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### "It's a great time to be a Kohawk!"

You may have heard these words before, perhaps many times. And while they have always been true, there is something special about the era the college is in right now. The energy and momentum we are experiencing can be felt in our classrooms and all across campus, and it is our goal to keep it that way.

This school year opened with another stellar first-year class of 445 students, second in size only to last year's incoming class. These two record classes have led to the largest student body in the college's history for the sixth year in a row, a feat not easily achieved

in the current higher education climate. The Class of 2022 is culturally and geographically diverse, comprised of students from across the United States and seven different countries. This enrollment trend is key for the long-term stability of the college, and our faculty and staff continue working tirelessly to repeat this outcome over the course of the next several years.

This fall, Coe also completed the reaccreditation process by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), a standard practice occurring every 10 years. Coe has been accredited by HLC since 1913, and in November a team of peer reviewers from the organization visited campus to conduct their evaluation. This process gave the college a further opportunity to reflect on our initiatives and goals, and to receive feedback from outside sources to help us continually improve. The visiting team's report was not completed by the time the "Courier" went to print, but the process went very well, and we look forward to Coe's full reaccreditation.

As you take in all of the exciting news in this issue of the "Courier," I encourage you to view our 2017-18 Annual Report included in these pages. This report goes beyond the numbers to showcase the experiences of our students and faculty, and the ways Coe alumni, parents and friends make a difference for the college and the entire Cedar Rapids community. You will see the ground we have covered as part of our strategic plan, "A Bolder Coe," and catch a glimpse of what is yet to come. The Center for Health and Society is at the forefront of that effort, as well as improvements to our fine arts facilities and campus sustainability as we develop our plans for the Urban Field Station.

While we celebrate Coe's strong position, this is no time to slow down. Our dedication to our students is stronger than ever, and we will always strive to enhance their Coe experience. We are excited about the direction we are taking as a college, and our gratitude goes out to everyone in the Coe community who has supported us on our journey.

David McInally President

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CURRENT NEWS AND EVENTS IN KOHAWK NATION



Coe and Cornell students participate in a one-of-a-kind foreign language collaboration.

### ONE-OF-A-KIND FOREIGN LANGUAGE COLLABORATION BETWEEN COE AND CORNELL

Making a difference. That is the sentiment echoed by students who took part in a collaborative foreign language seminar this summer. A select group of French- and Spanish-speaking students from Coe and Cornell colleges were invited to participate in a 10-day seminar facilitated through a grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

The Mellon grant paved the way for both colleges to collaborate with local community partners to provide handson learning opportunities for students outside the classroom. "I'm hoping to study immigration law after graduation," said **Sarah Brickson '19** (Coe psychology and Spanish major). "I felt like this program would give me experience as well as a

positive outlet to use my language skills in the community."

Dr. Joyce Janca-Aji of Coe and Dr. Devan Baty of Cornell led the group of students through 10 days of intercultural and ethical workshops, language training, job coaching and community engagement. The students spent one of their training sessions greeting a refugee family from the Congo as they arrived in the U.S. "We want our students to use language acquisition to help them intentionally create lives that are interesting and meaningful beyond bubbles and borders," said Dr. Janca-Aji.

"This Mellon planning grant, which is facilitating collaboration in our foreign language programs is an example of how Coe and Cornell are identifying ways to enhance our programs through cooperation and partnership," said Coe Provost and Dean of the Faculty Paula O'Loughlin. "This approach is creating opportunities for both

Coe and Cornell to become stronger and allow each institution to better serve the needs of our students and the surrounding communities."

The collaboration — known as the Language-in-Community Summer Seminar — was recommended for students considering a career that requires the ability to work across cultures, specifically with immigrants and refugees.

In this one-of-a-kind endeavor, Coe and Cornell colleges seek to help students hone their foreign language proficiencies while fostering significant community relationships. "The community needs what our students are learning in their courses," said Dr. Janca-Aji. "We would like to share our experience to offer our program as a possible template for other colleges to use and continue this work."



### COE COLLEGE CELEBRATES 30TH YEAR OF THURSDAY FORUM WITH ECLECTIC LINEUP OF SPEAKERS

Coe invites all who are looking to expand their knowledge to attend its 2018-2019 Thursday Forum series. This is the 30th anniversary season of the program. In 30 years, thousands of community members have attended and more than 150 people have presented at Thursday Forum.

This year's forum series began with an exploration of brain health; it also weaves participants through books, plays, art and urbanism; travels to Catalonia; and concludes with the stories and music of big band leaders who dominated the swing era.

#### FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE 2018-2019 ACADEMIC YEAR, THE THURSDAY FORUM SCHEDULE INCLUDES:

Reviving the Plays of Early 20th
Century Black Women Playwrights —
Dec. 6

A New European State? Catalonia Past and Present — Jan. 17, 24

Women in the Hebrew Bible — Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28

Urbanism to Save Us All: How Cities are Reshaping our Social and Physical Lives — March 7, 14, 21, 28

The Count, The Duke, The King and Glenn: Music of the Big Band and Swing Era — April 4, 11, 18, 25

Thursday Forum lectures are held in Kesler Lecture Hall in Hickok Hall on the Coe campus. Each session begins with coffee and pastries from 8:45-9:15 a.m., followed by the class until 11:30 a.m. Each series concludes with an optional luncheon on the final Thursday. Admission is \$35 for a four-week course or \$12 per week. Visit www.coe.edu/thursday-forum to register.



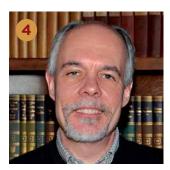
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Noah Purcell '20 gave a presentation on his summer research project for alumni, students and faculty at the Spellman Research Fund 20th reunion in October.

#### BASEBALL ANALYTICS AND A MILESTONE YEAR FOR SPELLMAN FELLOWSHIP

A small group of business, economics and accounting majors are chosen each year as recipients of the Spellman Summer Research Fellowship. They spend the summer on campus working with faculty advisors to conduct research projects.

A highlight from the 2018 session is a baseball analytics program developed with the help of **Noah Purcell '20**. Over the summer, Purcell created a Retrosheet database for lowa Conference baseball by gathering and cleaning data from over 460 games and 40,000 individual plays. The database allows Purcell, along with **Luke Smailes '20** and Assistant Professor of Economics **Ryan Baranowski '08**, to use sabermetric techniques to evaluate IIAC baseball. Think "Moneyball," but with a distinctly Kohawk twist.

The work continued through the fall term as the trio built a website to host advanced metrics and provide advanced analytics on teams and individual players. They showcased their progress at the 20 Years of Spellman Research reunion in October, where alumni gathered for a weekend to celebrate the past and future of the fellowship program.

Unique research opportunities such as the baseball analytics project do not happen on their own. "This program would not have been possible without the Spellman Fund," said Baranowski, who was a Spellman scholar during his time as a Coe student. The endowment, created in memory of beloved business administration and economics professor Bill Spellman, has provided over 100 Kohawks with summer research assistance. Bill Spellman taught at Coe for over 25 years and was committed to furthering the reputation of his department and the education of his students.

Contributions to the Spellman fund help carry on Bill's legacy and can be made online at www.alumni.coe.edu/makeagift.



Over 70 people attended the 2018 CCBAA reunion. Pictured here are planning committee members (left to right) Willard Mosely '73, Elaine Washington Mosely '73, Ed McFalls '74, Claudette Harrison Clay '73, Gloria Tate '74 and Hank Taylor '75.

### Coe College Black Alumni Association

#### HONORING HISTORY...CHARTING A COURSE FOR THE FUTURE

On Oct. 11–14, the Coe College Black Alumni Association (CCBAA) held its biennial reunion in Houston, Texas. Coe alumni gathered with faculty, staff and a select group of students to celebrate the past, present and future of African-American alumni at Coe. Attendees enjoyed the sights and cultural events of Houston, a formal banquet with remarks by President Dave McInally and, most importantly, fellowship.

Assistant Professor of Education Christopher Johnson attended the event for the first time and received a warm welcome from alumni. "They embraced and took me in as if I went to Coe," Johnson said. "They were all very accomplished in their own right, but they are even better people!" **Emani Brinkman '21** was one of four students in attendance, and she had an equally positive experience. "I was able to make connections with alumni who were once in my shoes, and hearing their experiences at Coe was really interesting," Brinkman said. "I loved the event and can't wait to go again in two years as a senior!"

In addition to organizing reunions, CCBAA is committed to maintaining a strong and visible presence of African-American students and alumni on Coe's campus. They are currently at work on a project to establish a reading room in Stewart Memorial Library.

This study space will display artifacts and memorabilia from African-American alumni and a historical timeline of the CCBAA, along with a plaque honoring those whose contributions made the space possible.

While a specific date has not been set yet for the reunion in fall 2020, the location was voted on and announced at the Houston reunion. Coe College and Cedar Rapids, lowa, will host the next celebration of Coe College's African-American alumni and friends.



A HIGHLIGHT REEL OF KOHAWK ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENTS



Brady Anderson '18 and Allie O'Brien '19 with John Strohm '79 (center).

#### TOP ATHLETES NAMED AT THE BREMNER AWARDS

Allie O'Brien '19 and Brady Anderson '18 have been named the 2017-18 Barron Bremner Outstanding Athletes at Coe College. O'Brien was an All-American on the softball team, while Anderson was an NCAA Tennis qualifier. The announcement was made at the 24th Annual Barron Bremner Awards Ceremony on Sept. 30.

Anderson becomes the fifth two-time winner in the history of the award and the first from the men's tennis program. He is also the third three-time male finalist, joining **Noah Sprinkel '15** from men's tennis (2013, 2014, 2015) and **Brad Boyle '12** from football (2010, 2011, 2012). Anderson is the sixth men's tennis player to win the award, while O'Brien is the 10th softball player to win the award, the most by any female sport at Coe.

O'Brien was named to the National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) All-American Third Team, while she was also an NFCA All-Midwest Region First Team selection. O'Brien also was a first team selection by the Iowa Conference. She ranked 47th in the nation with nine home runs, 56th in the nation with 95 total bases and 78th in the country with a .736 slugging percentage.

O'Brien led the Iowa Conference in chances with 145 in league play, while ranking second with 134 putouts and second with seven two-out RBI in league play. She also ranked third in league play in RBI (15), doubles (six) and total bases (35). Her 11 double plays turned ranks third in school history, while she ranks ninth in slugging percentage and total bases. O'Brien was named to the NFCA Leadoff Classic All-Tournament Team and was selected to the NCAA Wisconsin-Whitewater All-Regional Team. O'Brien was an Academic All-Iowa Conference selection as well.

Anderson was a Google Cloud Academic All-America First Team selection, while also being named the ITA Arthur Ashe Leadership and Sportsmanship National Award winner. He was one of 32 players selected to play in the NCAA National Singles Championships, finishing the season ranked 28th in the nation in singles play.

As the lowa Conference MVP, Anderson earned All-lowa Conference honors in both singles and doubles. A six-time lowa Conference Player of the Week during the year, Anderson finished with a 30-7 singles record and a 27-13 doubles record. His singles win total is tied for the most in school history, while his doubles wins are tied for eighth most in a season. His 57 total wins are tied for the most in a single-season in school history. Anderson reached the doubles final of the ITA Regionals, while advancing to the semifinals of the singles bracket.

Lauren French '19 from the women's tennis team and Jenna Lehman '18 from the women's basketball team were also finalists on the women's side. French earned Google Cloud Academic All-District First Team honors, while also being named the Iowa Conference MVP. The Iowa Conference Flight A Singles and Doubles Champion, French earned allconference honors in singles and doubles. French and her doubles partner, Haley Resnick '18, finished the year ranked 25th in the nation and seventh in the central region. French went 27-8 in singles, the third most wins in school history, while compiling a 30-5 doubles record. Lehman earned D3hoops.com All-West Region Second Team honors, while also being a Google Cloud Academic All-District First Team selection, Lehman earned All-lowa Conference First Team honors, while breaking Coe's single-season free throw percentage record at 92.3 percent. Her 427 points were the second most in school history, as were her 18.2 points per game and 178 field goals made. She is the only player in school history to score 29 or more points in a game multiple times in the same season.

