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The Class of 2019 has rung the Victory Bell, and another exceptional academic year has come to a close, marked by outstanding achievements across the board. A Coe student earned a Truman Scholarship for the second year in a row, and two more Kohawks joined the growing list of Fulbright award recipients. The college once again was named on

The Princeton Review's Top 25 Best Schools for Internships

list, rising eight spots in the rankings from 2018 to claim the No. 15 position. And after a rigorous process in the fall, Coe once again has earned full reaccreditation from the Higher Learning Commission, securing the college's status for the next 10 years.

Reflecting on these accomplishments, I cannot help but marvel at the vast community of people who make Coe the wonderful college it is. Our dedicated faculty and staff are committed to our students and keep their best interests at the heart of everything they do. Our alumni are making an incredible impact through their lives and careers across the globe, and many choose to give their time, talent and treasure back to their alma mater. Parents and friends offer tremendous support to the college, and the vibrant Cedar Rapids community provides an ideal location for our students to live, learn and grow.

We recognize the importance of our extraordinary Coe community in achieving our mission as a college, and we strive to maintain strong relationships with the people and organizations that help make us who we are. Whether bringing alumni and students together at events through the Center for Creativity and Careers or celebrating our Cedar Rapids nonprofit partnerships at the Community-Campus Partnership Showcase, we seek to engage with and strengthen our community whenever possible.

Community development is also a key component of our next initiative in the "A Bolder Coe" strategic plan: the Center for Health and Society (CHS). The CHS will not only offer students unique experiential learning opportunities in the health sciences, it also will enhance Cedar Rapids' reputation as a leader in the health care industry. As part of the MedQuarter in downtown Cedar Rapids, Coe is in an optimal location to expand partnerships with local hospitals and medical clinics, which will be valuable for students and community members alike. Our students will be well-prepared for a variety of health care careers and will be able to meet the workforce demands of our ever-changing society.

As the college continues to evolve and we set our sights on the new and exciting challenges that lie ahead, we will never lose sight of the Coe community that surrounds us. You are present in everything we do, and we could not "make it possible" for our students without you.

David McNally
President

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

CURRENT NEWS AND EVENTS IN KOHAWK NATION

VIRTUAL REALITY TECHNOLOGY OFFERS UNIQUE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Coe students have access to many tools to enhance their learning experiences. Virtual reality technology is one of the latest additions. The technology allows students to complete projects in a fun, interactive environment.

Many classes have used equipment available in the Media Technologies Department in Stewart Memorial Library to complete assignments in a variety of subjects including art, economics and geography.

Assistant Professor of Psychology Ben Chihak and his students utilize virtual reality equipment in the Psychology Department to conduct graduate-level research in perceptual psychology. Their goal is to gain an understanding of how people interact with their environment and process information in order to safely cross the road.

Using virtual reality to create a simulated bike path, Chihak and his students observe how study participants navigated their way across the path between virtual bicyclists.

The simulation allows researchers to test different theories and gather data in a realistic but safe environment. Findings could be applied in real-world situations to help develop and improve traffic safety measures.

The expanded research and learning opportunities made possible with virtual reality technology is valuable to Coe students across the board. "The opportunity to participate in this research benefits all students, not just those planning to attend graduate school," Chihak said. "Students coming from liberal arts institutions tend to have writing experience; it's not often that they get this level of research experience during their undergraduate studies."

COE CONTINUES TO BE RECOGNIZED AS A TOP PRODUCER OF U.S. FULBRIGHT STUDENTS



Once again, Coe College is included on the list of U.S. colleges and universities that produced the most 2018-19 Fulbright students. Coe has been recognized on this prestigious list for

five of the past seven years — positioning the college among the top 12 Fulbright-producing bachelor's institutions in the nation.

As the U.S. government's flagship international educational exchange program, the Fulbright is the most widely recognized and prestigious international exchange program in the world.

Among the three schools in Iowa to receive this designation, Coe maintains the highest percentage of applicants receiving the award — giving Kohawks who apply the highest likelihood of earning a Fulbright.

Even better, Coe is one of only six schools nationwide listed as both a 2018-19 Top Producer of U.S. Fulbright Students and a Top 25 Best School for Internships, according to The Princeton Review — two rankings that set Coe College apart from other institutions.

"At a four-year university, I wouldn't have had the one-on-one interaction with some of the professors that kept me on track to get the Fulbright. I couldn't have done it without Coe," 2018 Fulbright recipient Claire Tupper said.

"The Coe community is pleased to receive continuous national recognition for the college's large number of Fulbright recipients," Coe College President David McInally said. "The hard work and dedication of our bright scholars will result in life-changing experiences for the award winners and those they encounter during their Fulbright teaching apprenticeships. We are exceedingly proud of these recent Coe alumni and congratulate them for their achievements and contributions to humankind."

Four Coe seniors were awarded international Fulbright teaching assignments for the 2018-2019 academic year.



Claire Tupper '18 of Cedar Rapids, Iowa — a biology, neuroscience and French alumna is teaching in Laos.



Christine Obiesie '18 of Lee's Summit, Missouri — a biology, molecular biology and neuroscience alumna is teaching in Poland.



Lauren Winchester '18 of Boulder, Colorado — a communication studies and German alumna is teaching in Germany.



Annie Atkins '18 of Brooklyn Park, Minnesota — an international relations and German alumna is teaching in Germany.

"Throughout the Fulbright process, I had a lot of help from professors, staff and faculty," Atkins said.

Coe Fulbright applicants and recipients receive guidance from Professor Amber Shaw, who serves as the college's national fellowship advisor, as well as other faculty members. "It's been such a pleasure to work with these talented, service-oriented students as they apply for these prestigious fellowships," Dr. Shaw said.

"As cultural ambassadors for the Fulbright Program, Coe's awardees are exemplifying the college's mission by leading productive and satisfying lives across the globe."

Since its inception in 1946, the Fulbright Program has provided more than 390,000 participants the opportunity to exchange ideas and contribute to finding solutions to shared international concerns.

COE LEAPS EIGHT SPOTS ON THE PRINCETON REVIEW'S 2019 TOP 25 BEST SCHOOLS FOR INTERNSHIPS LIST



For the second year in a row, Coe College has been named a Best Value College by The Princeton Review and is included in its Top 25

Best Schools for Internships list. This

year, Coe isn't just in the top 25 — it's in the top 15 and remains the only Iowa school on the list. Coe advanced from its previous rank of 23 in 2018 to a current rank of 15.

The Princeton Review credits Coe's location in a thriving metropolitan area, the Center for Creativity & Careers and its career and graduate school placement as catalysts for inclusion in this prestigious ranking.

Nestled in the heart of Cedar Rapids, one of America's most prosperous Midwest cities, Coe students benefit from the lowest unemployment rate for college graduates in the nation.

Cedar Rapids offers numerous internship opportunities with local Fortune 500 companies and has been named a "Best City for New Grads."

The Center for Creativity & Careers connects students to Coe's business partners and successful alumni located in the Cedar Rapids corridor and beyond. Google, Corning Incorporated, Mayo Clinic and the Chicago Board of Trade are just a few of the businesses routinely reserving internships for Coe students.

Coe students find success after graduation — year after year, nearly 100 percent of reporting graduates are employed or in graduate school within one year.

"I am pleased that Coe continues to receive recognition as a national leader in postsecondary education through inclusion in The Princeton Review's 'Best Value Colleges' and Top 25 Schools for Internships," Coe College President David McNally said. "We are especially pleased that our internship program has been highlighted as one of the nation's best, and we're grateful to our community and business partners, who have helped make Coe's Center for Creativity & Careers one of the most innovative career programs found anywhere."

COE COLLEGE STUDENT CHOSEN FOR TRUMAN SCHOLARSHIP



Each year the nation's top college students pursuing careers in public service submit their Truman Scholarship application. This year netted 840 applicants from 346

colleges and universities. The scholarship committee narrowed the field to 199 finalists who participated in formal interviews. Of the 2019 finalists, 62 new Truman Scholars were selected. Coe College is the only college in the state of Iowa to produce a Truman recipient.

Kohawk **Larrisa Alire '20**, a political science and pre-law major, received a coveted Truman Scholarship. The Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation was created by Congress in 1975 to be the nation's living memorial to President Harry S. Truman. The mission of the foundation is to select and support the next generation of public service leaders.

Larrisa began the application process for the United States' premier graduate fellowship, which awards \$30,000 per student for graduate school, nine months in advance. The application requires the submittal of seven essays and a detailed policy proposal.

Larrisa's passion for public service involves advocating for women and children "to have a voice for those who don't" and "to help the most vulnerable victims," she said.

"In naming Larrisa the 2019 Scholar from Iowa, the Truman Foundation has recognized Larrisa's potential to be a transformative leader and dedicated public servant. Larrisa's involvement at Coe has developed her academic excellence, selfless leadership and community involvement, all of which distinguish her as an ideal Truman Scholar. It's been a privilege to help her achieve this incredible honor," Coe professor and National Fellowship Advisor Amber Shaw said.

"Everyone at Coe was supportive throughout the Truman application process," Larrisa said. "Professor Shaw reviewed my essays and even set up a panel of professors to help me practice interviewing. They were all there to support me even though I hadn't previously had them as professors." She also received guidance from Provost Paula O'Loughlin and 2018 Truman Scholar **Kelly May '19**.

"Congratulations to Larrisa on receiving this prestigious scholarship. Larrisa's contributions both on campus and in the community embrace the essence of the Truman Scholarship — public service leadership. Larrisa is a true change agent. We are humbled to support students like Larrisa as they work to make the world a better place and proud that Coe is part of her story," Coe Provost Paula O'Loughlin said.

"Coe has given me opportunities I wouldn't have had at other colleges. My plan was to stay in Colorado for my undergraduate education," Larrisa said. "But as a recipient of Coe's full-tuition Williston Jones Diversity Leadership Scholarship, Coe made college possible for me."

SPORTS SHORTS

A HIGHLIGHT REEL OF KOHAWK ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENT

COE'S SAAC MAKES A DIFFERENCE IN LIVES OF EASTERN IOWA VETERANS

Fundraising is not a typical component of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC); however, Coe's committee is not a typical group.

SAAC is a selective on-campus committee comprised of influential athletes nominated by their respective coaches. The role of this committee is to collaborate with the NCAA Division III regarding athlete legislation, laws and campus accommodations. Coe's SAAC 2018-19 co-presidents are **Alyssa Olson '19** and **Tyler Schamel '20**.

As a student-athlete, Olson was looking to make a larger impact on the community. After learning about the Eastern Iowa Honor Flight, she became passionate about assisting the nonprofit organization. Olson presented her idea to the committee, and SAAC members began soliciting loose-change donations at athletic events and on social media.

During the 2017-18 school year, they were able to raise \$900. Knowing they wanted to surpass the previous year's fundraising, they set out with a higher goal for the 2018-19 school year and raised \$1,100.

Olson and Schamel combined both year's donations and recently made a \$2,000 donation to the Eastern Iowa Honor Flight. SAAC's donation will fund honor flights for close to four veterans. They are working with Coe's Advancement Office to designate a seat on an upcoming flight for a Coe alumnus who is a Korean War veteran.

