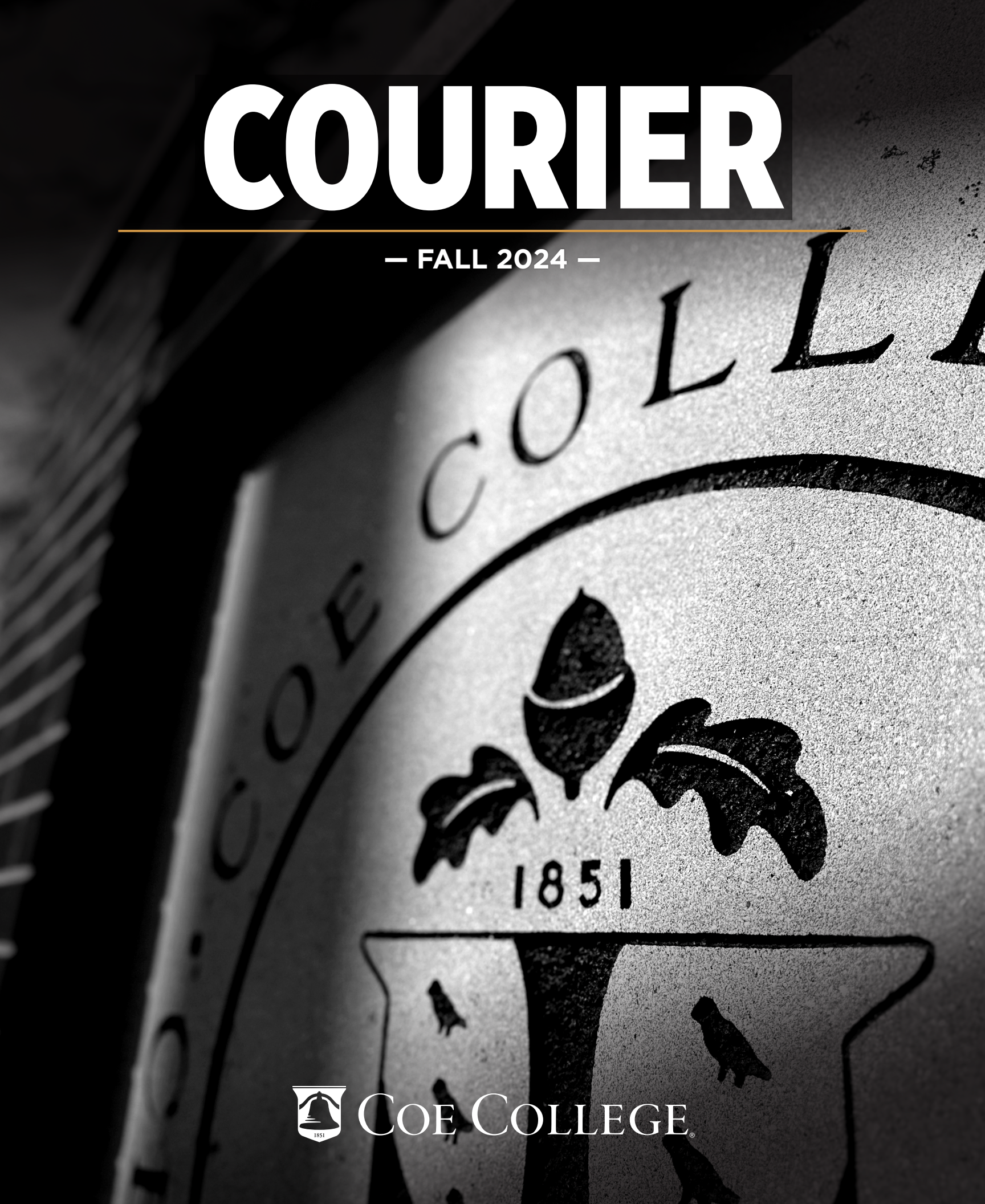
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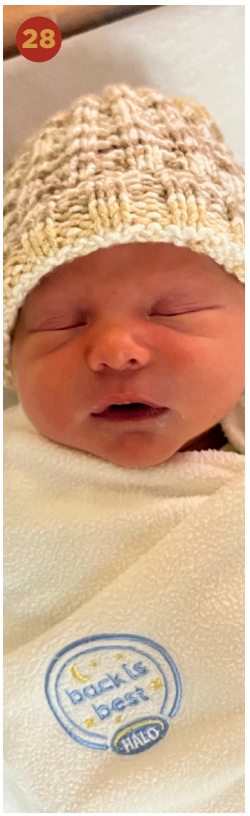












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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Greetings from Coe College,

It has been a joy to experience Coe's campus awash in vibrant colors this fall. The rich hues have lingered gracefully, carrying us from the excitement of Homecoming right into the anticipation of Thanksgiving break. Each day, the golden leaves and crisp reds have brought a warmth that mirrors the spirit of our community. This bright campus was the perfect backdrop for a particularly successful Homecoming weekend, with hundreds of alumni returning to celebrate the enduring role that Coe plays in our lives. Whether you were able to participate in this year's Homecoming or followed from home, I invite you to again return home to Coe by exploring the stories in the following pages of this Courier. There is much to celebrate and share!

As we reflect on the stories within this issue, it is evident that the achievements of our alumni and students powerfully demonstrate the enduring value of a Coe education. From innovative research and professional milestones to leadership roles across industries and communities, Kohawks continue to excel and contribute meaningfully to the world around them. Coe's mission statement, in part, asserts that we measure our success by the accomplishments of our graduates, a commitment evident through the dedicated support and career resources available to our students. Through programs like C3: Creativity, Careers, Community — and an extensive network of alumni mentors, we prepare students with hands-on experiences, mentoring and invaluable connections, equipping them for lifelong success. Whether in the form of Clark Merit Scholars who embody academic excellence and civic engagement, or alumni who bring Coe values to their roles on a global stage, these accomplishments underscore the impact of a Coe education. As you read the pages ahead, I hope you will see, as we do, how Coe College serves as a catalyst for creating thoughtful, driven and compassionate leaders poised to make a difference.

I encourage you to reflect on the value Coe has brought to your own life. The experiences, connections and knowledge gained here create a foundation for Kohawks to excel in all they pursue. Your support ensures Coe can continue this mission, providing the same transformative opportunities for today's students and for generations to come. Whether through an annual gift, a contribution to scholarships or other avenues, your partnership strengthens the Coe community and amplifies the college's impact far beyond our campus. Together, we can sustain and expand Coe's legacy, empowering current and future Kohawks to achieve their fullest potential.

Alma mater, hail, hail, hail.



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HOMECOMING

— IT'S GREAT TO BE A KOHAWK! —

SEPTEMBER 26-29, 2024

Coe's campus was full as over 450 alumni and friends arrived for Homecoming weekend. Whether making a guest appearance in their favorite courses, meeting up for a class reunion or just reconnecting with classmates on the College District Bar Crawl, Kohawks got a taste of their college experience in Cedar Rapids. The football victory was an additional high, with the Kohawks beating the University of Dubuque 27-10.

This Homecoming weekend included new events. Friday's additions were the International Club Reunion, the 50th Championship Football Team Dinner, the President's Reception at Pleasant Hill and the All-Alumni Celebration. On Saturday, there was a great turnout for the new College District Bar Crawl following the football game and the 25th Class Reunion for 1999 graduates.

Some special 2024 events included **Catherine Wigginton '99** returning for a book reading and signing, the Coe College Black Alumni Association Reading Room Dedication and the P.U.B. Open House for Kohawks to see renovations.

All weekend long, Coe was overflowing with life and memories as groups from every corner of college reconnected.

HONORING
DISTINGUISHED KOHAWKS

Anna Hegland '13 received the Young Alum Award for her dedication to education and Coe College despite living overseas. Anna obtained her B.A. in English at Coe before moving to the United Kingdom to complete an M.A. in Shakespeare studies (University of Birmingham – Shakespeare Institute) and a Ph.D. in medieval and early modern studies (University of Kent – Centre for Medieval and Early Modern Studies). Her work is published in the British Shakespeare Association's *Teaching Shakespeare* magazine, *Shakespeare Bulletin and Symbolism* and a chapter on Middleton and pedagogical duties of care appears in the edited collection *Boundaries of Violence* (Routledge, 2023). She is a co-editor for a new collection, *The Theatrical Legacy of Thomas Middleton, 1624-2024* (Routledge, 2024), a regular contributor to national and international conferences and a plenary speaker at the 2024 British Graduate Shakespeare Conference. During the Covid-19 lockdowns in the U.K., Anna was a founding editor of the award-winning digital library project MEMSlib, dedicated to making open-access resources available for students and researchers of the medieval and early modern studies. Anna is currently an advisor and adjunct professor at Carthage College, where she supervises the peer career tutoring program and teaches in the First Year Experience and Intellectual Foundations programs. As an alumna, she is a member of the Coe College Library Association (CCLA) and gives regularly to the college in support of the annual Day of Giving.

> "The successes for which I'm being recognized are largely academic and would not be possible without my professors, particularly those in English, theater, history and classical studies. My professors at Coe continue to be mentors and leaders who I look up to 11 years later."
>
> – Anna Hegland '13, Young Alum Award recipient



Three alumnni were recognized by Coe College at the All-Alumni Recognition Program: (left to right) **Tony Patterson, Jr. '70** with the Distinguished Service Award, **Anna Hegland '13** with the Young Alum Award, Coe College President **David Hayes '93** and **Kenneth McMartin '73** with the Alumni Award of Merit.

Kenneth McMartin '73 received the Alumni Award of Merit in honor of his outstanding success in the toxicology field. Kenneth received a B.A. in chemistry from Coe College. During a January term, he participated in a health science internship by conducting toxicological research at the University of Iowa. This led to him entering graduate school and receiving a Ph.D. in pharmacology at the University of Iowa in 1977. His Ph.D. research demonstrated that formic acid was the metabolite responsible for toxic effects produced by methanol (wood alcohol) and that a new chemical 4-methylpyrazole was effective in treating methanol poisoning in animals by blocking the metabolism. While a graduate student he presented this research at an international alcohol conference, which inspired an invitation to conduct postdoctoral research at the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm, Sweden. After returning to the United States, he received an assistant professor position in 1980 from the Department of Pharmacology, Toxicology & Neuroscience at LSU Health Sciences Center in Shreveport, Louisiana. For over 40 years, eventually as a professor, he conducted research to discover the mechanisms by which poisonous substances produced toxic effects, in order to design new antidotal therapies to improve the treatment of such poisonings. As a result of his research, he invented and developed 4-methylpyrazole (drug name, fomepizole) as the antidote for methanol and ethylene glycol (antifreeze) poisonings. His laboratory at LSUHSC-S conducted the initial Phase 1 clinical studies showing its safety, kinetics and metabolism in healthy human subjects and collaborated on the Phase 2 and 3 clinical trials demonstrating its effectiveness in treating humans that were poisoned with methanol or ethylene glycol. This product was approved by the Food and Drug Administration and began to be used in the U.S. in 1998 for these poisonings. By 2003, it became the standard of care treatment in North America. Subsequently it has become the preferred treatment in most of Europe and Asia. During his academic career, he served as primary mentor for 10 Ph.D. students, six M.S. students and six postdoctoral fellows.

Because of these research efforts, he has been internationally recognized by receiving awards from key toxicological societies including the

Kenneth Morgareidge Award in Toxicology from the International Life Sciences Institute, the Society of Toxicology Translational Impact Award and Career Achievement Awards from the American Academy of Clinical Toxicology and from the Clinical and Translational Toxicology Specialty Section of the Society of Toxicology. He was also honored by selection as Chair of the Board of Scientific Counselors of the National Toxicology Program at the National Institutes of Health.