Cole Erickson '20 from the wrestling team and Grant Henning '18 from the baseball team were also finalists on the men's side. Erickson earned All-American honors at 157 pounds last year, as he placed third at the NCAA National Championships. Earning All-lowa Conference honors, Erickson was runner-up at the NCAA Central Regional. Erickson finished the year with a 19-7 record, including four major decisions, three technical falls and two falls. Henning was named the Iowa Conference MVP, while also being selected to the Google Cloud Academic All-America First Team. Henning also picked up D3baseball.com All-Central Region First Team honors, while being named to the ABCA/Rawlings All-Central Region Second Team. Henning hit a career-best .354, while leading the Iowa Conference during league play in RBI (31), home runs (4), total bases (59), slugging percentage (.720), twoout RBI (20) and pickoffs (3).

Life Trustee John Strohm '79 and his wife, Mary Pat Link, have generously established an endowed fund to annually provide awards to the top three Coe female athletes and the top three Coe male athletes. John's sisters, Nina and Tara, are also 1979 Coe graduates. Their parents, Lloyd and the late Dorothy Strohm, are supporters of Coe activities. Nina's husband, John Golden, is a 1976 Coe graduate.

Two of John and Mary Pat's children have graduated from Coe, **Kristin Strohm** in **2005** and **Kelly Strohm** Galbraith in **2013**. Kristin further serves the college as a member of its Board of Trustees.



#### NEW NAME EMBRACES IOWA CONFERENCE EXPANSION

In 2016 Nebraska Wesleyan University joined the lowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. This was the first time in NCAA Division III conference history that conference borders extended beyond lowa state lines. This expansion prompted a rebranding discussion among the conference President's Council.

As of Aug. 9, the lowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference officially became American Rivers Conference. The new name celebrates the geographic attributes of the conference's birthplace — the Mississippi River to the east and Missouri River to the west. Naming the conference after the most famous river in America and the country's longest river reflect the conference's regional and national reach.

"All nine member schools had involvement in the name change," said Sonny Travis, Coe's director of athletics and recreation. The conference employed Skye Design Studios, a national leader in sports branding and identity design, for the various phases of the exercise that produced the new name and logo. "This announcement caps off months of discussion by scores of people on the different campuses including athletic directors, faculty representatives, studentathletes and sports information directors," said Travis. According to the American Rivers Conference brand blueprint — rivers personify the distinguishing traits of the conference: steadfast, strong, relentless, dynamic and united. The conference logo has also been reimagined to include the signature swoosh, a similar color palette and style.

Replacing "Iowa" with "American" is a tribute to students from all over the country who participate in the conference.

Several of the institutions have upward of 70 percent out-of-state student-athletes currently taking part in the conference.

The American Rivers Conference includes Coe, Buena Vista, Central, Luther, Simpson, Loras, Dubuque, Wartburg and Nebraska Wesleyan. Last year's conference was one of the best in its history with 26 student-athletes, from seven conference schools, honored as CoSIDA Academic All-Americans. Overall, 140 student-athletes have earned NCAA Postgraduate Scholarships throughout the program's history.

#### OOSTENDORP MAKES COE ATHLETIC HISTORY BY HITTING 200 WINS



Entering his 18th year at the helm of Coe wrestling, head coach John Oostendorp has hit a new personal milestone. In

addition to last year's 12th place NCAA National Championship finish, Coach Oostendorp has led the Kohawks to 212 wins. He is the first Coe coach to crack the 200win benchmark.

"Honestly, I really had no idea that I had broken the record! It makes me feel good from the standpoint that it is a major credit to the young men and assistant coaches who have been part of the program and the commitment level that it has taken to achieve that. I hope they are proud of what they have accomplished," said Coach Oostendorp. "We talk a lot about creating an 'environment for success,' about having higher standards, embracing discipline and taking pride in their daily routines. Our top teams have embraced that and have motivated each other to get out of their comfort zones and challenge themselves on a daily basis. The commitment level has increased, both in season and out of season."

This isn't the first Coe record Coach Oostendorp has smashed. In only his sixth season, he passed the previous all-time wins record of 59. With this new accolade under his belt, Oostendorp plans to carry the momentum into the next season. "We have some excellent leadership in each class. When you start doing this right on a daily basis you start seeing noticeable gains!"

#### KOHAWK HIGHLIGHTS



### TERRENCE HALL '19 FOOTBALL LINEBACKER, CAPTAIN

Terrence has built an impressive career for himself as a student-athlete. Through eight games this season, he leads the Kohawk defense with an impressive 69 tackles and two forced fumbles. With 219 career tackles at the end of October, Hall already ranks 12th in school history for career tackles.

Almost more impressive than his career on the field is what he's built for himself off the field. During one of the Coe career fairs his junior year, Hall made a connection with TrueNorth. He spent the summer of 2018 as an IT intern, which led to a part-time position he currently holds.

### LAKYN BOLTZ '19 TENNIS & BASKETBALL

A three-year, double-sport athlete, Lakyn is taking full advantage of opportunities to prepare herself for life after graduation. As a first-year student on the basketball court, she appeared in all 27 games. Last season, she helped the Kohawks to an 11-5 conference record, growing her career totals to 117 points and 49 assists. On the tennis court, she holds an impressive 6-1 record at number one doubles and a 10-4 doubles record in conference play.

Over the summer of 2018, Lakyn participated in an internship at the University of Iowa Athletic Department and was asked to remain on staff for the school year as an event management intern. After graduation, Lakyn plans to attend graduate school to earn a master's degree in sports management.

### Acts of kindness

#### were never random for K. Raymond Clark

As we celebrate the 25th anniversary of Clark Alumni House, it is appropriate to examine the numerous contributions of K. Raymond Clark '30. The Clark name is synonymous

with generosity as he remains Coe's single largest donor, bestowing a legacy in excess of \$35 million.

Clark graduated from Coe, earned a law degree at Columbia University, then moved to Chicago where he established his own legal practice. He amassed his wealth by practicing estate and tax law and investing wisely in real estate.

Clark's practice was to purchase mansions and convert them to apartments. His most notable conversion includes 1340 N. State Parkway in Chicago's Gold Coast. Following the mansion-to apartment transformation, Hugh Hefner convinced Clark to sell this property, which ultimately became part of the original Playboy Mansion. Eventually, Hefner slept in what had once been Clark's bedroom.

Clark authored several textbooks and was a consultant to a number of major U.S. corporations. Not much of an athlete at Coe, he developed an interest in tennis in his mid-50s, joining two Chicago clubs — a tennis and a racquet club. Clark devoted his early adulthood to work. He also took up skiing, frequently joining Kent Herron and Coe students in the month of January in Colorado.

Enjoying racquet sports himself, he believed Coe would benefit from a racquet facility. Clark worked in tandem with then-Coe College President Dr. John Brown to bring his vision to life. Dr. Brown was able to persuade Clark to add an indoor track and weight rooms, as well as outdoor football and softball playing fields and seating. In 1989 the Clark Racquet Center was constructed and established what is now known as Coe's east campus.

The racquet center offers indoor and outdoor tennis and indoor squash and racquetball courts.

During the dedication ceremony, an enthusiastic audience enjoyed a match between tennis great Billie Jean King and her famed doubles partner Rosie Casals. This match was followed by a doubles match with King and Clark verses Casals and former Trustee Bob Gunn '33. An endowment was established by Clark to maintain the racquet center and fields.

Dr. Brown enjoyed 23 years, from 1982-2005, developing a relationship, both personal and professional, with Clark and providing projects to Clark both for their intrinsic merit and to maintain Clark's focus on Coe.

Clark's second capital project was outlined in a proposal by Dr. Brown to create an alumni house. In 1993, construction began on Clark Alumni House. An attorney by trade and architect by hobby, Clark was involved in every aspect of the design and construction process. "He was a man who was strongly and intelligently involved. Very knowledgeable about architecture. If he saw something he didn't like, he changed it," said Dr. Brown.

The Clark Alumni House serves as a meeting place and hospitality center for Coe alumni, family, friends and visitors. The house includes four guest suites, a large living room, conference room and banquet room that opens onto a terrace and enclosed garden. Clark also created an endowment for the maintenance of the alumni house and grounds.

Clark's third major contribution to Coe was the Clark Merit Awards. Clark provided an endowment that would pay full tuition for a year for selected students.

Dr. Brown and his wife, Nancy, traveled to Chicago to drive Clark to Coe to announce the creation of the Clark Merit Awards. There were toll roads along the way. At one of the tolls, a small red car went through in front of them. Before Dr. Brown could insert money, the lever raised. The driver of the small red car had paid their toll. The car had a bumper sticker that read "practice random acts of kindness." Clark was amazed by this and continued to talk about it for years later.

"Ray practiced many acts of kindness. But not a single one of them was random," said Dr. Brown.

Lastly Dr. Brown approached Clark about funding for a Contemporary Issues Forum — the idea that once a year, Coe would present the views of distinguished leaders whose work has shaped and altered the course of world events. The inaugural speaker was President George H.W. Bush in 2003. The Contemporary Issues Forum is funded by an endowment gift from Clark.

Throughout their years working together, Dr. Brown and Clark became friends — family actually. "As years went by, Ray mellowed and became easy to get along with and a pleasure to work with — A great friend," said Dr. Brown. "I visited Ray at least twice a month in Chicago and spoke with him by phone once a week for 23 years."

In recognition of his gifts of time, talent and treasure to the institution, the Coe College Board of Trustees honored Clark with an honorary doctorate in 1965. In 1966 Clark became a member of the Coe Board of Trustees. He received an Alumni Award of Merit from Coe in 1992.

In July 2005, at 95 years old, Clark passed away leaving virtually the entirety of his estate to Coe College. His many acts of kindness to Coe, though never random, will continue in perpetuity.

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K. Raymond Clark graduates from Coe



1989

**Construction of Clark Racquet Center** 

1993

**Construction of Clark Alumni House** 



1995

Institution of the Clark Merit Awards

2003

**Inaugural Contemporary Issues Forum** with President George H. W. Bush



#### **Today**

29 years of fitness in the Clark Raquet Center | Clark Alumni House has been open for 25 years 16th anniversary of the Contemporary Issues Forum | 120 Clark Merit Awards given



### Goe confinues enholment surge

An uncompromising focus on academic excellence and strategic initiatives propelled Coe's most recent success — back-to-back record classes and the largest student body in its history.

In a climate where many residential liberal arts colleges are experiencing flat or declining enrollment, Coe continues to transcend among its peers. The 2018-19 school year begets 445 new students, second only to 2017 with 446.

As final totals were calculated, Coe had amassed the single largest degree-seeking student body since its inception in 1851. With 29.4 percent students of color or international origin, this also marks the second most diverse class in Coe's history.

"The higher education landscape for recruitment is at its most challenging," said Vice President for Admission & Marketing **Julie Kleis** Staker **'93**. "Since the fall of 2013, Coe has enrolled the six largest full-time student bodies in its history, making Coe one of the fastest growing colleges in the state."

New Kohawks arrived from 280 cities, 25 states and seven countries across the world. Fifty-six percent of Coe's incoming first-year students are from outside the state of lowa, representing a total of 329 different high schools.

Coe's national recognition and reputation of academic excellence coupled with bold strategic plan initiatives add to the college's overall appeal.

This year Coe's Center for Creativity & Careers initiative drew national attention when The Princeton Review ranked Coe in the top 25 schools for internships among all colleges and universities in the U.S. The strength of such programs, along with a rigorous liberal arts curriculum, contribute to Coe's disruption of the market.

THE CLASS

OF 2022

445
new students



Second most culturally diverse class in Coe's history



56% from out of state with 25 states represented



7 countries represented



## Dr. Bruce Spivey '56 Meceives Founders' Medal

This year's alumni awards ceremony at Homecoming featured a special addition: the presentation of the Founders' Medal to **Dr. Bruce Spivey**'56. The medal is Coe's highest honor, granted by the Board of Trustees to persons of rare and exceptional distinction who are renowned in their

professional fields and in their service to Coe. The award was presented by Bruce's brother, Daryl Spivey, and a video tribute featuring interviews with Daryl, Dr. Keith Carter from the University of Iowa, President Dave McInally and Jack Evans '70 was shown at the ceremony.