As Olson prepares to graduate this May, Schamel knows he has big shoes to fill. "I want to set the goal even higher for next year," Schamel said. "I would love to be able to raise \$2,200 to completely cover the costs of four veterans."



SAAC co-presidents Alyssa Olson '19 and Tyler Schamel '20 present check to Eastern Iowa Honor Flight.

COE COLLEGE BECOMES FIRST IOWA SCHOOL OFFERING VARSITY WOMEN'S TRIATHLON

Coe College and USA Triathlon announce the addition of women's triathlon as a varsity sport at Coe. It is the first school in Iowa and 29th school nationwide to offer women's triathlon as a varsity sport.

Women's triathlon will serve as a club sport during the fall of 2019 before receiving varsity status in the fall of 2020. Women's collegiate triathlons feature sprint-distance races including a 750-meter open-water swim, a draft-legal 20-kilometer bike ride and a 5-kilometer run.

"As the first women's varsity program in the state of Iowa — a hub for triathlon in the U.S. — Coe College makes a strong addition to our NCAA triathlon family,"

said Rocky Harris, USA Triathlon CEO. "I look forward to welcoming the new squad to the race course at the club level this fall and in varsity competition in 2020."

The introduction of women's triathlon to Coe College's varsity sport offerings was made possible through a grant from the USA Triathlon Foundation's Women's Emerging Sport Grant. This grant is distributed to select NCAA member institutions to develop, implement and sustain women's triathlon programs at the NCAA varsity level.

"We have been exploring sport expansion at Coe College. Adding women's triathlon became a reality with a grant from the

USA Triathlon Foundation," said Coe Director of Athletics and Recreation Sonny Travis. "I want to thank USA Triathlon for their support in bringing women's triathlon to Coe College."

Coe is the 11th collegiate athletic program to offer women's triathlon at the NCAA Division III level and is the seventh in the Midwest.

Kris Tiedt, Coe's head women's tennis coach, also will serve as head coach of the women's triathlon program. Over the last 20 years, Tiedt has completed several sprint triathlon events and has been an official finisher at six IRONMAN events.

Tiedt serves as Coe's triathlon course instructor and is in the process of obtaining a Level I USA Triathlon coaching license and the IRONMAN coaching certification.

"The decision to add women's triathlon was made easier with Kris Tiedt on staff," said Travis. "She has a proven triathlon background as both a participant and instructor. She has a strong interest in implementing the program at Coe."

A proponent of wellness, Tiedt serves as a volunteer member on the Coe College Faculty/Staff Wellness Committee. Through

this role, Coe introduced the annual Spring Sprint Triathlon event to faculty, staff and students in the spring of 2017. Under Tiedt's coaching, approximately 40 triathletes complete this challenge each spring.

"I am thrilled to take on such a large role in the building of a foundation for women's triathlon at Coe College," said Tiedt. "I consider this a humbling opportunity for myself and yet another opportunity on campus for the many future Kohawk members of this program. I am excited to navigate the waters, bike paths and running trails ahead."

EBY BATTING CAGE RENOVATION UNDERWAY

While the Kohawk baseball and softball teams perfected their game on the field this season, their indoor practice area received some necessary improvements. The hitting and pitching space in Eby Fieldhouse was created in the late 1990s, and after 20 years of regular use, the facility was in need of a renovation. The age of the space also became a factor when recruiting student-athletes, since other schools in the American Rivers Conference had more updated batting practice areas.

The first phase of the project included replacing the old turf and dirt floor with new turf and concrete. Three pitching plates were installed in each cage to allow pitchers to throw in molded cleats. The old brick walls were sealed and covered with drywall, new lighting was installed and the cage netting was replaced. The space also was painted and given updated Coe branding.

The second phase of the project is slated to be completed this summer. A new recruiting lounge will be built along the upper west end of the cage area, new windows will be put in and seating and equipment storage for players will be installed.

Additional Coe branding will provide the finishing touches as part of a larger initiative to showcase Coe's rich athletic history and tradition of excellence throughout all athletic facilities.

To help fund the renovations, a crowdfunding campaign was launched and has received generous support from many Kohawks and friends. Lead gifts from Coe College trustee **Kristin Patterson Lenz '96** and **Brian Lenz '96**, as well as **Jon Reiner '09**, have been especially instrumental in making the project a reality.

Assistant Athletic Director and Head Baseball Coach Steve Cook and Head Softball Coach **Diane Meyer '85** are excited for the positive impact these renovations will have on the student-athletes. "The improved batting cages will honor the past success of both programs and help our players carry on that tradition. They will be able to practice more effectively in the updated space and take pride in showcasing it to prospective Kohawks," the coaches said. "We're looking forward to completing the project and truly appreciate all the support from the Coe community that is making this possible."

To see additional photos of the renovation and make a contribution to the project, go to www.alumni.coe.edu/crowdfunding.



Commencement

— 2019 —



Proud families and friends flooded the Coe College campus May 12 to watch the Class of 2019 transfer tassels from right to left. Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Music and Bachelor of Science in Nursing degrees were conferred on 288 graduates by Coe College President David McNally.

Graduates rang the Victory Bell, signifying the end of their studies at Coe, before heading to Commencement on the Stewart Memorial Library mall. President McNally encouraged them to celebrate their accomplishments as they prepare to cross the threshold into the rest of their lives.

Fatima Elsheikh '19 represented the Class of 2019 as the selected student speaker. The neuroscience and biology major, political science minor and student body president delivered a message with a melody... an original rap melody... that is.

"From convocation to commencement yo,
it's been quite the ride.
Let me tell you so.
We out here ringing bells,
cause it's been a victory show.
Like diapers to diplomas,
time to make that dough.
And what a better place
than to go to Coe?
Like not four years,
it's for life, ya know?
Where anything is possible
ya just gotta make it happen though."

Elsheikh challenged her classmates to "never wonder what it would've been like to give up." And ended her address with an inspirational message, "Kohawks fly together, let's all fly together and fill this world with hope."

Father and daughter **Titus "Kip" Korir '74** and **Karen Korir '02** delivered the Commencement address.

Kip Korir came to Coe as an international student from Kericho, Kenya. During his time at Coe, he had a remarkable track and field career before graduating

with a Bachelor of Arts degree in biology and psychology in 1974. Following graduation, he returned to Kenya and spent 34 years working for James Finlays Kenya Ltd. In 2009, he was awarded the Head of State Commendation medal by the president of the Republic of Kenya for his exemplary community work.

Karen Korir graduated cum laude from Coe in 2002 with a major in business administration before earning her Master of Public Administration Aviation from Southern Illinois University Carbondale. In 2015, she became the chief aviation planner of the Houston Airport System where she oversees the planning

and programming of all airfield, terminal, landside and support facilities. She was recently featured among Airport Business Magazine's Top 40 under 40 airport executives.

Kip and Karen Korir wove Coe's theme — Coe makes it possible. You make it happen. — throughout their Commencement address. "If I hadn't gone to Coe, everything else I've done throughout life wouldn't have happened," Kip Korir said.

"Who we are and what we are able to do has everything to do with our planning," Karen Korir said. "Coe made it possible for us. Go out there and make the impossible happen."

The senior class gift, a tradition for more than 113 years, was presented

by **Hayley Luna '19**. Luna shared the class gift would be an archway to be constructed near Clark Racquet Center. "A physical reminder of all the things we have accomplished," Luna said.

After presenting his daughter, Meghan, with her diploma and a special handshake, **Ken Golder '82**, board of trustees chair, reminded the Class of 2019 to always remember their Coe roots. "We get you for four years," Golder said. "You get Coe for a lifetime."

Once a Kohawk, always a Kohawk.



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RECOGNITION AND AWARDS

Numerous members of the Coe community received special recognition at Commencement.

This year's Eliza Hickok Kesler Outstanding Service Award winner has been a valued Coe employee over 35 years. Lois Kabela-Coates held several positions during her time at Coe, including evening student supervisor, assistant director of special services, associate counselor of special services and assistant dean of student retention. Kabela-Coates retires this year as the director of the Academic Achievement Program, also known as the federally funded TRIO program.

Kabela-Coates helped Coe's low income and first-generation students and students with disabilities flourish through adversity. She led many programs including the CAP (College Adjustment Peer) program, supplemental instruction and Summer Bridge Program. Kabela-Coates also wrote multiple challenge grants bringing millions of dollars in support to Coe. She has helped Coe become a more diverse and inclusive campus. And for these reasons, she is considered one of Coe's heroes.

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

For the first time in Coe's history, there was a tie for the Charles J. Lynch Outstanding Teacher Award. Members of the Class of 2019 selected Professor of Chemistry Marty St. Clair and Assistant Professor of Nursing Joan Copper as this year's recipients. This annual award recognizes quality of teaching, concern for students as individuals and scholarship and memorializes the values and service of **C.J. Lynch '26**. Lynch was a prominent Cedar Rapids attorney whose dedication to Coe College was reflected, among other ways, by 43 years of service on the board of trustees of the college. Above all, C.J. Lynch valued inspirational teaching and sound scholarship.

Three retiring Coe professors were honored with emeritus status.

Heins-Johnson Professor of Biology Dr. Harlo Hadow taught at Coe since 1977. Hadow was the guiding force in procuring and preserving the Wilderness Field Station, which allows for diverse topics of outdoor study.

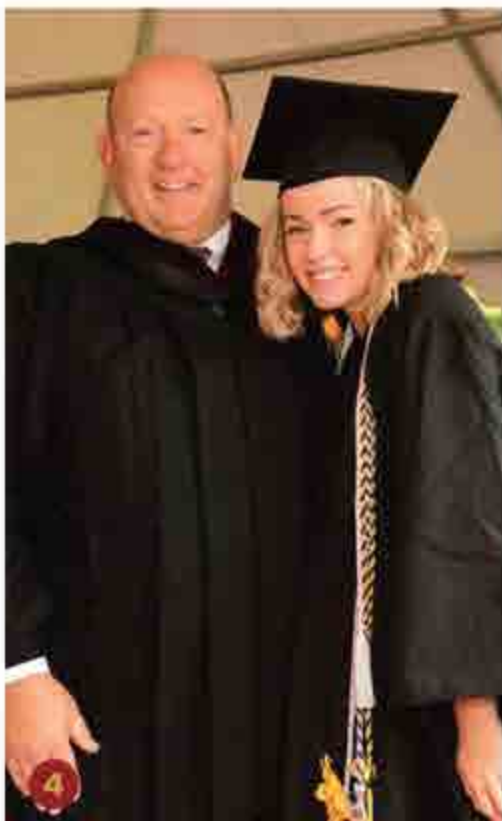
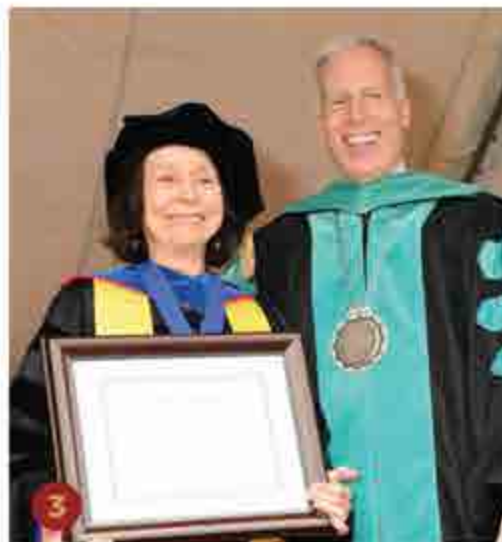
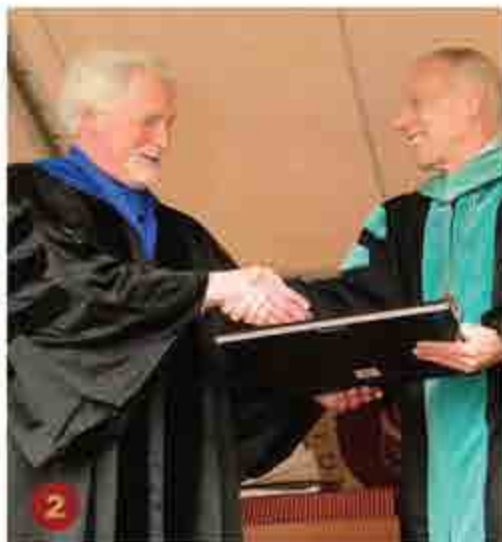
Without his enthusiasm, commitment and tenacity, the field station would not be in existence today. Hadow was the 2012 Charles J. Lynch Outstanding Teacher award winner for his quality of teaching, concern for students as individuals and scholarship. His profound impact on Coe and his former students will continue in perpetuity.

