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Greetings from Coe College.

For this issue of the Courier, I reflect on the value of creating a welcoming environment. As with any fall semester, our hard-working staff and faculty pulled off an incredible orientation to welcome students to Coe, whether they are taking their first steps on a college campus, transferring from another institution or returning to us from a summer off. Coe is fortunate to bring in 424 new students as part of the incoming class, and I encourage you to read more about this class on page 13.

Just as Coe supports our students' curiosities, so too do we embrace new perspectives and forward-thinking ideas as an organization. I am proud to have this issue introduce the five new members of the Board of Trustees who began their tenure at our fall Board meeting. You can meet them on page 14. Every Trustee contributes their unique perspective to the governance of Coe College based on their varied and extensive expertise, backgrounds and passions. Also at this meeting, the Board discussed the strategic direction for the college. I look forward to sharing more with you through separate communication in the coming months and advancing together toward Coe's bright future. This direction is founded upon the college's strengths and will put forth innovative ideas to build upon these assets while meeting the challenges and opportunities of the coming years.

Some of our strengths are incredibly easy to name. We proudly share updated rankings from the Princeton Review recognizing the merit of our accessible professors and the power of C3: Creativity, Careers, Community on page 12. The strength of our alumni community also bolsters our success as an institution, and one of my favorite moments each fall is welcoming crowds of alumni back to campus for Homecoming. Page 4 provides a glimpse of this year's celebrations, recognitions and reunions. Not only is our Kohawk community essential in molding this high-energy annual weekend, but they also contribute their time, talent and treasure to shape our students' experiences. As such, this issue of the Courier contains the 2022-2023 Annual Report starting on page 25, where you can see just how powerful this impact is. Your involvement with Coe is invaluable, and I would like to personally thank each of our alumni, faculty, staff, friends and community partners for helping make a difference. You remain the cornerstone of Coe College, and your continued support is necessary to sustain and grow Coe as we move forward together.

There are many other Coe updates I could share with you, from improvements to our residential spaces (see page 18) to alumni accomplishments (see page 32), but I will let you discover these stories yourself. With that, I invite you to enjoy these rich pages of the fall 2023 Courier. Alma mater, hail, hail, hail.

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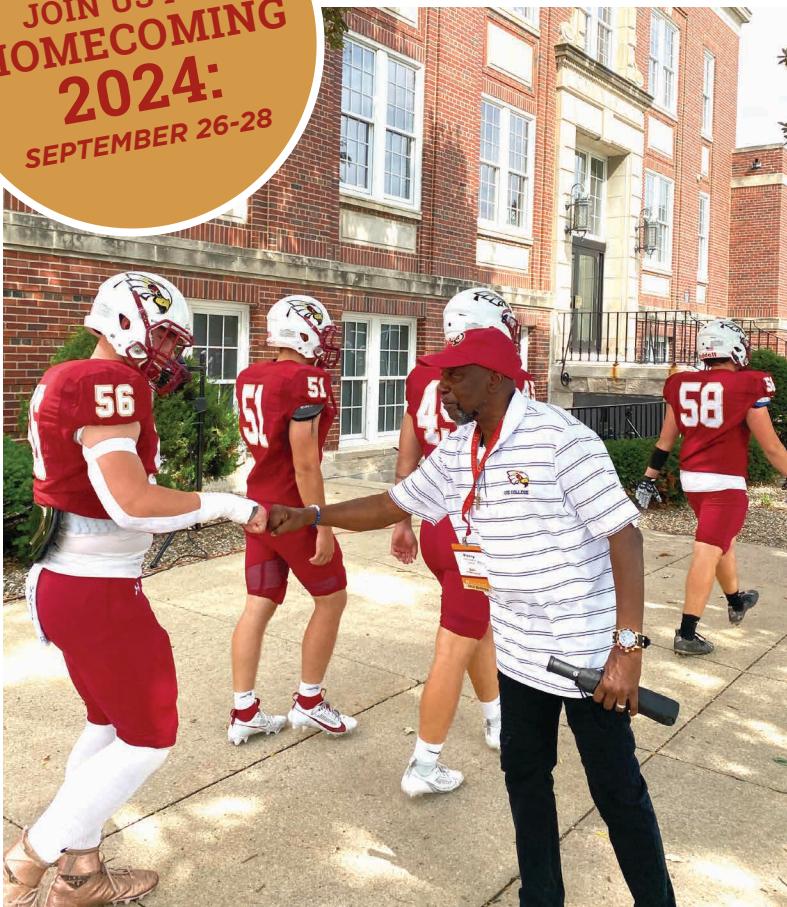
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HOMECOMING

— *FIGHT ON, YOU KOHAWKS!* —

SEPTEMBER 21-24, 2023



A good luck fist bump from an alum is all the football team needed to defeat Nebraska Wesleyan.

Over 400 alumni and friends came back to Coe's campus for Homecoming, filling the weekend with reunions, celebrations and a victory on the football field against the Nebraska Wesleyan Prairie Wolves 56-6.

This Homecoming was especially meaningful for several groups who had additional reunions outside of class years. Prior to the Homecoming Showcase Concert, a music department reception was held for alumni involved in music at Coe, whether they were music majors, part of the band, show choir members or anything in between. A reunion was also held for Kohawks who had taken part in Washington, D.C. Term during its 60 years on Coe's campus. See the summer 2023 Courier for more information and memories about this enduring off-campus study tradition. Both reunions were great opportunities for alumni to reminisce about some of their favorite memories and learn about current happenings from professors.



Four alumni were recognized by Coe College at the All-Alumni Recognition Program: (left to right) **Harold Robinson '68** with the Distinguished Service Award, **Kari Oldfield-Tabbert '10** with the Young Alum Award, **Clint Stevenson '73** with the Alumni Award of Merit and **Steve Kennedy '78** with the Distinguished Service Award.

HONORING DISTINGUISHED KOHAWKS

Kari Oldfield-Tabbert '10 received the Young Alum Award, presented by her mother **Carol Eckebrecht Oldfield '87**, due to her incredible success during the early years of her career in the ever-increasingly relevant field of public health. At Coe, Kari studied political science, public relations and communication studies with a minor in writing. In 2014, she received her Juris Doctorate from Hamline University with certificates in general health law and health care compliance.

Kari has spent five years with the Local Public Health Association (LPHA) of Minnesota as executive director, providing organization management, strategic development, relationship building, member engagement and legislative advocacy. She has advocated for policy changes and raised more than \$30 million per year in ongoing investment for local and tribal public health agencies. During the 2022-23 year, she served as chair of the Council of State Associations of County and City Health Officials organization.

Kari's passion for public health and advocacy was recognized by the LPHA Legislative Leadership Award in 2019 and Chair's Award in 2020, and she was named to the de Beaumont 40 Under 40 in Public Health list in 2021. Her expertise and communication skills have led to her recent publications in the peer-reviewed International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health and the Journal of Public Health Management and Practice.

With a proven track record of investment and team leadership spanning three decades, **Clint Stevenson '73** received the Alumni Award of Merit, presented by fellow classmate **Debbie Brooks '73**. After graduating from Coe with his bachelor's degree in mathematics and economics, Clint received his master's degree in economics and MBA from Stanford University in 1974 and 1977.

Clint established a reputation for building effective investment strategies from coast to coast as a retirement plan, thrift plan, endowment and foundation investor. Since 2016, he has been the investment director for the California Public Employees Retirement System. In addition to managing a \$2 billion portfolio, Clint chairs the diversity, equity and inclusion committee of his office and collaborates with the sustainable investment team to deliver superior risk-adjusted returns while advancing a sustainable future. Clint has been an asset to many community-minded organizations through serving on their boards. He currently holds the position of Investment Committee Co-Chair on the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) board, and he has also contributed to the experience of Coe alumni as a committee member for the Class of 1973's 50th Reunion at Homecoming.

Harold Robinson '68 has lived an impressive life of service as a rabbi and rear admiral in the Navy, and he was one of two recipients of the Distinguished Service Award, with his being presented by B. D. Silliman Professor of Physics Steve Feller. Within six years of earning his bachelor's degree in history and political science from Coe, Harold received a Bachelor of Hebrew Letters, a master's degree and ordination as a Rabbi from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati, Ohio. He was also awarded the honorary degrees of Doctor of Divinity from Hebrew Union College in 1999 and Doctor of Humane Letters from Coe College in 2005.

Harold served as a congregational rabbi in Indiana, Louisiana and Massachusetts, and he has also served on numerous boards and commissions throughout the years. Commissioned by the Navy as an ensign in 1971 and a chaplain in 1975, Harold's variety of reserve and active-duty leadership positions include, among others, Commanding Officer of the U.S. Atlantic Fleet Submarine Command Religious Support Group; Force Chaplain of the Iceland Defense Force; Instructor at Naval Chaplains School; Seabee National Chaplain and Special Assistant for Reserve Manpower to the Chief of Naval Chaplains. In 2003 he was selected for flag rank. Besides numerous assignments within the United States, he has served overseas in Italy, Scotland, Iceland, Japan, Guam, the Persian Gulf, Bahrain, Djibouti, Cuba, Qatar, Afghanistan, Kuwait and Iraq.

Steve Kennedy '78 has been a career-long public educator, passionate about supporting

and improving education, and he was the other recipient of the Distinguished Service Award, presented by longtime friend **Terry Hiebert '76**. Steve received his bachelor's degree in psychology and elementary education certification, and he received his master's degree in social work from the University of Denver in 1986.

Steve has left an enduring legacy with education in the Denver, Colorado area. He has served schools and school districts as a teacher, social worker, principal, special education director and professor. Steve has been active in public education reform initiatives and training the next generation of public educators, as well as serving on many community-focused nonprofit boards.

Steve was a member of Coe's Alumni Council for over a decade, even serving as president. He also was a member of the Board of Trustees and "A Bolder Coe" strategic planning team. In 2000, he, his wife **Debbie LaPour Kennedy '77** and other family members established the W.E. "Cyclone" Kennedy Memorial Scholarship for off-campus study, named for Steve's grandfather. He co-established with fellow alumni the Richard Holland Memorial Scholarship in memory of All-American track and field star and friend, **Richard Holland '79**.



Emma Jean Graczyk '24 and Antonia Valdivia '24 were crowned Homecoming royals at the Kohawk Rock talent show! The rest of the Homecoming court included (left to right) **Kenzie Hilderbrand '24, DeeDee Dixon '24, Leilani Rocha '24, Daion Epps '24, Ana Lyons '24, John Patton '24, Meghan O'Connell '24 and Megan Norris '24.**



The Coe Athletic Hall of Fame inducted (left to right) **Nick LeClere '12**, **Keelie Finnel Schroeder '12**, **Frank Weymiller '13**, **Ashlee Simon Rush '12** and **Nick Stein '13** as new members.

CELEBRATING ATHLETIC EXCELLENCE

Nick LeClere '12 left a mark with his legacy for Kohawk wrestling and ranks inside the top 20 all-time at Coe in career wins, single-season wins and career falls. Nick is one of three Kohawk wrestlers to earn three or more All-American honors, securing a trio of top-four finishes during his three seasons in the starting lineup. He was the 2012 Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference champion at 165 pounds, and he finished his decorated career with a total record of 91-15, registering 25 major decisions, 22 falls and 15 tech falls. Nick picked up his first All-American honor as a sophomore in 2010, finishing fourth at the NCAA Championships before posting back-to-back runner-up finishes in 2011 and 2012. He ranks second all-time in single-season major decisions and third all-time in career major decisions. Nick puts his athletic skills and knowledge to use as the head wrestling coach at Kennedy High School in Cedar Rapids. He lives in Palo, Iowa, with his wife, fellow Kohawk and former softball standout **Maddison Woodruff LeClere '14**, and their children.