Bruce grew up next door to Coe on D Avenue and graduated with his degree in general science in 1956. He went on to medical school at the University of Iowa, choosing to specialize in ophthalmology and earning his medical degree in 1959. After completing his residency, Bruce served in the United States Army Medical Corps from 1964-66, becoming the first American ophthalmologist in Vietnam and receiving the Bronze Star.

Following his military service, Bruce began a career marked by numerous leadership roles. After teaching for five years at the University of Iowa, he became the chair of the Department of Ophthalmology and dean of the School of Medical Sciences at the University of the Pacific in San Francisco, Calif. He held the position of dean for 16 years, during which time he served as the CEO of California Pacific Medical Center from 1976-91.

He was also the first executive vice president and CEO for the American Academy of Ophthalmology from 1976-92.

In 1992, Bruce moved to Chicago to serve as CEO of Northwestern Healthcare Network for several years. From there, he took the position of CEO at Columbia-Cornell Care in New York from 1997-2001. Bruce has held many other prominent and pioneering roles in the field of ophthalmology throughout the years. He established the Pacific Vision Foundation in 1977, authored over 140 publications and received the 2015 Laureate Recognition Award from the American Academy of Ophthalmology.

Although Bruce's career has taken him far and wide, he has never forgotten his Coe roots. He spent 25 years on the Board of Trustees and was made a Life Trustee in 2013. He and his wife, Amanda, are among Coe's most loyal and generous donors. In 2002, Spivey House on campus was named in Bruce's honor, standing as a tribute to his incredible impact on the college. He was further honored in 2016 with the Alumni Award of Merit in recognition of his professional achievements and unfailing support for his alma mater.

As the ninth recipient of the Founders' Medal since its inception in 1976, Bruce joins the ranks of Paul Engle '31 and William Shirer '25 in 1976; F. Gaynor Evans '31 and S. Donald Stookey '36 in 1980; Don Ebinger '47, Russell Knapp '30 and William Whipple '35 in 2001; and Marv Levy '50 in 2017.









Gray skies didn't dampen the crimson and gold spirit at this year's Homecoming festivities. Alumni reconnected with faculty members over happy hour, met up with old friends at the All-Alumni Celebration and cheered the Kohawk football team to victory. Reunion gatherings and an alumni volleyball game gave classmates a chance to catch up and reminisce, with the Class of 1968 commemorating their golden reunion. Whether enjoying one of the many activities or simply taking in the sights on campus, it was a memorable Homecoming weekend for all.







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#### COE HONORS THREE OF ITS FINEST

The 2018 Homecoming celebration featured the annual All-Alumni Recognition Program presented by the Coe College Alumni Association. Peter Bryant '62 received the Distinguished Service Award, Bob Young '65 was honored with the Alumni Award of Merit and Michelle Davids '03 was the recipient of the Young Alum Award.

#### DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Peter Bryant has maintained a close connection with Coe over the years and has been a true champion for the college. From attending campus events, organizing reunions and serving on the Long Range Planning Committee, he has always made time for Coe. He and his wife, JoAnn, have long been generous donors and are members of the Heritage Club.

In the professional world, Pete enjoyed a successful career in higher education, distinguishing himself as one of the top enrollment management experts in the country. He worked on college campuses for over 25 years, most notably as vice president for enrollment and dean of admissions at Cornell College. Later in his career he became a senior vice president and principal at Ruffalo Noel Levitz, working with over 750 higher education institutions by the time he retired at the end of 2017.

Pete has also been a prominent and active member of the Cedar Rapids community. He has volunteered with many organizations in the area and has been a member of the board of directors for the Cedar Rapids Symphony, the Cedar Rapids Museum of Art, the Cedar Rapids and Marion Fine Arts Council, the American Cancer Society local chapter and United Way of East Central Iowa. After serving on the board of trustees at Cornell College for over 20 years, he is currently a member of their executive committee. Faith has always been important to Pete; he and JoAnn have been active members of St. Michael's/Christ Episcopal Church for over 50 years.

Heritage Club — Several members of the Heritage Club Steering Committee gathered for a

Janice McInally, Beth Kucera '81, Libby Gotschall Slappey 74 and Peter Bryant '62.

Bob Kocher. (Back row) Nancy Lamb Skogsbergh '54, DJ Smith '74, Michelle Dellevar Scott '76,

#### **ALUMNI AWARD OF MERIT**

Bob Young built an impressive career in higher education, both in and out of the classroom. After earning his Ph.D. in psychology, Bob spent over four decades at Ripon College in Wisconsin. Starting out as a professor of psychology, he eventually became the vice president and dean of students. He held this position for a number of years before transitioning to a new role as the director of planning and research, while continuing to teach. Highly regarded by students and colleagues alike, he earned multiple awards for his excellence in the classroom.

Bob was also active outside of Ripon College, giving much of his time to his community. He worked in three Wisconsin state prisons, served as an instructor in the Upward Bound program, was a scoutmaster with the Boy Scouts and was the director and secretary of the Ripon Community Development Board. Bob used his athletic talents as a coach for youth sports and Special Olympics. He was also the secretary and treasurer of the Midwest Conference and helped establish the Midwest Conference for Women.



In his days at Coe, Bob was a campus leader and football MVP, now holding a spot in the college's Athletic Hall of Fame. He is currently enjoying retirement with his wife, Carol Carlson Young '65, and the rest of his family.

#### YOUNG ALUM AWARD

Dr. Michelle Davids is an accomplished psychiatrist specializing in addiction. Her journey started in Dr. Mike Baker's classroom at Coe. This led to a job as a lab assistant at Indiana University-Purdue University in Indianapolis, where she completed her postgraduate coursework. She then attended medical school at the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine at Midwestern University.

Michelle followed her medical degree with a prestigious internship and residency at Harvard Medical School. This gave her the opportunity to serve on several committees, be an assistant editor for the Harvard Review of Psychiatry and complete an addiction psychiatry fellowship with Partners HealthCare.

Today, Michelle is a staff psychiatrist and medical director of the New Connections substance abuse program at Broadlawns Medical Center in Des Moines. She is also part of the core faculty for the Broadlawns UnityPoint Psychiatry Residency, as well as an adjunct clinical assistant professor at the University of Iowa's Carver College of Medicine. Michelle has not forgotten the strong foundation Coe helped her build, and she has given back by acting as a resource for current students exploring the field of psychology.

The Coe College Alumni Association honors alumni and friends who have made significant contributions to the college and to society. Nominations should be submitted by Dec. 31 for consideration for the Alumni Award of Merit, the Distinguished Service Award and the Young Alum Award. Information about all of the awards, including nomination forms and past recipients, is available at www.alumni.coe.edu/ alumniawards or contact the Alumni Office at 319.399.8561, 877.KOHAWKS or by email at alumni@coe.edu.



Over 140 alumni, parents and friends have given a total of \$50,000 in honor of **Dougie Peters '81** as part of the new Athletics and Recreation Complex construction and renovation. These gifts will pay tribute to Dougie by permanently naming the equipment room as the Douglas "Dougie" Peters '81 Athletic Equipment Room.

Not only will Dougie be honored with the naming of the equipment room, but a one of-a kind mural of Dougie will also be installed in the new Kohawk Arena. This life size photo mosaic of the "Dougie Wave" will greet everyone who enters the arena from College Drive.

There is still time for you to make a gift and be part of this tribute to Dougie. A gift of any amount will honor our most deserving Kohawk and friend, Dougie Peters. For a minimum gift or pledge of \$250 or more, you can also upload your picture, or a picture of you and Dougie, to be used in the larger than-life picture mosaic.

Online contributions can be made at www.alumni.coe.edu/ DOUGIE. Don't miss this final opportunity to be part of this special tribute.

"The spirit of Coe is what keeps us all connected. Dougie is the embodiment of that spirit. He has dedicated his time, talent and treasure every day to ensure that we all could be successful and enjoy the special place that is Coe College. We could not think of better way to give back to Coe than to honor Dougie — it was a no brainer. The impact he has had on not only our lives, but the thousands of Kohawks he has ever touched in the process, is simply remarkable. Thank you, Dougie!"

Fred Rose '11 and Melissa Eilert Rose '07 Dougie Project Lead Donors





# Art. Architecture & Accompaniment:

an Authentic Italian Adventure



When in Rome, do as the Romans do. Drink espresso. Catch a glimpse of the Pope. Absorb the music. Feast on spaghetti. See Sting. Play instruments. Lose yourself in the Duomo. Indulge in tiramisu. Tour St. Peter's Basilica. Travel by boat throughout Venice.

While in Rome, 55 concert and jazz band members, faculty, alumni and friends of Coe did as the Romans did. In August an eclectic group, led by Alma A. Turechek Professor of Music Dr. William Carson, embarked on a 10-day performance tour of Italy.

Several unique "firsts" occurred among this musically talented group — some flew in an airplane, traveled out of the country and saw mountains for the very first time. And for nearly everyone, it was their first opportunity to perform in Italy.

Departing from Chicago, they began their 5,000-mile journey to Rome, Italy's capital city. Following an early morning arrival, band members were encouraged to explore the ancient city. Highlights included the Forum, Colosseum, Vatican City, St. Peter's Basilica and Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel frescoes.

The band showcased their musical abilities for locals at a small outdoor venue near their hotel. Visits to the Trevi Fountain, Pantheon, Spanish Steps and Vatican Museums were completed on a guided tour.

This trip was the first time out of the country for bassoon player and molecular biology major **Dana Koester '20**. "I enjoyed getting to experience three of Italy's most famous cities," said Koester. "Learning and appreciating the differences in our culture is something that I value. For example, ice water and air conditioning are uncommon in Italy; it puts the term 'normal' into perspective."

Their next stop was Florence, the capital of Italy's Tuscany region. While in Florence, band members performed at an outdoor shopping plaza. The plaza was bustling with back-to-school shoppers but came to a pause as locals joined in the fun and danced along with the music.

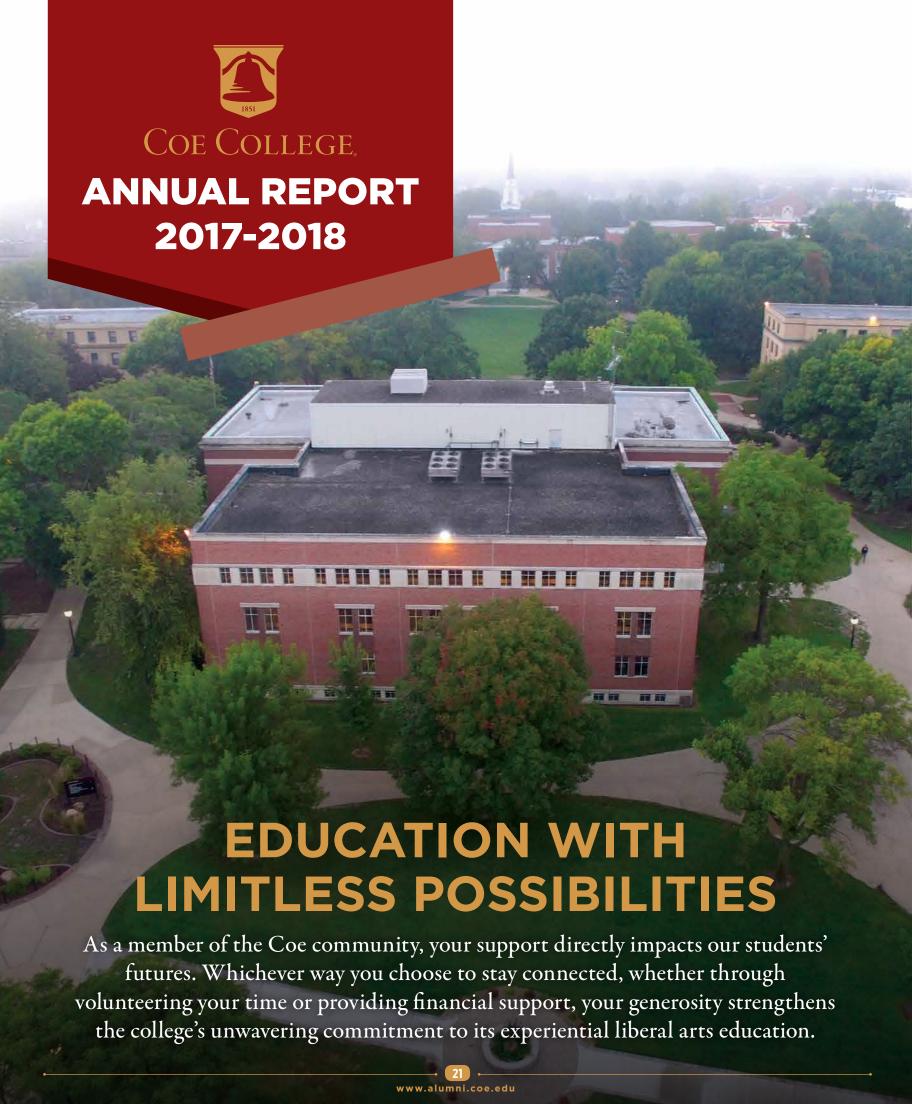
During a guided walking tour of Florence, band members trekked through famous squares, worldrenowned art galleries and 13th century Ponte Vecchio shops.