Joanne M. Pochobradsky Associate Professor of Spanish Dr. Nicholas Mason-Browne taught at Coe since 1988. Mason-Browne's time at Coe afforded him the opportunity to teach all levels of the Spanish curriculum. He is a widely published poet and scholar of poetry, writing critical essays on Walt Whitman and others. Notably, Mason-Browne served as a campus advisor for the Associated Colleges of the Midwest Costa Rica program and on the Institutional Research Board to protect human subjects in research committee at its inception.

Stead Family Professor of Psychology Dr. Nukhet Yarbrough taught at Coe since 1985. Yarbrough is a two time Charles J. Lynch Outstanding Teacher Award winner and held the Stead Family Endowed Chair from 2013-2018. Yarbrough was instrumental in establishing the Institutional Review Board for the protection of human subjects, allowing Coe to apply for federal research grants for funds supporting research involving human participants. Her service and leadership of the campus are legendary.

During Commencement, Kip Korir received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters, and Karen Korir received the Presidential Award of Excellence.

- 1 Lois Kabela-Coates received the Eliza Hickok Kesler Outstanding Service Award.
- 2 Retiring Heins-Johnson Professor of Biology Dr. Harlo Hadow received emeritus status.
- 3 Retiring Stead Family Professor of Psychology Dr. Nukhet Yarbrough received emeritus status.
- 4 Board of Trustees Chairman **Ken Golder '82** presented his daughter **Meg Golder '19** with her diploma.
- 5 Commencement platform party members (back row) Trustee **David Gehring '89**, Trustee **Carson Veach '74**, President David McNally, College Chaplain Melea White, Board of Trustees Chairman **Ken Golder '82** (front row) Commencement Speaker and Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters recipient **Titus "Kip" Korir '74**, Trustee **Doug Eden '77**, Senior Speaker **Fatima Elsheikh '19**, Commencement Speaker and Presidential Award of Excellence recipient **Karen Korir '02** and Provost Paula O'Loughlin.
- 6 Class of 2019 graduates.
- 7 Professor Marty St. Clair and Assistant Professor Joan Copper received Charles J. Lynch Outstanding Teacher Awards from Board of Trustees Chairman **Ken Golder '82**.
- 8 Assistant Professor Nathan Hodges presented his brother **Nicholas Hodges '19** with his diploma before taking a photo with their mother.





Kohawks DISCOVER HISTORY OF ANCIENT GREECE AT LECHAION HARBOR

Last fall a group of Coe alumni and friends traveled to Greece with Coe professor and Assistant Director of the Lechaion Harbor and Settlement Land Project in the Corinthia Dr. Angela Ziskowski.

This small group embarked on a Greek adventure that few others have the opportunity to experience. During their 12-day trip, they visited Athens, Santorini, Nafplio, Corinth and the excavation site at Lechaion Harbor.

"To have the opportunity to lecture and travel with a diverse, well-educated and thirsty-for-knowledge group was a treat for me," Ziskowski said. "Hearing about their experiences and love for the college, and even for faculty that I know and work with, made me feel like I was part of a real family."

Situated between the Corinthian and Saronic gulfs, Lechaion Harbor was established as an archaeological excavation site in 2016. Ziskowski, along with the directors of the project, Dr. Paul Scotton of California State University, Long Beach and Dr. Constantinos Kissas of the Corinthian Ephorate, began an internationally collaborative archaeological excavation with a team of specialists and students.

Over the last three summers, 26 Kohawks have had the opportunity to embark on this six-week experience of a lifetime. "Coe has been steadfast in their support of Lechaion," Ziskowski said. "I approached the administration and told them that I wanted to run a field school. They told me we'll figure out how to make it happen."

On the heels of wrapping up three years of excavation and in celebration of Anthropology Day, Ziskowski provided an update of recently discovered findings to students, faculty and alumni. In addition to the well-publicized hoard of coins, three buildings and a potential lighthouse have been discovered.

Coe's alumni and friends relished the opportunity to see some of the artifacts recovered by the students and archaeologists excavating the site. This was the highlight of the trip for Rita Rohse Popp '72. "I can only imagine how exciting it is for Coe students to get hands-on experience at Angela's dig, where ancient finds are a daily occurrence," Popp said.

"We could be a lot further along if we paid for professional excavators, but it was important for us (Ziskowski and the directors) to run the dig as a field school and provide opportunities for our students," Ziskowski said. "We're providing an immersive experience. But the students...they're the ones making this happen."

TOP: Coe College alumni and friends visited the Temple of Hephaestus with Professor Ziskowski.
RIGHT: Professor Ziskowski and travelers dined in Santorini during their Greek adventure.





KNOW THE VALUE OF COE...

share the value of Coe!

Coe's enrollment over the last two years has been record-breaking. 2018-2019 brought new Kohawks from 280 cities, 25 states and seven countries across the world, amassing the largest student body in Coe's history.

Do you know someone who would be a perfect fit at Coe?
Send us their info and we'll take care of the rest.

Refer a Kohawk at www.coe.edu/recommend_a_student



Top 25 Best Schools for
INTERNSHIPS
(Actually we're #15)
The Princeton Review



2019 BEST
VALUE School
College Factual



Top Producer of
**U.S. FULBRIGHT
STUDENTS**
(5 of the last 7 years)



Top 200 college in the
nation with **HAPPIEST AND
MOST SUCCESSFUL** alumni
Forbes

HERO OF PHYSICS

Following the discovery of the first radio pulsar in 1967, Dr. Jocelyn Bell Burnell was credited with one of the most significant scientific achievements of the 20th century. Bell Burnell spoke at the 16th annual Coe College Contemporary Issues Forum on Jan. 29.

Bell Burnell has been breaking barriers in physics throughout her life. She developed an interest in astronomy when it was unconventional for a woman to study science. In fact, Bell Burnell was one of only two women in her class pursuing graduate studies in physics.

After being admitted to the University of Cambridge, she quickly fell victim to impostor syndrome. "I felt like a country yokel from the sticks. I was sure they made a mistake in admitting me, and I didn't feel at all like I belonged. I kept thinking, 'Soon they will discover their mistake and throw me out.' I made up my mind to work my hardest until they do."

And work hard she did. By the end of her first semester, she ranked at the top of her class. When asked how she tackled impostor syndrome, Bell Burnell responded, "In part, you gain more confidence, and in part, you cease to care."

One of Bell Burnell's first graduate school assignments was to build a radio telescope to locate quasars. "I spent a great deal of my time assisting in the build of the telescope and hundreds of hours at the radio observatory monitoring the equipment," Bell Burnell said. "Even slept there sometimes to change chart paper and ink."

At the age of 24, Bell Burnell detected an anomaly in the radio telescope data. "My thesis supervisor Dr. Anthony Hewish continually discounted my findings as radio interference, but I was convinced otherwise."

Approximately 20% of the time, Bell Burnell logged signals she couldn't quite classify and passed them on to Hewish. "This funny signal lodged in the back of my brain. I kept thinking I must go back when I have time and figure out what it is," Bell Burnell said. "My mind kept telling me, 'You've seen something like this before, haven't you?'"

"I didn't realize until two years after the first unidentified signal exactly what I had stumbled upon," said Bell Burnell. She had discovered pulsars — tiny, rapidly spinning remnants of a more massive star. Pulsars, also known as neutron stars, are used as precise timers, aid in the research and location of gravitational waves and often are regarded as the universe's gift to physics.

This discovery led to the controversial receipt of the 1974 Nobel Prize in Physics by Hewish and his colleague Dr. Martin Ryle, without a share for Bell Burnell. "At the time, Nobel Prizes only went to senior men. The minions that worked didn't matter. The perception has changed now. A lot of the research that is done now is done in teams, with credit awarded to the team," Bell Burnell said.

Over the next 50 years, Bell Burnell held multiple leadership positions in the physics community including President of the Royal Astronomical Society and first female President of the Institute of Physics and the Royal Society of Edinburgh. She is currently a visiting professor of astrophysics at the University of Oxford and chancellor of the University of Dundee. Bell Burnell was appointed Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (CBE) in 1999 and promoted to Dame Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (DBE) in 2007.

In 2018, Bell Burnell was awarded a \$3 million Special Breakthrough Prize in Fundamental Physics. This is one of the most prestigious awards in the physics community. "Professor Bell Burnell thoroughly deserves this recognition."

DINE

HEADLINES 16TH ANNUAL CONTEMPORARY ISSUES FORUM

Her curiosity, diligent observations and rigorous analysis revealed some of the most interesting and mysterious objects in the Universe," said Yuri Milner, one of the founders of the Breakthrough Prize.

Bell Burnell donated her entire award to a charity in the United Kingdom whose mission is to support physics graduate students from underrepresented groups. "I believe the more diverse a group is, the more successful it is. Britain is traditionally dominated by white men. I'm looking to change that," Bell Burnell said.