Ashlee Simon Rush '12 is one of the most dominant Division III softball pitchers in history, ranking inside the top 20 all-time in wins and innings. She also ranks inside the top 10 for total career strikeouts, racking up over 1,200 in her Kohawk career. Ashlee was a four-time All-Conference player, earning a pair of first-team selections and the conference pitcher of the year honor in 2011. She was named the Barron Bremner Outstanding Female Athlete in 2012 and remains Coe softball's career leader in wins, strikeouts, batting average against, strikeouts looking, innings pitched, appearances, starts, complete games and shutouts. While at Coe, Ashlee led the team to three NCAA Tournament appearances including a national runner-up finish in 2009 during her first-year season. Ashlee teaches in the Cedar Rapids Community School District and continues her athletic career as an assistant softball coach for the Kohawks. She and her husband, fellow Kohawk and Hall of Fame member **Clayton Rush '11**, reside in Marion, Iowa, with their three daughters.

Keelie Finnel Schroeder '12 is one of two Kohawk women's track and field athletes to have won numerous national championships in their career, claiming the indoor and outdoor national titles in the 800-meter in 2011. In total, Keelie earned eight All-American honors in her six appearances at the NCAA Championships. Her first two All-American finishes came in 2010, placing third in the indoor and outdoor 400-meter. One year later, she earned three All-American honors, adding a seventh-place finish in the indoor 1600-meter relay to her two national titles. She ended her career with three more All-American medals at the 2012 championships, finishing second in the indoor and outdoor 800 and sixth in the 1600 relay. Keelie holds nine school records and appears 24 times in the Kohawk track and field record book, and she is also a two-time recipient of the Barron Bremner Outstanding Female Athlete Award in 2010 and 2011 for accomplishments in both track and field and cross country. To this day, she remains the indoor record holder in the 400, 800 and 4x400 and the outdoor record holder in the 400, 800, 4x100 and sprint medley relay 1600. Keelie spends her time as a photographer in the Manitowoc, Wisconsin, area where she lives with her husband, fellow Kohawk and athlete **Ryan Schroeder '11**, and their family.

Nick Stein '13 was Coe baseball's first multi-All-American in over 30 years, earning national recognition in 2011 and 2012. Stein led Coe to a pair of NCAA Regional appearances and was a four-time first-team All-conference player. The 2011 and 2013 Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Position Player of the Year helped

the Kohawks to back-to-back conference tournament championships in 2011 and 2012. Nick owns five school records, finishing his career as the leader in home runs, runs, RBI, triples and steals. He also ranks inside the top five in walks, at-bats, doubles and hits while ranking ninth in career batting average. Nick led the IIAC in slugging and on-base percentage in two different seasons and was the league leader in runs for three years from 2011 to 2013. Nick's achievements remain prominent and in 2020, he was named to D3baseball.com's 2010 All-Decade Team. Today, he works as a senior associate health plan manager at Teledoc Health in Phoenix, Arizona.

Frank Weymiller '13, the 2012 Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Defensive MVP and 2013 Barron Bremner Outstanding Male Athlete, is amongst the greatest individual players to come through the Kohawk football program. A three-time first-team All-Conference player, Weymiller helped Coe to the best record in the IIAC during his career. Frank appears in the Coe record book 53 times and is the career leader in forced fumbles, sacks and tackles for loss while ranking 11th in total tackles. Weymiller set the single-season sack record in 2009, totaling 15.5 before reaching double-digits in 2011 and 2012. He led the IIAC in sacks, tackles for loss and forced fumbles in all three of his seasons and led the Kohawks to a conference title in 2012 as well as three NCAA Playoff appearances. After graduating from Coe, Frank stayed in the rural New Albin area with his wife and three sons to work in his family's farming operation.



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1. Cheers to the all-alumni celebration with specialty Coe Homecoming beer, its label designed by alum **Jon Sims '05**.

2. The conversation never stops at the Golden Garden Party, a special gathering for Coe alumni who have returned from the 50th reunion class and years prior to celebrate the golden years.

3. Fight On, You Kohawks! These alumni know what team is #1.

4. The Budhwani family knows the best way to start off Homecoming is with Charlie Kohawk at the Heritage Club dinner.

5. Alumni gather for a Washington, D.C. Term Reunion to reminisce about their experiences in the nation's capital.

6. Volleyball players (and families) are ready for the annual alumni game.

7, 8 & 9. Reunions were held for several groups of alumni on Saturday. The classes of 1992-1994 celebrated their 30th cluster reunion, and the classes of 2017-2019 celebrated their fifth cluster. The class of 1983 celebrated their 40th reunion, the class of 1998 celebrated their 25th reunion and the class of 2013 celebrated their 10th reunion.




RINGING IN **A NEW TRADITION**

For the Class of 1973, coming back to campus for their 50th reunion turned out to be even more special than they anticipated. They are the inaugural class to commemorate their golden reunion with a new tradition: ringing the Victory Bell.

In the mid-1990s, first-year students and graduating seniors began the tradition of ringing the bell to bookend their student experience.

The Victory Bell tradition has expanded once again, to celebrate all the successes and accomplishments of alumni in the 50 years since their time at Coe.

To learn more about the unique experience of reuniting with tradition, you can watch this video. 



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Coe Alumni-Owned Business Directory

The Coe Alumni-Owned Business Directory features a list of businesses founded, owned or led by Coe alumni. You can browse the growing list of alumni-owned businesses to support the entrepreneurial efforts of fellow Kohawks and learn about discounts exclusively for Coe alumni.

To add your organization to the 40-plus businesses already in the directory, please provide your information.

**Inclusion is not an endorsement by Coe College; Coe has not evaluated the businesses or the products they offer.*





Coe Earns Multiple TOP RANKINGS

~ from National Publications ~

Every year, Coe College earns national recognition for its stellar student resources, involved professors and societal impact. This year was no exception. Driven by a powerful alumni network with 4,000+ Kohawks in the Corridor, Coe students have unparalleled opportunities to network, intern and ultimately create successful careers and lead vibrant lives. Multiple national publications have chosen to honor Coe for cultivating its impressive student-first environment. Over the last year, Coe has earned recognition from:

The Princeton Review:

- #12 Best for Internships among Private Schools
- #8 Best Career Services
- #7 Most Accessible Professors
- Best Value Colleges
- Best 389 Colleges

Niche:

- Top Ten in Iowa for...
- Best Liberal Arts Colleges
- Best Professors
- Best Academics
- Best Small Colleges

U.S. News & World Report:

- Top Performers on Social Mobility
- Best National Liberal Arts Colleges

Washington Monthly:

- Top 100 Liberal Arts Colleges

These rankings are due largely in part to the range of resources available to students. It begins in the classroom with dedicated professors and extends to C3: Creativity, Careers, Community, which provides dedicated advisors who help students prepare for interviews, build resumes, write cover letters and discover job opportunities. As a result of this foundation, Coe is able to guarantee each student will have an internship, research position or off-campus study before graduation.

Between the exceptional career services and nationally recognized accessible professors, Kohawks graduate with the skills and experience they need to find success after college. This is why, for over 10 years, nearly 100% of reporting Coe graduates have been employed, in graduate school or engaging in service work within nine months of graduation.



COE COLLEGE WELCOMES

ONE OF THE *largest* AND *most* geographically diverse
INCOMING CLASSES IN ITS HISTORY

At the beginning of this academic year, Coe welcomed 424 new Kohawks — comprising one of the largest and most geographically diverse incoming classes in its 173-year history.

The incoming class represents 26 states, 21 countries and includes 48 international students, the most ever for a single incoming class. Among the class, 59% planned to join one of Coe's 22 Division III athletic teams as student-athletes, also the highest number ever for a single class.

"The diversity in backgrounds and experiences in this class reflects the dynamic atmosphere on campus. I'm excited for these incoming students to make their mark. This academic year also welcomes the largest incoming class of Kohawk student-athletes and continues to showcase Coe as the premier destination for students to excel both academically

and athletically," said Associate Vice President for Enrollment and Dean of Admission Josh Kite.

The new Kohawks enrolled despite a challenging recruitment environment nationwide.

"The faculty and professional staff at Coe have created the type of education and experience that today's students want. From the attention you can expect from professors to the valuable internships outside of class, there is a level of value that's difficult to find anywhere else," said Coe's Vice President for Enrollment, Marketing and Institutional Effectiveness **Julie Kleis Staker '93**.

Currently, Coe holds a number of national rankings from The Princeton Review, including No. 7 for Most Accessible Professors and No. 8 for Best Career Services, as well as the No.

12 Best School for Internships among private schools. Coe is Iowa's only college or university to be ranked in any of these categories.

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

The new Kohawks officially began their paths to success with Coe on Move In Day, August 19. Members of the incoming class are paired with success coaches within the Office of Student Success and Persistence to jumpstart their transition to Coe and into college life. The coaches work individually with students to develop positive academic habits and introduce them to the multitude of resources available on campus like tutoring, the writing center and career services.

Meet the class of 2027

424
new Kohawks

26
states

21
countries

48
international
students

59%
student-athletes

New Faces

ON THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Five new members of the Coe College Board of Trustees were installed in 2023, adding alumni, community leaders and the Young Alumni Trustee to Coe's governing body. These members include **H. Bola George '00**, **Shion Kabasele '22**, **Stephanie Kroger '88**, **Jon Reiner '09** and Okpara Rice.

H. BOLA GEORGE '00



George earned his bachelor's degree in chemistry and physics from Coe in 2000. He went on to earn his doctorate in applied physics from Harvard University in 2007 and his Juris Doctorate from Yale Law School in 2013.

George currently serves as vice president and assistant general counsel for JPMorgan Chase & Co., where he advises on transactional and regulatory matters. Previously, he was an associate at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP in Washington, D.C., where worked on a range of white-collar investigations and complex commercial litigation matters in federal and state courts. He has also maintained an active pro bono practice. Before embarking on a legal career, George was a research scientist and data analytics consultant.

As a Coe student, George was involved in various extracurriculars as well as many academic honor societies. As an alum, George has attended alumni events in his area and is a loyal donor, especially in his support of the Coe physics program. He currently lives in the Chicago area.

SHION KABASELE '22



Originally from Dallas, Texas, Kabasele came to Iowa to earn her bachelor's degree in biology, psychology and neuroscience from Coe College in 2022. She is currently attending the University of Iowa as a PhD candidate in the behavioral cognitive neuroscience program, studying the neural pathways involved with substance abuse.

Kabasele has worked as a research assistant at the University of Iowa in various capacities, a patient care technician at UnityPoint Health and an admission assistant for Coe College. She also volunteered as a tour guide, panelist and scholarship interviewer for Coe. As an undergraduate student, Kabasele was involved in the psychology club, Japanese Student Association and many academic honor societies, and she was a Supplemental Instruction (SI) leader for introductory biology courses.

Kabasele was installed to the Coe College Board of Trustees as the Young Alumni Trustee. This position was an initiative of the Board in the 1970s, and it was renewed to aid in contributing fresh and recent perspectives to the college's governing body.

STEPHANIE KROGER '88



Kroger earned her bachelor's degree in English and political science from Coe in 1988. After graduating, she went on to earn her Juris Doctorate from Columbia University in 1991 and was admitted to the Texas state bar.