Tony Patterson, Jr. '70 was honored with the Distinguished Service Award. Tony was born in Binghamton, New York. After high school he headed to the Midwest to attend Coe. At Coe, he met many fellow students, college staff and professors who were instrumental in his later accomplishments and engendered a love of learning and service to others. During his time at Coe, Tony was student body vice president, a member of Sachem academic honor society, played varsity tennis, held several department assistantships, worked in food services and was named Outstanding Senior Man. He also had the privilege of serving on the Coe College Board of Trustees for many years and, even better, his daughter **Kristin Lenz '96**, wife of Coe Athletic Hall of Famer **Brian Lenz '96**, now serves on the Board of Trustees and is secretary of the board. Grandson **Barron Lenz '25**, number 44 on the Coe football team, is a third generation Kohawk. Tony says the best thing about attending Coe was meeting and marrying his wife, **Marylou Patterson '70**.

After graduation from Coe, Tony and Marylou headed south to Dallas, Texas where Tony attended Southern Methodist University School of Law. In law school, Tony was named Outstanding First Year Law Student, was a member and presiding officer of the Barristers honor society, served as Leading Articles Editor of the SMU Law Review, was a member of the Order of the Coif (top 10% of the graduating class) and graduated cum laude. He also had the second highest score on the Texas Bar exam in his graduation year. After law school Marylou and Tony lived in Dallas and Waxahachie, Texas, raising four children, which has multiplied to 11 grandchildren. In 2011 they headed north to live in Whitefish, Montana on a ski run at the Whitefish Mountain Resort.

Tony practiced law in Dallas from 1973 to 2011. His law practice centered on business, regulatory and tax-exempt organization law, primarily in the representation of health care providers, principally hospitals and health care systems. For most of his private practice career Tony was a partner in the Dallas office of the international law firm Fulbright & Jaworski (now Norton Rose Fulbright). In 2011, Tony left private practice to become the chief administrative officer and general counsel of a client, Kalispell Regional Healthcare System (now Logan Health) in Kalispell, Montana until he retired in 2018.

Outside of his law practice Tony was active in bar association activities and the leadership of many charitable and civic organizations. With the American Bar Association, he served on the Governing Board of the ABA Health Law Section, was chair of that section and received its initial Lifetime Achievement Award. He was chair of the Section Officers Conference of the ABA and chair of the Legal Opportunity Scholarship Fund (a fundraiser for scholarships awarded to racial and ethnic minority law students). Tony served as a board member and as president of the American Bar Endowment, the ABA's affiliated insurance program that uses its revenues to support the charitable activities of the ABA and the American Bar Foundation. Tony is currently a board member of the American Bar Foundation (which carries on empirical socio-legal research projects on national and international issues). Three of his non-bar activities in Whitefish have been serving on the board and as president of Shepherd's Hand, a free medical and dental clinic for the uninsured, as a board member of the Glacier National Park Conservancy and as a director and vice chair of the board of the Big Mountain Fire District. Tony also enjoyed several opportunities to teach as an adjunct law professor, teaching Taxation of Deferred Compensation at SMU Law School and Health Law and Regulation at the University of Iowa College of Law and the University of Montana Law School.

Tony enjoys road/gravel bike riding, fly fishing and fly tying, alpine skiing, learning and traveling with Marylou. They are now transitioning to Denver, Colorado, for the next exciting chapter in their lives.







The Coe Athletic Hall of Fame inducted (left to right) **John Chandler, Kyle Kuenstling '08, Brad Boyle '12, Ashley Leonard** Holland **'09** and **Emily Schultz** Smith **'98.**

Top right: John Chandler with his daughters, **Alexis Chandler** Cummings **'17** and **Claire Chandler '21.** Bottom right: Boyle with Head Football Coach **Tyler Staker '06.**

CELEBRATING
ATHLETIC EXCELLENCE

Emily Schultz Smith '98 excelled in both volleyball and basketball during her athletic career at Coe. She won the 1998 Barron Bremner Outstanding Athlete Award after earning all-conference honors in volleyball and basketball. In basketball, she contributed to Coe's first-place finish in the MWC South Division in 1996 and was the career leader in free throw percentage after graduation. Emily ranks 13th in career assists and free throw percentage, 16th in career steals and 31st in scoring. She earned a trio of all-conference honors in volleyball, bringing her career total to five conference honors in her sports. Emily is 10th in career kills per set, 13th in points per set and 15th in attack percentage. Today, Emily works as a corporate safety advisor for FedEx. She lives in Holly Springs, Mississippi with her husband, Andrew, and their three children.

Kyle Kuenstling '08 is near the top of every major statistical category in the Coe men's basketball record book, playing an integral part in the program from the first moment he stepped on campus. A three-time first-team all-conference performer, Kyle currently ranks second in career points, field goals and assists while owning the career records in free throws, rebounds, blocks, games played, games started and minutes played. He helped Coe to a 63-39 record during his time in the program and was a part of the team's first conference title in 30 years. An all-around player, Kyle is also 11th in career scoring average and 13th in steals. He stayed in Eastern Iowa, working as a landscape manager for Wapsie Pines Lawncare & Landscaping. Kyle and his wife, fellow Kohawk **Whitney Wiebel** Kuenstling **'10**, live in Cedar Falls, Iowa with their three children.

Ashley Leonard Holland **'09** was a part of the most successful four-year run in Coe softball history, reaching four NCAA Tournaments with a national runner-up and six-place finish. The 2009 Barron Bremner Outstanding Female Athlete earned four all-IIAC honors including a pair of first-team selections. Her standout senior season resulted in her earning the IIAC Player

of the Year award and an NFCA third-team all-American honor. Coe went 146-56 in Ashley's four years with the team, winning the IIAC regular season title once and finishing runner-up twice. The Kohawk career hits leader, with 234 hits, also ranks inside the top 10 in games played, total bases, doubles, batting average, on-base percentage and home runs. Ashley is now down in Georgia with her husband, working as a licensed massage therapist at Massage Envy.

Brad Boyle '12 redefined the Coe football passing records during his time as the starting quarterback. A three-year starter, he boasted an impressive 25-8 overall record and a 20-4 mark in the IIAC. Brad holds the career records in all major passing categories, leading in attempts, completions, yards and touchdowns, and he also set the school record for total offense and most touchdown completions. He guided the Kohawks to consecutive NCAA Playoff appearances in 2009 and 2010, making it to the round of 16 in 2009. Honored as the 2012 Barron Bremner Outstanding Male Athlete, he was also a finalist for the award in 2010 and 2011. Brad currently lives in Cedar Falls with his wife, **Michelle Schupbach** Boyle **'13**. He owns Advanced Family Eye Care in Independence, Iowa.

John Chandler, long-time athletic trainer and athletic director, has made an impact on generations of Kohawk athletes. In multiple roles within the department, John served as a key catalyst in the transformation of Coe athletics. His time at Coe began in 1988 as the head athletic trainer and assistant director of athletics, a position he held until 2001. He was promoted to director of athletics in May of 2001 and established Coe as a highly competitive member of the IIAC. As athletic director, John spearheaded numerous capital projects, highlighted by the renovations of the Eby Fieldhouse weight room and fitness center, Daniels Park baseball field, Eby gymnasium, the turf field and outdoor track at K. Raymond Clark Field, the rock climbing wall and J. Barron Bremner Wrestling Room. Most significantly, John joined Coe's leadership to renovate and expand Eby Fieldhouse and the ARC in 2017, including a state-of-the-art wrestling room, competitive gymnasium, fitness bridge and weight rooms. John hired some of the most successful coaches in Coe athletic history. During his tenure, the Kohawks have won 44 conference championships, had 43 team appearances in NCAA tournaments and numerous NCAA individual champions and qualifiers. John and his wife Eve currently live in Cedar Rapids and continue to bring life to Coe athletics. They have two daughters, **Alexis Chandler** Cummings **'17** and **Claire Chandler '21**.



1. Limited edition Coe College Homecoming Golden Ale brewed locally by Lion Bridge Brewing Co.

2. Cheerleaders (left to right) **Abbi Jahp '28**, **Emily Velasquez '26** and **Jurni Coleman '26** cheering the Kohawks to another Homecoming victory.

3. Kohawks reuniting at the All-Alumni Celebration during Homecoming (left to right) **Cyndi Phelps '03**, **Matt Davis '01**, **Rowan Childs '98**, **Erin Kennedy '99**, **Josh Johnson '01** and **Sameer Khan '99**.

4. **Jodi Bauer Stepanek '00**, **Dougie Peters '81**, **Emily Schultz Smith '98** and **Nikki Luneckas Hoyt '98** at the Athletic Hall of Fame induction.

5. Phi Kappa Tau and Alpha Omicron Pi students participate in the annual Teeter-Totter-A-Thon event, raising funds for the Arthritis Foundation and the SeriousFun Children's Network.

6. The reopening of Charlie's P.U.B. during Homecoming weekend.

7. **John Raley '81** and Margaret Street at the All-Alumni Celebration during Homecoming.


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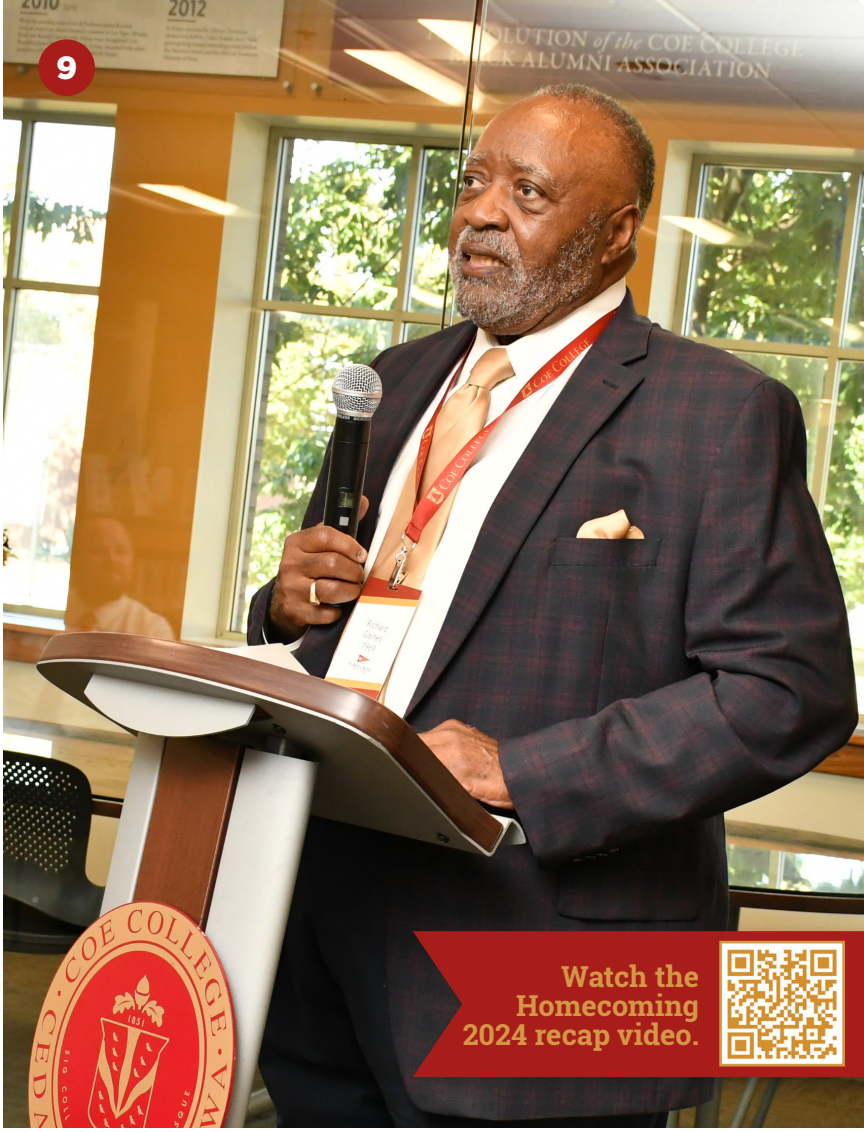

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8. 2024 Homecoming Court during halftime of the Homecoming game (left to right) **Amit Sharma '25**, **Hallie Atz '25**, **Camryn Borchardt '25**, **Lewis Kleman '25**, **Jessica Adams '25** and **Maya Lindgren '25**.

