 87, of St. Ann, Missouri, on April 9 after many years battling skin cancer. He served in the Army from 1948-52. He was an accountant by trade and worked for McDonnell-Douglas from 1967-87. For several years, he operated James Accounting & Tax Service. His last job was with Save a Day Laundry, where he retired at age 80 after 20 years of service. He is survived by a son, Jeffrey of Redlands, California; a daughter, Diane of Florissant; a sister, Ruth Reist of Muscatine, Iowa; and a brother, Robert of Peoria, Illinois.

JoAnne Petersen Albert, 83, of Cedar Rapids, on March 14. She worked at Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. until 1961. She is survived by a son, Jon.

Janet Thoman Feiden, 84, of West Des Moines, Iowa, on March 18. She was a member of Chi Omega sorority. She was proud to attend classes in Old Main, which was built by her great-grandfather. She was assistant personnel director at Iowa National Mutual Insurance Co. She later became co-owner of Feiden Insurance Agency, which she and her husband ran for 30 years. She is survived by her husband of 61 years, Robert Feiden, 4812 Pommel Place, West Des Moines, IA 50265; three daughters, Kimberly Glandorf, Linda Feiden and Michelle Gentile; and five grandchildren.

1960 Judith Burnette Snow, 78, of Palatine, Illinois, on Feb. 4. She is survived by her husband of 57 years, John Snow Jr., 886 E. Holly Way, Palatine, IL 60074; and a son, David.

Tim Evans, 80, of Cedar Rapids, on March 27. He graduated from Cincinnati School of Mortuary Science in 1967. He worked as a funeral director in the family business until it was sold. He then went on to work in a successful career in sales. He is survived by a daughter, Kelli Evans of Cedar Rapids; a son, Ryan Evans of Shanghai, China; a brother, Mike Evans and a sister, Molly Scott, both of Cedar Rapids; a brother, Tom Evans of Idaho; and five grandchildren.

1963 Linda Weinberg Letcher, 76, of Superior, Montana, on Jan. 26. Paying her own way through college by working summers at the Salerno Cookie Factory in Chicago, she received her bachelor's in English. Widowed in 1981, she supported her two children by working nights as a records clerk at Columbus Hospital. She later pursued a successful career as a job developer at Easter Seals and Golden Triangle Mental Health Center, where her innovative and effective programs received numerous commendations. She

is survived by two children, Tim Van Buren and Amy Van Buren; a granddaughter; and a sister, Jennie Schmidt.

1964 Robert Husman, 92, of Monticello, Iowa, on April 13. He began his teaching career at age 17 in the rural schools of Jones County. While teaching he graduated from Coe College and the University of Iowa. He served in the Army from 1951-53. After 42 years of teaching, he retired in 1987. He is survived by a sister, Anne Marie Plueger; and a brother, Jon.

1968 Alexis Monell Joseph, 71, of Kinnelon, New Jersey, on April 26. She had a successful career as a retailer, first as an executive for Bloomingdale's and Macy's, and later as the founder of Burton & Lovejoy, a unique antique and home decor store in Paramus. After retiring from retail, she returned to the art world. Her works were mostly pastel landscapes for which she received many awards. She is survived by her husband of 38 years, Richard Joseph, 6 Orchard Rd., Kinnelon, NJ 07405; a daughter, Kimberly Cannon-Anderson; a brother, Lloyd Monell Jr.; a sister, Sherry Wartens; and two grandchildren.

1971 Chuck Evers, 69, of Canyon Lake, Texas, on Jan. 25. A proud member of the Kohawk Nation, he was a standout athlete on the Coe football team and a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity. He taught history and coached football and basketball at Lyons Junior High School from 1971-73. He spent 34 years in the newspaper industry before retiring in 2008. He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Sharon Evers, 1538 Mountain View Dr., Canyon Lake, TX 78133; two sons: Charles Evers II of Austin and Robert Marcontell of Beaumont; and two siblings, Martha Eversoll and Chris Evers, both of Clinton, Iowa.



Virginia Meyers Carpenter, 69, of Columbia, Missouri, on Feb. 2. She graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor's in English. She is survived by four children, Benjamin, Joshua, Daniel and Kimberly; and three granddaughters.

Edwin "Clay" Thompson, 68, of Phoenix, on April 22. He was a reporter, editor and columnist who delighted readers for nearly 20 years. He landed his first real journalism job as a reporter at the Cedar Valley (Iowa) Daily Times. He moved on to become a reporter in Davenport, Iowa, returning after a brief stint as an editor in Charles City, Iowa. In 1979, he got a job at the Phoenix Gazette, where he served a number of reporting and editing roles, including religion writer and general-assignment editor. After the Gazette merged with The Republic in 1995, he held several positions and began writing occasional front-page columns. His columns have been compiled into three anthologies: "Clay Thompson's Valley 101: A skewed guide to living in Arizona," "The Valley 101 big book of life" and "Occupy Gooberville." He is survived by two daughters, Madeleine and Elizabeth; and a grandson.