She has served as senior vice president of regulatory and business development for the Hunt Energy Network in Dallas, Texas, since 2022. In her current position, she is involved in developing large-scale battery energy storage and distributed energy projects through Texas. She has over three decades of experience in the electric utility industry, including being deeply involved in developing landmark competitive electricity legislation in Texas. Prior to her current position, Kroger built her professional career as an attorney at Eversheds Sutherland LLP, Andrews Kurth LLP and Mayor, Day, Caldwell & Keeton LLP.

Kroger was a highly involved student during her time at Coe, including being a member of many academic honor societies and spending a term in Washington, D.C. Today, she is an equally active alumna, regularly attending Homecoming, loyally supporting the Annual Fund and previously serving as a member of the President's Advisory Council (PAC). She and her husband, John, have two daughters, Katherine and Mary Margaret.

JON REINER '09



Reiner earned his degree in business administration from Coe in 2009. He served as executive vice president of Ryan Turner Specialty for 13 years, and in January he became co-president of RT Professional and Executive Liability (ProExec), where he is a team lead for Team Reiner/

Richmond. Prior to his work at RT Specialty, Reiner was a member of the Chicago office of CRC Insurance Services.

He has received many recognitions including being a three-time Broker of the Year and four-time Professional Liability Broker of the Year. His team was also recognized as the Business Insurance Wholesale Broker Team of the Year in 2022.

While a student at Coe, Reiner played four years on the baseball team as a catcher. He and RT Specialty have loyally supported the Coe athletic department as sponsors of the Annual Coe Athletic Golf Outing & Fundraiser.

Reiner currently lives in the Chicago area. In his free time, he enjoys golfing, snowboarding and spending time with his wife, Abby, and their two children.

OKPARA RICE



Since 2015, Rice has been the CEO of Tanager Place, Linn County's first children's human service agency. Rice utilizes his extensive experience in mental health, child welfare and human services to provide direction for the organization to offer programs and serve over

4,000 young people each year. Throughout his professional career, he has demonstrated a history of advocacy, coalition building, collaboration and goal attainment.

Both inside and outside of work, Rice is a leader in his community, serving on the board of directors for Cedar Rapids Bank and Trust, the Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation and the Marion Public Library. He is also a Civil Rights Commissioner for the city of Marion. In 2020 Rice was honored as an Iowa History Maker by the African American Museum of Iowa, and in 2021, Rice was named to the Corridor Business Journal's Most Influential Leaders List.

Rice earned his degree in social work from Loyola University Chicago in 1995 before receiving his master's degree in social work from Washington University in St. Louis in 1997, where he was honored as a Distinguished Alumnus in 2018.

Rice and his wife, Julie, live in Marion, Iowa, and have two children.

KOHAWK ALL-AMERICANS

PARSON AND REEVES

Following the conclusion of the 2022-23 athletic calendar, six Coe College athletes were selected as finalists for the Barron Bremner Outstanding Athlete awards — a tradition spanning nearly 30 years. The awards, which have been made possible by Life Trustee **John Strohm '79** and Mary Pat Link, annually honor the top three female athletes and the top three male athletes. The award was renamed after Barron Bremner in honor of his many years of outstanding service to the college, its students and the community as a beloved coach and athletic director.

Madilynn Parson '24, **Kaelyn Petersen '24** and **Ellie Thurow '23** were named the female finalists by the selection committee while **Alex Aitchison '24**, **Kaleb Reeves '23** and **Cael Schmitt '24** were selected as the male finalists. Combined, the athletes racked up six All-Conference, five All-Region and four All-American honors while setting numerous single-game, single-season and career records.

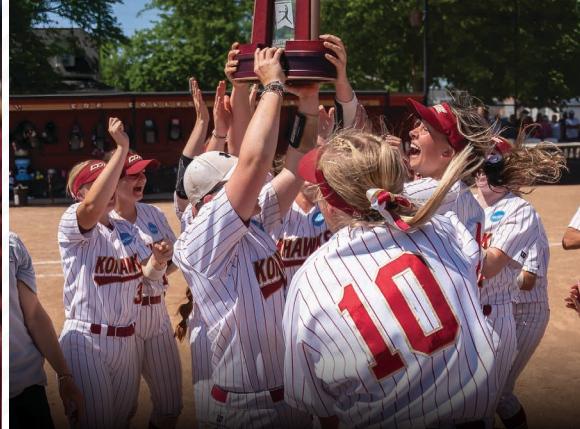
Parson was the A-R-C's volleyball MVP, leading the Kohawks to their first NCAA tournament since 2014. She later played an instrumental role on the softball team which reached the DIII World Series, earning a third place team finish. Petersen, an All-Region performer on the women's basketball team, set the single-game and single-season records for rebounding and helped the Kohawks to their highest win total in six seasons. Thurow was Coe softball's most dominant pitcher during the incredible postseason run, finishing the year with a 15-5 record and 1.31 ERA.

Aitchison had one of the best individual seasons in Coe football history, earning All-Region honors with 19 tackles for loss and 12 sacks. Both marks were top 15 in the nation and Aitchison was selected as an academic All-American following the campaign. Reeves closed out his decorated Coe wrestling career with his third All-American honor at 285 pounds, finishing runner-up at the DIII national championships. He finished the year with a

19-2 record and had 115 total points during the season to lead the Kohawks. Schmitt helped the Coe men's basketball team secure its first-ever conference tournament championship, earning the league's defensive MVP award along the way. He finished top 75 in the NCAA in points and 3s made and was named an academic All-American and Jostens Trophy finalist after his incredible year.

Parson and Reeves were announced as the 28th recipients of the Bremner Outstanding Athlete awards at a ceremony on Sunday, September 24, at the Clark Alumni House on campus. Director of Athletics & Recreation Steve Cook presented all six athletes with inscribed medallions and recapped the standout performances from each before revealing the winners. Reeves becomes the third-ever male back-to-back winner joining **Clayton Rush ('10 & '11)** and **Fred Jackson ('02 & '03)** while Parson is the second-straight volleyball player to earn the award joining her former teammate **Elli Teeple '22** from 2022.





SOFTBALL

SECURES SECOND-HIGHEST FINISH IN PROGRAM HISTORY

The Kohawk softball team put together a magical run in newly promoted head coach **Jake Koolbeck's '17** first year in charge of the program. A long-time assistant coach to **Diane Meyer '85**, Koolbeck was elevated to the top position in October and did not miss a beat. The first-year coach led his team to a third-place finish at the NCAA DIII World Series, the second-highest finish in program history.

Koolbeck could not predict the ultimate outcome but always had confidence in the group of players.

"Our players are incredible athletes and even better people," he said. "They embraced the coaching change from day one and trusted me and our staff immediately. I was fortunate to have such a great group to go through my first season with, and I am thankful for what they taught me along the way."

The Kohawks' postseason run started with a minor blip, falling in the opening round of the A-R-C tournament after claiming the regular season title.

Koolbeck and his team never wavered despite the bump, earning an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament. Coe hit the road for the regional round, bouncing back after an early loss in the tournament to earn the Whitewater Regional Championship behind a pair of victories over the host University of Wisconsin-Whitewater.

Coe was tabbed to host the super regional round against Hiram College. The Kohawks were a perfect 2-0 during the weekend, punching their ticket to the College World series with a 5-0 win in game one and a 2-1 win in game two. Coe would then start hot at the eight-team championship in Marshall, Texas, winning its opening two games against Linfield

challenging will be key for our future success. We will need to remain hungry and continue to trust our process. The talent and drive is ever-present in our program, and I can't wait for 2024!"

The success Koolbeck experienced started with his time under Meyer. Her mentorship led him to think big picture beyond just wins and losses — to "control the controllables."

“OUR PLAYERS ARE INCREDIBLE ATHLETES AND EVEN BETTER PEOPLE.”

"Our NCAA tournament run was special because of the people involved," Koolbeck said. "The experience was obviously special, but in the moment, it felt like any other day with our team. A few rough games at the end of the regular season and conference tournament were key learning moments that helped us recapture our momentum in the NCAA tournament."

Following the regional championship victory,

and Rowan. The Kohawks ultimately saw their season end to the eventual national champions Trine University, dropping a pair of games to the Thunder. Koolbeck looks back fondly on the run but knows now is not the time to become complacent.

"Every year is a new journey, but with last year's success we have seen what it takes to play with the best," said Koolbeck. "Using that knowledge to keep our training fun yet

"Coach Meyer was really good about giving me more responsibilities, the longer we coached together. She challenged me with practice planning, game preparation and also managing the day to day. These responsibilities, with her guidance and tips over the years, helped me feel ready this past season for all head coach responsibilities," Koolbeck said. "Coach Meyer was also great about putting the girls first and taking care of them as people. I was able to build on what I learned, put my own twist on a few things and continue to develop that culture within our program."

MURRAY AND GREENE *renovations*

Murray Hall is the tallest building on campus, and this past summer it was also one of the highest priorities among facilities upgrades. Thanks to help from generous donors, some sleek new spaces have improved the student living experience, and the opportunity exists to make the same impact in Greene!



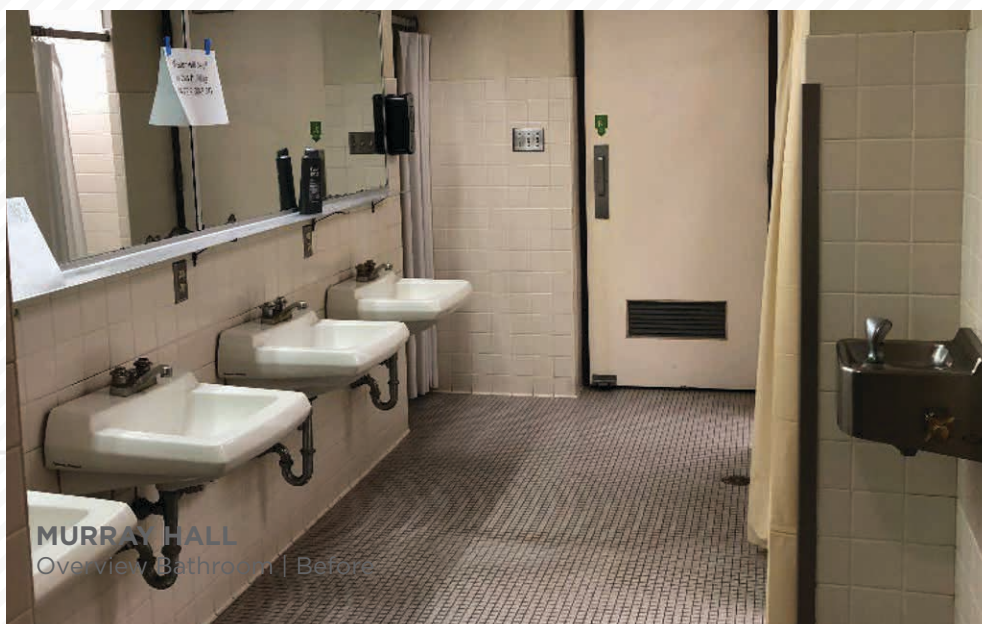
This summer, Coe College dedicated resources to renovating the Murray Hall bathrooms across all nine floors. The residence hall was constructed in 1966, and has not undergone any major renovations since. From May to October, construction crews worked around the clock to make this monumental change for the new school year. This infrastructure update wasn't just a facelift, either — plumbing and subfloor as well as new sinks, showers, toilets and tile were installed.

These updates won't stop at Murray! Coe will make similar improvements to Greene Hall after this academic year, as the last large renovation to Greene occurred in 1983. There is still time to contribute to the upcoming renovations, and ensure Kohawks will continue to thrive in their living spaces.