9. **Richard Gaines '69** speaking at the Coe College Black Alumni Association Reading Room Dedication during Homecoming weekend.

10. Attendees at the 50th Football Championship Team Dinner.

11. Former women's basketball coach, Randi Henderson with current women's basketball coach, **Kayla Waskow '13** at the first annual College District Bar Crawl.

12. Class of 1974 50th Reunion Ringing of the Victory Bell.

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without knowing your options

You invested well and your stocks have grown, but sometimes the growth is diminished due to the looming taxes if you sell your stock. Many investors believe capital gains are inevitable. However, that is an unnecessarily limited view of investing. You must pay capital gains taxes only when you sell stock. If you never sell, you never pay the tax. However, you can still take advantage of that growth without paying some or maybe all the capital gains you would have paid.

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Take Advantage of Your Options. Never Sell Stock, Transfer It Instead.

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1851 SOCIETY

President's Reception

at Pleasant Hill

In April 2024, Coe College proudly unveiled the 1851 Society, a distinguished group of supporters whose annual leadership gifts of $1,851 or more to Coe's Annual Fund are helping shape the future of the college. Named in honor of Coe's founding year, the 1851 Society celebrates donors whose generosity and vision mirror the commitment of the college's earliest benefactors.

The impact of the 1851 Society's members is felt in every corner of campus. Through their contributions, academic programs are enriched, student life is enhanced and a ripple effect of positivity and growth spreads across the entire community. These annual leadership commitments ensure that Coe continues to offer transformative experiences to current and future students, reinforcing the college's mission to provide the best opportunities to its students.

In its inaugural year, the 1851 Society welcomed 128 members — each making a profound difference in the lives of Coe students. Their contributions play a vital role in sustaining and advancing Coe's excellence in liberal arts education.

To honor the members of this distinguished group, an exclusive reception was held during Homecoming on Friday, September 27, at the president's residence, Pleasant Hill. Members of the 1851 Society, along with recipients of Coe's Alumni awards, gathered for an evening of celebration and reflection. President **David Hayes '93** addressed the attendees, sharing his deep gratitude for their unwavering support and speaking to the critical role that the Annual Fund plays in the college's growth and success. He highlighted how the generosity of alumni and donors helps pave the way for future generations of Kohawks.

Following President Hayes' address, senior **Angelina Guevara '25** shared her inspiring journey as a first-generation student from Arkansas. Without having visited Coe's campus before enrolling, Angelina embraced the college experience with the support of dedicated professors, the close-knit community and vital financial assistance. A pre-medicine, molecular biology



and neuroscience major, Angelina has thrived both academically and as a leader on campus, serving as an admission tour guide, co-president of the Coe Writing Center DEI Committee, a Coe Writing Center fellow and president of the Neuroscience Club. Her story is a testament to the transformative power of opportunity and support at Coe.

The 1851 Society exemplifies the spirit of leadership and dedication that has defined Coe College since its founding. With each passing year, its members continue to forge a lasting legacy, ensuring that the college remains a vibrant and thriving institution for years to come.

1851 SOCIETY GIVING LEVELS	ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COE ANNUAL FUND
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Victory Bell	$5,000 - $9,999
Daniel Coe	$10,000 - $24,999
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To make a difference in the lives of Coe students through your leadership gift to the Annual Fund and, in doing so, affirm your 1851 Society membership, visit www.coe.edu/alumni/support-coe/1851-society or scan the QR code. To learn more or ask questions, please contact Annual Fund Director Mégan Valenta at 319.399.8569 or mavalenta@coe.edu.



KOHAWK FOOTBALL

TAKES ON SCOTLAND

This past spring, Kohawk football teammates got closer by getting away.

During a nine day adventure to Scotland, six coaches, 29 players and 33 family members and friends bonded over rain, castles, hammer throws, haggis and yes some football. Throughout the trip, the team explored the stunning scenery and rich history of Scotland. They visited iconic locations such as Loch Ness and Trossachs National Park, as well as Ben Nevis, the tallest mountain in the British Isles and St. Andrews. Guided by local experts, players learned about the region's storied past, making the trip a true cultural experience.

A standout highlight, though, was the team's participation in the Highland Games in Braemar, located in Cairngorms National Park. The Highland Games, a centuries-old Scottish tradition, celebrate Scottish and Celtic culture through a series of unique athletic competitions and cultural events. The players were bagpiped into the stadium, where they competed in traditional events such as the hammer throw, stone put and caber toss.

"Our Scotland trip was a once in a lifetime opportunity for our players, coaches, family and friends. Our team spent a lot of time with each other and it brought our players closer together. It was filled with rich Scottish culture, breathtaking landscapes and unforgettable experiences," said Head Football Coach **Tyler Staker '06**.

After sightseeing for the first half of the trip, the team settled into Edinburgh for an exhibition game against the Edinburgh Wolves, a local semi-pro team. The Coe contingent also ran a free youth camp for local children. True to Scottish form, the day was rain-soaked but memorable.

"It was awesome seeing our players and coaches teach and connect with the kids, some of which had only been playing for a year, and it was fun to connect with the Wolves players and coaches and share stories, t-shirts and good times," Tyler said.

"When we hosted the youth camp, every kid was excited and interested, eager to learn. We as a group have had football as a part of our lives since we were young. Most of the players from Scotland had played for less than a few years," added **Ben Adelsberger '25**.

The players who participated will always remember the experience fondly. For **Alex Aitchison '24**, there was an elevated level of meaning as his family originated from Scotland.

"Being able to play football with all my best friends in a different country is an experience I'll never forget," Alex said. "I think we all learned a lot about each other. While I am best friends with most of the guys that went, it was great to see some of my other teammates and coaches outside of the football world."

Jay Oostendorp '25 relished the rich history, specifically as a fan of golf being able to visit the Old Course in St. Andrews.

"There is truly nothing like the experience of traveling to a place like Scotland where you will see, first-hand, things that are so unique and different from other cultures. The trip only strengthened the tight bond of our team, and we created memories that will last a lifetime," Jay said.



"Our team spent a lot of time with each other and it brought our players closer together. It was filled with rich Scottish culture, breathtaking landscapes and unforgettable experiences."

Tyler Staker '06 | *Head Football Coach*



BROSIUS AND KIRKHAM

NAMED BREMNER AWARD WINNERS



Jake Brosius '25 and **Caydee Kirkham '26** are the 2023-24 Barron Bremner Outstanding Athletes.

Jake starred for the Kohawk baseball team. As 2024's A-R-C Position Player of the Year, the center fielder helped bring home the trophies for both the A-R-C regular season and postseason while having the most hits, RBI and stolen bases across the league.

Caydee was an essential asset in bringing the 2024 women's basketball team their first 20-win season in over a decade with her remarkable stats including an average of 17.3 points, 4.5 assists and 1.9 steals per game.

Following the conclusion of the 2023-24 athletic calendar, all head athletic coaches of the college nominate candidates for the award. A committee votes to select the outstanding male and female athlete.

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.

Jake and Caydee were named this year's outstanding athletes during a ceremony Homecoming weekend at the Clark Alumni House on Sunday, September 29. Other finalists were:

- **Heather Boeckenstedt '24**. During the 2023-24 season, Heather brought the Kohawk softball team to the NCAA Super Regionals for the second consecutive year, rounding out her impressive athletic career as a fifth-year senior. She received the title of MVP of the Greencastle Regional and finished the season placing 29th in DIII runs per game.
- **Maddy Maahs '26**. During her sophomore year, Maddy made waves with her range, averaging 10.17 assists, .36 service aces, .76 kills, .21 blocks and 2.82 digs per set. She completed her impressive season landing in the top 20 in the DIII volleyball league in assists per set and overall assists.
- **Cael Schmitt '24**. Just like last season, Cael was once again named the A-R-C Defensive MVP for Coe's basketball team and earned the title of DIII Academic All-America Team Member of the Year by the College Sports Communicators. He finished his season in the top 10 in the A-R-C in several major categories including steals, threes per game, overall scoring and assists.
- **Jack Shaw '24**. As a fifth year senior, Jack ended his football career at Coe on a high note as he helped bring his team back to the DIII Playoffs for the first time in eight years. His work as a defensive back landed Coe in the top 10 in the country for TFLs, rushing defense, red zone defense, scoring and interceptions.

Combined, these athletes racked up impressive honors across the conference and nation, while leading their teams to victory throughout the season.

Coe earns multiple top rankings from national publications

Coe College consistently earns national recognition annually for its stellar student resources, involved professors and societal impact, and 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

#8 Best Career Services
#22 Most Accessible Professors
Best 390 Colleges

Niche

Top 10 Best College in Iowa for English, biology and history. Also ranked in the top 10 in Iowa for Best Value, Best Professors, Best Academics and Most Diverse Colleges.