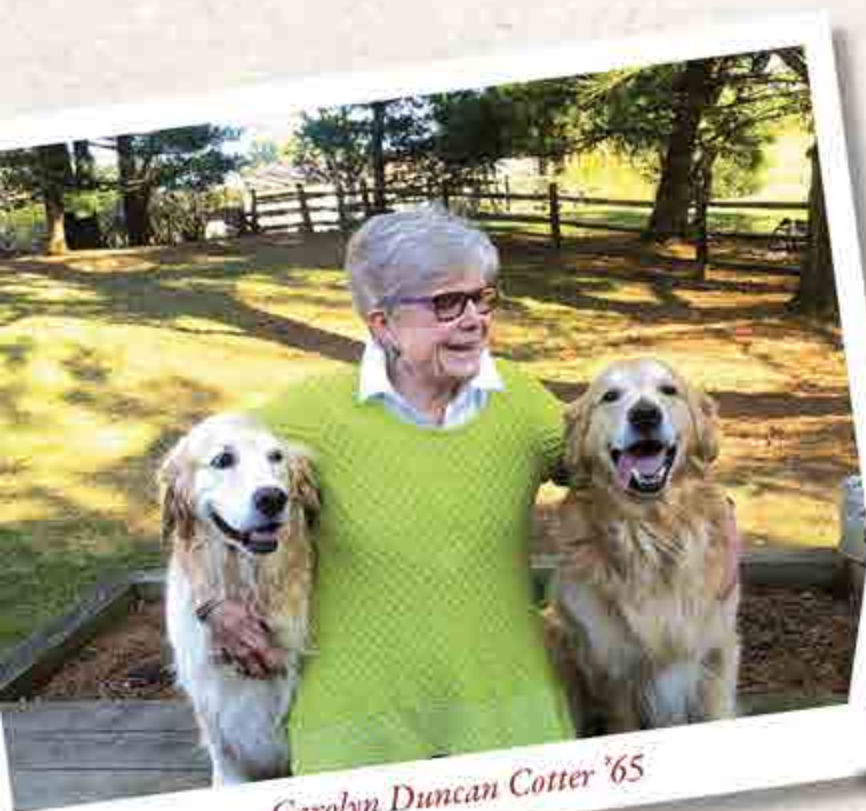
When asked her thoughts on young women interested in pursuing physics or astronomy, her advice was, "Go for it. You have to be moderately persistent, but it's very rewarding. It's gotten better, but there's still a lot of room for growth."

Established by the late K. Raymond Clark '30, the Contemporary Issues Forum presents the views of distinguished leaders whose work has shaped and altered the course of world events. The forum has featured former U.S. President George H.W. Bush, former Polish President Lech Wałęsa, deep sea oceanographer Robert Ballard, civil rights activist Myrlie Evers-Williams, former Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak, 'Dunelmurphy' cartoonist Garry Trudeau, ecology expert Jared Diamond, documentary filmmaker Ken Burns, Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist Leonard Pitts, celebrated author Sir Salman Rushdie, former Senate Majority Leader and Special Envoy George Mitchell, Pulitzer Prize-winning global health expert Laurie Garrett, legendary soccer player Abby Wambach, leading commentator on race Jeleai Cobb and environmentalists and social entrepreneurs Yvon Chouinard and Craig Matthews.

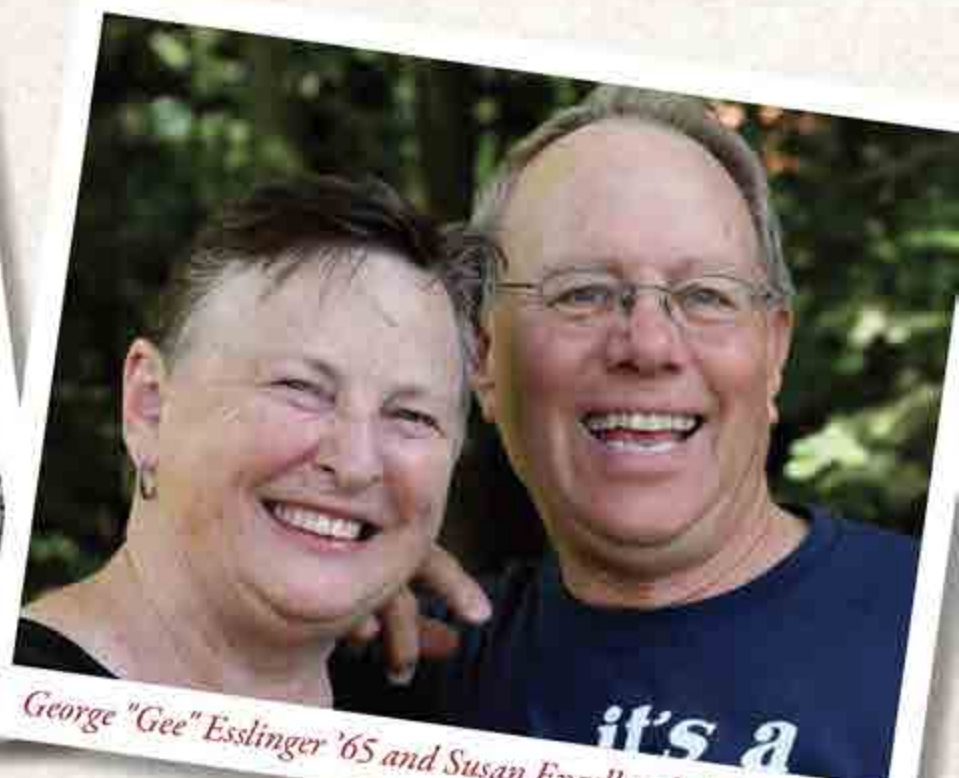
RIGHT: Dr. Jocelyn Bell Burnell provides detailed account of discovery of pulsars at 16th annual Contemporary Issues Forum.



— What legacy — WILL YOU LEAVE?



Carolyn Duncan Cotter '65



George "Gee" Esslinger '65 and Susan Engelhardt Esslinger '67

Members of the Coe College Heritage Club play an essential role in making a difference at Coe by planning for the kind of legacy they will leave. The Heritage Club is comprised of alumni and friends who have included Coe in their estate plans or other deferred gift arrangements, no matter the size of the commitment. These estate gifts are designated toward everything from scholarships and academic programs to crucial unrestricted support, and they help ensure the Coe experience remains an opportunity open to many future generations of students.

A charitable bequest is one of the simplest and most common estate gifts you can make. It also can be an ideal way to realize your larger charitable objective and make a lasting impact without giving away any of your assets today. Some of the benefits of bequest giving include:

- It costs you nothing today to make a bequest.
- A bequest is free of federal estate tax.
- Your bequest can be changed down the road.
- You still can benefit your heirs with specific gifts.
- You can leave a legacy through a bequest.

There are a number of ways to make a bequest to Coe. One possibility is by leaving a specific percentage of your estate. This was the right choice for **Dan Oberbroeckling '85** and **Carol Nelson Oberbroeckling '86**.

Dan found his way to Coe through former men's basketball coach Dan Breitbach, who later became a senior development officer at Coe. It only took one visit to campus and a few conversations with the admission staff to convince Dan that Coe was the college for him.

In the years since Dan and Carol graduated, they have come to realize how critical the generosity of alumni is in helping private colleges offset the rising costs of higher education. They both appreciated the contributions from alumni that provided financial aid for them when they were students, and they wanted to give back to Coe as a way of saying thank you.

Dan and Carol have been working hard for many years to save for their retirement, and they credit some of that work ethic to life lessons they learned at Coe. They wanted to be able to give a small portion of their estate to the college and found that setting up their bequest was a very simple process.

Dan and Carol encourage anyone else who is considering setting up this type of gift to think about their years at Coe and the influence the college has had throughout their lives. "Coe needs to continue to evolve and get better for future generations as it has the last 35 years," they remarked. "This will only continue with our generosity."

Another way to make a bequest is to leave a specific dollar amount to Coe. **George "Gee" Esslinger '65** and **Susan Engelhardt Esslinger '67** chose this option when setting up their estate gift.

Gee came to Coe from Pennsylvania and was a cadet in the ROTC program who later served in Vietnam. Susan is an Iowa native who was able to attend Coe through support provided by a scholarship. The couple has maintained close friendships with their college classmates and still fondly remember their professors.

Gee and Susan have a deep appreciation for the scholarship that enabled Susan to attend Coe, which led them to establish the Esslinger Family Scholarship in 2005 to offer support to students in need. They wanted to ensure additional funds for future Coe students, so setting up a gift through their estate seemed more than right. "A legacy gift says you believe in the future of Coe and is a way to thank the college for all it provided as you looked to the future," the couple said.

A bequest gift also can be made from your IRA. This typically can be set up by filling out a beneficiary designation form provided by your plan administrator. **Carolyn Duncan Cotter '65** gives back to Coe through this method.

"If you have the opportunity to give and have realized how Coe has helped, influenced and enriched your life, go ahead and give," she said. "No matter how large or small, make a commitment."

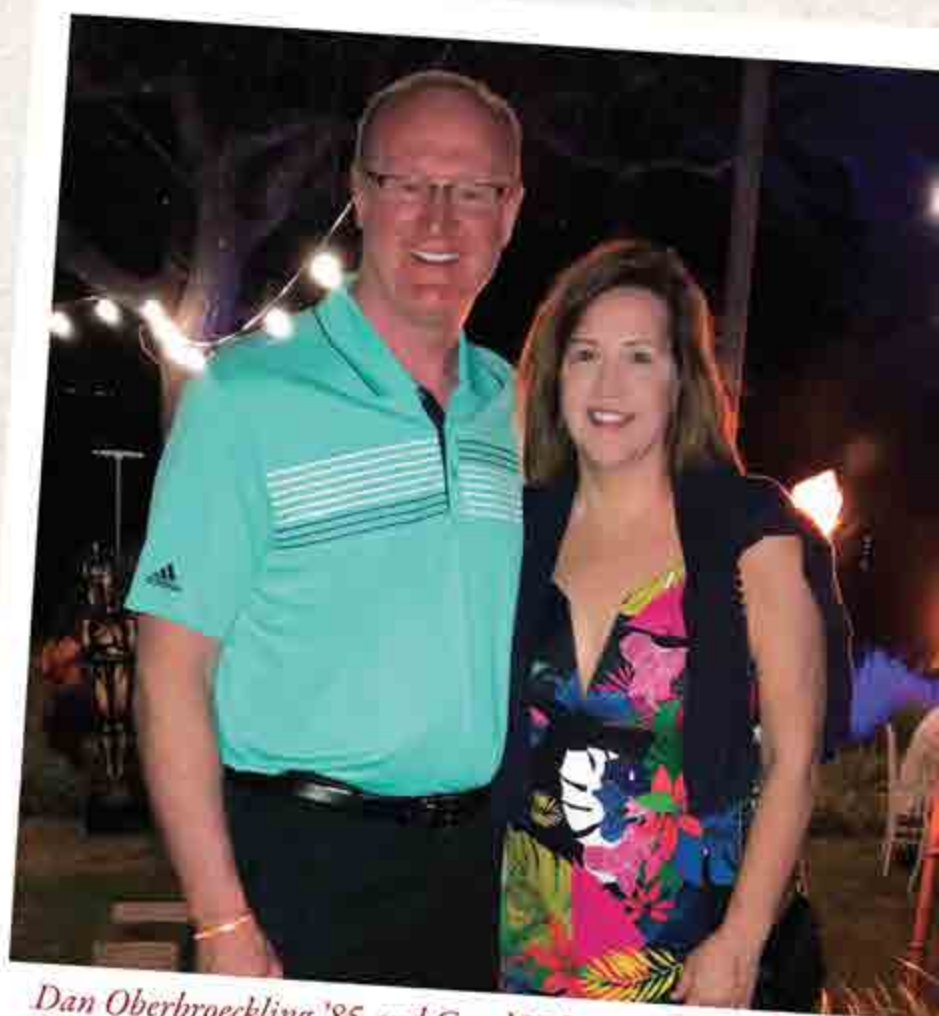
— Carolyn Duncan Cotter '65

When choosing where she wanted to attend college, Carolyn knew she wanted to go somewhere away from home, but not too far. Several other students from her high school in Libertyville, Illinois, attended Coe and spoke highly of the college. She followed in their footsteps and was not disappointed. Thanks to professors such as Dr. Ken Cook, Dr. Karl Goellner and Dr. Bob Drexler, along with many friends and mentors, Carolyn had the best possible college experience at Coe.