With your support, these projects will have a substantial impact on the residents of tomorrow and how they live each and every day. Both the Murray and Greene renovations will be capped off in summer 2025 with upgrades to the furnishings and student living spaces.



To learn more about supporting these projects, please contact Chantel Olufsen at colufsen@coe.edu or 319.399.8437.



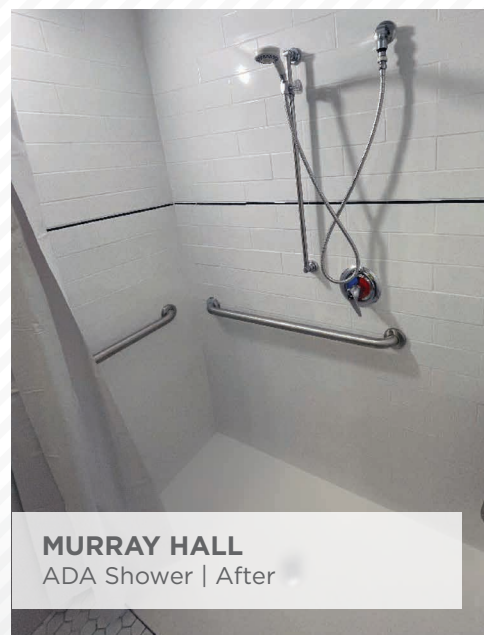
MURRAY HALL
Overview Bathroom | Before



MURRAY HALL
Overview Bathroom | After



MURRAY HALL
Standard Showers | After



MURRAY HALL
ADA Shower | After

MEET THE CLARK MERIT SCHOLARS

2023-2024



TOBY LISTER '24, ECONOMICS AND DATA SCIENCE

Growing up, Lister watched his father spend his time and energy helping those in need and knew he

wanted to do the same. In his time at Coe, he has had the opportunity to do just that, serving as student body president and working with Willis Dady Homeless Services to evaluate and improve their housing and employment programs. This past summer, Lister completed a Spellman Economic Research Fellowship, a highly selective program where he performed a policy analysis of the consumption and employment outcomes of the C.A.R.E.S. Act. His findings will be presented at the Midwest Economic Association's spring conference. After graduation, Lister plans to pursue a master's in public administration so he can continue serving his community.

"Being a Clark Merit Scholar means being able to explore my interests on and off campus, as well as to be able to make efforts to improve my community. The Clark Merit Scholarship gave me the financial freedom to spend the summer in Washington, D.C. where I worked at the Government Accountability Office to research the growing issue of older adult homelessness."



KYLIE HOY '25, ENGLISH AND BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

As an avid reader with a dream to become an editor in a major publishing house, Hoy has used the resources

available at Coe to accomplish far more than she ever dreamed of in her time here — and

she's only starting year three! This past spring, Hoy lived in New York City while completing Coe's New York Term, during which she worked with Dystel, Goderich & Bourret as a literary agent intern. Back at school, she works one-on-one with other students as a consultant in the Coe Writing Center and regularly volunteers with her sisters in Alpha Sigma Alpha at Waypoint.

"To me, being a Clark Merit Scholar represents the passion, search for knowledge and drive that all Coe students should and are capable of striving for. Clark Merit Scholars are selected by a prestigious group of faculty members who are looking for students that possess a talent for leadership, learning and personal development. So, to be selected as one of the five scholars by the committee, means being recognized as one of the students on campus who embodies Coe's deeply rooted belief in making success possible through determination and a willingness to take advantage of the academic and extracurricular opportunities that the college has to offer. I am deeply honored to receive this scholarship, because it reflects my love of Coe College and the enthusiasm I possess for the endless experiences I am guaranteed during my four years here."



ABIGAIL COLLINS '24, POLITICAL SCIENCE AND SOCIAL AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

For Collins, volunteer work and advocacy have defined her time at Coe. Collins' passion

for using her voice to uplift others is clear in each of her many extracurriculars, almost all of which are focused on helping others. She restarted Coe's RSVP (Relationship and Sexual Violence Prevention) organization, becoming a voice for sexual assault survivors and an

advocate for prevention. Collins also regularly volunteers at the Harmony School of Music, helping people who may not have the resources to experience the joy of learning an instrument. After graduation, Collins wants to fulfill her empathetic spirit by finding a job in the nonprofit sector further advocating for one of the many causes about which she is passionate.

“Being a Clark Merit Scholar means believing in the strength of Coe’s community and using our unique talents to serve Coe in different ways. Whether that’s as a leader of a club or a captain of a team, it recognizes our leadership and service. In fact, I’ve been helped by a few of these amazing people myself. As a student, it can be difficult to measure progress, but I feel confident knowing that providing some form of service to Coe, even if it’s small, is a major success. I’m so proud to be part of a community that is always making it happen.”



**CAEL SCHMITT '24,
COMPUTER SCIENCE
AND BUSINESS
ADMINISTRATION**

In his time at Coe, Schmitt has discovered that being a part of the Kohawk basketball team

has taught him lessons he uses far beyond the court. For three years, he has served on the peer-nominated basketball team leadership council, using the opportunity to serve his teammates while learning from them. During his summers, Schmitt spends his time training young athletes looking to improve their skills. Off the court, he is a professor’s assistant in the computer science department, an assistant in the athletics department and Cedar Rapids derecho cleanup volunteer. Schmitt isn’t quite sure what life holds for him yet post-Coe, but he knows one thing for sure — he wants to stay involved with the Kohawk community and give back to the school he says has given him so much.

“Being a recipient of the award is a great honor. As a Clark Merit Scholar, I want to continue what incredible Kohawks before me have started — that is, to humbly serve the community around me with integrity and character, always doing the

right thing no matter the circumstance. I want to show my love for others by helping them see the potential that’s inside of them. I would like to thank Coe for all of the opportunities and relationships they have given me, and I hope to embrace every moment in the present while also joyfully looking to the future.”



**MAX GORDEN MERCER
'24, BUSINESS
ADMINISTRATION AND
PUBLIC ACCOUNTING**

Gorden Mercer never thought accounting would be for him. But after taking his first class

during his first semester at Coe, he was hooked. Traditional accounting jobs — taxes, auditing, consulting — never quite had the right appeal for Gorden Mercer. He wanted to find a way for accounting, a discipline he loved, to make his surroundings better. He did just that, serving as Student Activities Committee treasurer for three years, vice president and treasurer of the student body and vice president of Alpha Phi Omega. Gorden Mercer has led the Living Environment Committee in creating the Business Clothes Closet for students and implementing solar-powered tables and electric car chargers, making an impact on Coe that will last long after he graduates. After Coe, he plans to combine his passions for service and accounting by earning his Master of Public Affairs with a concentration in nonprofit management.

“Being a Clark Merit Scholar means knowing Coe has my back as I enter my senior year. It is also a commitment for me to support Coe after graduation like they have supported me: through the alumni network, career preparation with professionals across the country and the countless leadership development opportunities I’ve been able to take part in. I am incredibly grateful to join the group of Clark Merit Scholars and continue the tradition of achievement.”

COE GREENHOUSE

yielding opportunities



In a corner tucked behind Peterson Hall, near the rear entrance to the Center for Health & Society and under the shade of two regal oaks, is a real hot spot on campus. Sweltering, actually. Full of thick air and leafy vegetation, the Coe greenhouse will help you work up a sweat, but the real vision is to help in much more significant ways.

The endeavor adds another dimension to the environmental efforts on campus, complementing the energy efficiency, water conservation, recycling and academic efforts already in place by reducing carbon, plastic packaging and pesticide usage as produce like lettuce, microgreens, tomatoes and peppers can be organically grown year-round.

The greenhouse will also provide opportunities for student engagement as part of Coe's urban field station, acting as a living lab for students. Even the model of the structure is called an "educator greenhouse." Head Groundskeeper Chad Sunner played a pivotal role in the project and spoke with multiple science faculty regarding the potential uses to complement classes. He came away convinced the greenhouse would

serve a valuable sustainability and academic purpose on campus.

"The purpose of this project was to build the greenhouse for the students," Sunner said.

The greenhouse runs an aquaponics system to provide nourishment for the produce and other plants for campus beautification. Six koi live in a 55-gallon tank, and their nutrient-rich waste is collected and circulated through piping directly to the plants' roots.

Associate Professor of Biology Jesse Ellis plans to incorporate the greenhouse into labs for organismal and ecological biology courses. The growing environment will illustrate a microcosm of an ecosystem for students.

"It's essentially a pond," Ellis said. "We expect to find some

microorganisms there that may give our students some experiences with microscopes and biodiversity."

While the possibilities the greenhouse present academically are stimulating, the construction and upkeep of the greenhouse has been a labor of love for some of the college's staff.

Sunner worked in a greenhouse after high school and has enjoyed the setting since, noting the addition on campus is "the perfect marriage for me." Grounds Technician **Ethan Krueger '22** helped build the greenhouse during the summer of 2022, while Sunner consulted and problem solved.

"It was hot," Krueger said. "But it was satisfying to see something from start to finish."

Maximizing the functionality of the growing cycles took some trial and error at first. The first batch of lettuce was ready right at spring break, while the second batch was ready right at graduation. So, the fruits of their labor weren't able to be fully realized on campus. However, any greens produced that aren't able to be used on campus are donated to local food banks like Feed Iowa First or sold to local restaurants who value locally sourced, organic produce.

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— Associate Professor
of Biology Jesse Ellis

But now the greenhouse is humming along on an efficient planting cycle. Lettuce can go from seed to harvest in 30 days and microgreens take just 10 days. A staggered planting plan ensures a constant supply.

Both the “U” in Gage Memorial Union and The Nest, the on-campus food bank, are considering ways to incorporate the yields out of the greenhouse.

“This is the freshest produce possible — it's coming from 200 yards away,” Krueger noted.

Krueger starts or ends many of his days checking in on the greenhouse, calling it “relaxing,” with just a glint of sweat visible on the ridge of his smile.



Head Groundskeeper Chad Sunner and Grounds Technician **Ethan Krueger '22** stand with the fish tank holding six koi which provide nutrients for the plants grown in the greenhouse.

Creating A Brighter Future: THE HERITAGE CLUB



The Coe College Heritage Club recognizes and honors the foresight and generosity of alumni and friends who will provide future support to Coe through a planned gift. There are a multitude of ways in which you can support Coe in this significant manner — a charitable gift annuity, naming Coe in your will or trust, or naming Coe as a beneficiary on a retirement account or life insurance policy.

Your gift is much more than a sum of money or other assets — it represents your values, priorities and a lifetime of hard work. It is also a strong endorsement of Coe and a powerful testimonial about your relationship with the college and for that, we are grateful.

HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER

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

By joining the Heritage Club, you help us get to know you, understand your goals and make certain your gift is used in the way you intend. If you are unsure of the best way to make a gift, we will work with you to discuss how to meet your goals, including maximizing the value of your gift to Coe.

BENEFITS OF DISCLOSING YOUR PLANNED GIFT

- Since we know your wishes, we can ensure your intentions are fulfilled.
- We can honor you with membership in our Heritage Club.
- Even anonymously, you set an example for others to follow.
- The greatest benefit, of course, is the satisfaction of knowing you have meaningfully contributed to the continued excellence of Coe College and made an impact on the lives of our students.

RECOGNITION YOU DESERVE FOR THE LEGACY YOU LEAVE

The purpose of the Heritage Club is to serve and recognize you. We want you to know how much we appreciate your decision to give, and that by your action, you have made a commitment to the future of Coe College. Members provide the college with financial stability and enrich the educational opportunities for current and future students. Knowing that alumni and friends of Coe act to provide future support assures students and faculty that their work can continue at the highest levels.