U.S. News & World Report

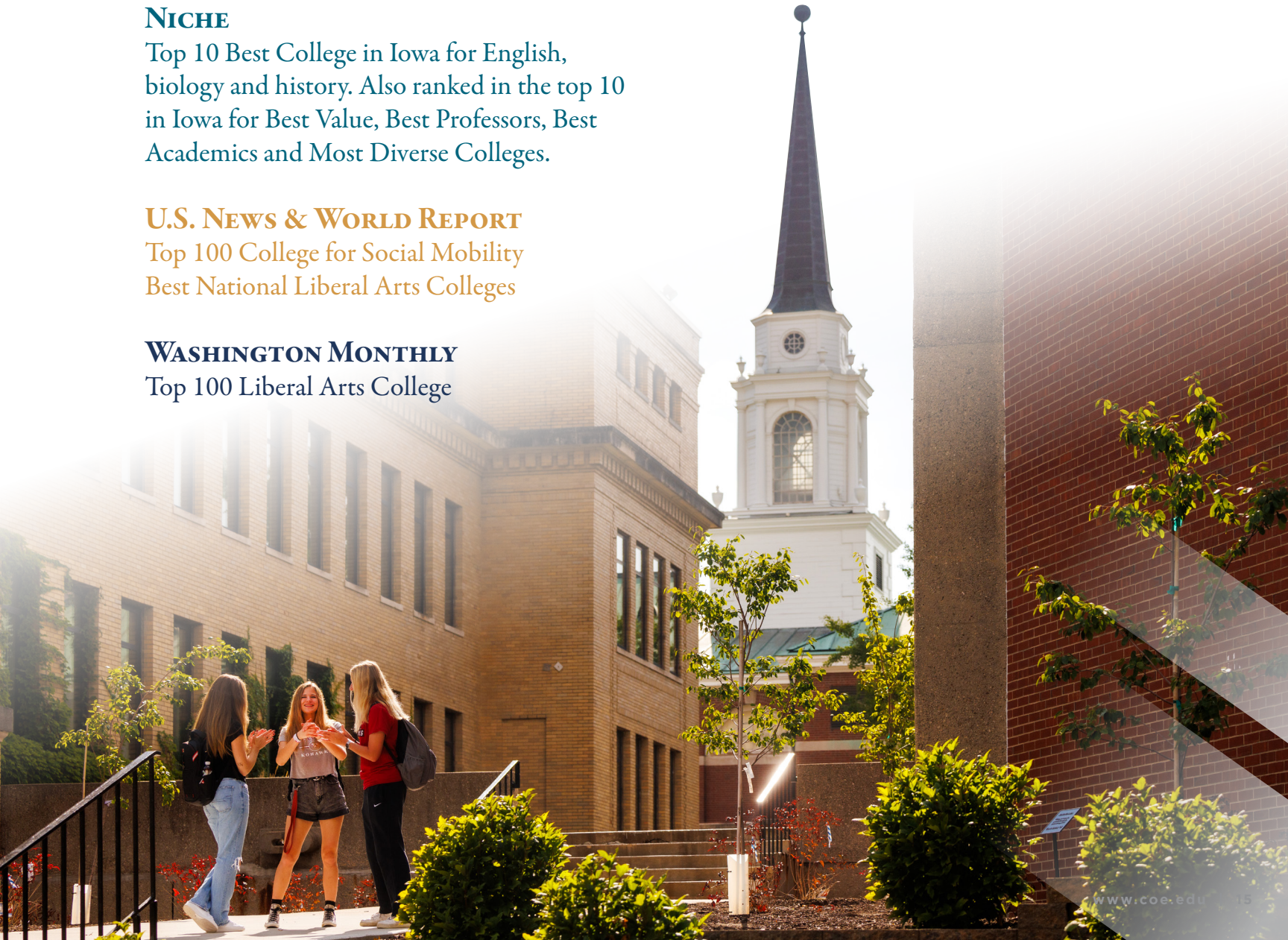
Top 100 College for Social Mobility
Best National Liberal Arts Colleges

Washington Monthly

Top 100 Liberal Arts College

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 career specialists 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.



Meet the Clark Merit Scholars

2024-2025

The Clark Merit Scholars for the 2024-2025 academic year are ***Katherine Ameku '25, Camryn Borchardt '25, Jaden Fuqua '25, Harry Hawbaker '25*** *and* ***Celestte Panduro Orellana '25.***

The Clark Merit Award provides a scholarship equal to one year's tuition for each recipient. These students have been selected by a committee of faculty members and a member of the Board of Trustees based on their integrity, intellect, leadership and social responsibility.



KATHERINE AMEKU '25, PHYSICS AND MATHEMATICS WITH A MINOR IN COMPUTER SCIENCE

To say Katherine Ameku is passionate about the world of physics and mathematics would be putting it mildly. In fact, she is pursuing a double major in these fields, along with a minor in computer science. During her time at Coe, Katherine has seized every opportunity to gain hands-on experience and contribute to scientific research. Katherine has also completed internships at DIT MCO International, LLC and the Georgia Institute of Technology, gaining valuable experience in engineering and x-ray spectroscopy. On campus, she has taken on leadership roles as president of the Physics Club and helped the organization win the 2021 Outstanding Chapter Award. She also serves as an elected committeewoman for the Missouri Democratic Party, demonstrating her commitment to civic engagement.

"I truly am honored to be named a Clark Merit Scholar. Being a Clark Merit Scholar means being a passionate student in your studies and interests, carrying that excitement into the Coe Community. Coe flourishes when students show their diverse skill sets and inspire other students to reach their full potential, creating a tight knit community that cannot be found anywhere else. I am thankful for all the resources that Coe has provided me and I hope to continue to help Kohawks in the future."



CAMRYN BORCHARDT '25, BIOLOGY WITH A MINOR IN CHEMISTRY

Camryn Borchardt, a Cedar Rapids native, exemplifies academic excellence and professional drive. As Iowa's sole representative in the American College of Cardiology Young Scholars Program, she's networked with cardiovascular professionals at prestigious events. Her experience as an optometric technician at Advanced Eyecare Associates showcases her practical medical skills. Camryn leads on campus as the Biology Club president and Pre-Health Club secretary, while tutoring peers in science courses and serving as a supplemental instructor. Her community involvement includes active participation in the Playground of Science and College District Mural Project, demonstrating her commitment to public engagement. As a CAP Leader, she mentors first-year students adjusting to college life. Camryn's diverse experiences and French proficiency position her as a well-rounded scholar with a promising future in healthcare.

"Being a Clark Merit Scholar is more than an accolade — it's a reflection of the never ending support and encouragement I've been fortunate enough to receive from those around me. I'm driven to honor this support by striving for excellence in all that I do, and by contributing to the betterment of my community and beyond. This honor not only represents my past efforts, but it inspires my future endeavors."



JADEN FUQUA '25, PSYCHOLOGY, SOCIAL AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND RELIGION

With a racket in one hand and a passion for service in the other, Jaden Fuqua embodies the quintessential Coe scholar-athlete. As team captain for Kohawk women's tennis, she balances athletic rigor with academics. Her role as service and giving chairwoman for Special Olympics in Alpha Sigma Alpha showcases her community dedication. Jaden supports peers as a CAP Leader and supplemental instructor. Her professional experience spans tennis coaching, childcare and hospitality. Extensive volunteer work with organizations like To The Rescue, WayPoint and

Willis Dady Homeless Services underlines her commitment to community betterment. Jaden's diverse experiences and well-rounded technical skills position her to make a strong impact in her chosen fields.

"To me, this scholarship means that I no longer need to focus on the financial aspect of college, and it's liberating to know that my dedication has paid off. Not only does this scholarship help pay tuition, but it also gives me the confidence to persevere through any pitfalls of my last year knowing that others believe in my abilities."



HARRY HAWBAKER '25, PHYSICS, MATH AND DATA SCIENCE

Harry Hawbaker isn't just studying science at Coe College — he's living it. This triple major in physics, mathematics and data science is already pushing the boundaries of glass research, collaborating with top institutions and publishing findings that could reshape our understanding of materials. From unraveling the mysteries of borate structures to presenting at international conferences, Harry's scientific journey is anything but ordinary, yet his impact extends far beyond the lab. As student body treasurer and the beating heart of Coe's drumline, he orchestrates campus life with the same precision he applies to his experiments. Harry's passion for knowledge is contagious — whether he's demystifying complex concepts for fellow students or igniting scientific curiosity in local children through outreach programs.

"Being a Clark Merit scholar means the world to me because it implies that I'm contributing significantly to the Coe community and that my experiences exemplify what's possible at Coe. Having this award makes me so happy because it means I honor all the faculty and friends from Coe that made me who I am today. I feel immense gratitude toward all the people that have facilitated my personal, professional and emotional growth here at Coe, and being awarded this scholarship puts me in an excellent position to pay their kindness forward to Coe after I graduate."



CELESTTE PANDURO ORELLANA '25, POLITICAL SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES WITH A MINOR IN SPANISH

Celestte Panduro Orellana has transformed campus life as student body president, championing diversity and inclusion while bridging gaps between students, faculty and administration. Celestte's impact extends far beyond Coe's borders, from tutoring refugees to spearheading projects that aid local immigrant communities. Her academic prowess is matched only by her commitment to social justice, evident in her research on Myanmar's internal crisis and Latinx representation in higher education. As a first-generation college student, she's not just breaking barriers — she's dismantling them, paving the way for future generations of diverse leaders. Her research delves into the heart of global crises and educational inequities, while her actions speak louder — participating in the development of Coe's first DEI mural and revitalizing the Political Science Club.

"Being a Clark Merit Scholar is not just a personal honor but a tribute to those who have paved the way for me and countless others. It is for my grandmother, a fearless border-crosser. It is for my parents, who left their high-class status in Honduras to be factory workers in the U.S. so that I could live, and live in abundance. It is for my sister, whose strength has always inspired me and who is the object of my highest admiration. It is for the students who were the 'first' of their families and 'only' ones in their classrooms. It is for professors who know how to combine passion and compassion in the classroom and outside of it. And finally, it is to serve as an example for all future generations of students and adults everywhere from disadvantaged backgrounds trying to make it in a world that doesn't always give them advantageous head-starts. This Clark Merit Award is a small message of hope, right here in our very own Coe College."

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



From Cedar Rapids TO THE global stage:

JOHNNY WATSON'S JOURNEY IN SPORTS PRODUCTION

This summer, as **Johnny Watson '01** hustled through crowds near the Seine River in Paris during the Olympics, you probably never would have known he started his journey near another river halfway around the world, the Cedar. If he had time to reflect on how far he had come, it was probably only for a moment as he helped produce in-game entertainment for the basketball games of the 2024 Olympiad.

Johnny's path from a tennis-loving student in Cedar Rapids to producing some of the biggest sporting events in the world is a testament to the power of a Coe College education.

His love for sports blossomed at a young age, as he honed his tennis skills at the Clark Racquet Center under the guidance of coaches Eric Rodgers and Tom Galbraith.

"That's where my love for Coe and sports in general really started," Johnny recalls. "Being around the players, the coaches, the facility — it just felt like a special place."

That special connection to Coe only grew stronger as Johnny continued his stellar play, while balancing his studies with the rigors of being a student-athlete.

Johnny's tennis career at Coe was nothing short of exceptional. As the highest-rated junior tennis player to ever enroll at Coe, he lived up to his reputation by becoming a four-year letterman and three-time Iowa Conference MVP. Johnny's exceptional athleticism and skill on the court earned him the Barron Bremner Outstanding Athlete Award in 2001 and he was inducted into the Coe Hall of Fame in 2013, cementing his legacy as one of Coe's most accomplished athletes.

"The intimate environment and one-on-one attention really benefited me," he says. "It felt like a tight-knit family, and that sense of community has stuck with me to this day."

After graduating, Johnny's career took him on a winding journey, from events roles in Arizona to breaking into the sports broadcast world with the Phoenix Suns. But it was a chance encounter at an Arizona Diamondbacks baseball game that truly set his path in motion.

"I was just talking to this guy, and he happened to work for the Suns," Johnny remembers. "I told him I'd love to get my foot in the door, and within a week, he had connected me with four different departments."

That opportunity launched Johnny into the fast-paced world of live sports production, where he thrived on the unpredictability and high-stakes environment.

Over the next decade, Johnny's career skyrocketed. He went on to work for the WNBA's Tulsa Shock (now the Dallas Wings),





building their brand and entertainment from the ground up, and eventually landed his dream job with the NBA's Milwaukee Bucks as director of game-event presentation.

But his crowning achievements have come on the global stage, as Johnny has produced events at the Olympics in Rio and Paris.

Plus, Johnny has produced the FIBA Basketball World Cup in China in 2019 and in Indonesia in 2023, and he acted as the stadium director for the US Open tennis championships in New York this year as well. Johnny orchestrates the electric atmosphere of Olympic basketball, arriving two weeks before tipoff to coordinate a diverse production team. His days start early, planning four daily games — men's and women's — for the first 10 days. Johnny cues up music, setting the arena's tone before fans file in. Split-second timing is crucial. Johnny directs player introductions, halftime shows and crowd engagement with precision. Working 14- to 16-hour days, Johnny and his crew become a tight-knit unit. They manage lighting, special effects and timing while adapting to each game's unique energy. "Every day is different," Johnny said. "That's the beauty of live production."