1974 Deb Schroyer Dessel, 65, of West Union, Iowa, on March 31. She earned her teaching degree from Upper Iowa University and worked as a third grade teacher at West Union Elementary School until her retirement. In 1993 she was the Iowa Conservation Teacher of the Year. She was also a member on the Fayette County Conservation Board and was assistant commissioner of Fayette County Soil and Water Conservation District. She is survived by her husband of 39 years, John Dessel, 507 Easy St., West Union, IA 52175; a daughter, Janell McElree of West Union; two grandchildren; her mother, Lil Hansel of West Union; and a brother, Mike Schroyer of West Union.

1976 Burr Ekstrand, 63, of Hazleton, Iowa, on Feb. 16. He was a parts manager at Rydell in Waterloo. He is survived by his wife of 39 years, Connie, 1314 Kentucky Ave., of Hazleton, IA 50641; three children, BJ of Hazleton, Eric of Oelwein and Erin of Arcadia, Wisconsin; two grandsons; a sister, Janet Herrington of Cedar Rapids; and his parents, Dick Ekstrand '53 and Doris Heitland Ekstrand '52 of Hiawatha.

1984 David Conway, 57, of Cedar Rapids, on Feb. 10. He was a design electrical engineer with NORAND Data Systems (INTERMEC) in Cedar Rapids from 1984-88. He served as a principle electrical engineer at Rockwell Collins in Cedar Rapids from 1988-2013. In 2013, he founded Conway International Limited, providing power electronics consulting expertise to companies and individuals worldwide. He was a three-time Engineer of the Year at Rockwell Collins and was awarded many U.S. patents for his electrical designs. He earned his black belt and other awards while a master and instructor at Mr. Jung's Tae Kwon Do Academy in Cedar Rapids. He is survived by his parents, Donald and Vera of Cedar Rapids; a brother, Daniel of Middletown, Rhode Island; and three sisters, Judith Lindsay of Central City, Cathleen Harrelson of Ely, and **Rebecca Conway Stebral '89**, 1510 Ridge Top Dr. NE, Swisher, IA 52338.

1986 Bob York, 80, of Cedar Rapids, on Feb. 13. He served in the Air Force during the Korean War. He was the plant manager at Duane Arnold Energy Center for several years and, later, was the corporate nuclear maintenance manager at the Tennessee Valley Authority. He is survived by a son, Terry of York, Nebraska; two daughters, Jeanette Kipina of West Chester, Ohio, and Sandra Bills of Cedar Rapids; two brothers, Clifton of Washington state and Merle of Arkansas; and six grandchildren.

1966 Marlene Myers, 74, of Hiawatha, Iowa, from complications related to Parkinson's disease on April 4. Following high school, she worked as a stenographer at Collins Radio. Always a lover of learning, she spent many years as a student. She received her teacher's associate and associate's degree from Kirkwood Community College in 1982. In 1985, she started working in the student life office at Coe. She loved life on campus and decided to continue her education at Coe. In 1990, she was initiated into Phi Beta Kappa and graduated cum laude with a bachelor's in psychology. She then received her master's in higher education from Iowa State University in 1995. In 2004, she received her master's in pastoral ministries from St. Mary's College in Winona, Minnesota. She worked as a pastoral minister for St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Hiawatha from 1995-2006. She was preceded in death by her husband of 43 years, Albert Myers '91. She is survived by four children, Dawn Zulgad of Minneapolis, **Leisa Myers Osterhaus '91** and her husband **Brian Osterhaus '88**, 30814 Golf Course Rd., Dyersville, IA 52040, **Kurt Myers '94** of Marion, and Kraig Myers of Walker; two granddaughters; a brother, Calvin Klopp; and a sister, Jo-anne DeLong.

2004 Michael Glesne, 37, of Elkader, Iowa, on April 20, 2018, at University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City. For the past several years, Michael helped manage Coast to Coast — the 127-year-old family business. He is survived by his parents, Maury and Linda Glesne, 512 Oak St. NE, Elkader, IA 52043; and a sister, Denise Alexie of Strawberry Point.

2005 Mike McCabe, 35, of Cresco, Iowa, on March 31. He worked for adults with special needs at The Arc of East Central Iowa for six years. He is survived by his parents, John and Diane, 727 Third Ave. E., Cresco, IA 52136; a brother, Patrick of Lawler; a sister, Mary Donaho of Wister, Oklahoma; and grandparents, Frank and Rita Schulte.

2007 Maria Parbs, 33, of Cedar Rapids, on March 19. After receiving her nursing degree from Coe, she landed her dream job in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, where she spent 10 years caring for the most critical babies. She is survived by her parents, Ronald and Shelley Parbs, 3345 57th Street Lane, Center Point, IA 52213; a brother, Jason; and a grandmother, Barbara.



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UPDATES AND ACCOLADES

Deb Neuendorf Bahr '06 was promoted to director of information technology.