CONTACT

If you have made a planned gift to Coe College, or if you have questions or would like additional information, please contact **Debbie Green (dgreen@coe.edu or 319.399.8592).**



2022-2023 ANNUAL REPORT

As we reflect on our continued commitment to excellence in education, community engagement and providing opportunities that allow Kohawks to “make it happen,” this report serves as a testament to the dedication and hard work of our students, faculty, staff and supporters. Join us in exploring the philanthropic highlights and milestones that advanced Coe College in 2022-2023.



Welcome to the 2022-2023 COE COLLEGE ANNUAL REPORT.

As I begin year two as vice president for advancement, I reflect on my daily privilege of witnessing your philanthropic gifts transform the college and our students' lives. This Annual Report contains a snapshot of the dollars received, but it can never reflect the totality of your support for Coe. We are sincerely grateful and appreciative of your loyalty and all the ways you show that loyalty.

Just this past year, we saw your generosity come to life with the official opening of the David and Janice McNally Center for Health & Society. Long-term pledges and planned gifts contribute to Coe's overall financial picture and significant initiatives, such as the recent commitment to complete funding for the Steve Feller Endowed Chair in Physics. In addition, your gifts of time, talent and expertise cannot be overlooked. Whether attending events, providing your leadership or serving with a community-minded focus, you are deeply invested in improving the Coe of today for tomorrow's bright future.

The college is only able to pursue our mission thanks to the support we receive from you and our community, and I look forward to all we will accomplish together in the coming years.

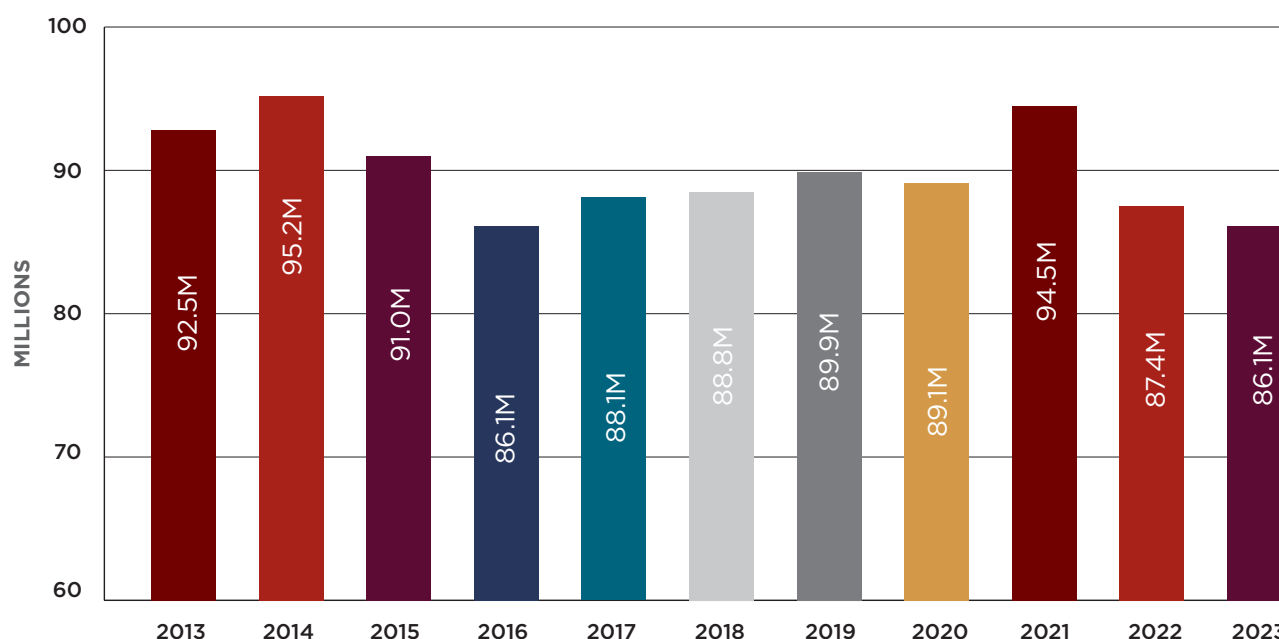


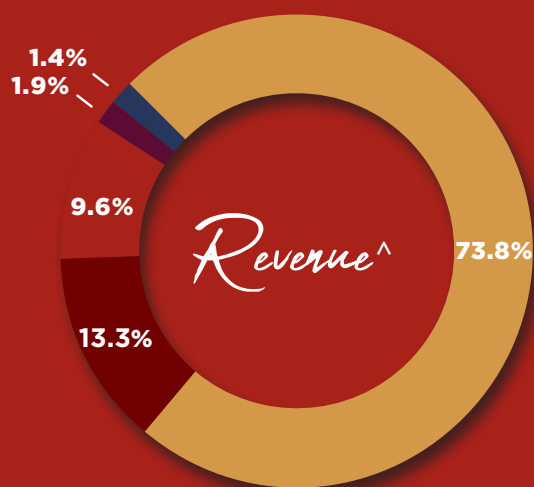
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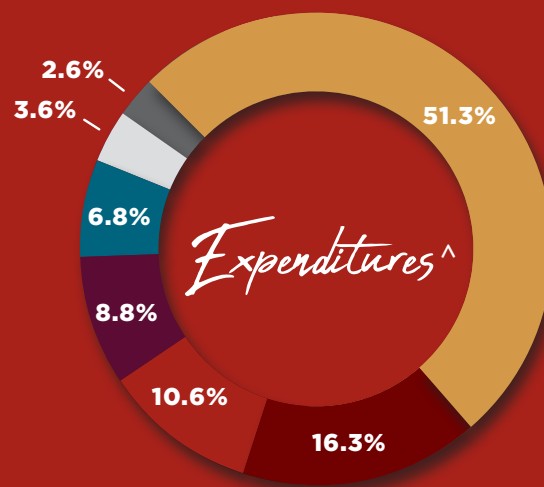
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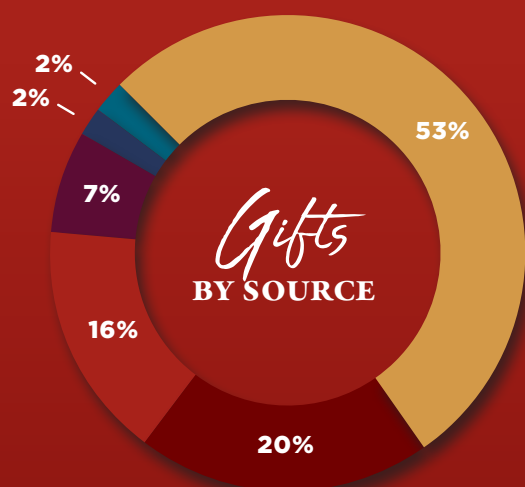
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Tuition & Fees: **73.8%**
Residence and Dining Services: **13.3%**
Endowment Support for Operations: **9.6%**
Gifts Supporting Operations: **1.9%**
Other Sources: **1.4%**



Financial Aid (Scholarships and Grants): **51.3%**
Academic Program: **16.3%**
Student Services: **10.6%**
General Administration: **8.8%**
Campus Facilities: **6.8%**
Residence and Dining Services: **3.6%**
Debt Service: **2.6%**

Total Amount Raised
\$3,562,861



Alumni: **53%** | **\$1,876,268**
Foundations: **20%** | **\$723,198**
Friends: **16%** | **\$553,903**
Other: **7%** | **\$254,476**
Parents: **2%** | **\$84,252**
Corporations/Businesses: **2%** | **\$70,764**



Annual Fund: **30%** | **\$1,055,105**
Endowment: **22%** | **\$771,162**
Capital Projects: **18%** | **\$635,069**
Special Projects: **15%** | **\$538,439**
Undesignated Estates: **6%** | **\$208,024**
Scholarships/Prizes: **4%** | **\$158,008**
Athletics: **4%** | **\$145,446**
Other Current Support: **1%** | **\$51,608**

Your support LEAVES AN IMPACT TODAY, TOMORROW AND FOREVER.

Each aspect of the Coe experience, from what the college offers students to what it means to be a Kohawk, is defined by the support we receive from Coe alumni, partners and friends.

INVESTMENTS IN THE ANNUAL FUND HELP MEET THE NEEDS OF STUDENTS TODAY.

The Annual Fund impacts every student's experience by providing funds for essential student services and programs, financial aid packages, scholarships and other areas of greatest need. Last year, over 2,000 gifts were made in support of the Annual Fund.

THE CENTER FOR HEALTH & SOCIETY EXPANDS HORIZONS FOR STUDENTS IN HEALTH CARE.

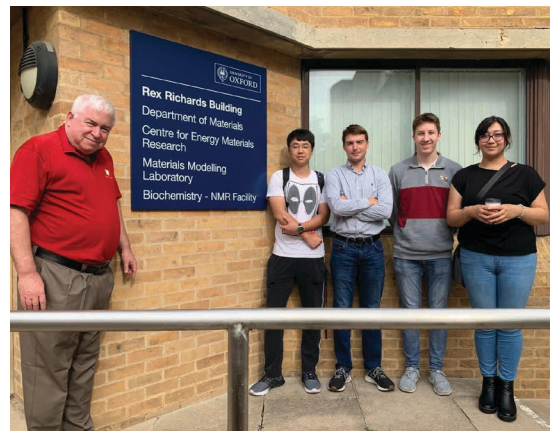
Opened in fall 2022, CHS provides students with opportunities to connect to health care fields inside and outside the classroom. "CHS widened my horizons about health professions, which is where I found my career choice to apply to law school to become a health lawyer. It is through the faculty, wide range of courses and freedom to explore your interests that I found my passion for health," said **Leilani Rocha '24**, studying sociology with a minor in health & society studies.



ENDOWED FUNDS PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS AND REFLECT THE ENDURING LEGACY OF OUR DONORS.

For example, the Amanda Ott Pins Endowed Scholarship provides financial aid for students majoring in nursing and honors an alum who has demonstrated extraordinary care and compassion for their patients. Dr. John Thiel established this fund in recognition of his step-daughter **Amanda Ott Pins '01**, one of Iowa's 100 Great Nurses in 2019 and crusader against Alzheimer's disease.

In addition, the Steve Feller Endowed Chair in Physics will provide continued and expanded opportunities for substantial research and impact. This chair continues Steve's legacy of excellence as an educator and researcher who established one of the best undergraduate physics programs in the country and mentors and motivates students to pursue careers in science.



Dr. Steve Feller at the University of Oxford with Coe physics students.



Margaret Street, **Carolyn Brainard Schmarzo '79**, **Bill Schmarzo '79** and **John Raley '81** at the 2022 Heritage Club dinner.

ESTATE GIFTS ARE A VITAL FORM OF SUPPORT FOR COE.

Last fiscal year, estate gifts provided 11% of Coe's total private support, and the majority of these estate gifts supported the college's area of greatest need. Founded in 1993 by President Joseph McCabe, the Heritage Club recognizes those individuals who have made provisions for future support of Coe College through their estate plans. Today the Heritage Club has over 400 members.

YOUR TIME AND TALENT MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE COE COMMUNITY AND BEYOND.

These commitments testify that service is an essential part of what it means to be a Kohawk. In the past year, 722 alumni attended events across the country and 1,060 alumni took the time to provide their perspectives by completing the all-alumni survey in January. Over 70 alumni volunteered at events to help the efforts of the Office of Admission and C3: Creativity, Careers, Community. Not only that, Coe faculty, staff and students volunteered 2,387 hours, which, once monetized, has an estimated value of over \$35,000 of impact to the communities surrounding Coe.