As the tournament progressed through quarterfinals and semifinals, the stakes rose. Johnny oversaw more than 40 games in two weeks, each crafted to create lasting memories for fans.

"The fandom at the Olympics is unlike anything I've ever seen," he marvels. "The energy, the passion — it's just incredible to be a part of creating those memories for people."

Through it all, Johnny has remained grounded in the values instilled in him at Coe. "I'm so proud to be a Coe alum," he says. "The school gave me the skills and confidence to pursue my dreams, no matter where they took me."

Johnny is especially grateful for the mentors he had at Coe, including Rodgers, Galbraith and John Chandler. "Those people really took me under their wing and made me feel special," he says. "I never forget where I come from, and Coe will always be a big part of that."

And for Johnny, those dreams have taken him far beyond the borders of Cedar Rapids. But no matter how far he travels, a piece of Coe will always be with him.

AVIATION MANAGEMENT & FLIGHT OPERATIONS

COE COLLEGE

There was a bit of a "helping wind" in getting Coe's new aviation management and flight operations program off the ground this past spring.



Duane Smith, a long-time supporter of Coe College and past commission chairman of the Eastern Iowa Airport, saw an opportunity to help Coe fill a much-needed gap both in our local community and across the nation. Thus was born, on a cocktail napkin, the idea for the new aviation management concentration and flight school that would come to fruition as a partnership between Coe, the Eastern Iowa Airport and Revv Aviation.

The need for pilots and support personnel across the aviation industry has reached a critical level. There is estimated to be a 17,000 pilot gap as many are leaving the position due to age-mandated retirement.

Duane's commitment to the idea wasn't just theoretical — it also came with the financial support needed to bring the program to the skies. With unparalleled excitement and support for the program, Duane and The TrueNorth Legacy Foundation contributed a generous investment to jumpstart the initiative. Coe will continue to bolster initial financial support by seeking additional federal funding in partnership with the airport.

> *"Coe's unique program will serve the increasing demand for aviation experts, foster economic growth and industry innovation."*
>
> *– Duane Smith*

Duane is no stranger to making things happen. He is one of the original visionary founders and serves as the Executive Chairman of TrueNorth Companies, a $134 million risk management and insurance brokerage firm headquartered in Cedar Rapids. He lives a life full of entrepreneurial endeavors and community engagement. Outside of his passion for growing companies and mentoring those around him, Duane has an enthusiasm for most things mechanical — which extends to airplanes.

"All types of transportation — cars, trucks, boats and planes — have been a passion in my life,"

said Duane. “So, naturally, many of my business ventures, personal endeavors and community engagements have involved facets of the industry, including aviation. Supporting the advancement of the aviation industry in our region excites my personal interest, and I see the long term value and impact this will make on the industry at large.”

The excitement for the aviation program is taking off on campus. The Higher Learning Commission has approved the addition of an aviation management and flight operations concentration to the business administration degree, and Coe’s aeronautical field station at the airport has a fresh coat of crimson paint ready to welcome aspiring aviators.

The demand for pilots is driving starting salaries for commercial pilots near $90,000 or more and pilots who choose Coe for Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) pilot certification will also graduate with a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration with a concentration in aviation management and flight operations, which is preferred by major carriers and creates higher earning and career promotion potential.

“I’m proud to be part of this transformative chapter in Coe College’s history,” said Duane. “As I look back on the success I have had over the years, it’s generally started with identifying a solution to a problem. Coe’s aviation program is addressing a critical problem with the shortage of pilots, and other careers focused on the aviation industry. Coe’s unique program will serve the increasing demand for aviation experts, foster economic growth and industry innovation.”

Duane’s contributions, from his vision to the financial gift with support from The TrueNorth Legacy Foundation, were integral for the program to find a smooth start.

Learn more about aviation management & flight operations at Coe at www.coe.edu/aviation.









Coe welcomes students from 31 states to campus as part of the

Class of 2028

At the beginning of this academic year, Coe welcomed 343 new Kohawks to campus as part of the Coe College Class of 2028. Coe's national appeal was evident as the class came together, culminating with Move In Day August 17.

With students from 31 states, the class holds the distinction for the most states represented in the college's history. In fact, 64% of the class came from outside the state of Iowa, and included more than 200 student athletes.

"As the admission staff got to know everyone, we quickly realized the members of the Class of 2028 were incredibly impressive. We have valedictorians, club leaders and state champions. There are students who have excelled in robotics, interned in the U.S. House of Representatives and even participated in an international coastal cleanup on the beaches of Guam — and the list goes a lot further. It's another great class of Kohawks and I know they will continue to set a high standard as the classes before them have," said Associate Vice President for Enrollment & Dean of Admission Josh Kite.

As a whole, the class is well prepared academically with an average GPA of 3.65 and an average ACT score of 26. There is a fourth generation Kohawk among the 27 in the class who have had a relative attend Coe.

"Talented students and their families are seeking out an education like the one we provide here at Coe. The level of quality in experience and mentorship is a precursor to professional and graduate school success, and has been a life changing education for generations of Kohawks," said Senior Vice President for Enrollment, Marketing and Institutional Effectiveness **Julie Kleis** Staker **'93**.

Currently, Coe holds national rankings from The Princeton Review, including No. 8 for Best Career Services and No. 22 for Most Accessible Professors. Coe is Iowa's only college or university to be ranked in any of these categories.

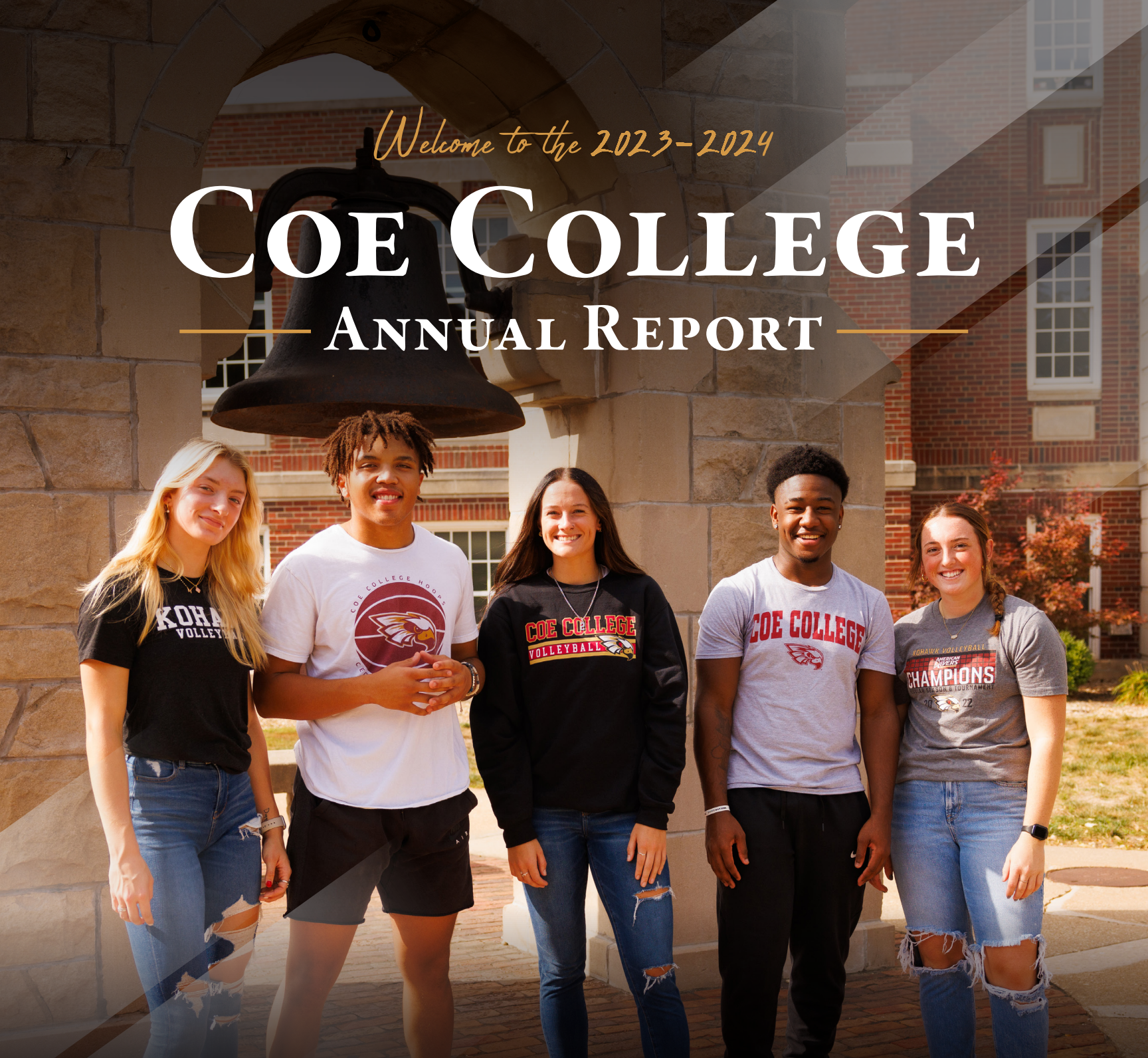
Nearly 100% of reporting graduates find employment, attend graduate school or engage in a service opportunity within nine months of graduation, consistently now for more than a decade.

The new Kohawks officially began their paths to success with New Student Orientation. Members of the incoming class are paired with success coaches within the Office of Student Success & 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.

If you know a high school student who would benefit from Coe's unique opportunities, let us know!

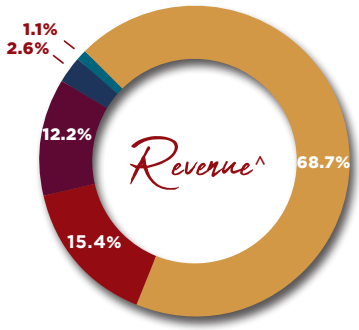
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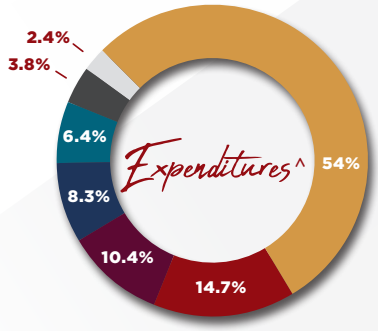


Our 2023-2024 Annual Report recognizes the kindness and dedication of our alumni, friends, staff and faculty – you are the foundation of Coe's success upon which our mission to serve our students is built. Like all higher education institutions, Coe faces increased operating costs, uncertain enrollments and shifting preferences of today's high school graduates. Your continued support to our students and the Coe community will mean more than ever. Whether you volunteered your time or financial resources, we are very grateful for your generosity and sincerely thank you for coming together in support of Coe College.