The final stop on their musical adventure occurred in Venice, the capital of northern Italy's Veneto region. Throughout the tour of Venice, the band experienced historic churches, markets, hidden squares and gondola rides while learning the history and culture of the city.

"Everyone viewed the cities we toured from different vantage points. While sightseeing, we broke into groups. We saw, toured and ate different things. Some of us went to classical music concerts while others visited local jazz clubs and met with musicians. It was wonderful to come together at the conclusion of our trip and share our experiences with one another," said Dr. Carson.

The Coe Music Department has organized an overseas performance tour roughly every three years since 2003. Students from the department have previously traveled to and performed in England, Scotland, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Mexico, Prague, Poland, the Czech Republic, Germany and Costa Rica.





#### A SUSTAINABLE FINANCIAL FUTURE

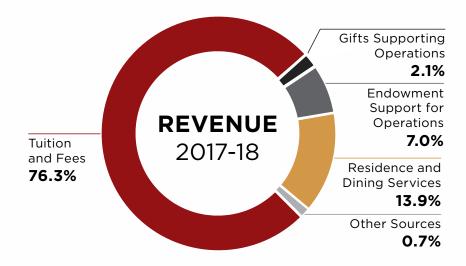
Coe College continued gaining momentum in the 2017-18 academic year. Record enrollment over the last few years, decreased reliance on endowment spending and successful fundraising have combined to strengthen the college's financial outlook. Coe has once again achieved a balanced budget while completing the Make Your Move campaign, the largest capital campaign in Coe history.

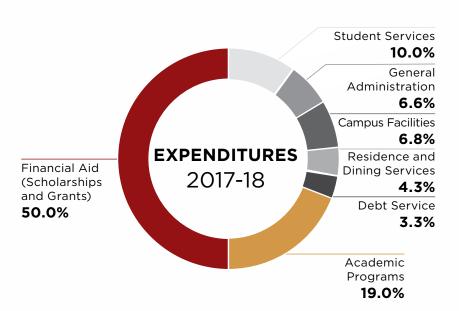
These achievements would not be possible without the unbelievable generosity of Coe's alumni and friends, which positions the college to continue thriving for the foreseeable future.

Thanks for all you do for Coe College!



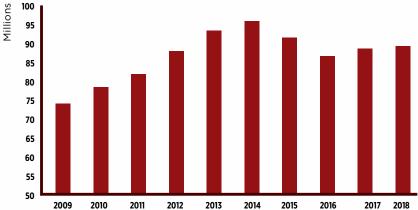
Coe's strategic plan initiatives are designed to help grow the endowment while reducing the college's long-standing dependence on endowment spending. Endowment spending has been reduced for the last five consecutive years, all while keeping balanced budgets.





#### **ENDOWMENT - Total Assets Market Value**

Fiscal Years Ending June 30



#### COE'S STUDENT-CENTRIC EDUCATION AT WORK

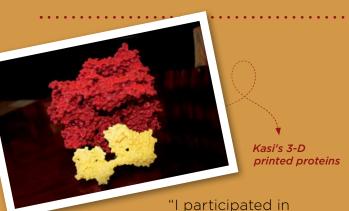
Coe's tradition of experiential learning provides our students with unique academic experiences in and out of the classroom.



Harlow Hadow and class with the SynDaver, a synthetic cadaver used as an anatomy teaching tool.

Our new state-of-the-art SynDaver, funded in part by the generosity of the Coe community, will provide hands-on anatomy teaching for generations of Kohawks interested in entering the health care field.

Hands-on learning is also abundant in the new MakerStudio, which gives students unique access to a 3D printer, laser cutter, an animation station, a sewing machine and a robotics laboratory (with more features yet to come), that bring research projects or personal passions to life.



researching protein behavior within cells as a first-year student and I used tools such as the 3-D printer in the MakerStudio to create a tangible model of several proteins. Our results will be used by the medical community for future treatments and research."



Kasi Rupert '20 was able to take her love of lab work and helping people to the next level while taking part in one of Coe's summer research programs.



Instilling in our students the capacity for tolerance and an ability to appreciate the ethnic and cultural diversity of humankind is at the heart of Coe's mission.

Coe students have myriad opportunities to enhance their cultural understanding and sense of purpose. Whether it's through off-campus study programs or volunteer opportunities in the Cedar Rapids community, these programs allow students to broaden their horizons.

"The growing number of international locations for Coe students to study abroad provides them with the possibility to live their education while challenging their beliefs. As our partnerships with institutions of higher learning around the world continue to grow, so do the opportunities for our students to learn about new cultures and discover their place in the world."



John Chaimov
Chair for Foreign Language
Department, Associate Professor
of German, Director of
Off-Campus Study



Natalie Frasher '20 knew she wanted to be involved in the community and help people from all walks of life once she got to Coe.

"I want to live my life making people feel better and to help them in any way I can. I am an AmeriCorps volunteer working with His Hands Free Clinic in Cedar Rapids. This volunteer role made me realize my career path, and I now hope to attend dental school once I graduate. Coe has opened many doors for me. Thank you!"

#### **CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS**

#### Preparing students for life after graduation is a central part of a Coe education.

C3: Creativity, Careers, Community provides opportunities for students to apply what they have learned in the classroom to hands-on experiences outside of it. Students connect with alumni and community partners while applying and practicing a robust set of skills, including creative problem solving, collaboration, resiliency and the ability to respond effectively to a rapidly changing world.

Each facet of C3 — creativity, careers and community — is a way for students to engage in transformative experiences and translate those experiences into skills that employers and graduate schools are seeking.

The Professionalism and Self-Presentation course takes students through the process of identifying and understanding how their interests, skills and academic work at Coe align with their career and life goals. Students learn how to present themselves professionally through multiple hands-on activities with professionals in our community.

Design Thinking Workshops invite students to work collaboratively to solve real-world problems with campus and community partners through a non-linear, problem-solving methodology.

Innovation Labs provide opportunities for students to pursue non-traditional projects. Whether it's an entrepreneurial t-shirt design business, experimenting with robotics or creating a campus podcast, Innovation Labs provide time and space to experiment, fail and try again — an essential component of innovation.

Kohawk Startup offers students a glimpse into the entrepreneurial startup process through a 24-hour innovation event. Students pitch ideas, form teams, and work with professional mentors on customer discovery and research — all with an end goal of pitching their idea to a panel of judges in a 'Shark Tank'-type atmosphere.

Networking and Connections with alumni and other professionals, especially those in our Cedar Rapids/Corridor community, invites students to practice their professional conversation skills, learn about careers from practitioners and professionals, and make those important networking connections — all with the support of C3 staff every step of the way.

The Office of Community Engagement within C3 provided **Keenan Lee '19** with a unique volunteer opportunity in the Cedar Rapids community.



"Coe made it possible for me to volunteer with the Civil Rights Commission. Volunteering made me realize I want to have a career in counseling psychology to make an impact on students in the Chicago area once I graduate. Coe helped me discover my future career potential by sharing their network and providing me with volunteer work that has broadened my own perspective. Through volunteering, I am continuing to grow as a person by helping others."





#### **ENHANCING THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE**

Gifts from alumni and friends continue Coe's legacy by providing crucial funding to academic programs, scholarships, endowment, faculty support and so much more.

"There comes a point when we need to stop thinking about what we are receiving and begin to think more about how we could give back. As **Bill [Brause] '87** and I thought about how we might best impact the lives of others, we went to what positively impacted us. Coe provided us an education that helped us in our personal and professional lives. We believe Coe continues to do this for others.

I want to make sure Coe remains a great college, filled with wonderful people, inspiring academics and nice facilities so that if we have grandchildren someday, they will consider Coe as a top choice."



Sally Roegner
Brause '88
Volunteer, Donor
Director of Human Resources,
GreatAmerica Leasing

"Thanks to you, I am privileged to further my career with a liberal arts education at Coe College. Coe has so much to offer compared to larger universities, making it an obvious choice for me to attend. The small community at Coe feels more like one big family."



Frantony (Jeremy) Lewis '21

"JoAnn and I have included Coe in our Estate Plan in gratitude for the positive impact the college has had on our lives. My 55-year professional career began with my position as an admission counselor at Coe and the bonus of having lifelong college friends. Including the college in our will is a very important way to support the college's long-term financial planning purposes. It allows us to recognize and thank Coe for the many blessings of an enriched life that resulted from an excellent Coe education."



Peter Bryant '62 Heritage Club Member, Alumni Award of Merit Honoree 2002, Distinguished Service Award Honoree 2018

"Thanks to you, as a first generation higher education student, I will be the first in my family to earn a college degree. Your generosity provides me with the academic scholarships I needed to help me attend college, where I've discovered my passion for history. I am also involved in many student organizations and even had the chance to visit an archaeological field school in Greece. Thank you!"



Lotukalafi Ahomana '19

### Alumni Made it Possible in 2017-2018

Alumni Giving made up over

39%
of gifts to the college





Every gift truly makes a difference. When you give to the college, it is your way of saying your Coe experience was meaningful. A higher alumni donor 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.

#### Fiscal year 2017-2018 gifts by decade

1930s **29%**  1940s **24%**  1950s 35% 1960s 30%

1970s **22%** 

1980s 13% 1990s 11% 2000s 11% 2010s **12%** 

#### COMMUNITY IMPACT, .....IMPROVEMENT AND INVOLVEMENT

Coe alumni create impact through their actions by volunteering as mentors and facilitating internships to students in the Cedar Rapids area and beyond.

Alumni like Laci Palar Lower '01 love to connect Kohawks with Cedar Rapids business leaders and believe these partnerships foster strong relationships between Coe, its students and the entire Iowa City - Cedar Rapids community.

"As alumni, I feel that it is our responsibility to provide opportunities to enrich Coe students' lives. Not only is it in our best interest to help these students bolster the reputation of the college, but if we don't help them, who will?"



Laci Palar Lower '01 Volunteer, Alumni Mentor, Donor Founder, Interlace

#### **ALUMNI PAY IT FORWARD**

Mentorship from Coe professors and community members made an impact on Lauren Garcia's '10 Coe experience. As an alumna, she credits those connections as a guiding force in her education. Now, she gives back to her alma mater by playing that role for current students in their journey of self-discovery.

"Whether it's by dedicating an hour during a social networking night, conducting mock interviews or spending time over coffee, I am always happy to meet with a student. I think many alumni, particularly young alumni, feel that the only way to give back to Coe is monetarily, but I can attest that it is very rewarding to give back your time. The students that I've met through mentoring inspire me. I hope the Alumni Mentoring Program helps Coe students become more confident in their own abilities and feel like they have someone else in their corner rooting them on, just like I did when I was a student."