The idea of giving back to Coe had been on Carolyn's mind ever since she graduated. She never forgot the baccalaureate address given by former Coe president Dr. Joseph McCabe to the class of 1965.

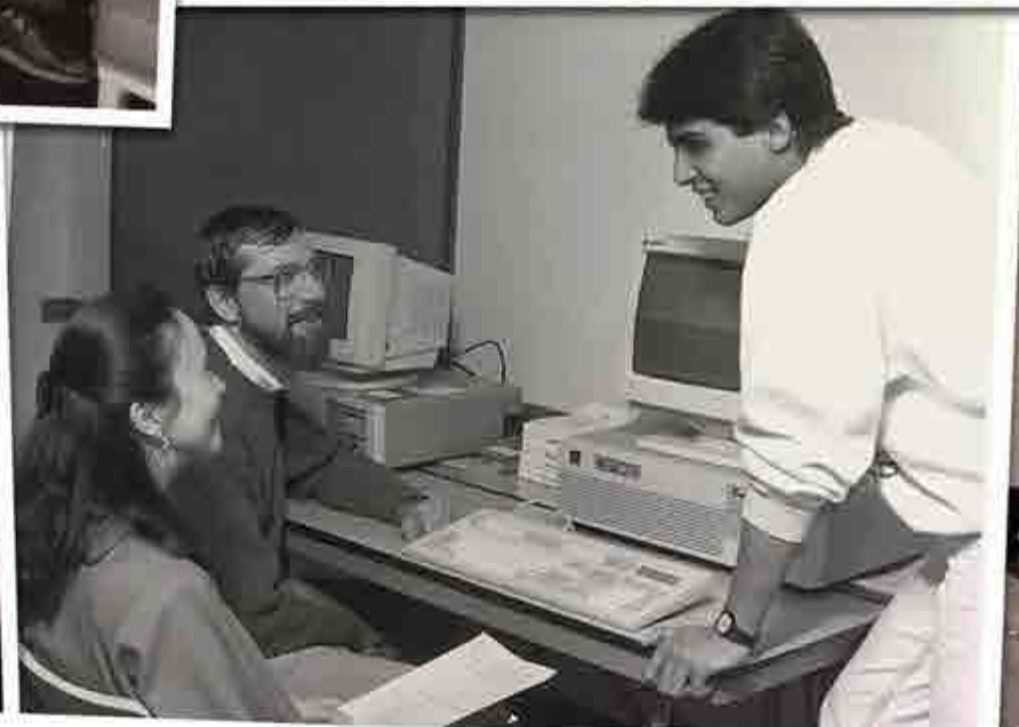
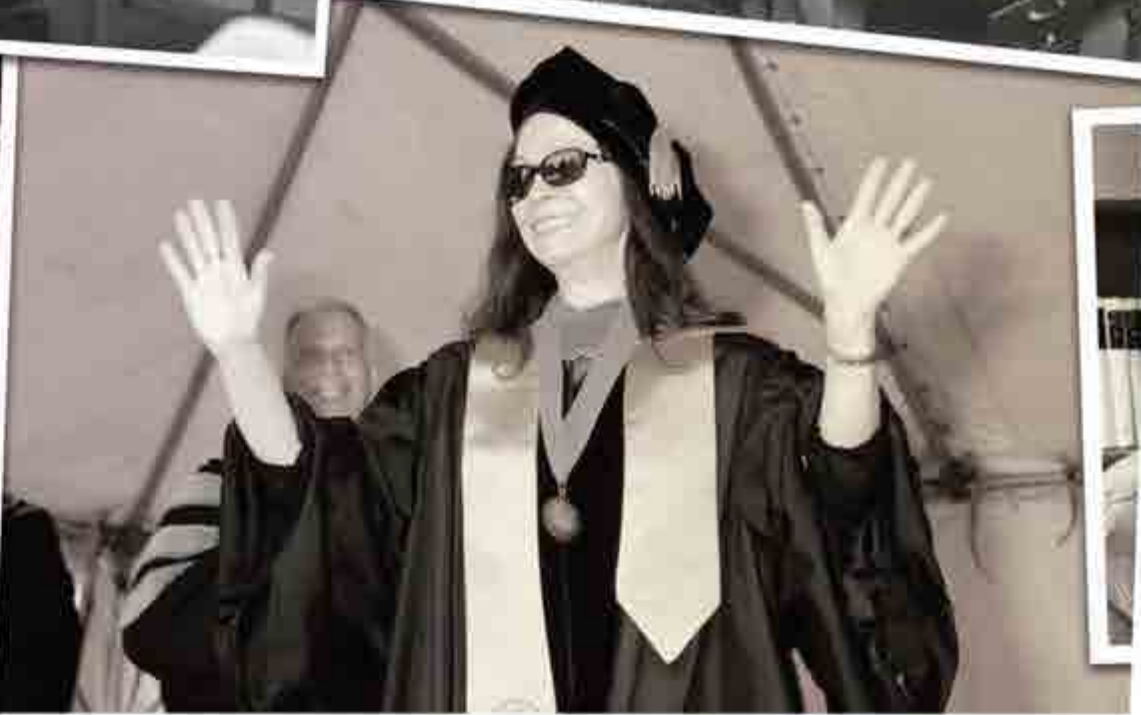
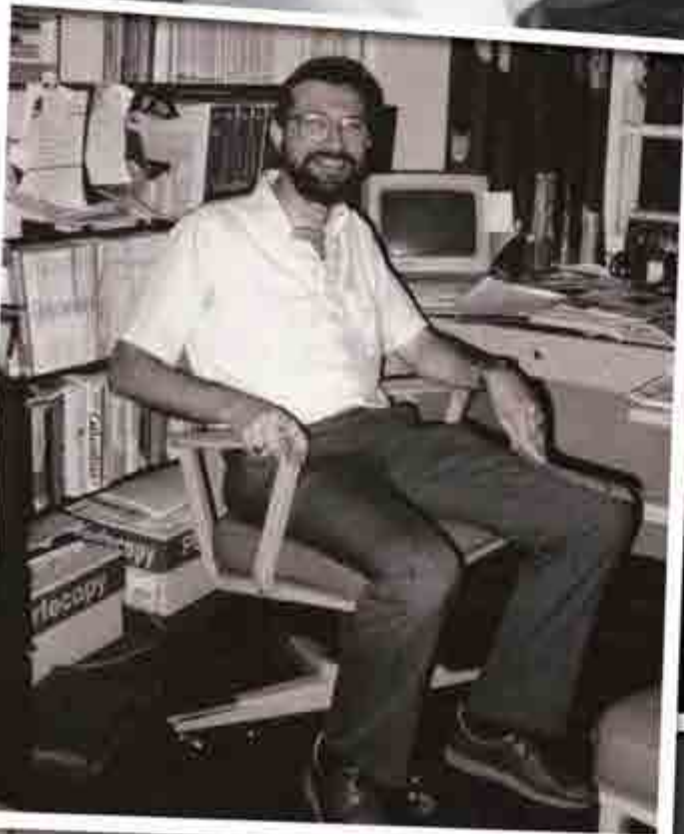
He challenged the graduates to make a commitment to others throughout their lives, whether that be their friends, families or communities. Carolyn told herself if she ever had the ability, she wanted to remember Coe in some way so other students might have the chances she was given. This led her to establish the Carolyn Duncan Cotter Scholarship Fund for students majoring in biology and other life sciences.

Reflecting on how much her Coe experience meant to her made giving back to the college an easy decision for Carolyn, and she urges other alumni to do the same. "If you have the opportunity to give and have realized how Coe has helped, influenced and enriched your life, go ahead and give," she said. "No matter how large or small, make a commitment."



Dan Oberbroeckling '85 and Carol Nelson Oberbroeckling '86

To learn more about how you can give back to Coe students through your estate plans, contact Debbie Green (dgreen@coe.edu or 319.399.8592) or Megan Ruffles (mruffles@coe.edu or 319.399.8612). If you have already included Coe in your plans, we would appreciate hearing from you so we can thank and recognize you through membership in the Heritage Club.



A Special Thank You to a Few of Our Retiring Faculty.



MARIA DEAN,
Professor of Chemistry

How long have you been a professor at Coe?
25 years as of fall 2019.

What do you feel is your biggest accomplishment?
Being able to help students while still having a professional career as a chemist.

What is your favorite memory?
It turns out that I have many favorite memories. Most of them involve students. When students stop by to let me know about interviews or acceptances, it is quite special! The memory of the dedication of Peterson Hall was quite important because it represented the culmination of time and energy for chemistry, biology and physics! The memory of being on stage to receive the C.J. Lynch Outstanding Teaching award is another favorite!

What are you most proud of?
I am most proud of all the students who took the time and energy to work on summer research projects with me. Their accomplishments have been tremendous, but I will treasure the experiences because of their sharing them with me.



CAL VAN NIEWAAL,
Professor of Computer Science
and John F. Yothers Professor of
Mathematics, Emeritus

How long have you been a professor at Coe?
I started at Coe in fall 1981 and officially became an emeritus professor in May 2018.

What do you feel is your biggest accomplishment?
This is an incredibly difficult question to answer. I don't view any particular thing I have done at Coe as a "biggest accomplishment." If I have to give an answer, I spent two summers learning computer science pedagogy and then completed an M.S. in CS during my first sabbatical. When the CMC consortium ended in the mid-'80s and Coe began its own computer science program, I was the first tenured computer science professor at Coe.

What is your favorite memory?
My favorite event at Coe is commencement. I was first asked to serve as college marshal in 1990 and have had the privilege of leading academic processions at Coe ever since. I was involved in instituting the tradition of students ringing the bell at opening convocation and then again at commencement.

What are you most proud of?
This is an easy question to answer — I am most proud of the many students I have worked with over the years. Whether they were math majors, computer science majors, fraternity brothers in Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, first-year advisees in my FYS classes or just students who were enrolled one or two of my classes, I am proud of all of their varied accomplishments.



HARLO HADOW,
Heins-Johnson Professor of Biology

How long have you been a professor at Coe?
This my 42nd year at Coe.

What do you feel is your biggest accomplishment?
My greatest accomplishment and something I am very happy about is getting Coe to take over the Wilderness Field Station, previously run by the Associated Colleges of the Midwest (ACM). It is serving more students in more capacities than it did previously. I am sure that when people at Coe think about me, they think of the field station.

What is your favorite memory?
With so much time behind me and lots of memories, a most outstanding one is a challenge. I have really enjoyed teaching Topics in Evolution this spring, after visiting the Galapagos in May 2018. It is so much fun sharing my memories with my students.



NÜKHET D. YARBROUGH,
Stead Family Professor of Psychology

How long have you been a professor at Coe?
I have been a professor at Coe for 34 years.

What do you feel is your biggest accomplishment?
My biggest accomplishments have been the accomplishments of our students. I am especially happy I was able to help students at times when they were unsure of themselves. Some of them are now tenured professors, therapists, lawyers and physicians.