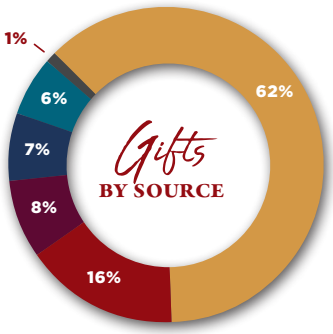
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Tuition & Fees: **68.7%**
Endowment Support for Operations: **15.4%**
Residence and Dining Services: **12.2%**
Gifts Supporting Operations: **2.6%**
Other Sources: **1.1%**



Financial Aid (Scholarships and Grants): **54%**
Academic Program: **14.7%**
Student Services: **10.4%**
General Administration: **8.3%**
Campus Facilities: **6.4%**
Residence and Dining Services: **3.8%**
Debt Service: **2.4%**



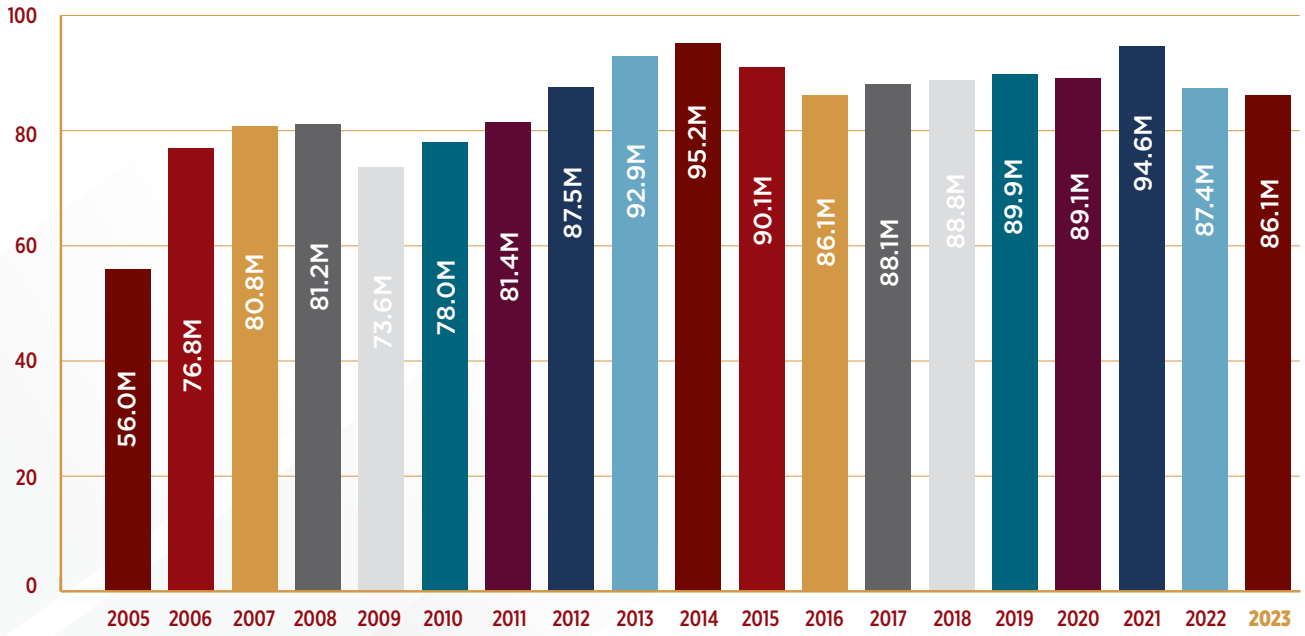
Alumni: **62% | $2,666,340**
Foundations: **16% | $704,712**
Corporations/Businesses: **8% | $336,652**
Friends: **7% | $291,919**
Other: **6% | $248,508**
Parents: **1% | $70,537**



Undesignated Estates: **25% | $1,066,047**
Annual Fund: **25% | $1,055,105**
Endowment: **20% | $857,211**
Capital Projects: **13% | $582,005**
Special Projects: **7% | $317,664**
Athletics: **6% | $242,613**
Scholarships/Prizes: **3% | $110,464**
Other Current Support: **1% | $53,074**

Endowment - Total Assets Market History

Fiscal Years Ending June 30



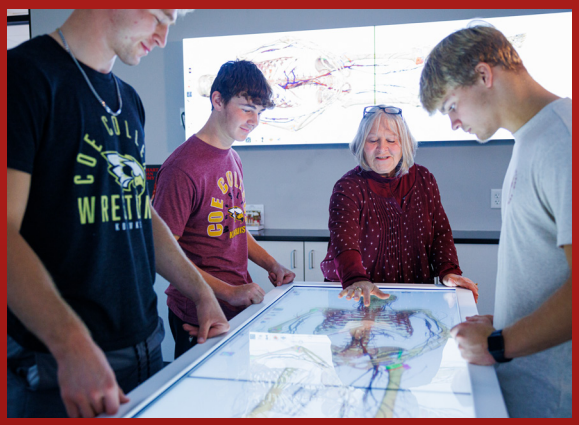
Total Amount Raised

$4,284,183

Your support LEAVES AN IMPACT TODAY, TOMORROW AND FOREVER.

When you give to Coe, *you give to students...*

While Coe plays a unique role in each of our lives, there are commonalities between all who are proud to be Kohawks.





"What attracted me to Coe were the research opportunities."

Ben Roark '23 | Crest Hill, Illinois

"I fell in love with the small size, community and beauty of the campus."

Danielle Rowe '25 | Waterloo, Iowa

"The financial aid packages were better at Coe than other colleges."

Kadence Lisk '26 | Carlisle, Iowa

"I was really fascinated in all the opportunities that prepare you for life after Coe."

Alayna Noel '25 | Asbury, Iowa

"I have really enjoyed building connections within the Coe community."

Ryan Eddy '24 | Ottumwa, Iowa

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	Donors	Alumni*	Participation Rate
1943-49	57	6	10.53%
1950	0	15	0.00%
1951	3	20	15.00%
1952	2	21	9.52%
1953	3	20	15.00%
1954	2	19	10.53%
1955	4	32	12.50%
1956	6	32	18.75%
1957	16	56	28.57%
1958	3	35	8.57%
1959	8	48	16.67%
1960	11	65	16.92%
1961	12	69	17.39%
1962	16	74	21.62%
1963	16	77	20.78%
1964	12	75	16.00%
1965	30	111	27.03%
1966	21	112	18.75%
1967	23	112	20.54%
1968	24	132	18.18%
1969	18	141	12.77%
1970	27	131	20.61%
1971	19	128	14.84%
1972	23	124	18.55%
1973	31	152	20.39%
1974	50	228	21.93%
1975	18	173	10.40%
1976	35	191	18.32%
1977	23	178	12.92%
1978	18	195	9.23%
1979	20	167	11.98%
1980	13	160	8.13%
1981	22	195	11.98%
1982	18	216	8.33%
1983	21	211	9.95%
1984	18	223	8.07%
1985	13	226	5.75%
1986	15	213	7.04%
1987	18	217	8.29%
1988	24	207	11.59%
1989	15	167	8.98%
1990	23	204	11.27%
1991	19	211	9.00%
1992	8	199	4.02%
1993	18	189	9.52%
1994	26	261	9.96%
1995	18	214	8.41%
1996	25	275	9.09%
1997	18	228	7.89%
1998	16	230	6.96%
1999	20	238	8.40%
2000	13	219	5.94%
2001	13	238	5.46%
2002	21	212	9.91%
2003	5	292	1.71%
2004	9	234	3.85%
2005	12	239	5.02%
2006	20	248	8.06%
2007	16	267	5.99%
2008	14	272	5.15%
2009	11	253	4.35%
2010	16	245	6.53%
2011	14	270	5.19%
2012	12	265	4.53%
2013	16	278	5.76%
2014	10	248	4.03%
2015	11	281	3.91%
2016	2	262	0.76%
2017	6	292	2.05%
2018	7	258	2.71%
2019	3	272	1.10%
2020	4	291	1.37%
2021	2	287	0.70%
2022	8	281	2.85%
2023	5	247	2.02%

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

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.

2023-2024 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
Sally Roegner Brause '88
Carla Jo Brooks '78
Matt Clark '95
Charles Cotton III '13
Delaney Cummings '15
Kirk Ergang '75
Dominic Fails '87
Fred Jackson '03
Constance Schlitter Losch '20
Amber Mason Lusson '03
Nick Ludwig '11
Darcy Ehrmann Moulin '04
Troy Orwan '88
Ben Sagers '18
Verlynn Schmalle '82
Amy Wiezorek Schork '95
Pat Steele '75

2023-2024 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.

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Jane Ofundem Ebot-Bish '08
Deborah Lindberg Gertsen '87
Samuel Hammes '10
Terry Hiebert '76
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2023-2024 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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David Hayes '93, Coe College President
Lauren DuBay Gilbertson '13, Alumni Council President



CLASS NOTES

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

1960s

'62 John Havick of Stone Mountain, Georgia, has published *Stock Car Racing: The Playland Track – 1950 – 1954*, pp 243 (2024). The book is partially a companion to the *Ghosts of NASCAR* (2013). It consists of topics researched, primary source material and photos. The book fits into the academic area of popular culture as does the ghost book that received an excellent review from the Journal of American Culture 38(3): 321.

1970s

'71 Dr. Christopher Watson of Minneapolis, Minnesota, is lead author of a book titled *RIOS Guide for Reflective Supervision and Consultation in the Infant and Early Childhood Field*. RIOS stands for Reflective Interaction Observation Scale, a research tool Watson and his team at the University of Minnesota developed along with colleagues from across the United States. The RIOS measures the depth and breadth of reflection in staff supervision. The goals of reflective supervision are to improve work quality and to assist staff members in managing stress, maintaining morale and preventing burnout. It focuses on the personal experiences, culture, values, beliefs and biases each person brings to work relationships so they can better understand themselves and others. Reflection is utilized in corporate and medical fields, as well as in early care and education, child welfare and public health.

'72 Rita Rohse Popp of Fort Collins, Colorado, is the author of *The End of Promise: A Bethany Jarviss Mystery*, released July 22, 2024. It is the second novel in the series, following *The First Fiancée* in 2022. Her novelette, *Passing on the Farm*, a story of inheritance and romance set in Iowa, was published in 2023. All are available from The Wild Rose Press, Amazon and other major retailers. Rita and her husband, **Tony Popp, '71**, divide their time between their home in Colorado and cabin in the New Mexico mountains. The couple met at Coe in 1968 and married in 1972.

1980s

'85 Gregory Naso of Las Vegas, Nevada, started a new job as the senior vice president of steel work systems delivery at Sphere Entertainment.

1 **'86 Charles Davis** celebrated his 60th birthday on June 8. Over 50 friends and family gathered in Chicago for a weekend of birthday activities beginning with a BBQ dinner on Saturday evening, attending Trinity United Church of Christ on Sunday morning and ending with brunch on the outdoor patio overlooking Soldier Field.

1990s

'95 Drew P. Davies of Omaha, Nebraska, recently designed and co-authored *Creative Genius: The Art of the Nebraska Capitol*, a coffee table book showcasing 100 years of art contained within the state's grandest building, revealing the themes driving the art, and chronicling the stories behind artists and their creations.

'96 Kristin Patterson Lenz of Minocqua, Wisconsin, released her book, *Adventure Awaits: Following God's Direction to Discover Your Dreams* on October 1, 2024. Women seeking to fulfill their dreams will discover new tools and strategies for decision making, practical action steps for today, plus plenty of encouragement and inspiration to pursue the passions God has placed on their hearts. Do you have dreams you'd love to pursue, but feel held back by the demands of your busy schedule? Are you entering a new season in your life and unsure of what to do next? Have you been longing for more connection or direction? Drawing from her own experience in creating her popular decorating blog and lifestyle brand, Kristin Lenz offers a roadmap for finding the things that truly energize and enrich you. You'll encounter advice on how to identify your passions, how to make those dreams a reality and how to connect with others in meaningful and fulfilling ways. Kristin's breathtaking photography of the Minocqua Northwoods creates a peaceful and compelling invitation to rest, rejuvenate and give room for dreams to grow. Are you ready for adventure? It's waiting for you!

2000s

'01 Jennifer Oracki Lange of Kenosha, Wisconsin, was promoted to senior chief musician, currently serving in the US Fleet Forces Band.