Lauren Garcia '10
Volunteer, Alumni
Mentor, Donor
Manager of Admissions &
Enrollment, University of
Iowa College of Pharmacy

"The Alumni Mentoring Program taught me that a mentorship is about more than a professional relationship. My mentor **Destiny Hastings '98**, truly got to know me and was there for me whenever I needed it. She made a point to show me around Cedar Rapids and introduce me to her community. Destiny helped me create connections and made me feel more at home at Coe and in Cedar Rapids. I will never forget her guidance."

#### WHAT'S NEXT FOR COE

A glimpse of some of the strategic plan initiatives currently underway at Coe.

#### **Center for Health and Society**

#### Bringing a liberal arts environment to health care education

As an important initiative of A Bolder Coe, Coe's strategic plan, the Center for Health and Society (CHS) will make Coe the most attractive college or university option for students interested in entering the health care industry.

The CHS, to be located in an expanded Peterson Hall; will bridge multiple programs and disciplines at Coe to provide one-of-a-kind experiential learning opportunities within the heart of Cedar Rapids and its emerging MedQuarter. It will also provide support for acceptance to graduate and professional schools for students interested in clinical professions.

Through direct and relevant learning programs for all students, regardless of major, the CHS will directly prepare students for success in the vast professional opportunities within health care.





#### College Possible A new partnership for student success

Coe's commitment to its students has fostered new areas of support this fall with the help of College Possible, a nonprofit dedicated to fostering on-campus relationships

and ensuring graduation success for at-risk students. Every year, 300,000 students from low-income backgrounds enroll in four-year colleges and universities, but only 32 percent graduate within six years.

Coe is one of the first colleges in the country to bring College Possible's Catalyze program to campus as a way to alleviate this issue. By pairing current Kohawks with "near-peer" coaches who themselves are recent Coe graduates, the program provides support and guidance throughout the duration of each student's time at Coe.



"Coe's partnership with College Possible will close the gap for these at risk students and give them the confidence and knowledge that they can succeed and earn a Coe degree!"



"As one of Coe's first College Possible coaches, I use my own unique experiences from my time here to relate to the students in the program. I am ecstatic to be part of their support network and help them reach their full potential."



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

### Shate 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 Oct. 1. The deadline for the next issue will be available at a later date. Announcements older than one year at the time they are submitted will not be published.

Please follow these basic guidelines when submitting information:

#### **I** 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.)

#### **ÖMARRIAGES & 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.

Submit information via email to courier@ coe.edu or mail to 1220 First Ave. NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402. Information may also be submitted online at www.alumni. coe.edu.

#### 1960s

'60 Stephen James and Joann Greenlee James '61 of Fox Point, WI, hosted family and friends at a picnic Aug. 30 to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary.



'62 Anne Westervelt McClure of Arvada, CO, is retired but remains quite active. She is the chairman of WellAware program for Osher Lifelong Learning, a Tai Chi instructor, hiker and traveler.

**Bill Rex** of Geneva, IL, ran his 500th marathon last spring and shows no signs of stopping. He has run marathons in all 50 states and Canada.

'67 George Dyche and Renée Lytle Dyche '68 of Aurora, IL, are both retired educators. On June 15 they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in Turks and Caicos with their children and grandchildren.

Michael Mead and Marjorie Wolf Mead '68 of Crivitz, WI, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 3. They were joined by their four children and their spouses, including Jessica Mead Chaon '97 and Chip Chaon '97, and Justin Mead '00 and Jessica McGill Mead '00.

'69 --- 50TH REUNION: OCT. 24-27, 2019

'69 Dick Jeffries of Bonsall, CA, is the chief medical officer at Grace & Associates LLC.

#### 1970s

#### '70 ← 50TH REUNION: HOMECOMING 2020

- **'72 Jack Paley** of Waban, MA, has a son, Amit, who is the CEO and president of the Trevor Project. His daughter, Shimrit, is senior vice president of Everquote.
- '74 Nelson French of Silver Bay, MN, recently retired after a 39-year career in conservation and environmental affairs work in Minnesota. He spent the past seven years as the Lake Superior program supervisor for the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's Great Lakes Restoration Initiative. This involved a close collaboration with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for which French was awarded the Department of the Army Commander's Award for Public Service, an accolade rarely given to civilians.
- '75 Claude Heiny of Grand Saline, TX, is an administrative judge with the Defense Office of Hearing & Appeals.

- '76 Somchanh Baccam of Cedar Rapids, IA, retired at the end of the school year after teaching for 39 years at Cedar Valley Montessori School.
- **'77 David Nern** of Scottsdale, AZ, is now retired after 40 years in the office technology industry with IBM, IKON, Toshiba and Xerox.
- '79 Bill Schmarzo is currently the CTO of IoT and Analytics at Hitachi Vantara. He is also an executive fellow at the University of San Francisco School of Management and was recently appointed an honorary professor of the School of Business and Economics at the National University of Ireland in Galway.

**Michael Montgomery** of Streamwood, IL, is a pastor at First United Church of Christ in Elgin, IL.

#### 1980s

- '80 James Hollenbeck of Jeffersonville, IN, is the secondary education program chair at Indiana University Southeast. He was the recipient of an outstanding college teaching award in Indiana, as well as two Fulbright awards. He and his wife, Darina, an ESL teacher, celebrated their 20th anniversary in Oct.
- **'81 Cheryl Saley** of Evanston, IL, is a senior hardware engineer with Canon Medical Research USA Inc.
- '82 Mark Casteel of York, PA, was just promoted to full professor of psychology at Penn State-York.



**Ginny Finn** of Milwaukee, WI, is the chief development officer at YWCA Southeast Wisconsin.

**'85 Dave Manternach** of Dubuque, IA, is currently with Dick's Sporting Goods after having a successful career in the marketing and advertising industry. He still assumes the position of president and owner of Manternach Marketing Inc.



'87 Nick Rowe of Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia, retired in 2006. He is a full-time preacher since his retirement for the church of Christ Kota Kinabalu Sabah Malaysia.



'89 Kurt Gibson of Ankeny, IA, has served as president and director at Community State Bank (CSB) since 2017 and was recently named CEO. Kurt has 30 years of commercial lending experience and has held various relationship management and leadership roles with a regional bank located in Des Moines over the past several decades, including serving as vice president of commercial banking at Wells Fargo in Des Moines.

#### 1990s

- **'92 Doug Schmitz** of Cedar Rapids, IA, is a freelance agricultural journalist.
- '93 Karim Budhwani of Vestavia Hills, AL, was named Startup Executive of the Year by the Economic Development Partnership of Alabama. He is the CEO of CerFlux Personalized Medicine, a company that strives to reduce the pain, discomfort and cost of cancer treatment.
- '96 Kathy Denning Walton of Belvidere, IL, is a district sales manager for B/S/H Home Appliances. She was named to the company's prestigious Top 1.11 Sales Club, which recognizes the top 111 sales leaders from around the globe.

#### 2000s



'02 Amy Schluns Hubbell of Port Wing, WI, launched a new business, Boreal Leadership.

'03 Fred Jackson of Ankeny, IA, signed a oneday contract last April with the Buffalo Bills so he could officially retire from the NFL as a member of the team.

**Kelsey Anderson** of Shoreview, MN, and her husband, Andrew David, opened David Immigration Law PLLC in 2016. Kelsey was a fine arts major at Coe and continues to paint and teach private art lessons. Most recently, she has painted six murals in homes and schools.

**'06 Sameera Ali** of Karachi, Pakistan, is head of marketing at Lakson Investments.

**'07 Naomi Fottral** Jacobs of Los Angeles, CA, is a delivery resource manager for Microsoft.

**'08 Chris Buhr** of Okoboji, IA, is vice president of related services at Farm Credit Services of America.

#### 2010s

**'10 Kari Oldfield** of St. Paul, MN, has a new position as executive director of the Local Public Health Association of Minnesota.

**Bridget McCullough** Schmidt of Dubuque, IA, received her Doctor of Nursing Practice degree from the University of Iowa. She is working as a family nurse practitioner in the family medicine department at Medical Associates in Dubuque.

'11 Cody Kriegel of Iowa City, IA, opened a dental practice called Corridor Dental in North Liberty.

'12 Amanda Drish of Waukee, IA, has been the director of Project Encore for four years. This program is a unique partnership between the Des Moines Symphony & Academy and the Boys and Girls Club of Central Iowa.

**Steven Heinen** of Indianapolis, IN, received his MLS from Indiana University. He began a career at the Department of Veteran Affairs and now makes disability decisions on compensation claims. He has been able to return to his veteran roots and help veterans on a daily basis.

'13 Jordan Kuehner graduated from Mount Mercy University with a Masters of Business Administration. He currently works as an internal enterprise advisor at Strategic Financial Solutions in Cedar Rapids.

**'16 Emily Roberts** of Ann Arbor, MI, earned a Master of Science in biostatistics from the University of Michigan School of Public Health.



'17 Andrew Baird of Centennial, CO, completed a two-month art show at several public libraries.

**'18 Kennedy Stomberg** of Hines, MN, was accepted into the M.S. in Cognitive Neuroscience program at the City University of New York.



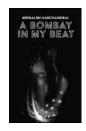
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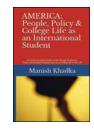
'58 Gwen Sovern Colfer of Meridian, ID, co-authored a book with her husband, James, and grandparenting expert, Cavin T. Harper, entitled "GrandCamp Field Guide."



'83 Larry Westenberg
of Wheaton, IL, published
the book "Beliefs and
How to Change Them:
A manual of methods
for changing beliefs
in ourselves."



'99 Mrinalini Harchandrai of Bombay, India, had her first collection of poetry entitled "A Bombay in My Beat" published this past December.



'14 Manish Khadka of San Francisco, CA, published the book "AMERICA: People, Policy and College Life as an International Student."



### Goe Alumna

#### DESCRIBED AS ONE OF THE BRIGHTEST MINDS IN THE PUBLIC RELATIONS INDUSTRY

**Erin Salisbury '12** (public relations and sociology major) is a trailblazer in her field. She was recently awarded two top honors — Young Professional of the Year by PRmoment and 30 Under 30 by PRWeek UK — both distinguished accolades within the public relations world.

Salisbury got a true taste of public relations during her sophomore year at Coe College. She took full advantage of New York Term, a program designed for students to receive one full term of credit while

studying in New York City. "During my time in New York, I worked as a part-time intern in the research and analytics team at Ketchum, which was a perfect fit for me as it combined both my majors — PR (public relations) and sociology."

said Salisbury. "I absolutely loved the work and had no idea this side of PR actually existed. I was able to use my strengths as a left-brain analytical thinker to help solve businesses' communications challenges and evaluate their success."

Following Salisbury's term in New York, she continued working with Ketchum as an intern for its Chicago office. After graduating from Coe in 2012, Salisbury accepted a full-time position with Ketchum as a research analyst. In her second year with the company, her role shifted to focus specifically on social media research and analytics. Within three years, she was given the opportunity to move overseas to become a founding member of Ketchum's digital research and analytics team. "I seized the opportunity to move to the London

office to build out this capability for the United Kingdom and Europe," said Salisbury.

Since moving to London in 2015, Salisbury has had the opportunity to work with a variety of major clients. One of her most notable projects included working for a global Eurosport client during the 2018 Winter Olympics. "I sat on a hub team in London, helping to manage and measure communications across their top European markets. It was an amazing experience to be

embedded in such an innovative company while they were broadcasting the Olympics across all of Europe for the first time in company history," said Salisbury. She has been described by her employer as "a strategic

thinker, team player and superb client counselor." She is currently leading a team of four, working with multiple major brands and is also a member of Ketchum's global influencer task force. Her 30 Under 30 nominator described her as "one of the brightest young minds in our industry today."

Salisbury believes the most important skill to master while preparing for a career in public relations is to learn how to write. "There's no substitution for being able to effectively communicate — in both your writing and speaking — and it's something that will help you stand out and create trust with the people with whom you're working," said Salisbury. She feels her professors at Coe had an enormous impact on the way she thinks and feels about the media.