What are you most proud of?
I am proud to be part of this institution. It's a place where students come first. Faculty and staff are dedicated to students' success and well-being and are continually working at it. I am happy to have had a chance over the years to work closely with so many students on research projects and to get to take them to conferences. It is wonderful to see our former students grow into successful professionals.

I suppose there is one thing that I feel satisfaction about having completed before retirement: When I came to Coe we did not have a Human Subjects Review Committee for the protection of research participants. I started a committee for research in the Psychology Department. With the increase in research productivity across the college, the committee became collegewide. Over the years I tried to keep up with the federal regulations to build policy, procedures, training and a Moodle page. I am happy to report that our Institutional Review Board for the protection of human subjects in research is now officially registered, and we have filed the federal assurance of compliance. This means Coe can now apply for federal research grants for funds to support research that involve human participants.



TOP
DESIGNATIONS

- COE FUND
- TRACK PROGRAM
- MICKEY WU ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

TOTAL PLEDGED AND RAISED
\$527,141.32*

*Includes a six-figure gift and a six-figure pledge



Showcasing the value of COMMUNITY-CAMPUS BONDS

When colleges and communities join forces, big things happen. To honor the many successful partnerships Coe College has with local nonprofit organizations, and to pave the way for new opportunities, the college held the Community-Campus Partnership Showcase on March 14. Coe faculty, staff and students gathered with Cedar Rapids-area community leaders at the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library for an evening of fellowship and collaboration.

The event included a program that focused on some of the key components that create strong community-campus relationships. Several Coe faculty members and students gave presentations alongside their community partners to discuss the projects on which they collaborated. They highlighted aspects of their partnerships that worked well and the accomplishments they achieved, along with some of the challenges they faced. After the presentations, attendees gathered for an informal reception to make new connections and discuss strategies for improving current partnerships.

The Community-Campus Partnership Showcase was created as a way to celebrate the connections between Coe and the local community. "Colleges play an important role in strengthening communities, but we cannot do that without partnerships beyond our campus," said Coe College Director of Community and Civic Engagement Dr. Kara Trebil-Smith. "Our goal for the showcase was to build everyone's capacity to make those partnerships more effective so we can have more of an impact."

The event was also a response to the results and recommendations from a recent study entitled "Perceptions of Partnership: A Study on Nonprofit and Higher Education Collaboration." This study was conducted through Iowa Campus Compact and led by Dr. Trebil-Smith. The purpose was to learn more about how nonprofit organizations in Iowa view their partnerships with higher education institutions.

The findings indicated that almost all nonprofits in the state have at least one partnership with a college or university and that those relationships are important and beneficial for everyone involved. The study also found opportunities for improvement within partnerships and offered recommendations to increase the positive impact for both nonprofits and higher education institutions.

Partnerships between Coe and local organizations take many forms. A number of courses at Coe have incorporated community partnerships into the curriculum. Anthropology students worked with clients of Willis Dady Emergency Shelter to examine factors contributing to homelessness, and students in a professional writing course teamed up with Harmony School of Music to write new promotional materials, to name just two examples.

Students also have the option to volunteer on an individual basis through the Iowa College AmeriCorps Program at a number of area organizations, including His Hands Free Clinic and the city of Cedar Rapids Civil Rights Commission. The program requires students to serve at least 300 hours building capacity for campus and community partnerships, for which they receive a national service education award.

The Community and Civic Engagement staff at Coe intends to use the findings from the study to cultivate existing partnerships and lay strong foundations for new relationships. Working together with the Cedar Rapids community, their efforts will further enhance the education of Coe students and help improve the community as a whole.

*Alumni show students
what is possible in*

KANSAS CITY

For the third year in a row, the Center for Creativity and Careers (C3) and the Office of Alumni Engagement organized the Spring Break Externship, a four-day city excursion that allows students to see firsthand the wide range of career possibilities open to them after they graduate from Coe. Through networking events and site visits to companies in various industries, the externship gives students an inside look at working and living in a vibrant city setting. The trip would not be possible, however, without the help of many dedicated Coe alumni who participate and share how they are making it happen out in the world.





The students posed for a group photo during their visit to the Kansas City Chiefs Football Club.



The group toured Science City, a science center located in the historic Union Station building in the heart of Kansas City.

Thanks to more than 20 alumni, the 19 students who took part in this year's externship trip to Kansas City were able to visit five organizations and attend two networking events. **Mark Jorgenson '79** and Coe College Trustee **Mary Cook Jorgenson '80** utilized their local connections to help facilitate visits to the Kansas City Chiefs Football Club, Hallmark Cards Inc. and The Roasterie. The couple, along with their daughter, **Molly Jorgenson '11**, also hosted students and numerous alumni at their home for a networking event.

The Jorgensons thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to meet and get to know the group of young Kohawks. "I was so impressed with the group of students who participated in the externship," Mary Jorgenson said. "I was expecting to meet motivated and enthusiastic students, and they were that and so much more. Their ability to comfortably network with area alumni speaks well of the exposure and coaching they receive from Coe. I would have hired any and all of them."

Many other alumni took part in the site visits and shared their Coe experiences and career paths. At Cerner, a health care information technology company, the students attended a Q&A panel made up of employees **Sierra Menzies '18**, **Nick McKenzie '10**, **Jordan Lord '12** and **Chloe Crain '17**. At Hallmark, **Trish Meaney Cruz '06** met with the group during a presentation about internships and jobs, and **Heather Edvenson '05** led a site visit at Science City, which included a tour, employee Q&A session and time to look at the exhibits.

For the students, the chance to interact with alumni was valuable in helping them explore their career options and make professional connections. "It was exciting to visit with Coe alumni and see firsthand that they are actively seeking out and recruiting current Kohawks for positions in their companies," said **Bryce Westen '20**. **Hannah Daley '20** appreciated the guidance and support she received from the alumni she met.

"I not only had the opportunity to receive advice from alumni who have careers in the fields I am interested in, but also upcoming internship opportunities through their companies. Some were also kind enough to offer putting in a good word if I did so choose to apply," she said.

While the externship certainly benefits current students, alumni have much to gain from participating in it as well. "This is presented as an opportunity for Coe students, but it is really an opportunity for Coe alumni," said Mary Jorgenson. "For those needing a strong applicant pool, this is a great way to present the opportunities your business and city have to offer."

Taking part in the externship is also an ideal way for alumni to pay it forward and stay involved with their alma mater. "The more that we can share, the better!" said Trish Cruz. "Imagine getting connections from other major companies within the Midwest when you were a student at Coe. Being able to reach out to those alums upon graduation to bounce ideas off them, help with interviews or resumes or just get help with any job opening is priceless!"

Nick McKenzie recalls the help he received from alumni when he was a student, and it made the decision to take part in the externship an easy one. "I can remember several times in my Coe experience where established alumni reached out and provided their perspective, guidance or support as I was trying to understand which direction I wanted to take my professional career after Coe," he said. "I look at participating in something like this as just an integral part of being a part of the Coe community; the job doesn't stop once you leave campus."



Jeff Clark '20, Bryce Westen '20 and Logan Reddick '19 had fun exploring the Hallmark Visitors Center while visiting the company's headquarters. The site visit also included a tour, internship information session and a panel discussion with former interns.