'02 Laura Laua Farmer of Marion, Iowa, has two books releasing this year: a collection of short stories, *Direct Connection*, and a novel, *Catch and Release*. Her collection of short stories, *Direct Connection*, was published in April with Bridge Eight Press. It's a literary collection of short stories and one novella that center around queer life in Iowa. Sometimes ghosts show up. Her novel, *Catch and Release*, is forthcoming this fall with North Dakota State University Press and is also set in Iowa. The cover art for *Direct Connection* was created by **Morgan "Andrew" Small '00**, a dear friend from Coe.

'03 April Elsbernd of Minneapolis, Minnesota accepted a new job as head volleyball coach at Augsburg University. She was previously head volleyball coach at the University of Dubuque.

2 **'08 JoAnna Gorman** Cochenet-Gallastegui of Medford, Oregon, received her doctorate in musical arts in orchestral conducting from the University of Nevada, Reno in May 2024. Her dissertation document topic is: "The Sound of Struggle: A Study and Comparison of Expressive Musical Features from Works by "Dweller" Composers (1933-1956)." She also holds a Master's in Music in Orchestral Conducting and Viola Performance from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (2010). She extends great appreciation for the Coe music department in offering many conducting and leadership opportunities early on in her career which helped to propel further opportunities and were pivotal foundations for her career. Special thanks goes to lifelong Coe music and conducting mentors Dr. William Carson, Dr. Marc Falk, and her first official conducting teacher, the late Professor Richard Hoffman.

Matthew Schuling has been named a district associate judge in Judicial District 4 by Governor Kim Reynolds.

2010s

'16 Kristen Scott of Fort Collins, Colorado, received her master's degree in social work from Colorado State University.





WEDDING BELLS

1990s

'91 Donald Hansen and Annette Hansen of Central City, Iowa, on July 11, 2024.

2020s

1 **'21 Michael Dion** and **Gailann Robinson '19** of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, were married at Christ the King Lutheran Church on April 13, 2024. They want to extend their thanks to the Coe community for bringing them together.

2 **'22 Anthony Dixon** and **Hanna Biegger '22** of Cedar Rapids, Iowa on October 28, 2023. Kohawks in their wedding party were: **Lacey Tierney '21**, **Paige Cadien '22**, **Haley Erickson '22**, **Natalie Hansen '22**, **Sydney Huggins '22**, **Carlie Frost '23** and **Skyler Stookey '24**.





2000s

'06 Matthew Hall and his wife, Sara, of Mosinee, Wisconsin, a son, Martin Brian, on April 24, 2024.

2010s

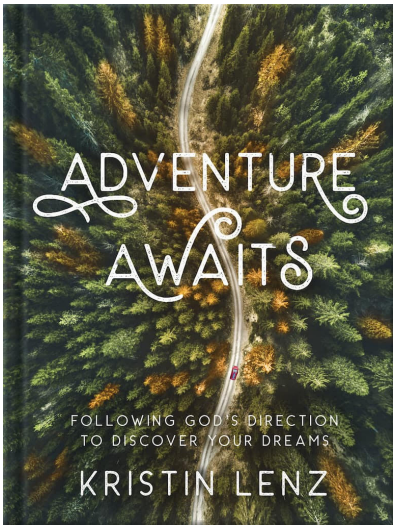
'12 Debra Ramirez and her husband, Tony Selting, of Omaha, Nebraska, adopted twins. Their names are Shiloh and Starlette Selting and they just had their first birthday in August of 2024.

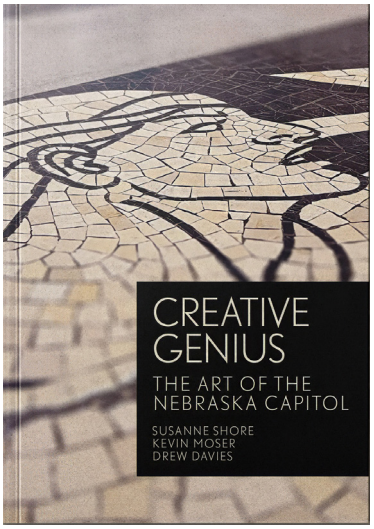
1 **'13 Kristopher Hopkins** and **Hailee Gehrls** Hopkins **'13** of Marion, Iowa, a daughter, Clara Ann, on April 4, 2024.

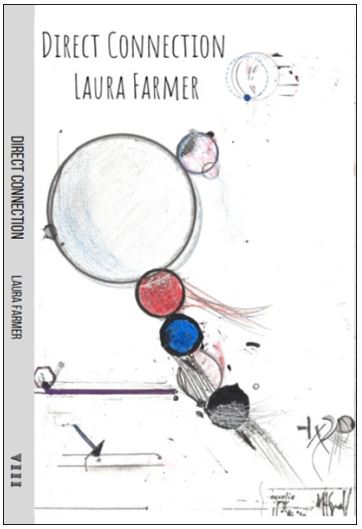
2 **'15 Lindsay Meade** Hopp and her husband, Nathan, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, a son, Daniel Melvin, on June 6, 2024.

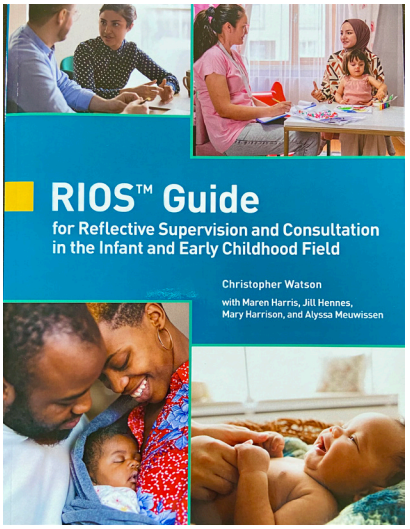












ALUMNI COUNCIL *Update*

Dear Coe College Alumni,

I hope this message finds you well and thriving, whether you're just beginning your post-graduate journey or have been a proud Kohawk for decades. As Alumni Council President, I'm pleased to share some exciting updates, reflections and opportunities to stay involved with Coe.

Since its inception, Coe has been a place of academic excellence, personal growth and community engagement. As alumni, we have a unique opportunity to help ensure that Coe continues to thrive. I encourage you to stay connected with your fellow Kohawks — whether through regional alumni events, online communities, the alumni website or personal connections.

Another way to strengthen our bond with Coe is by giving back. Your contributions — whether of time, talent or treasure — make a tremendous difference. Alumni support enables the college to provide scholarships, enhance academic programs and maintain the campus. Whether it's through mentoring a student, participating in the alumni association or making a financial contribution, every bit helps to ensure that future generations of Kohawks have the same opportunities we did. I encourage you to consider how you might give back to Coe in a way that's meaningful to you.

Coe has recently welcomed **Claire Tupper** Sagers **'18** as the new Director of Alumni Engagement and the Alumni Council looks forward to working with Claire to roll out new initiatives that better serve our alumni and keep you connected to the campus.

Thank you for your ongoing dedication to Coe College. Whether through your time, talents or generosity, you have helped Coe flourish and remain a place of opportunity, growth and lifelong connections.

With warm regards and best wishes,



Pat Steele '75
Alumni Council President

IN MEMORIAM

Indicates decedent was a member of the Coe College Heritage Club

Served on the Alumni Council

For information, contact Director of Planned Giving Debbie Green at 319.399.8592 or dgreen@coe.edu.

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

1940s

1942 Lucile Hamrin Boedy, 103, of South Burlington, Vermont on April 1.

1947 Renee Cardell Cook, 98, of Bloomington, Illinois on July 15.

1950s

1952 Margret "Maggie" Ainslie Fielding, 94, of North Canton, Ohio on May 9.

1953 Curtis Yarwood, 93, of Colorado Springs, Colorado on July 1.

1954 Richard "Dick" Forrest, 91, of Lake Tomahawk, Wisconsin on July 9.

1956 Laverne "Vern" Knock, 90, of Terre Haute, Indiana on July 20.

1957 Betty Howe Hass, 93, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa on June 3.

Marilyn Rech, 89, of Marion, Iowa on July 25.

Beverly Wolfe Schmitt, 88, of Fort Collins, Colorado on April 16.

1959 John Helming, 87, of Fort Myers, Florida on March 26.

Barbara Beals Knappenberger, 87, of McAllen, Texas on July 22.

1960s

1960 James "Jim" Driscoll, 90, of Harpers Ferry, Iowa on May 4.

George Dye, 90, of Woodbury, Minnesota on July 15.

1961 Leone Rummens MacLean, 85, of Annandale, Minnesota on April 28.

Melville "Mel" Moses, Jr., 84, of Sarasota, Florida on May 14.

1962 Dennis Erickson, 84, of Mesa, Arizona on March 3.

Joyce Lamparek Anderson, 84, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa on June 18.

1963 Susanne Myres, 89, of Palo, Iowa on May 11.

Craig Ross, 83, of Waukee, Iowa on May 21.

David Roupe, 86, of Crestline, California on June 26.

Margaret "Jane" Slaughter, 82, of Albuquerque, New Mexico on June 4.

1964 Donald "Don" Bach, 86, of Center Point, Iowa on April 23.

1966 Sally Brozik Dawson, 80, of Vancouver, Washington on April 18.

1968 Suzanne "Sue" Verba Ahrens, 83, of Plymouth, Minnesota on June 11.

1970s

1971 Kenneth Cook Jr., 74, of Gilbert, Arizona on April 22.

James "Nick" Davies, 74, of Redondo Beach, California on May 22.

1972 George Y Tsui, 74, of Blue Bell, Pennsylvania on March 12.

1974 Jack Spore, 74, of Monticello, Iowa on May 28.

1975 Hugh Cooper, 71, of Sioux Rapids, Iowa on April 12.

1977 James "Jim" Leonard, 68, of Merrifield, Minnesota on May 7.

1980s

1982 Brian Gibson, 64, of Ankeny, Iowa on April 15.

Kristana Weiler, 83, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa on July 4.

1983 Dolores Denison Rawson, 98, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa on May 18.

1984 Troy Halderson, 61, of Beloit, Wisconsin on April 22.

Shirley Crane Pratt, 62, of Niwot, Colorado on May 13.

1988 Brian Osterhaus, 57, of Dyersville, Iowa on May 23.

1990s

1990 Scot Lumsden, 56, of Marion, Iowa on April 17.

1994 Andrew "Andy" Velo, 55, of Key West, Florida on May 16.

1996 Amy Bostwick, 67, of Arlington, Texas on January 20.

Non-Grads

Ruth Flinn Glasheen, 91, of San Diego, California on November 1.

Jo Anne Williams Grissel, 96, of Crowley, Texas on July 9.

Marian Snyder Handley, 96, of Rogers, Arkansas on June 24.

William "Bill" Heck, 81, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa on May 6.

Gail Kettler Kolda, 83, of Westerville, Ohio on April 18.

Sara Hixson Spurbeck, 85, of West Des Moines on April 23.

John Newkirk, 79, of Long Beach Island, New Jersey on June 5.

William "Bill" Quinby, 92, of Cedar Rapids on April 20.

John Warner, 93, of Ivins, Utah on May 28.



Coe legend Bill Quinby, former director of career counseling and athletic director, passed away at 92 years old. He was a monument for Coe College and all of Cedar Rapids, who radiated values of hard work, responsibility and giving back to one's community to everyone he met.