#### A Tirrely Virtual Reunion

#### ENHANCES LIFELONG CONNECTIONS



A place to connect. To celebrate and

console. To share and empathize. That is exactly what **Dan Peterson '94** had in mind when he created the Coe Crew 1990 s Facebook group.

After the passing of good friend and classmate **Brian Stutzman 96**, Peterson went fumbling through his address book. In this time of sorrow, he had to determine who should be notified. During this process, he had an epiphany. "Why do we only get in touch with each other when something bad happens?" thought Peterson. "We should have an outlet to connect and share the positives that life has to offer as well." Out of this epiphany, the Facebook group was born.

Originally, Peterson invited 24 26 of his good friends to join. He planned to focus the group around his class only. Within one week, there were over 550 members," Peterson said with a smile in his voice. It came as quite a shock. "It was fantastic, I couldn t believe the interest we had in the group.

The nostalgic "virtual reunion" has been a source of excitement for Peterson. "I want my kids to be able to see my Coe family. I want them exposed to the community and the relationships I established during my time at Coe," said Peterson, who recently had his second child.

Peterson discussed how easy it is to get wrapped up in the day to day routine and let friendships subside. "With this group, we don't have to. We can keep in touch and have an outlet to share positive things in life, to be supportive of one another." He's hoping the good news will be plentiful and the sorrows will be few and far between.



#### **FUTURE ALUMNI**

#### 2001

**Nea Stack** Mancini and her husband, Luigi of Downers Grove, IL, a son, Anthony John on April 17.

#### 2004

**Chris McGrath** and his wife, Kimberly, of Austin, TX, a son, Carter, on Dec. 6, 2017.

#### 2006

**Samantha Honson** Shissler and her husband, David, of Marion, IA, a daughter, Lucille Beverly, on July 3.

**John Greiner** and his wife Jenna, of Washington, IA, a daughter, Layni Mae, on July 12.

Matt Starmer and his wife, Lindsey Wear Starmer '17, of Marion, IA, twin sons, Reid Allen and Keaton John, on July 7.

#### 2007

Karleen Meggers Looney and her husband,

Kurt, of Lost Nation, IA, a daughter, Allison Jayne, on June 18, 2017.

#### 2008

**Alex Hajek** and his wife, Amanda, of Cedar Rapids, IA, a daughter, Claire, on Dec. 9, 2017.

#### 2009

**Andy Timmons** and his wife, Carolyn, of Evanston, IL, a son, John "Jack," on March 4.

#### 2010

**Jordan Wilkens** and his wife, **Ashley Axdahl** Wilkins '**09**, a son, Holden Lee, on May 23.

Megan Fiala Goodall and her husband, Tyler Goodall '10, a son, Henry Michael on July 11.

**Bridget McCullough** Schmidt and her husband, Andy, of Dubuque, IA, a daughter, Emery, on July 3.

Michael Jones and his wife, C.C. Williams Jones '11, of Johnston, IA, a son, Cason Jack, on June 20.

#### 2011

**Charlie Goetzinger** and his wife, **Rachel Leick** Goetzinger '12, of North Liberty, IA, a son, Brooks John, on May 8.

Matt Burch and his wife, Tiffany Myers Burch '11, of Woodbury, MN, a son, Elijah, on June 7.

#### 2012

**Brittany Nichols** Peacock and her husband, Thomas, of Davenport, IA, a son, Beckett Leo, on May 10.

**Eric Wood** and his wife, **Samantha Sikrisamouth** Wood **'13,** of Cedar Rapids, IA, a son, Matthew, and a daughter, Joann, July 20.

**Matt Ferlitsch** and his wife, Rebecca, of Ft. Riley, KS, a daughter, Olivia, Aug. 27.

#### 2014

**Corey Joens** and Hannah Evans of Waterloo, IA, a son, Greyson Michael, on Jan. 10.

















#### DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO WOULD BE A PERFECT FIT AT COE?

Refer a Kohawk at www.coe.edu/recommend a student

Children of alumni receive an annual \$1,000 Legacy Award.

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#### 1965



Trustee Bill Schalk and Barbara
Earnest of Racine,
WI, on Aug. 10. The
Rev. Don Dempsey
'65 presided over
the ceremony.
Pictured (left to
right) are Carol

Ginaforte, **Charles Davis '86, Beth Cook '98,** Barbara, Bill, Don, Meg Dempsey and retired Alumni Director Jean Johnson.

#### 2003

**Andrew Lenz** and Alex Gillach of Golden Valley, MN, on Jan. 18.

#### 2006

**Jenni Nelson** and **John Gales '07** of Solon, IA, on October 28.

#### 2007

**Megan Moldenhauer** and Jacob Arndt of Jefferson, WI, on April 21.

**Lucas Johnson** and Matthew Lovegood of Council Bluffs, IA, on Oct. 7.

Justin Hoyt and Allison Brown '10 of Council Bluffs, IA, on June 30.

#### 2008

**Liz Lloyd** and Nicholas Anderson of Waterloo, IA, on Aug. 19.

#### 2010

**Jake Brinkman** and **Aubrey Walters '13** of Evans, GA, on April 21.

#### 2013

**Tiffany Aliprandi** and Christopher Bruns of Bondurant, IA, on April 14.

#### 2014

**TJ Trau** and **Kelsey Ehrhardt '16** of East Peoria, IL, on March 24.

#### 2017

**Logan Barnes** and Miranda Whitfield of Cedar Rapids, IA, on Aug. 8.



Kohawks in attendance at the wedding of John Gales '07 and Jenni Nelson '06, include Chad Horner '06, Arinash Ghosh '05, Matt Sinnott '08, Ryan Krabbe '07 and Nikki Tews Krabbe '05.







Kohawks in attendance at the wedding of TJ Trau '14 and Kelsey Ehrhardt '16 were (front row, left to right) TJ, Kelsey and Erin Gholson '16. Second row: Tre Cotton '16, Nora Dietz-Kilen '16, Lexis Kuhlmann '15, Allie Wirth '16, Derek Nicholson '14, Luke Piot '15, Zach Stafford '14 and Shane Moses '14. Third row: Alexis Avila '16, Kelsey Fauser '17, Kyle Boardman '14, Conner Breard '12 and James Hanson '14. Fourth row: Chris Yossi '12, Juan Arredondo '13, Cydnee Moses '14 and Hayleigh Hansen Boardman '14.



GETTING THE GANG BACK TOGETHER

Class of 1968 — Celebrating their 50th reunion at the Class of 1968 dinner were Mary Scharfenberg Wujcik, John Johnson, Bill Martin, Ann Kagawa Lee, Joseph Ferguson, Gene Henderson, Barbara Kojis, Rick Carlson, Gordon Dash, Diane Lamb Gendusa, Faye Robinson, Marjorie Wolf Mead, Steve Cook, Kathleen Goetsch, Bob Huston, William Lester, Ann Hoffman, Al Rowe, Ralph Montgomery, Joyce Dodson Anderson, Larry Stone, Margaret Keith Stone, Dianne Miles, Paula Halverson Loftsgard, Larry Alsbrook, Dave Wright, Lynda Bell Pitts, Diana Bowers Smith and Dennis Greenspon.

OZ Class of 1978 — Attending the Class of 1978 40th reunion reception were David Hoyt, Dave Mayer, Jim Smith, JB Roberts, Suzanne Bose Kratz, Molly Burns Quigley, Richard Reilly, Carol Grantman, Cathy Prior Schade, June Miell Locke, Tricia Baldwin, Kevin Gorman, Julie Casali Bellon, Sally Nordstrom, Kent Cooling and Alan Anderson.

OB Classes of 1997-99 — The classes of 1997-99 gathered for a cluster reunion. Classmates in attendance at the reception were: Class of 1997 - Dennis Befeler, Jason Shockley, Kari Campbell O'Hara, Jeff Walton, Ben Zitterkopf, Mark Mayhew, Carol Pankau, Stacie Ramer, Donielle Mayhew Jarvela, Jodi Michaels Treharne, Neal Johnson and Suzy McGrane-Hop. Class of 1998 — Greg Swartzendruber, Joe Rhodes, Colin Killmer, Candi Van Der Werf, Katrina See, Peter Schinsing and Beth Cook. Class of 1999 — Jim Thornton, Salina Winsor Schroeder, Joe Lilly, Adria Lair Peterson, Amanda Faustmann Daines, Michelle Steele-Ketelsen, Kasey Johnson Befeler, Katie Lillibridge Dostal, Thomas Greinert, Wendy Hamilton, Ehsan Hogue, Kelly Milligan Mayhew, Matt Whitlock, Glenda Gaynor Robicheau, Sameer Khan, Yousaf Usman and Elizabeth Hasley Rubin.



Class of 2008 — Celebrating their 10th reunion at the Class of 2008 reception were Jess Fraghia Wachniak, Lisa Thornburg Lake, Kaitlin Johnston Boyse, Lee Boyse, Megan Eberhart Johnson, Alexa Smith Procailo, Ann Virden Balvanz, Katie Elliott, Sarah Taucher, Sheila Crook-Lockwood, Kathryn Eberle, Kelsey Cannon, Melissa Mai, Jenny McArdle, Valerie Steele Jansonius, Steven Strope, Kelsey McCarthy Strope, Haley Pins, Heather Mann McMahill, Kristy Upah Staker, Nicole Hannan, Iris Garcia, Stephanie Beecher, Paige Knebel, Ryan Baranowski and Lucas Novotny.

os Alumni Volleyball — Participants in a Homecoming weekend reunion of Coe volleyball alumni were (front row, left to right) Megan Barron Hixson '14, Ali Arns '18, Hanna Reese '17, Aryn Meisinger '18 and Devon O'Connell '17. (Middle row) Meghan McClimon '16, Bri Smith '16, Emily Ryan Stamp '13, Brittany Shickell '13 and Tasha Brink '13. (Back row) Molly Steffens '12, Christina Grimm Johnson '13, Aubrey Walters Brinkman '13, Madison Sackett '12, Rachel Bosworth '15, Rachel Schaefer '15 and Head Coach DeAnn Woodin holding Beau Stamp.



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1938 wilma Skalsky Carson, 101, on June 24. Wilma taught at Roger's Grove Elementary School. She is survived by a son, Bill Carson; a daughter, Mary Walston; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

1939 🛦 Betty Levsen Remley, 100, on June 26. Betty was a member of Delta Delta Delta at Coe. Betty taught music at Nora Springs and Elkader and directed the church choir at the First Congregational Church for 60 years. She established a Junior Choir and a Cherub Choir at the church and a Community Choir. She was a member of PEO and was active in many local organizations. She is survived by a son, David Remley; a daughter, Jane Rasley; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her daughter, Nancy Remley-Whiteley.

1940 Mary Flaherty Axline, 100, on Aug. 15. Mary worked at the Cedar Rapids Public Library, then as an airline stewardess. Mary is survived by a son, James Axline '79; a daughter, Linda McGoldrick; seven grandsons; 10 great-grandchildren; three greatgreat-grandchildren; an honorary granddaughter, and nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by a son, Gary L. Axline.

1941 🛦 Anogene Faris Stary, 98, on May 25. Anogene was UWCH president, Crescent honor society and Tri Delta Society at Coe. She taught at Arlington Iowa High School and later substituted in Cedar Rapids. She was a Westminster Presbyterian Church Sunday school teacher, choir member, women's association president, deacon, elder and chairman of the board of trustees. She was a member of Kingston Hills women's board of managers, member and president of PEO Chapter JI, served on the family service board, the Linn County Food Bank committee, church women united secretary and SERV chairman. Anogene is survived by nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Robert Stary '39; and her daughter, Joan.