Charles Davis '86 and former longtime Director of the Academic Achievement Program **Lois Kabela-Coates** at Homecoming 2022.

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

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

Class Year	Alumni*	Donors	Participation Rate
1943-49	57	6	10.53%
1950	20	3	15.00%
1951	27	4	14.81%
1952	28	5	17.86%
1953	24	3	12.50%
1954	27	2	7.41%
1955	38	7	18.42%
1956	42	8	19.05%
1957	62	17	27.42%
1958	41	4	9.76%
1959	50	5	10.00%
1960	76	16	21.05%
1961	75	14	18.67%
1962	81	19	23.46%
1963	82	16	19.51%
1964	80	16	20.00%
1965	116	38	32.76%
1966	114	25	21.93%
1967	119	23	19.33%
1968	137	31	22.63%
1969	145	20	13.79%
1970	134	28	20.90%
1971	133	22	16.54%
1972	127	28	22.05%
1973	156	33	21.15%

Class Year	Alumni*	Donors	Participation Rate
1974	232	55	23.71%
1975	176	21	11.93%
1976	197	31	15.74%
1977	179	23	12.85%
1978	194	22	11.34%
1979	169	24	14.20%
1980	160	17	10.63%
1981	198	23	11.62%
1982	218	19	8.72%
1983	216	20	9.26%
1984	224	17	7.59%
1985	228	16	7.02%
1986	213	17	7.98%
1987	218	21	9.63%
1988	208	29	13.94%
1989	168	20	11.90%
1990	205	18	8.78%
1991	214	23	10.75%
1992	199	10	5.03%
1993	192	22	11.46%
1994	262	27	10.31%
1995	217	20	9.22%
1996	277	23	8.30%
1997	228	23	10.09%
1998	230	14	6.09%

Class Year	Alumni*	Donors	Participation Rate
1999	238	21	8.82%
2000	220	13	5.91%
2001	241	21	8.71%
2002	210	23	10.95%
2003	293	15	5.12%
2004	235	14	5.96%
2005	239	19	7.95%
2006	247	24	9.72%
2007	268	21	7.84%
2008	271	25	9.23%
2009	253	16	6.32%
2010	245	15	6.12%
2011	270	21	7.78%
2012	265	24	9.06%
2013	277	28	10.11%
2014	248	19	7.66%
2015	281	12	4.27%
2016	262	9	3.44%
2017	292	9	3.08%
2018	258	10	3.88%
2019	272	8	2.94%
2020	292	6	2.05%
2021	286	10	3.50%
2022	278	8	2.88%

Volunteer LEADERSHIP

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

2022-2023 COE COLLEGE ALUMNI COUNCIL

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

Lauren DuBay Gilbertson '13, Alumni Council President	Charles Cotton III '13	Fred Jackson '03	Jessica Schau Nelson '06
Tonya Slezak Arnold '95	Delaney Cummings '15	Nick Ludwig '11	Constance Schlitter '20
Sally Roegner Brause '88	Darcy Ehrmann '04	Amber Mason Lusson '03	Pat Steele '75
Matt Clark '95	Dominic Fails '87	Ben Sagers '18	

2022-2023 THE PRESIDENT'S ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)

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

Becky Anderson '71	Terry Hiebert '76	Linda McCormack Mattes '93	Mike Shepard '94
Steve Bohr '92	Kathy Steffensmeier	Kevin Robinson '81	Dan Snyder '09
Todd Buchardt '82	Jasper '90	Amy Sands '98	Kelly Strohm Galbraith '13
Deborah Lindberg Gertsen '87	Hugo Kann '70	Ash Shah '89	Andrew Visser '09
Sam Hammes '10	Stephanie Kroger '88	Melissa Ingersoll Shepard '96	Kevin Welu '86

2022-2023 COE COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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

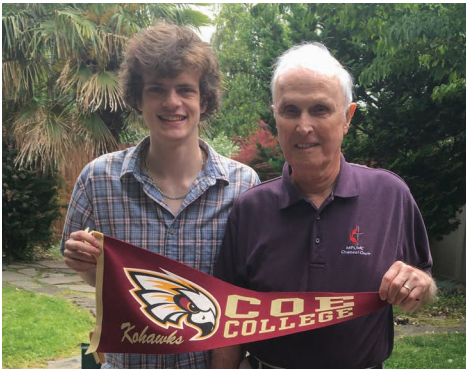
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CLASS NOTES

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

1950s

'57 **Larry Bone** of Vancouver, Washington, made a Coe connection with **Walker Law**, a member of his church who started attending Coe this fall. Walker entered Coe exactly 70 years after Larry did. He and his wife, **Marilyn Batz Bone '57**, had a lot of fun representing Coe at Walker's high school graduation party and when he was recognized among the graduates in their church.



1960s

'60 **Steve James** and **Joann Greenlee James '61** of Fox Point, Wisconsin, celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary at the Apostle Islands and a trip to New England and Canada.

'62 **John Havick** of Stone Mountain, Georgia, had his book "The Ghosts of Nascar" (University of Iowa Press) chosen by the American Auto Racing Writers and Broadcasters Association as the second best motorsport book of 2013. Book Authority recently judged the book on its list of Best Motorsport eBooks of All Time. John's article, "The impact of the Internet on a television-based society," has been cited more than 130 times, and a decade after its publication it was one of the 25 most downloaded articles at the Technology in Society journal.

'67 **George Dyche** and **Renée Lytle Dyche '68** of Aurora, Illinois, gathered in Florida on June 15 with the families of their three sons, Alex, Adam and Jonathan, to commemorate their 55th wedding anniversary.

'68 **Joyce Dodson** Anderson bought a house in the Amana Colonies only three doors down from the Ox Yoke Inn. She fondly remembers spending time in Amana with her classmates, eating meals there on Sunday nights when there were no meals at Coe. Fried chicken was what they usually could afford.

1970s

'70 **Linda Cleveland** of Kansas City, Missouri, was called back to teach biochemistry and organic chemistry during the 2022-2023 academic year despite having retired in May 2017. She is now enjoying retirement once again.

'74 **Michael Kirtland** of Woodland Park, Colorado, has been appointed an administrative law judge for the state of Colorado.

Connie Terwilliger of San Diego, California, completed a run of the play "Rose and Walsh" at Point Loma Playhouse, where she had the lead role of Rose. In June, the world premiere of a play she wrote, "Silkworms," closed at Lamplighters Theater in La Mesa, California. "Silkworms" is a personal look at Connie's relationship with her mother and grandmother at a pivotal time in her life, and it represents three generations of women who need one another for support and love. Set on Christmas Eve 1986, Helen Ingleow lives with her 89-year-old mom Faye and is preparing for a visit from her daughter Claire and Claire's boyfriend Roger, but the visit does not go as planned. The slice-of-life story has been praised as relatable, humorous and poignant as the three women learn to connect with each other in new ways and discover emotional strength.

'76 **Judy Baldwin** of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, was awarded Outstanding Alumni Advisor for her volunteer work as the lead advisor to Coe College's Tri Delta chapter, Delta Eta, at the national Tri Delta Volunteer Leadership Conference in Schaumburg, Illinois. Judy was one of 250 advisors eligible for the award.

'77 **Kimberly Wasson** of Arkdale, Wisconsin, is a professional artist and author. Her art is displayed in Ohio, Florida, Michigan and in a 2023 statewide art exhibit in Madison, Wisconsin. 2023 also marks the 35-year anniversary of Kimberly's career as a professional artist.

'79 **Paul Hattimer** of Morris, Illinois, has retired after a 30-year career in country club management. Highlights of his career as a certified country club manager include career stops in Atlanta, Georgia, and Hilton Head Island, South Carolina. He also was a board member of the Club Managers Association of America Chicago chapter, president of the Wisconsin chapter and a founding member of the Wisconsin Club Manager Foundation.

Chuck Mackie of Chicago, Illinois, has witnessed the tradition his band began

during January Term of 1978 continue. His son Aidan recently completed his first East Coast tour with his band Lonnie, whose music you can catch on YouTube.

Jim Zulakis of Teaneck, New Jersey, has officially retired as of June after completing 43 years in private education in New York City. He looks forward to creating video histories for clients, consulting, traveling and relaxing with family.

1980s

'83 **Tom Drahozal** of Chicago, Illinois, was inducted into the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame on May 6, 2023. Tom has won 432 games in his career. He is the upper school principal and girls' basketball coach at Morgan Park Academy in Chicago.

Bill Noah of Epsom, England, is currently working for Lloyd's of London as head of cyber security.

'89 **Willie Franklin** of Bakersfield, California, is the associate medical director, director of quality and director of patient experience at Mercy Hospital and Mercy Hospital Southwest in Bakersfield. He also works at University Medical Center in El Paso, Texas. Willie is very proud of his daughter and stepdaughter who are following his footsteps and started studies at Osteopathic Medical Schools this year.

1990s



'92 **Ginger Ropp Kearney** of Bartlesville, Oklahoma, was elected to the Helen Plum Library Board. The swearing in ceremony took place at the May Library Board meeting.

2000s



'04 **Jason Fisher** of Fairhope, Alabama, recently had his memoir "To Where You Are" recognized with two independent book awards. IndieReader is one of the original review services for self, hybrid and

independently published authors, and the organization announced the winners of the 12th annual IndieReader Discovery Awards

(IRDA) in June. "To Where You Are" won Best Book in the category of Aging, Dying & Death. The memoir also received the 2023 Silver Medal for Best Regional Nonfiction - South from the Independent Publisher Book Awards (IPPYs).

'09 **DeeAy Soto** Santiago of Roselle, Illinois, received a Distinguished Service Award for her 10 years of service with the State of Illinois Department of Human Services as a human services caseworker.

2010s

'13 **Cassie Irwin** Cotton of Mattawan, Michigan, has been appointed as the inaugural president of Piper & Gold, an award-winning and people-centric public relations agency. As president, Cassie will spearhead the agency's operations, oversee their team and uphold Piper & Gold's commitment to exceptional client service. Founder Kate Snyder will remain in the CEO role to enhance and strategically position the agency for growth and impact.

This dual leadership restructure establishes a model uncommon in small businesses and overturns conventional business models that have long posed disadvantages for women in leadership roles. Cassie has been with the agency since 2018 and excelled as its chief of staff since November 2021, bringing a wealth of expertise and experience to her role as the first president in Piper & Gold's 11-year history.

2020s

'20 **Michael Lachocki** of Rock Hill, South Carolina, attended the Nasdaq Closing Bell Ceremony in celebration of the Annual Russell Reconstitution changes going live in the market. This also marks the 20th consecutive year Nasdaq Closing Cross was used to rebalance Nasdaq-listed securities in the entire family of Russell U.S. Indexes. Approximately 2.55 billion shares representing \$61.7 billion were executed in the Nasdaq Closing Cross in 0.86 seconds across Nasdaq-listed securities. Michael

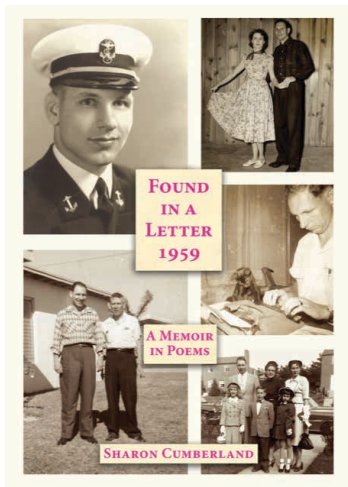
works closely with the Annual Russell Reconstitution process and is appreciative of the recognition the London Stock Exchange Group (LSEG) and Financial Times Stock Exchange (FTSE) Russell have given him. As of the end of December 2021, there was around \$12 trillion in assets benchmarked to Russell U.S. Indexes and over \$20 trillion benchmarked to FTSE.