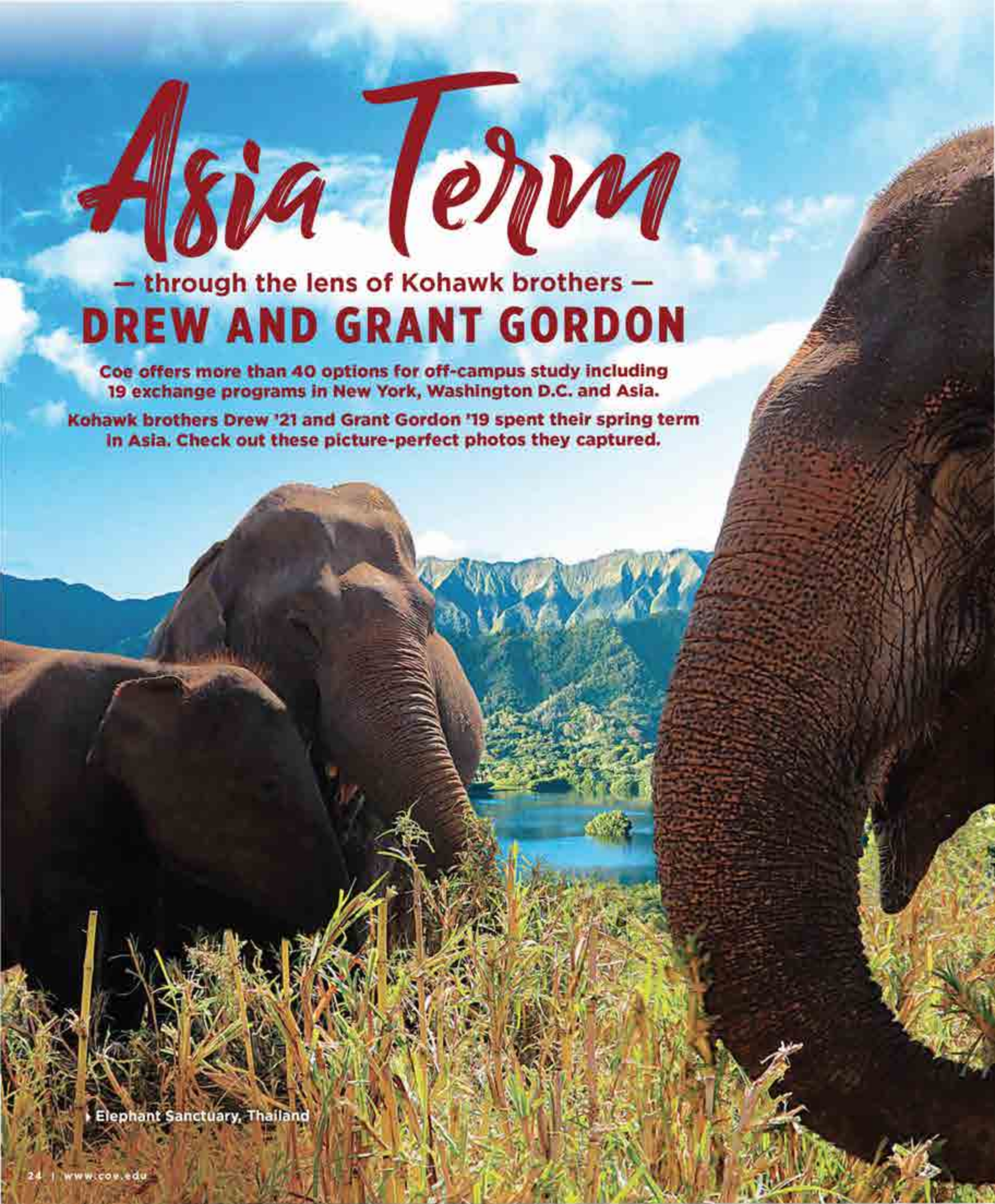
Asia Term

— through the lens of Kohawk brothers —

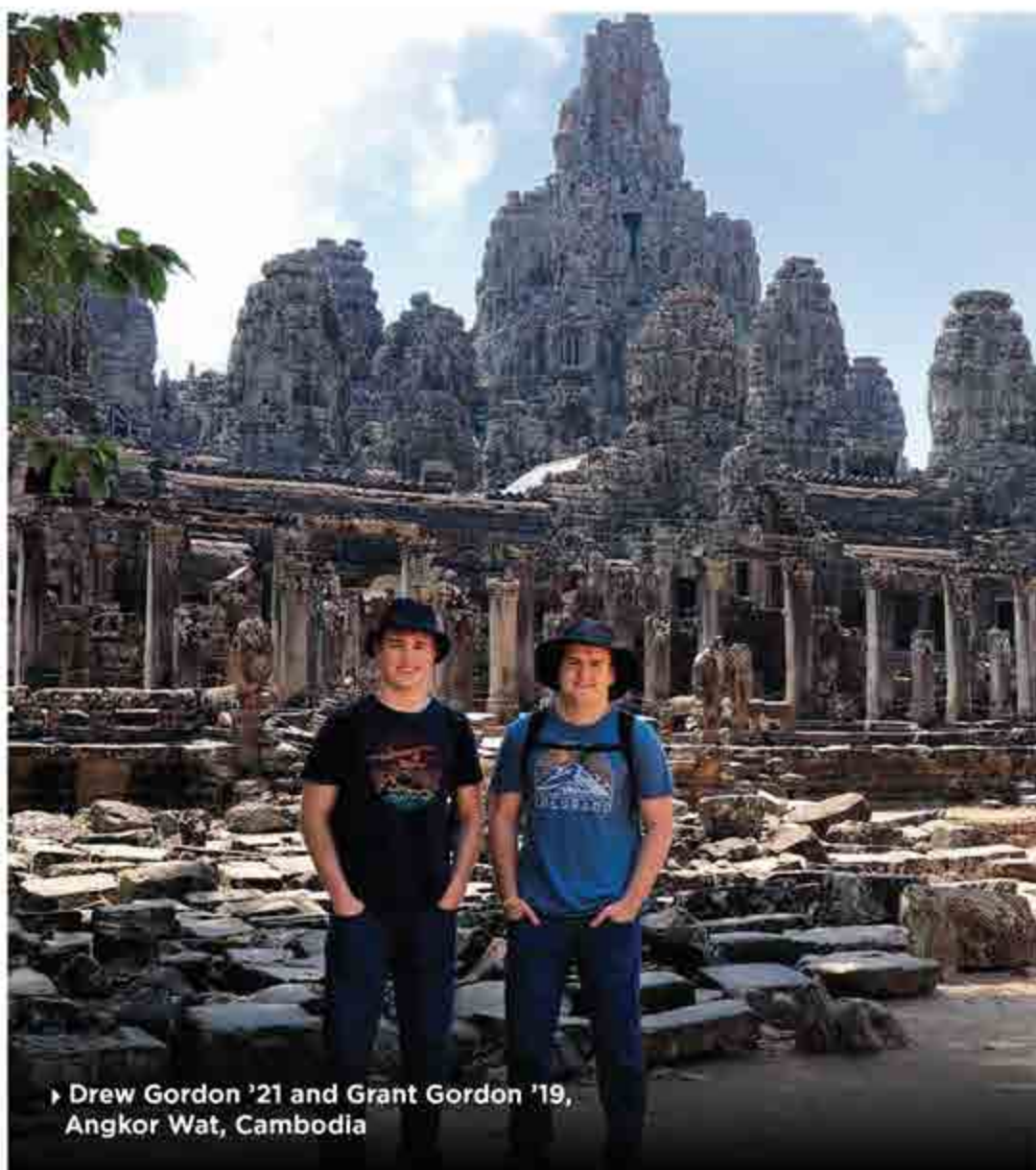
DREW AND GRANT GORDON

Coe offers more than 40 options for off-campus study including 19 exchange programs in New York, Washington D.C. and Asia.

Kohawk brothers Drew '21 and Grant Gordon '19 spent their spring term in Asia. Check out these picture-perfect photos they captured.



Elephant Sanctuary, Thailand





► Neak Pean, Angkor Wat, Cambodia



► Red Bridge, Hanoi, Vietnam



► Wat Chedi Luang,
Chiang Mai, Thailand

CLASS NOTES

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

1940s

'45 Mary Meacham Cornell of Spirit Lake, IA, has done mission work in Jamaica, Siberia and Russia over the years. She is currently involved in many activities and fun times at Wel-Life in Spirit Lake.

'48 Robert Ilten and Patricia Owens Ilten '47 of Stevens Point, WI, are enjoying life with their 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

1950s

'50 Chuck Elias of Minneapolis, MN, was awarded the U.S. Marine Corps (Texas Division) Distinguished Service Medal aboard the U.S. Battleship Texas for his service on Iwo Jima during World War II.

Marv Levy of Chicago, IL, received the Amos Alonzo Stagg Award from the American Football Coaches Association in January 2019. The award is given to those "whose services have been outstanding in the advancement of the best interests of football."

'56 Ed White of Sun City, AZ, celebrated 63 years of marriage with his wife, Patricia, on December 30, 2018.

1960s

'64 Sue Calvert Nawrocki of Columbus, MS, has created artwork that has appeared in over 80 state, regional and national competitions and won 14 awards.

'65 Bob Hurka of Wilmington, DE, is the board chair of Literacy Volunteers Serving Adults - Northern Delaware Inc., a volunteer-based nonprofit that teaches basic reading and English to adults.

'67 Dr. Kevin Kelly of Pagosa Springs, CO, was promoted to director of integrated behavioral health at Pagosa Springs Medical Center.

Jim Murphy of Escondido, CA, sold his medical practice in 2018 and is now fully retired. He is looking forward to traveling to Great Britain, Alaska and New Zealand in the coming year.

'68 Mary Scharfenberg Wujcik of Newberg, OR, and her husband, Robert, sold their home of 36 years on the Oregon coast and spent the winter in Arizona before moving to their new house in Newberg.

'69 Sharon Cumberland of Shoreline, WA, retired from her position as a professor of English and creative writing at Seattle University in June 2018 and was awarded the rank of emeritus professor. She continues to write and lead classes and workshops in the Seattle area and enjoys traveling with her husband, Jim.

'69 Artis VanRoekel Reis of Des Moines, IA, retired from the Iowa Judicial Branch after 23 years as a judge. She is currently an adjunct professor at Drake Law School and coaches high school mock trial at Roosevelt High School in Des Moines.

1970s

'70 Tony Patterson of Whitefish, MT, retired from practicing law in April 2018. Prior to his retirement he received the Initial Lifetime Achievement Award from the Health Law section of the American Bar Association, of which he was chair. He plans to do more fly fishing, skiing and road biking in his retirement.

'71 Rich Silverman of Naperville, IL, is now retired from his position as senior account manager with Printing Arts.

'74 Mark Braun of Henderson, NV, is a practicing attorney in Las Vegas and is currently involved in a couple of high-profile cases attracting international news coverage.

Patricia Haley Meyers of South Beach, OR, retired from Pfeiffer University in 2018 after 35 years of teaching in higher education. She will also retire as a United Methodist clergy woman in 2019 after 39 years of service.

Debbie Harris Eggers of Papillion, NE, is the choir director at Faith Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Dick Lucchesi of Chatham, MA, was activated by the Army Reserves and sent to Fort Carson, CO, for 120 days in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Rodney Middlebrook of Austin, MN, retired from his position as senior associate consultant in the department of ophthalmology at Mayo Clinic Health System after nearly 40 years of practice.

He and his wife, Kay, plan to relocate to Minneapolis and are looking forward to spending more time with their three children and two grandchildren.

Coe College Trustee **Lori Sturdevant** of St. Paul, MN, retired from her position as a columnist and editorial writer with the Minneapolis Star Tribune after 43 years.

'75 Dr. Scott Taylor of Edina, MN, has been named president and executive director of The Monroe Institute, a nonprofit education and research organization specializing in human consciousness exploration. He also released his sixth CD in the meditation series "Into the Light," featuring guided visualizations of the near-death experience.

'76 Bill Judge of River Forest, IL, is a founding member of the Drug Screening Compliance Institute LLC.

Michael Judge of Clinton, IA, is an attorney and judicial magistrate with Petersen, Eddy & Judge in Clinton.

Deborah Murray Cowman of North Zulch, TX, is the executive director for the Brazos Valley Natural History Museum and has received the Sigma Xi Award for Outstanding Science Communication and the Jane Wolfe Distinguished Arts Leadership Award.

Polly Phillips Antonelli of Altoona, IA, retired in November 2018.

'77 Donald Norton of Robins, IA, is now retired from his position as a pharmaceutical representative with InVentiv Health.

'79 John Becker of Alto, MI, is retired but keeps busy as an assistant football coach at Grand Rapids Kenowa Hills High School, where his son, Sam, is the head coach. He and his wife, Julie, enjoy spending time at their second home in Glen Arbor, MI.

1980s

'81 Darrell Cullen of San Mateo, CA, is an environmental health specialist with San Mateo County.

Nell Hecht of Rockville, MD, recently moved to the Washington, D.C., suburbs and became the CFO of Nymeo Credit Union.

Kevin Kalish of Lenexa, KS, is a bond manager with Assured Partners in Kansas City, MO.

'83 Kelly Clark of Louisville, KY, joined the advisory board of DisposeRx Inc.

Tony Hunter of Homer Glen, IL, was appointed to the board of directors for Revolution Enterprises.



'85 Dan Oberbroeckling of Noblesville, IN, is the regional vice president for Baker Hill in Carmel, IN.

Tom Pientok of Swisher, IA, is the president and CEO of Timberline Manufacturing in Marion, IA.

'86 Missy Beastron of Cedar Rapids, IA, is the chief strategy and risk officer at Community 1st Credit Union.

Mike Compeau of Chesterland, OH, is now a program analyst with the VA Northeast Ohio Healthcare System, a career change after over 20 years in technology marketing. He is also pursuing a Master of Science in marketing from Southern New Hampshire University.

'88 Kathy Schmitt-Irvin of Congerville, IL, is a teacher and theater director at Eureka High School in Eureka, IL.

1990s

'90 Daryl Deutmeyer of Cedar Rapids, IA, is a senior program analyst with Aegon.

Jeff Schwarting of Amana, IA, is an engineering manager of new product introduction with Whirlpool.

'91 Julie Tostenson Wilcox of Cohasset, MN, was promoted to senior vice president of marketing, brand management and communications with Grand Rapids State Bank.



Kelly Roberts Thompson of Pandora, IA, is an eighth and ninth grade teacher and speech coach at Timberline School in Waukee, IA.

'94 Dan Petersen of Toddville, IA, is the IT manager at General Electric.



'95 Matt Clark of Gaithersburg, MD, was promoted to the rank of colonel in the U.S. Army in November 2018. He has served on the board of directors of the Military Officers Association of America for six years. **Katie Kraft** Clark is a special education teacher at Shady Grove Middle School in Rockville, MD.

Anne Dugger of Cedar Rapids, IA, graduated from Mount Mercy University with a Master of Arts in education in 2018. She is now the education program manager at the Catherine McAuley Center.