1941 🛔 Ruth Andresen Bickel, 97, on Aug. 6. Ruth was a member of Alpha Gamma Delta and the "Round Robins" at Coe. She was an active member of PEO Chapter LI; served as a leader in Boy Scouts, Blue Birds and Camp Fire; and volunteered at Mercy Hospital. Ruth was active in the founding of the Mississippi River Hall of Fame housed in Dubuque. She is survived by her three children, a son, John M. Bickel; daughters, Inge Marie Bickel Osborne and Bonnie Bickel James; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, John Bickel '43, a past recipient of Coe's Alumni Award of Merit.

**1943** Malvern Shedeck, 97, on Aug. 31. Malvern was a coach and later worked at Sanitary Dairy and Land O'Lakes. He is survived by his children, Steve Shedeck, Janet Dahl, Mal Shedeck and Kathy Cheatham; seven grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a daughter, Debra Shedeck.

1944 George "Bill" Paull, 95, on June 21. Bill enlisted in the Army to serve in WWII. His overseas combat was with the 129th Infantry and Chemical Warfare of the 37th Division. He was awarded the Silver Star and Bronze Star by the U.S. government for bravery in action on Bougainville in the Solomon Islands. Later, he owned Paull Construction, Plumbing and Heating. Bill was an active member of the Masonic Lodge, Kiwanis, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Madison County Historical Society. He is survived by his three children, a daughter, Charlotte Ann Davis; a son, George W. Paull Jr.; a daughter, Barbara Jackson; five grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

1946 🛦 Eleanor Rodgers Asplin, 94, on Aug. 29. Eleanor spent her time raising three children, volunteering and traveling. She enjoyed volunteering at Opportunity Partners and actively supported the Minnesota Symphony, Guthrie Theater, Children's Hospital, Mt. Olivet and Mt. Calvary and Lutheran Churches. She is survived by a daughter, Sarah L. Asplin; a son, William R. Asplin; nine grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter. She was predeceased by a daughter, Lynn E. Asplin.

Lorraine Barron Layman, 94, on Sept. 14. Lorraine was a member of PEO Chapter Z, Junior League of Waterloo/Cedar Falls and Delta Delta Delta Sorority. She is survived by her husband, Richard Layman '46; a son, William Layman; a daughter, Candace Bischoff; a grandson; and three great-granddaughters.

1947 Lorayne Baldock Carliss, 92, on June 23. Lorayne worked as a telephone operator and assisted in her father's business. After spending over 20 years as a homemaker, she returned to school as a teacher in Glendale Heights, Illinois. Lorayne is survived by her sons, Dale and Darl Tellefsen; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

**Catherine Capes** Parrish, on Feb. 21. She was predeceased by her husband, **Jack Parrish '47**.

1948 Susy Robison Urice, 91, on May 23. Susy taught nursery school prior to joining the faculty of NW Christian School. She volunteered at Holy Family Hospital. She is survived by a son, David; a daughter, Shelley Moore-Lux; and nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Logan Urice '48.

Jeri Hinrichs Goudy, 92, on July 14. Jeri worked at Cornell College as secretary to the vice president, sang in the Linn Grove choir and taught Bible school. Jeri is survived by her two daughters, Andrea Goudy and Deborah Goudy Ward; one granddaughter; and two great-granddaughters.

**Frank Kinney,** 93, on Aug. 24. Frank was a World War II veteran, entering the U.S. Navy Air Force V-5 program in



1953 Don Brinckman, 87, on June
11. Don began his career in marketing research and moved on to become president and CEO of Saftey-Kleen.
Don was a founding member of the American Business Conference, served on the Board of Managers of Sherman Hospital and as a trustee of Coe College. He was involved in the Elgin United Way and served on the board of the Elgin YMCA and the Illinois

State Chamber of Commerce. He also served on the board of directors of Johnson Worldwide Associates, Paychex, Snap-On Tool Corp., Sun Electric and as a director of Heritage Crystal Clean Inc. He is survived by his wife, Beverly; a son, Scott; four daughters, Bonny Putney, Barbara Ladd, Donna Spethman and Dawn Walters; 11 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

1943. During his time at Coe, he played football and studied art under Marvin Cone. He worked at Ambro Advertising Agency as an artist, became the art director, then started his own agency. Frank is survived by a daughter, Susan Westerdahl; a son, Daniel Kinney; a daughter, Jane Kinney; a son, Andrew Kinney; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by a son, Christopher Kinney.

Betty Wolfe Rutherford, 91, on Aug. 29. Betty began her career as a teacher, then worked at Rockwell. Betty was active in ESA professional women's sorority and Cedar Rapids Stamp Club. Betty is survived by a son, Robert Rutherford; a daughter, Nancy J. Rutherford Allen; a son, John L. Rutherford; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Robert Rutherford '49.

1949 Gladys Brom Stewart, 90, on June 2. After several years working on her farm, Gladys took a job as a secretary at William Penn College. Gladys is survived by a daughter, Sandra Voss; sons, Emory and Alan Stewart; eight grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her son, Gregory Albert Stewart.

Retired Air Force Lt. Col. **Robert Erickson**, 94, on July 8. Robert is survived by his wife of 47 years, Lt. Col. Georgia G. (Burton) Erickson; a daughter, Julie Lind; and sons, John, Robert and Richard; seven grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren.

Mary Hamblin Ovrom, 91, on June 20. Mary was a news reporter, photographer, and columnist for several southeast lowa newspapers. She is survived by three daughters, Liza Ovrom '75, Jennie Ferretti, and Dorothy Jabour; two sons, Fred Ovrom and A. Paul Ovrom, Jr.; 13 grandchildren, including Matt Schuling '08; and two great-grandchildren.

Hazel Storm Block, 94, on July 14. Hazel was a teacher in the College Community School District. She is survived by two sons, Robert and James Block; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by a son, William C. Block.

1950 Keith Chartier, 90, on May 10. Keith taught high school science and worked as the first chairman of the Science Department at Westlake High School. He was an active member of the Camarillo Noontime Optimists.

He is survived by a son, Tom; a grandson; and nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife, **Ruth Bottorff** Chartier '**49**.

Marilyn Roberts Richards, 87, on Sept. 2. After graduating from Coe, Marilyn earned her Masters in Education and began teaching high school. Beloved wife of Jack, she is survived by a son, Brian; a daughter, Janet Durham; and two grandchildren.

**1954** Reed Cooper, 87, on Feb. 10.

**1955** Gerald "Jerry" Ovel, 93, the husband of **Audrey** Reggentin Linge-Ovel '55, on Sept. 24. Gerald was a second lieutenant in the Army Air Corps and piloted C47 cargo and paratrooper flights during World War II. Gerald began working as an accountant at Dearborn Brass Co. and then served as the sales manager for Cedar Rapids Pump and Supply Co. He owned Iowa Pipe and Supply Co. and Cedar Rapids Pump and Supply Co., the Chandler Co., Crane Co. and built Cedar Manufacturing Co. After selling those businesses he owned and operated Travel Advisors. Jerry served as vice president of the Cedar Rapids Jaycees, president of the Cedar Rapids Chamber of Commerce, chairman of the Cedar Rapids City Planning Commission, president of Elmcrest Country Club, chairman of the First Congregational Church Board of Trustees and was a longtime member of Cedar Rapids Rotary. He was appointed to the Presidential Scholars Commission by President Jimmy Carter. He was a member of the American Legion Post 13 in Anamosa. Jerry is survived by sons, Steven Ovel and G. Scott Ovel '92; a daughter, Barbara Lemon; six grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife of 43 years, Elizabeth Ann "Betty" Ovel; and his wife of 19 years, Audrey.

1957 Retired Marine Corps
Lt. Col. Dick Hughes, 82, on
June 29. Hughes served in
the U.S. Marine Corps for 24
years with many honors and
accommodations. Following
the Marine Corps, he worked
for Textron Land and Marine
Systems as deputy director of
marketing. Hughes is survived by
his wife, Janet; sons, Chris, Brian
and Seth; six grandchildren;
and nieces and nephews.

Dick Holman, 89, on Aug. 30. Dick served in the U.S. Navy, graduated from Coe, then received his master's in business. He was a partner in Center Point Lumber Co. and taught business at a community college. He owned and operated a Baskin-Robbins Ice Cream Store, Constitution Court Motel and Kentucky Fried Chicken Store. Dick is survived by a daughter, Kimberly Holman Swanson; a son, Kurtis Holman; a stepdaughter, Betty Flinchem; a stepson, David E. Flinchem; three grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. He is predeceased by a grandson, Ryan Flinchem.

1958 Diane Bishop, 82, on May 19. Diane was a teacher for many years before she realized her calling to ministry. She became an interim pastor for many parishes, including Morning Sun, Olivet, Cedar Rapids, Miles, Sabula, Preston, Clarksville, Newhall and Coggon. Diane is survived by nieces and nephews.

#### 1964 Linda Goodwill

Kogut, 76, on May 12. Linda began her career as a teacher and transitioned to a social worker for the State of Connecticut Department of Children and Youth Services. She was a member of the National Association of Social Workers, Plainville Choral Society and Plainville Senior Center. Linda is survived by her husband, Michael. 1965 Charles Palmberg, 75, on Sept. 20. Charles worked as an animator and enjoyed creating art. He is survived by sons, Mark and Scott; two grandchildren; and nephews.

1966 John Turner, 81, on July 7. John served in the U.S. Army and graduated from Coe with a degree in economics. He is survived by his wife, Lydie (Picard) Turner; and a daughter, Valerie Turner Kozlov.

1969 Dr. David Christophel,

70, on Jan. 27. David owned Blackwood Books and was a well-respected paleobotanist who spent nearly 30 years teaching. In 1996 he was awarded the Stephen Cole Elder Prize for Excellence in Teaching. He was published in numerous scientific journals and was renowned for his work relating to fossil leaves and uncovering evidence of a tropical rainforest in southeast Australia that existed during the Eocene Epoch about 40 million years ago. David is survived by his wife, Debbie; three children, Al, Angie and Gemma; and one grandchild.

Retired Air Force 2nd Lt. Randy Siepmann, 71, on May 23. Randy had a 29-year career in the U.S. Air Force that took him all over the world. He served in the Vietnam War and received the Distinguished Flying Cross, Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Air Medal with seven oak leaf clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal and the Air Force Achievement Medal. Randy is survived by his wife, Susan; sons, Jon, Scott, and Jeffrey; a daughter, Kristin Catania; and six grandchildren.

1970 Luella Hora, 100, on May 16. Luella taught at Oneida 9 Country School for three years, then became a junior high teacher. She was a lifelong member of the Clutier Community Church where she played the organ for over 80 years and was head of the Bible school and Sunday school. She is survived by two nieces and a nephew.

**1974** Debra Schroyer Dessel, 65. on March 31. Debra worked as a teacher at West Union Elementary School. In 1993 she was awarded the Iowa Conservation Teacher of the Year award. Debra was active in the West Union Civic Club, Holy Name Rosary Society, a member of the Palmer Auxiliary and PEO Sisterhood. Deb was also a member of the Favette County Conservation Board and was assistant commissioner of Fayette County Soil and Water Conservation District. Deb is survived by her husband, John; a daughter, Janell McElree; and two grandchildren.

1975 Nancy H. Dickerson,

85, on Aug. 27. Nancy was a registered nurse for over 55 years. She was a longtime member of Beaver Creek Cumberland Presbyterian Church where she served as an elder, Central High School Alumni Board member, president of **Bookwalter Church Keenagers** and Triple L of Beaver Creek Cumberland Presbyterian Church. She is survived by daughters, Susan Dickerson and Diane Dickerson Coon; a son, Jeffrey Dickerson; grandchildren; and great-grandchildren.

1976 John T. Walton, 64, on Feb. 4. John had many jobs in his lifetime, but what he loved the most was creating amazing tattoos. He is survived by brothers, Don, Mark and Kenneth Walton '77.

**1979** Robert Ellis, 60, on Aug. 22. Bob is survived by his wife, Maria; a son, John; and a daughter, Lily.

1980 Dr. Terry Wallace, 63, Sept. 18. Terry worked at Stanford Chiropractic Clinic, then co-founded Pensacola Spinal Rehabilitation Center. He was a member of the UWF Summer Festival Music Chorus.