WRITTEN ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF COE'S ALUMNI

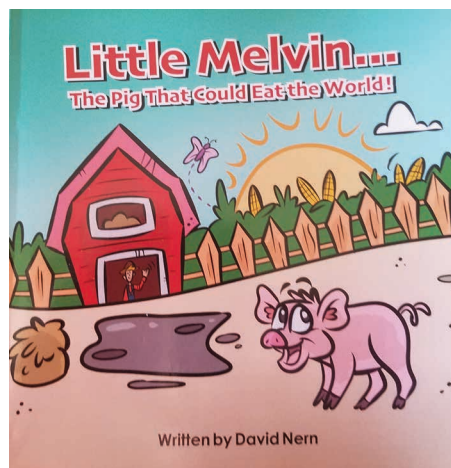
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1960s



'69 **Sharon Cumberland** of Shoreline, Washington, published the book "Found in a Letter 1959" (Ex Ophidia Press). The book contains 36 poems which use excerpts from letters her father wrote in 1944 as a Naval officer and 1959 as a Sloan Fellow. Its second half contains the letters in their original form, as well as photos. One critic writes that this book "creates a portrait of courage, vulnerability, wartime recovery and, above all, the complicated beauty of family." It is available through Amazon.

1970s



'77 **David Nern** of Castle Rock, Colorado, published his first children's book, "Little Melvin... the Pig that Could Eat the World." David credits his creative writing classes at Coe for the success of this book. Its main target audience is ages 3-6 and the parents who enjoy reading to their little ones. It is available through Amazon and Barnes & Noble.

2000s



'05 **Leah Ode Kiser** of Casa Grande, Arizona, published the book "There Will Be Nonsense." This enchanting coffee table or children's picture book invites readers to experience a whimsical world. It pairs highly detailed imaginative realism paintings that Leah completed from 2014 to 2022 with fun unanswerable questions to encourage readers of all ages to look beyond the pictures and imagine stories of their own. She raised funds through Kickstarter to self-publish the book in 2022. "There Will Be Nonsense" is sold at art fairs, small local bookstores and through her website for Artifact Fine Art, artifactfa.com.

2010s

'15 Michael Goerdt and **Shaina Winn '15** of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on November 11, 2022. Kohawks in attendance included **Christina Albrecht '15, Jordan Atwater '14, McCall Meade Atwater '16, Alex Bernt '17, Caitlin Cross Coates '15, Shannon Staker Cook '02, Riley Galbraith '16, Torie Wischmeier Greenwood '06, Mickey Hansche '17, Will Hansen '14, Jory Heckenberg '15, Stefanie Thomas Heckenberg '14, Jack Hoffman '15, Brianna Hull '15, Morgan Sackett Kocer '07, Gretchen Lilienthal '16, Jade Lynch '18, Mallory McArtor '17, Jansen Heckenberg Menke '16, Cinnamon Moore '16, Kathleen Neff '14, Jake Osborn '15, AJ Reuter '15, Madison Sackett '12, Danielle Schlotterbeck '14, Sarah Small '17, Madi Smith '19, Jeremy Squires '08, Andy Squires '11, Dylan Stepleton '17, Cole Tomlinson '15, Taylor Riedl Tomlinson '15, Brenna Winn '17 and Alec Zwanziger '16.**

1 '15 Bryce Miller and Katie Hope of Atlantic Beach, Florida, on November 18, 2022. Kohawks in

attendance included **DJ Yunek '15, Liesl Burgher Yunek '12, Tyler Wilson '14, Evan Roberts '15 and Luke Piot '15.**

'15 Tucker Rathjens and Elizabeth Platte of Waverly, Iowa, on October 22, 2022.

'16 Brittany Appleton and Alberto Vital of Thornton, Colorado, on September 25, 2022. Kohawks in attendance included **Austin Springsteen '17, Jake Feldman '16, Jared White '21, Katie Beer '21, Bailey Dixon '17, Kayla Quint Myers '16, Katy Koehler '18, Taylor Westaby Winsor '16, Emily Roberts '16, Nacho Llanos '19 and Amanda Petrick Llanos '17.**

'18 Kate Bruner and Tyler Grabe of Marion, Iowa, on December 31, 2022.

'19 Lucas Robbins and **Monica Copeland '19** of Ankeny, Iowa, on August 5. The wedding had 12 Kohawks in the bridal party and 40 Kohawks in attendance.

2020s

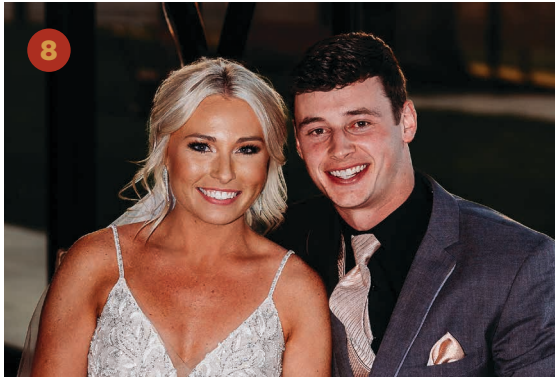
6 '20 Michael Jahnke and **Reilly Mathieu '20** of Rockton, Illinois, on June 16.

'20 Laura McAdam and Josh Henriksen of Waukee, Iowa, on July 14.

'21 Anthony Bullard and **Alexa Eastburg '21** of Dallas, Texas, on April 29.

'22 Caroline Strauel and Zach Nie of Jesup, Iowa, on July 29. Kohawks in attendance included **Caleb Rigdon '21, Mary Emma Guier '20, Piper Cooper '22, Lindsay Selfridge '22, Craig Nie '12, Paige Waskow '22, Jack Rey '22, Ally Roeker '22, Josie Heeren '22, Brianna Williams '22 and Analise Steeber '22.**





 Indicates decedent was a member of the Coe College Heritage Club

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

1940s

1943 Norman Rahe, 102, of Laguna Niguel, California, on April 11.

 **1946 Ruth Kiel** Wetzel, 97, of Laguna Beach, California, on December 28, 2022.

 **1947 Lenore Crew** Cullman, 99, of Long Beach, California, on May 27.

1948 John Brice, 100, of Newnan, Georgia, on July 22.

Dale Grovert, 97, of Winter Springs, Florida, on May 1.


1950s

1950 Kathryn Cherveney Brunssen, 94, of Keystone, Iowa, on June 18.

1951 Frances Ford Carr, 93, of Marion, Iowa, on May 4.

1952 Doris Heitland Ekstrand, 93, of Hiawatha, Iowa, on August 1.

1953 James Cartwright, III, 91, of Lubbock, Texas, on September 2, 2022.

 **1955 David Marner, Sr.**, 89, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on April 30. David graduated magna cum laude majoring in political science and economics. In 1955, he married the love of his life, **Pauline Frank '55**, who passed away after 57 years of marriage. In 1958, David earned his Juris Doctorate from the University of Iowa and then served his country in the U.S. Air Force JAG Corps for three years. He practiced law for over 50 years at the firm now known as Nazette, Marner, Nathanson & Shea LLP in Cedar Rapids. In 2005, David received the Distinguished Service Award from Coe College. He was active in many local organizations, regularly attended several area churches and treated clients, friends and strangers with kindness and respect. David is survived by his sons, David Marner Jr. and Trent (Wendy) Marner, son-in-law Mark Schmidt, six grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

1955 Kenneth Schussler, 89, of Corona Del Mar, California, on June 26, 2022.

1957 Robert Schneider, 88, of Frankfort, Illinois, on May 16.

1958 Edwin Baldwin, 86, of Greeneville, Tennessee, on May 24.


1959 Robert Berry, 89, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on July 8.

 **Ronald Landergott**, 88, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on July 23.

1960s

1960 Dale Bixler, 86, of Clive, Iowa, on July 28.

Barbara Fisher Johnson, 84, of Galena, Illinois, on March 31.

 **Arthur Krebs**, 90, of Spartanburg, South Carolina, on August 6.

LeRoy Robbins, 95, of Solon, Iowa, on March 30.

1961 Susan Thompson Ruplin, 82, of Rockford, Illinois, on January 5, 2022.

Marilyn Martin Smith-Axford, 83, of Rockford, Illinois, on April 1.

1963 Frederick Roth, 83, of Omaha, Nebraska, on April 6.

1965 Robert Bruckner, 81, of Geneva, New York, on June 26.

1967 David Clauss, 84, of Lancaster, California, on June 7.

1969 Linda Tripp, 79, of Washington, Iowa, on May 19.

1970s

1971 Patricia Rous Prosek, 73, of Mesa, Arizona, on June 3.

1973 Kenneth Carlson, 71, of Jonesboro, Illinois, on November 5, 2022.

Stephanie Scinta, 75, of Pleasant Hill, Iowa, on February 24, 2022.

1974 Steven Arnold, 70, of Vinton, Iowa, on April 13.

Carolyn Cole Neagle, 70, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on April 26.

John Peters, 70, of Quakertown, Pennsylvania, on March 28.

1975 Ansel Brooks, 73, of Eau Claire, Wisconsin, on July 4.

1976 Rev. Anne Fuhrmeister, 69, of Waterford, Connecticut, on June 16.

ALUMNI COUNCIL *Update*

Hello Kohawks!

As the autumn season comes, I'm filled with gratitude. The vibrant community that makes up the heart of our alma mater was in full force during the Homecoming festivities in September. The energy and camaraderie were truly heartwarming, reminding us of the enduring bonds that Coe College creates.

I want to extend my sincere appreciation to everyone who joined us for Homecoming. Your presence added to the liveliness of the campus that weekend, making it a truly memorable occasion.

As we look forward, I encourage you to participate in a couple of upcoming opportunities:

Nominations for the 2024 Alumni Awards are now open.

- This is an opportunity to recognize fellow alumni or friends of the college who have made significant contributions to their fields, communities and the college. Your nominations play a crucial role in celebrating the achievements and impact of our diverse alumni base. If you want some inspiration, see the 2023 recipients on page 5.

Explore and join our new alumni website.

- The newly designed website is a hub that fosters connections, provides resources and keeps you updated on all things Coe. This platform offers a space to find and connect to fellow alumni, learn about upcoming events and engage with various initiatives that strengthen Coe for current and future generations. I challenge you each to go to alumni.coe.edu, set up your profile and send me a message via the Alumni Directory!

As we approach the end of the year, I invite you to stay engaged with Coe College. Whether it's through attending events, nominating outstanding alumni or exploring the new website, your involvement enriches the experiences of current students and strengthens the bonds of our alumni family.

Thank you for your continued support, enthusiasm and dedication to Coe College. Your contributions are what make our community truly exceptional.