Professor of Theatre Arts **Dennis Barnett** has three translations in the forthcoming anthology *Serbian Plays*. Also, his translation of one of the plays in the book, *Hipnoza jedne ljubav* (The Hypnosis of Love) was presented as a staged reading as part of the International Voices Project in Chicago on May 3.

Angie Calhoun joined Coe as controller.

Professor of Chemistry **Maria Dean** received the distinguished faculty award at American Association of University Women-Iowa State Conference in Fort Dodge on April 21.

Marcia DeJong, 80, of Cedar Rapids died March 30. She was a career educator, holding positions as an elementary school teacher, and as a faculty member at Saginaw Valley State University and in teacher education at Coe. She was preceded in death by her husband, former Coe Professor of Biology **Peter DeJong**. She is survived by her husband, Richard; a sister, Jeannie Vanden Berg; two sons, David and **Peter DeJong '87** and his wife, **Susan Brown DeJong '85**; and four grandchildren.

Esther and Robert Armstrong Assistant Professor of Communication Studies **Terri Donofrio** was chosen to participate in a Kettering Foundation-funded "Deliberative Pedagogy, Theory and Practice" preconference at the International Communication Association conference in Prague.

Marc Falk was promoted to professor of music.

William P. and Gayle S. Whipple Associate Professor of Spanish **Monica Fuertes-Arboix** published "El discurso mítico de la Edad Media en la Historia General de España de Modesto Lafuente" in *Lectura y Signo*.

Assistant Professor of English **Audrey Golden** published "The Terrible Genius of Literature: Reassessing Reconciliation in Nadine Gordimer's *The House Gun*" in the journal *Law, Culture and the Humanities*.

Stephen Hughes was promoted to associate professor of computer science and granted tenure.

Kim Lanegran was promoted to professor of political science.

Brody Rohach joined Coe as offensive and recruiting coordinator for Kohawk football.

Mailroom Supervisor **Shari Saari** retired after 22 years at Coe.

Professor of Chemistry **Marty St. Clair** co-authored "Effectiveness of a Newly Reconstructed Floodplain Oxbow to Reduce Nitrate Loads from a Spring Flood" in *Journal of Environmental Management*.

Maria Saldana, 95 of Cedar Rapids, died March 27. She worked in housekeeping at Coe for over 17 years. She is survived by five children; Arthur of Oswego, Illinois, Becky Deal of Cedar Rapids, Paul of Cedar Rapids, Margaret Riha of Belle Plaine, and Jeannie Saldana Shears of Cedar Rapids; four sisters, Imelda Munoz, Edelmira Martinez, Luz Maria Gervasio and Ofelia Vinas; three brothers, Salvador, Silvestre and Raul Bustos; 12 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Assistant Professor of Music **Steve Shanley** was commissioned by the North Central Bandmasters Association to write an original work for concert band, *Danzonito*, and conducted the premiere in November. He wrote four musical arrangements for Orchestra Iowa: three featuring pianist/singer Eddie Piccard at the December Holiday Pops concert, and one for the Discovery Children's Chorus concert in November. He also wrote the musical arrangements for pianist Jim McDonough's "Holiday Grande" Iowa tour in December. Shanley and Alma A. Turechek Professor of Music **Bill Carson** were both soloists for the Corridor Jazz Project, sponsored by KCCK FM. They both also served as clinicians and adjudicators for the Northeast Iowa Jazz Festival and for the Baxter (Iowa) Solo Festival.

Assistant Professor of Music **Loralee Songer** performed in a recital entitled "With Flute and Song" on March 12, at 7:30 p.m. in Daehler-Kitchin Auditorium of Marquis Hall.

Retired English Professor **Ann Struthers** read from her new poetry book on March 20 in Kesler Lecture Hall of Hickok Hall. Her latest publication, "The Kindness of Crocodiles," was the winner of the Wild Leek Press Inaugural Chapbook Competition.

Randi Thon joined Coe as reference assistant and interlibrary loan supervisor in the Learning Commons Department.

Associate Professor of Nursing **Mary Tobin** published "Interpersonal Conflict and Organizational Commitment among Licensed Practical Nurses" in the journal, *The Health Care Manager*.

Assistant Professor of English **Nick Twemlow** read from his new poetry book on March 20 in Kesler Lecture Hall of Hickok Hall. His second collection, "Attributed to the Harrow Painter," was published in late 2017 in the Kuhl House Poets Series by the University of Iowa Press.

Jesse Upham was promoted to assistant registrar.

Angela Ziskowski was promoted to associate professor of history and granted tenure.



Lonnie Zingula, who has chronicled life at Coe for nearly 17 years, left Coe on May 29th to pursue an opportunity with UnityPoint St. Luke's. We thank Lonnie for his commitment to curating stories and Coe memories and being a critical part of the Coe community. The quality of the *Courier* during his tenure has been consistently high and something that all Kohawks looked forward to reading.



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