1955 Dr. Palmer Dyal, 84, on Aug. 7. Dr. Dyal put himself though Coe, graduated with a degree in physical chemistry, then studied with Nobel Laureate John Bardeen, ultimately gaining a Ph.D. in physics. In 1978 he received an honorary doctorate from Coe College. He went on to coauthor papers with a few members of the Russian Academy of Sciences as well as his colleges in the United

States, once his work was declassified. At the Air Force Weapons Laboratory in Albuquerque, New Mexico, Dr. Dyal worked on the magnetics of high altitude nuclear explosions, one of which, the Starfish Prime launch of July 9, 1962, accidentally tripped most circuit breakers in Hawaii. In 1966, Dr. Dyal began work at NASA Ames Research Center on the Apollo projects. He was a principal investigator, building the magnetometers to study the permanent and transient magnetic fields of the moon on Apollo 12, 14, 15 and 16. Those missions collectively carried four stationary and two portable magnetometers built by his teams of scientists on stunningly successful missions bringing back data that is still used today. He subsequently worked on the Pioneer 10 and 11 and Voyager missions, sending the first man-made objects beyond the solar system. Voyager is still traveling, and Pioneer 10 made history long after its decommission date in 1997. Dr. Dyal was awarded the Exceptional Scientific Achievement Award in 1972, he was also a member of The Explorer's Club in New York. He is survived by his wife, Gladys (Wiley) Dyal; a daughter, Jeanette Latta; a son, Gordon; and seven grandchildren.

1981 Sharon K. Bemer Harris, 76, on June 24. Sharon was a teacher in Iowa and Wisconsin. She was also a tour guide at the Villa Louis Victorian Mansion in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin. She is survived by her husband, Robert L. Harris; a son, Boyd Owens; a daughter, Kim Musil; and a son, Brian Owens.

1982 Demetrios S. Hadjis,

66, on Sept. 19. Demetrios worked in advertising sales and was active in local community theater. He was a member of St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church and served on the parish council for many years. He is survived by his wife, Renee Hadjis; a son, Pete Hadjis; and two granddaughters.

#### 1996 Brian Lee Stutzman,

44, on July 28. Brian was the executive director of the Young Parents Network (YPN) from 2000-2018. Brian is survived by his wife, Renee; and his children, Margaret, Brenlyn, Conway and Cael. Brian was posthumously awarded the 2018 Nonprofit Leadership Excellence Award by the Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation.



Associate Professor of Physics **Ugur Akgun** and Assistant Professor of Physics **Firdevs Duru** co-authored an article titled "Exploring the Scientific Centers in Europe," which was published in the Spring 2018 issue of *Radiations* magazine.

**Jordan Atwater '14** joined Coe as a part-time football coach.

**Cody Baethke** joined Coe as an assistant football coach.

**Kyrsha Balderas '18** joined Coe as a College Possible coach.

Technical Director **Bob Benson '06** released an EP of original music titled *Waiting to Blink* as part of his solo project, 86plot. It is available to stream on all major platforms, and details can be found at 86plot.com.

**Caio Bragatto** joined Coe as an assistant professor of physics.

**Samantha Brown** joined Coe as an assistant professor of psychology.

**Madeline Capistran** joined Coe as a part-time teaching artist in music.

**Jodie Chadima** joined Coe as records & data specialist for registration in the Registrar's Office.

**Jamarco Clark** joined Coe as an assistant football coach.

**Natalie Crall** was promoted to communications coordinator in the Advancement Office.

**Barb Davis** joined Coe as reference assistant & interlibrary loan specialist.

**Madison Dockter** joined Coe as orientation and event coordinator.

**Dustin Elsbury '15** joined Coe as an assistant football coach.

**Jake Feldman '16** joined Coe as an athletic trainer.

**Scott Frederick** joined Coe as systems administrator.

**Tad Fundermann** was promoted to advancement data specialist.

**Julia Gannon** joined Coe as information technology office coordinator.

**Hayley Goddard** joined Coe as an area coordinator.

**Katie Guinane '17** was promoted to senior admission counselor.

**Jonathan Hansen** joined Coe as a visiting adjunct assistant professor of film studies and communication studies.

**AnnaKate Hartel** joined Coe as assistant director of operations & communication.

**Grant Henderson** joined Coe as Eastern Iowa Wrestling Club director.

**Janessa Hollmaier** joined Coe as programming and student organization coordinator.

**Sherif Ibrahim** joined Coe as an adjunct assistant professor of chemistry.

**Cooper Jacks** joined Coe as records & data specialist for transcripts in the Registrar's Office.

**Connor Jordan '16** was promoted to assistant director of admission.

**Kelly Keegan** joined Coe as an instructor of English as a second language.

Associate Professor of History **Bethany Keenan** published "The US Embassy Is
Particularly Sensitive About This': Diplomacy,
Antiwar Protests, and the French Foreign
Embassy During 1968," in a special edition of
the journal *French Historical Studies* for the
50th anniversary of the May 1968 uprisings in

**Phillip Koopman '98** joined Coe as a math specialist.

Associate Professor of Political Science **Kim Lanegran** published the chapter "The Importance of Truth Commission Leadership" in the book *Global Leadership Initiatives for Conflict Resolution and Peacebuilding.* 

**Laurene Lanich** joined Coe as a teaching supervisor.

Paw Lar May joined Coe as a custodian.

**Margaret LeMay** joined Coe as a part-time instructor in English.

**Lydia LaMere** joined Coe as a part-time instructor in athletic training.

**Laura Mallicoat** joined Coe as a part-time mail & print assistant.

**Rhiannon Montelius** joined Coe as a graphic designer.

**Shaun McCarthy** was promoted to director of athletic training.

**Megan McCarty** joined Coe as an assistant professor of psychology.

**Neal McNabb** joined Coe as a visiting assistant professor of social and criminal justice.

**LaTanya McQueen** joined Coe as a visiting assistant professor of English.

**Peter Miller '13** joined Coe as a part-time instructor in religion.

**Esperanza Munoz Perez** joined Coe as an adjunct instructor in Spanish.

**Dawn Novetzke** joined Coe as executive assistant for the Office of the Provost.

**Lee Owen** joined Coe as an assistant soccer coach.

**Renee Penalver** was promoted to assistant professor of psychology and was selected as a 2018-19 lowa Campus Compact Engaged Scholar Research Fellow.

**Andrea Perkins** was promoted to mail & print specialist.

**Larimer Porter '16** was promoted to assistant director for campus experience

**Michael Plagge** joined Coe as Jenzabar support specialist.

**Amanda Proper** joined Coe as a content development writer.

**Alvon Reed '03** joined Coe as a part-time instructor in theatre arts.

**AJ Reuter '15** joined Coe as an assistant baseball coach.

#### **REMEMBERING**

Larry Perkins, 80, died on June 7. He started teaching at Marion High School in 1961. He coached nearly every sport Marion had to offer. In 1984, he began as a football coach at Coe College. He was inducted into the lowa Assistant Coaches Hall of Fame, Athletic Hall of Fame and Marion Coaches Hall of Fame in 2004. Larry is survived by his wife, Carol; sons, Tony Perkins, Bradley Perkins '88 and Nicholas Perkins '94; and six granddaughters.

**Laissa Rodriguez Moreno** joined Coe as an assistant professor of Spanish.

**Ali Romano-McClain** was promoted to assistant director of admission.

**Jess Salgado '17** was promoted to senior admission counselor.

**Aaron Schneider** joined Coe as a part-time instructor in kinesiology.

**Zach Serovy '18** joined Coe as an assistant soccer coach.

**Mark Shaffer** joined Coe as a part-time instructor in religion.

**Steven Sharkey-Dye '18** joined Coe as a College Possible coach.

**Kelly Siems** joined Coe as a visiting assistant professor of nursing.

**Anne Spoden** joined Coe as assistant director of admission.

Professor of Chemistry **Marty St. Clair** received a grant from the Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation for a proposal titled "Ion Chromatograph to Support Collaboration." He also published "Subsurface Nutrient Processing Capacity in Agricultural Roadside Ditches" in the journal *Science of the Total Environment.* 

**Kenni Sterns '15** joined Coe as swimming lessons coordinator.

**Patricia Storlie** joined Coe as an adjunct assistant professor of biology.

Associate Professor of History **Brie Swenson Arnold** presented "History Happened Here:
A Collaborative Community Project to Create
Historical Markers in Cedar Rapids, lowa," at
the Annual Meeting of the National Council on
Public History in Las Vegas this past April. This
was a joint presentation with Anne Russett,
a planner for the City of Cedar Rapids, and **Sean Donaldson '17,** museum educator at the
African American Museum of Iowa.

**Sally Terukina** joined Coe as gifts and records specialist in the Advancement Office.

Assistant Professor of Art **Josh Thorud** cowrote a TV pilot titled *The Resurrectionist* with writing partner Josh Katz, which was named a Top 25 entry at the 2018 Launch Pad Pilots Competition in Los Angeles, CA.

**Yuri Tilapa '16** was promoted to assistant director of admission.

**Jordan Timm** joined Coe as corporate relations and reunion giving specialist.

**Kara Trebil-Smith** was promoted to director of community and civic engagement.

**Stephanie Tsank** joined Coe as a part-time instructor in English.

Marc Valenta joined Coe as a graphic designer.

**Laura Van Buer** was promoted to community and civic engagement coordinator.

**Samantha Vaske '18** joined Coe as campus experience coordinator.

**Thomas Vosteen** joined Coe as an adjunct assistant professor of French.

**Michael Wachendorf** joined Coe as a custodian.

**Elaine Warner '18** joined Coe as an admission counselor.

**David Weltman** joined Coe as a part-time instructor in religion.

**Cheryl Machula** Wery '86 joined Coe as a marketing specialist.

Professor of Theatre Arts **Susan Wolverton** has been selected as an adjudicator for the lowa High School Theatre Awards.

**Alexander Zambrano** joined Coe as an assistant professor of philosophy. Zambrano also published "A Defense of Ad Blocking and Consumer Attention" in *Ethics and Information Technology*.

Assistant Professor of History **Angela Ziskowski** was an invited participant at the 2018 Transylvania Seminar, which focused on the role of digital technology in liberal arts education. Ziskowski also gave the annual Zamanakos Endowed Lecture for the Hellenic Studies Program at the University of Massachusetts Lowell.

### ALUMNI COUNCIL Update

Greetings, fellow alumni! It is my honor to be the new President of the Alumni Council, and I am looking forward to representing Coe's alumni body. It is hard to believe that Homecoming 2018 has already come and gone. If you were back on campus, I am sure you had just as great a time as I did. The campus has never looked better! I am still in awe of the new Athletics and Recreation Complex, and it doesn't seem possible that the ribbon cutting ceremony was already a year ago. However, this is not the only change to campus. If you haven't been back to Coe lately, I invite you to come back soon. You will truly be amazed.

#### **HOMECOMING SILENT AUCTION**

The Alumni Council plays a very active role during Homecoming, conducting the silent auction at the All Alumni Celebration on Friday night and at Brat 'n' Beverage on Saturday. Due to your generous donations and participation in bidding on the auction, we were able to raise over \$10,300. It is our goal to exceed that amount next year, so we're counting on you to pitch in once again. The auction allows the Alumni Council to give scholarships to current Kohawks so that they can experience different on and off campus study opportunities.

#### **ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT**

I encourage all alumni to become engaged with the college, as your support is greatly needed. If you are already engaged, thank you! We would love to hear what you are doing so that we can share that with other alumni. If you aren't, there is no better time than now to get involved. Coe has amazing students that are doing great things, and your support is instrumental.

Remember, this is your Alumni Council and we would love to hear from you. Please reach out at any time and provide us with your thoughts, ideas and suggestions. The alumni base is vast, diverse and can offer a lot to the college. Always a KOHAWK!



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#### LEAVE A BEQUEST IN YOUR WILL.

A bequest is a good option if you want to retain control of your property during your lifetime. You can provide financial security for family and a legacy gift to Coe. A charitable bequest will help us fulfill our vision for the future of Coe.

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