Bill spent time as an educator and administrator for the Cedar Rapids school district and in human resources and real estate before coming to work at Coe. Throughout his professional journey, Bill was known for being a football referee, from high school and collegiate games to 14 years in the Big 10 and over 22 years with the NFL, including refereeing the 1985 Super Bowl. In retirement, he was often found at Daniel's Park back in Cedar Rapids, mowing the Kohawk baseball field.

For his service, dedication and impact on Coe, Bill was also the recipient of the college's Distinguished Service Award in 1996 and the Kesler Outstanding Service Award in 2007. Daniel's Park ballfield was renamed Quinby Field in his honor in 2016. Although he did not attend Coe, Bill was Kohawk through and through and is easily recognized as one of the legends of Coe. Bill led a full and amazing life, and he has left an impact on countless individuals through his generosity, involvement and care.

FACULTY & STAFF



Professor of Physics **Ugur Akgun** published an article, "High-Density Glass Scintillators for Proton Radiography—Relative Luminosity, Proton Response, and Spatial Resolution" in the Journal of Sensors, (Feb 2024). Akgun has continued to share his knowledge world-wide. He gave an Invited Talk, "Developing Novel Detectors" at the Alfred University Material Science Engineering Department in Alfred, New York. In March, he presented "A Solid, 3-Dimensional Dosimeter Prototype" at the American Physical Society Meeting, in Minneapolis with Coe physics students. In June, he traveled to the Netherlands to present "A high speed, Solid, 3D Dosimeter Prototype" at MEMEA 2024 IEEE Medical Measurements & Applications Conference. In July, his research presentation, "Luminosity, Proton Response, and Spatial Resolution of High-Density Glass Scintillators" was accepted by SCINT2024, 17th International Conference on Scintillating Materials and their Applications in Milano, Italy.



Professor of Political Science **Lynda Barrow** published a case study titled "Scotland and the United Kingdom: Breaking up Is Hard to Do" with the Georgetown Institute for the Study of Diplomacy at Georgetown University.



Associate Professor of Physics **Caio Bragatto** gave three presentations at the presented Glass and Optical Materials Division (GOMD) meeting in May 2023: "Relationship between Rigid-Unit Packing Fraction and ionic conductivity of highly modified alkali-borate glasses," "Study of the ionic conductivity plateau on high-lithium borate glasses" and "Utilizing Electrical Impedance Spectroscopy (E.I.S.) to Observe In-situ Phase Changes in Lithium Diborate Glass." At the GOMD conference, he also served as Chair for the Charge and Energy Transport in Disordered Materials session and was elected as Young Professional Network (YPN) liaison for the Glass and Optical Materials Division (GOMD). In July 2023, he presented "Studying Crystallization and Structural Relaxation through changes in the electrochemical properties of Li2O3-B2O3 Glass" at the 2023 All Iowa Glass Conference (AIGC) and "Utilizing electrical impedance spectroscopy (EIS) to observe in-situ phase changes in lithium diborate glasses" at the 10th International Conference on Borate Glasses, Crystals, and Melts. Bragatto has had three research papers published in the past year. In November of last year, his research titled "Molecular dynamics simulations of magnesium aluminosilicate glass structure: Evidence for oxygen tricluster formation" was published in the Journal of the American Ceramic Society. In April, his collaborative work, "Study of the ionic conductivity plateau on high-lithium borate glasses" appeared in Physics and Chemistry of Glasses - European Journal of Glass Science and Technology Part B. He also co-authored a research article, "Investigating the Role of Network Former Interactions on Charge Carrier Diffusivity in Glasses," published in Frontiers in Materials in April. He was elected Society of Physics Student (SPS) Zone Councilor for Zone 11, part of the American Physical Society (APS). The SPS National Council is the main governing body for the Society of Physics Students and Sigma Pi Sigma. Bragatto took part in the acquisition of an Electrochemical Impedance Spectrometer for Research in Glass with Undergraduates through an NSF Major Research Instrumentation (MRI) grant, totaling $220,000. He was nominated for the SPS Outstanding Chapter Advisor Award by students for the 2023-2024 academic year. In addition to all of this, he hosted Prof. Marcio Nascimento from Universidade Federal da Bahia at Coe College's Physics Department from January to March, collaborating on the project "Relationship between free volume and electrical properties of borate glasses using the rigid-unit packing fraction."



Associate Professor of Psychology **Sam Brown** gave the invited Keynote, "Vocational exploration in the college experience" at MidAmerican Nazarene University's Opening Conference in August.



Professor of History **Derek Buckaloo** published a book review of *Cyrus Schayegh's edition of Globalizing the U.S. Presidency: Postcolonial Views of John F. Kennedy* (London: 2020) in H-Net Reviews in the Humanities & Social Sciences (H-War) in August. In August, his interview with National Public Radio on Swift-boating in History and the 2024 Campaign was published on NPR.org in Rachel Treisman's "A brief history of swift boating, from John Kerry to Tim Walz."



Professor of Music **Bill Carson** spent seven weeks living in Paris and facilitating travel, sightseeing, and concerts for thousands of U.S. music students through the Paris portion of their European concert tour with the Ambassadors of Music program.



Associate Professor of Physics **Firdevs Duru** and the rest of the Physics Department received a NASA grant of $225,000 for setting up a high performing

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 December 1. **The deadline for the Spring 2025 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.

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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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computer cluster that simulates the planetary ionosphere's interactions with solar winds. In March, she presented "Neutron and Gamma Shielding Capabilities of Li and Na Borate Glasses" with students at the American Physical Society meeting. Dura also published "Ionospheric Density Depletions around Crustal Fields at Mars and their Connection to Ion Frictional Heating" in the Annales Geophysicae.



Assistant Professor of Creative Writing **Jen Ferguson** published her novel, *A Constellation of Minor Bears* with HarperCollins in September.



Professor of English **Gina Hausknecht** organized and was a discussant for "Building Communities of Support in and Around the Criminal Legal System," a roundtable at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences in Chicago in March. She was also elected to a two-year term as secretary of the Iowa Consortium for Higher Education in Prison (ICHEP).



Assistant Professor of Education **Stacy Haynes-Moore** was elected to the 2024-2025 Board of the Iowa Council Teachers of English and will serve ICTE members as liaison for the National Council Teachers of English and state contact for the NCTE Intellectual Council of Freedom. Dr. Haynes-Moore, a veteran English Language Arts and journalism teacher, is a faculty member in Coe Teacher Education and conducts research about curricular censorship, schooling policies and instructional practices.



Professor of Political Science **Kim Lanegran** was appointed to a three year term on the Cedar Rapids Civil Rights Commission in July.



Assistant Professor of English **Margaret LeMay** published her poem "sample.winter.13" in Brink No. 7, Spring 2024. She also had poems selected as finalists for the 2024 Iowa Review Awards. A sonnet and a sestina will appear in the forthcoming issue of The Iowa Review.



Professor of Chemistry **Steve Singleton** was named a Molecular Sciences Software Institute Faculty Fellow as part of the NSF initiative, Accelerating Curricular Transformation in the Computational Molecular Sciences (ACT-CMS). Fellowships are awarded to molecular science educators developing curricula that integrate programming and computation.



Program Director for TRIO - Student Support Services, Co-Director of the Learning Commons **Nikki Slack** attended the COE (Council for Opportunity in Education) Annual Conference in NYC, where she won a $500 scholarship for the student of her choice. She awarded it to a TRIO SSS participant who was struggling to find a solution for paying this semester's tuition.

Assistant Professor of Political Science **Rochelle Snyder** defended her dissertation, "Personal Ends, Partisan Means: Constituent Service and Representation in the United States Congress" at the University of Wisconsin Madison in March. She also had an article accepted this summer for publication in American Politics Research titled "The Partisan Vote: Shared Partisanship and Constituent Service in the U.S. Congress."



Professor of History **Brie Swenson Arnold** was an invited presenter, alongside other nationally prominent Civil War historians, on the "Civil War History" panel at the inaugural Iowa History Conference at the State Historical Society of Iowa in Des Moines, IA in June. This conference was sponsored by the State Historical Society of Iowa and the University of Iowa's Office of the Vice President for Research. Through the State Historical Society of Iowa, she also served as a faculty reviewer and discussant at the Iowa Dissertation Fellowship Workshop, a competitive grant and research program for graduate students from across the country who are producing dissertations about midwestern history.



Assistant Professor of Communication Studies **Oluwadamilola Opayemi** had a paper, "Menopause-Related Uncertainty and Women's Identity Reconstruction" accepted for presentation at the upcoming 110th National Communication Association Conference in Louisiana.



Welcome

Jason Chapman

Dean of Student Life and Inclusion

Coe was thrilled to welcome Jason Chapman as the new dean of student life and inclusion in July. With two decades of experience in higher education and student affairs, Chapman brings a wealth of knowledge, including expertise in residence life, student activities, student success and Title IX.

Previously serving as the director of student success at Hawkeye Community College in Waterloo, Iowa, Chapman has an established reputation for his commitment to student development and advocacy. Before his time at Hawkeye, Chapman spent five years at Whitworth University in Spokane, Washington, where he held the titles of director of student activities and assistant dean of student life programs.

"I'm excited to join Coe College and contribute to its vibrant community. My goal is to foster an inclusive environment where every student can thrive, both academically and personally. The residential experience is a crucial part of college life, and I'm committed to ensuring it enriches our students' journeys."

During the interview process, Chapman impressed the search committee with his profound appreciation for the transformative power of a residential experience.

"It's clear Jason understands the vital role that living on campus plays in a student's personal and academic development. Jason is deeply committed to ensuring that all students receive the support they need to fully benefit from their time at Coe College," said President **David Hayes '93**.

Colleagues and references consistently highlight Jason's warm and honest personality, emphasizing his ability to build genuine connections with students and staff alike. His experience with intercultural and interfaith dialogues further showcases his dedication to fostering an inclusive environment where diverse perspectives are celebrated.

As Jason joins the Coe College community, we look forward to his leadership and vision in enhancing student life and inclusion on campus. Please join us in welcoming him to the Kohawk family!

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Thankful Thursday: Giving Back to Move Forward

Introducing Thankful Thursday: A New Tradition of Gratitude and Support for Coe

At Coe College, we believe that the future is built on the generosity of those who cherish their past. This November, we are excited to introduce a new giving tradition: **Thankful Thursday: Giving Back to Move Forward.** On Thursday, November 21, 2024, we invite alumni, guardians and friends of Coe to come together in a celebration of gratitude and support for the college we all love.

As we transition away from Giving Tuesday, we have created Thankful Thursday as a dedicated day to reflect on the impact Coe has had on our lives and to help ensure that future generations can benefit from the same opportunities. Coe College has always been a place where students are nurtured, challenged and empowered to pursue their passions and dreams. This transformative experience is made possible by the steadfast support of our alumni and donors through contributions to the Annual Fund.

Why Give Back?

Giving back to Coe is about more than just maintaining the college's traditions — it's about moving forward together. Your gift to the Annual Fund helps provide scholarships, enhance academic programs and offer enriching opportunities to current students. It is your way of ensuring that future Kohawks have access to the same life changing experiences that shaped your journey.

This year, our goal is to bring the entire Coe community together in support of our students. Thankful Thursday is your opportunity to give back, knowing that your generosity will continue to propel the college forward. Every gift, no matter the size, helps us create a stronger future for Coe.

How You Can Get Involved

Between now and November 21, 2024, you will hear more about how you can participate in Thankful Thursday. In the spirit of giving, we encourage you to share your gratitude for Coe on social media, using the hashtag #ThankfulThursdayCoe, and to make a gift that supports the ongoing success of our students.

Together, let's give back to the place that gave so much to us. **On Thankful Thursday, let's move Coe forward — together.**

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