Lauren DuBay Gilbertson '13
Alumni Council President

FACULTY/STAFF

Former basketball coach **J. Marcus Jackson**, 82, of Leawood, Kansas, on August 20. Marcus received his bachelor's degree from Huron University in South Dakota in 1966, and his master's degree from Indiana University in 1970. He coached at several high schools before moving on to the collegiate ranks. In 1971, Coe Athletic Director Barron Bremner hired Marcus from Baltimore Community College, and he became the first Black collegiate head coach in Iowa. While he coached golf and cross country, Marcus was most well-known for his basketball team, which he took to the national stage. In the 1972-73 season, the Kohawks led the nation in scoring, had a 29-game winning streak, set dozens of individual and team records and won an NCAA regional tournament. Marcus was inducted into the Coe College Athletic Hall of Fame in 1997. After three seasons at Coe, Marcus coached at Dartmouth College and Wright State University before going into business, and he was a McDonald's franchise operator in Ohio for 11 years. Marcus was a highly-respected role model for his athletes, instilling discipline, pride and an unrelenting desire for success in all those with whom he interacted. He has left an indelible mark on Coe basketball, the entire athletics program and the Coe community.

Darrel Martin, 90, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on June 21.

1979 Jude Milbert, 66, of Dyersville, Iowa, on April 6. Named after St. Jude, he maintained a strong faith as an active member of the St. Francis Xavier Basilica his entire life. A star athlete in high school, Jude played baseball and football all four years at Coe College, earning him a place in the Coe College Athletic Hall of Fame. In 1980, he wed his high school sweetheart, Lisa Jenk. They raised their two daughters, Michelle and Cassandra in Dyersville, where he ran a successful tax and financial firm until he retired in 2022. He had a vision to rebuild the farmhouse he grew up in, which he and Lisa did in 2017. Jude loved attending sporting events and cheering on his teams, and one of his greatest memories was being a part of the Field of Dreams movie and traveling the world as a member of the Ghost Players. His greatest love and passion was for his family. Jude is survived by his wife Lisa; daughters, Michelle (Derrick) Parsons and Cassandra (Jesse) Costigan; seven grandchildren; sister Mary Jo Frericks and in-laws.

1980s



1983 Bruce Claremont, 61, of Florence, Colorado, on May 6.

1986 Steven Daily, 59, of Brookfield, Wisconsin, on July 15.

1987 James Henderson, 81, of Marion, Iowa, on June 21.

Wajih Murad, 58, of Amman, Jordan, on January 13.

1988 Bonita Wenger Carpenter-Ikeda, 72, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on April 16.

1989 James Dueland, 56, of Mason City, Iowa, on May 5.

Carolyn Coon Hagen, 57, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on April 26.

1990s

1992 Jeffrey Kilts, 53, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on August 4.

Michael Shannon, 53, of Independence, Iowa, on April 24.

1993 Sandra Henderson, 66, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on May 15.

1994 Marian Towers Kelso, 97, of Blacksburg, Virginia, on May 13.

1997 Terry Vaughn, 50, of Mount Vernon, Iowa, on May 4.

1998 Thomas Franz, 73, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on May 4.

2010s

2012 Tyler Munhollon, 33, of Owensboro, Kentucky, on July 19.

2020s

2022 Adam Dreismeier, 22, of Council Bluffs, Iowa, on April 12.

Coe College Names New Vice President of Finance and Administration

After a national search, Coe College President **David Hayes '93** appointed Mary Kathleen (Kayt) Conrad as Coe's vice president of finance and administration. Conrad joined the college's leadership team in July and is responsible for finances, business affairs, human resources, compliance, campus security and sustainability and other related duties.

Conrad previously served Iowa State University, where she held a director of divisional business administration position. As a member of the cabinet serving ISU's senior vice president for finance, Conrad managed a budget of more than \$65 million, with oversight of auxiliary and shared services and responsibilities for planning and management of operations. Prior to that, she served the University of Iowa as a division administrator where she directed strategy and operations of a multi-unit division, managed more than 1 million square feet of infrastructure and was responsible for a diverse mix of operations.

While at the University of Iowa, Conrad was an adjunct instructor in the Tippie College of Business at the University of Iowa. Conrad holds a Master of Arts from St. John's College and Bachelor of Arts from the College of William and Mary.

Kayt's rich and varied experience in higher education provides her with a unique perspective and broad knowledge base to appreciate, direct and support Coe's mission, and we are fortunate to have her on the leadership team at Coe, Hayes said.

Conrad is thrilled to join the Coe community, and during the hiring process, was impressed with the college's mission as well as the dedication she witnessed from individuals during the interview process.

The passion everyone possesses in delivering an incredible liberal arts education is evident still every day. I'm honored to continue to advance the great work happening at Coe," Conrad said.

FUTURE ALUMNI

WELCOMING NEW KOHAWKS INTO THE NEST

1990s

'93 Christopher Marks and his wife, Marideth, of Houston, Texas, a son, Noah, on July 12, 2021.

2000s

'07 Luke Lovegood and his husband, Matthew, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, adopted a son, Theodore, on March 8.

'09 Jose Santiago and **DeeAy Soto** Santiago **'09** of Roselle, Illinois, a son, Azriel Manuel, on November 29, 2022.

'09 Lisa Sadewasser Schroeder and her husband, Ben, of Dubuque, Iowa, a daughter, Emily Elizabeth, on April 10.

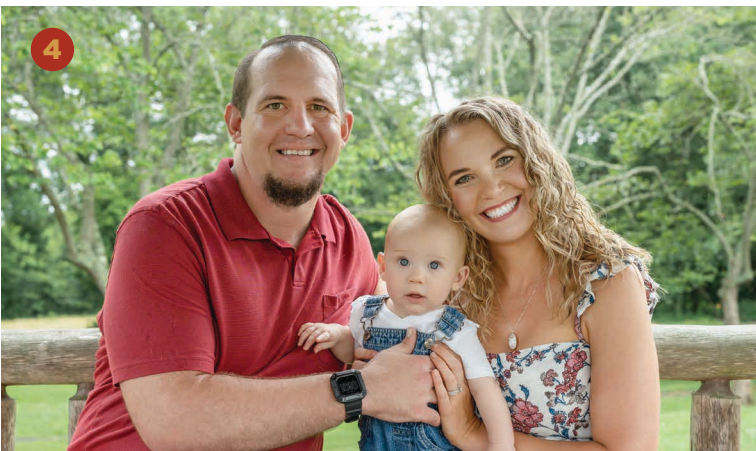
2010s

'10 Nick Bitner and **Angel Bock** Bitner **'10** of Lebanon, Tennessee, a son, Matthew Asher, on January 4.

'14 Alexandra Fangman Nikkel and her husband, Kyle, of Sully, Iowa, a son, Everett John, on June 20.

'15 Maddy Fangman Taylor and her husband, John, of Ankeny, Iowa, a son, Parker Joseph, on July 18.

'16 Terrance Lockett, Jr. of Jacksonville, Illinois, a daughter, Lenore, on October 7, 2022.



Professor of Physics **Ugur Akgun** was selected for and successfully completed the National Science Foundation (NSF) Great Lakes Region I-Corps program. NSF I-Corps prepares scientists and engineers to extend their focus beyond the laboratory to increase the economic and societal impact of NSF-funded and other basic research projects. Akgun also won the University of Iowa John Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Innovation Challenge with his fast dosimeter project. The \$10,000 award is going to be used for prototype-building efforts.

Assistant Professor of Physics **Caio Bragatto** was awarded an NSF proposal submitted for the acquisition of a new Electrochemical Impedance Spectrometer (EIS) for the physics department, with a total prize of over \$213,000. With it, the department will purchase a new EIS system with two furnaces going to temperatures of up to 2200 °F and atmospheric control. This will allow for novel research on the electrical and dielectric properties of the glasses fabricated in Coe laboratories, as well as with national and international partners, including proposal co-investigator **Collin Wilkinson '18**.

Associate Professor of Biology **Randy Christensen** presented a talk on his sabbatical research, "Muscular dystrophy disease mechanisms: heterochromatic and cytoplasmic DNA," at the Iowa Laminopathy and Retinopathy Summit in Cedar Falls, Iowa, in April 2023.



Assistant Professor of Creative Writing **Jen Ferguson's** debut young adult novel, "The Summer of Bitter and Sweet," has won several prestigious literary awards. In addition to the Governor General's

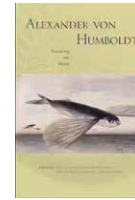
Literary Award for Young People's Literature shared in the winter 2023 Courier, the novel has been named a Lambda Literary Young Adult Award finalist, an American Library Association's William C. Morris Young Adult Debut Novel Award finalist and a Stonewall Honor Book.

Assistant Professor of Nursing **Sharon Guthrie** received the National Association of School Nurses (NASN) 2023 Distinguished Service Award. Not only was she recognized for this award at the 2023 NASN Conference in Orlando, Florida, Guthrie also had an abstract accepted for this conference. She facilitated the "2023 Innovation Relay" with a brief presentation related to innovation, prototyping and pitch presentations. She energized participants to take on a challenge, who then had 48 hours to develop potential solutions and create a pitch presentation that was judged by school nurse researchers and other school nursing leaders. Guthrie was also invited to participate as a panelist or discussion leader in the Mental Health & Education International Roundtable Symposium at Harris Manchester College in University of Oxford in July 2023. Invitation to this event was limited to approximately 25 interdisciplinary scholars who had a particular interest in this subject.

John William King Professor of Literature and Creative Writing **Gina Hausknecht** co-organized the "Carceral Shakespeare" roundtable and presented "Stealth Abolition: Public Conversations about Carceral Shakespeare" at the Shakespeare Association of America's annual meeting in March 2023 in Minneapolis.

Assistant Professor of Nursing **Aleesa Kittrell** presented a project titled "AI in the Classroom" at the NurseTim Nuts & Bolts

for Nurse Educators conference in August 2023.



Assistant Professor of Spanish **Niall Peach** had his book, "Alexander von Humboldt: Perceiving the World," published in June 2023 with Purdue University Press. The book is a product of interdisciplinary collaboration across humanities and STEM scholars on understanding the impact of Humboldt and how scholarly fields and approaches are brought together through his work. Peach's work for this book looks at imperialism and water during the 19th century in New Spain (now Mexico). Peach was also accepted as a 2023 Summer Residency Fellow at Dumbarton Oaks, the Harvard University-run botanical gardens.

Associate Professor of Spanish **Laissa Rodríguez** had her peer-reviewed article, "The Presence of the Imaginary Lion: Resistance to Animalization, Sinister Imagination and Forced Disappearance in Buitrago's and Yockteng's Picturebook, Camino a Casa," in Children's Literature Association Quarterly.

Emeritus Professor of Chemistry **Marty St. Clair** had his co-authored article, "Effects of cattle manure and soil parent materials on shallow groundwater quality," accepted for publication in the journal *Agrosystems, Geosciences & Environment*. St. Clair was also invited to become a member of the Central Iowa Source Water Research Assessment Science Advisory Committee.

Share your news!

Information compiled in "Class Notes" comes from a variety of sources, including direct correspondence from alumni, clipping services and news releases. The college received these class notes by August 20. **The deadline for the Spring 2024 issue is December 1.** Announcements older than one year at the time they are submitted will not be published.

Please follow these basic guidelines when submitting information:

NEWS

At least the following basic information should be provided with any submission: name and class year, spouse name and class year if Coe alum, city and state of residence and your news. Please spell out acronyms. Milestones (anniversaries, birthdays, etc.) will be noted only in five year increments (25th, 30th, etc.).

MARRIAGES & ANNIVERSARIES

Include both spouses' full names (including birth/maiden names, where applicable) and complete

date. Please notify us after your wedding; we cannot publish based on an engagement announcement.

BIRTHS & ADOPTIONS

Include child's first name, legal names of parents (mother's birth/maiden name will be published if Coe alum) and complete date.

DEATHS

Include full name, complete date and city/state of residence at time of death. Please include a newspaper obituary, if possible.

PHOTOS

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

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