'96 Jodie Grout of Libertyville, IA, graduated from the University of Colorado as a Doctor of Nursing Practice in May 2018.

'97 Jennifer Gruber Tanaka of Denver, CO, is a shareholder attorney with White, Bear, Ankele, Tanaka & Waldron in Denver.

Jodi Michaels Treharne of Marion, IA, is a solution sales executive with IBM Watson Health - Oncology and Genomics.

'98 Tracy Blickhan Gartner of Kenosha, WI, was promoted to full professor of environmental science and biology at Carthage College.

Joseph Diggins of Sonoma, CA, is the owner of Bohemian Highway Travel Company.

'99 Wendy Hamilton of Omaha, NE, was promoted to chief development officer of Girl Scouts Spirit of Nebraska.

2000s

'01 Christa Dickson of Des Moines, IA, performs and teaches trapeze and aerial strength classes at Cirque Wonderland in West Des Moines.

Nate Lower of North Liberty, IA, was selected as a finalist for the Collins Aerospace Engineer of the Year award. He is a principal mechanical engineer with the company.

'02 Sarah Deatsch Richardson of Omaha, NE, is the assistant vice provost for enrollment management and director of admissions and scholarships at Creighton University. She was also a recipient of the 2019 Mary Lucretia and Sarah Emily Creighton Award, which honors those who have created an environment that is supportive of achievement for women.

'03 Clint Bitterman of Cedar Rapids, IA, is vice president of Master Tool & Manufacturing in Hlawatha, IA.

Shaun Freeman of Fort Worth, TX, graduated from Capella University with a Master of Arts in Psychology in 2018.

Andy Molison of Grinnell, IA, opened Grin City Bakery in Grinnell in April 2019.

Cyndi Phelps of Dallas, TX, is the office manager for Kirkland & Ellis LLP in Dallas.

Jason Schwass of Dubuque, IA, was promoted to art director at McCullough Creative.

Katie Wiedemann Schwass accepted the position of director of external relations at Northeast Iowa Community College. The couple are the parents of two future Kohawks, Knox and Sterrin.

Melissa Weber Ramsey of Muscatine, IA, is a kindergarten teacher with Muscatine Community Schools.

'05 Carrie Helms joined Coe as student accounts manager.

Coe College Trustee **Kristin Strohm** of Greenwood Village, CO, became the president and CEO of Common Sense Policy Roundtable (CSPR) in early 2019. CSPR is a nonprofit, free enterprise think tank dedicated to the protection and promotion of Colorado's economy.

Jeff White of West Hartford, CT, is a fifth grade teacher and site technology coordinator for the Consolidated School District of New Britain, CT.

'06 Steve Clingman of New Virginia, IA, fulfilled all requirements to become an electric journeyman lineman. He is an electric lineman with Indianola Municipal Utilities.

Brett Karkosh of Cedar Rapids, IA, graduated from Buena Vista University with a Master of Science in education in May 2018. He is currently the counselor at Mount Vernon High School.

'07 Brad Comm of Fox River Grove, IL, graduated from the University of Chicago with a Master of Business Administration. He is currently the CFO at N-Jet.

'09 Swagato Chakravorty of Brooklyn, NY, is pursuing a Ph.D. at Yale University.



Carlos Nelson of Marion, IA, is an academic coach with the University of Iowa.

2010s

'10 Will Frost of Waterloo, IA, is the director of talent development with Greater Cedar Valley Alliance and Chamber.

'11 Erica Davison of Coralville, IA, graduated from the University of Iowa with a Ph.D. in nursing in December 2018.

'12 MJ Moore of Tinley Park, IL, is a business development manager with TotalMed Staffing Inc. in Schaumburg, IL. He ran the Boston Marathon in 2018.

'12 Scott DeAngelis of Charlotte, NC, is an associate attorney with Robinson Bradshaw.

Hilary Gehin of Madison, WI, is a report writer with PPD in Middleton, WI.

'13 Bekah Isack of Kennesaw, GA, graduated from Kennesaw State University with a Master of Arts in teaching — teaching English to speakers of other languages in May 2019. She is an ESOL teacher with the International Charter School of Atlanta.



Nathan Joens of Cedar Rapids, IA, recently earned his chartered property casualty underwriter (CPCU) designation.

'14 Lindsey Bruns of Waukegan, IA, graduated from the Minneapolis School of Anesthesia with a Master of Science in nurse anesthesia in December 2018. She is currently a nurse anesthetist for Medical Center Anesthesiologists in Des Moines.

Lindsey Cain Brocka of Greene, IA, is the manager of the intensive care unit at UnityPoint Health - Allen Hospital.

Shea Devine of Philadelphia, PA, graduated from Temple University as a Doctor of Dental Medicine in May 2018.

7 William Spencer and Luisa Riehle Spencer '15 of St. Paul, MN, celebrated their first wedding anniversary in August 2018. They were married aboard the Empress paddlewheel river boat on the St. Croix River near Stillwater, MN, by former Coe chaplain Kristin Hutson.

'15 Emmalee Brown Thompson of Brown Deer, WI, is a teacher with the Brown Deer School District.

Felicia Devine of Tucson, AZ, graduated from Palmer College of Chiropractic as a Doctor of Chiropractic Medicine in February.

Tucker Rathjens of Cedar Rapids, IA, is a driver manager with CRST Expedited.

'16 Craig Konrardy of Waterloo, IA, is an assistant strength and conditioning coach at Simpson College.

Mariah Reeves of Cedar Rapids, IA, is an English teacher at Mt. Vernon High School.

'17 Logan Barnes of Cedar Rapids, IA, is a global financial analyst with CPM Holdings Inc.

Maddie Koolbeck of Madison, WI, is a graduate student at University of Wisconsin-Madison completing a master's degree in public affairs and a graduate certificate in energy analysis and policy. She served as a global cities, energy and climate intern at the Chicago Council of Global Affairs during the summer of 2018.

'18 Grace Ambrose of Davenport, IA, is pursuing a Doctor of Occupational Therapy degree at St. Ambrose University, with an anticipated graduation date of 2021.

Molly Anderson joined Coe as campus experience coordinator.

Alli Arns of Marion, IA, is a software engineer with Collins Aerospace.

Anthony DeCeanne of State College, PA, is pursuing a Ph.D. in materials science and engineering at Penn State University.

Juan Gomez of Cedar Rapids, IA, is the founder and CEO of Young Creatives, a media production company that is filming Iowa's first superhero film.

Abby Harper Maples of Cedar Rapids, IA, is an operating room nurse with UnityPoint - St. Luke's.

Greg Linton of Cedar Rapids, IA, is an audit associate with RSM US LLP.

'19 Paul Cartwright joined Coe as a part-time instructor in kinesiology.

WRITTEN ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF COE'S ALUMNI

'57 Caryl Duley Calsyn wrote the poem "Alone in Omaha" while traveling to see classmate **Ann Corell** Coleman '57. The poem was published in the poetry magazine Westward Quarterly in fall 2018.

Alone in Omaha

Fog meant the plane couldn't land
in the city where I wanted to be.
Instead we had to land in a city
where I didn't want to be.
I decided to eat in an airport cafe
while the airline decided what to do.
I fought tears. I felt more lost
and more alone than I'd ever been.
The waitress came to take my order
and looked at me — really looked at me.
She said, "Did you go to Coe College?"
Coe is a small school hundreds of miles away.
With that question I began to exist again.
The fog in my soul lifted, the sadness left.
I was not alone, after all.



'73 Leslyn Amthor Spinelli of Apple Valley, MN, published the novel "Taking My Chances." It is the fourth book in the Caroline Spencer series.



'78 Mary Beth Richardson Stevens of Boxford, MA, published the children's book "Tippy Finds a Home" in April.



'82 Tammie Johnson Rogers of Brownstown, IL, published the book "Shamaron: Dog Devoted," a memoir based on the story of her first Border Collie.



'92 Scott Rettberg of Bergen, Norway, published the book "Electronic Literature."



'98 Karoline Jensen Fritz of Littleton, CO, published the book "The Story of Arbux: Grand-dad's Giant Adventure" in October 2017. This is her second book.



'14 Mirah Bolender of Whitefish Bay, WI, published the fantasy novel "City of Broken Magic" in November 2018. She was working on the book in Manuscript Workshop her senior year at Coe.

PUSHA DA PEN

ALUMNI COUNCIL *Update*

Hello, fellow alumni! The Alumni Council met in April to discuss ways that alumni can contribute to the continued success of the college.

One of our main focuses is preparing for Homecoming 2019, taking place October 24-27. We will continue with one of our signature events, the Silent Auction, from which all proceeds support Kohawks through on- and off-campus study scholarships. With your support and participation, we raised over \$10,300 from last year's auction, and we hope to be even more successful this year. If you're interested in donating an item, please visit alumni.coe.edu/homecoming19 or contact any member of the Alumni Council. We also encourage you to bid on auction items when you're back on campus for Homecoming this fall. If you can't make it back to campus, you will still be able to bid online.

There are many other ways for alumni to get involved with Coe, no matter where you live:

The Center for Creativity and Careers (C3)

C3 is committed to helping Kohawks navigate their career paths, and one of the most effective ways to do that is by getting alumni involved. Recently C3 started a new event series called Network with Kohawks, offering informal opportunities for students and alumni to come together. C3 is doing great things to connect Kohawks and alumni, including a mentoring program. Will you get involved and be a mentor?

Spring Break Externship

The third-annual Spring Break Externship organized by C3 and the Alumni Office gave students an inside look at working in various industries as well as a chance to meet many local alumni in Kansas City. The Externship was previously held in Chicago and Minneapolis. Be on the lookout, because your city might be next!

Local Area Events

We realize many of you want to stay connected or involved with the college, even if you're not able to get back to campus frequently. You can be involved with the college no matter where you live! Coe alumni are getting together around the country and sharing how great it is to be a Kohawk. Alumni in cities everywhere are uniting Kohawks by holding events to celebrate their Coe pride.

- **In the Des Moines area**, an alumni event was held at Rookies Sport Bar.
- **In the Omaha area**, an alumni event was held for the Coe vs. Creighton Men's Basketball game.
- **In Chicago and Washington, D.C.**, alumni came together to celebrate #KohawkDay at a local establishment.

These events give alumni the opportunity to connect with each other and are fun for everyone who attends. Did you know you can host a Coe gathering in your city and the Alumni Office will happily assist you? They will take registrations and even send you a box of Coe swag for the event. I encourage all alumni to host and/or participate in an event in your local area. If you would like to plan an event in your city, contact the Alumni Office at alumni@coe.edu.

As always, your support as alumni of the college is greatly appreciated. The Alumni Council wants to effectively represent your thoughts, ideas and suggestions. We love to hear from you, so please reach out anytime.



CHARLES DAVIS '86
PRESIDENT, COE ALUMNI COUNCIL

1 Six Tri-Deltas from the Class of 1960 met in Decorah, IA, to celebrate their 80th birthdays. Pictured (front row, left to right) are **Judy Hemperley** Pucci and **Claudia Christensen** Miller. Back row: **Marilyn Andrews** Watson, **Sue Curtis** Roby, **Nancy Peterson** Snyder and **Judy Ringbloom** Topping.

2 **Claire Tupper '18** of Cedar Rapids, IA, spent the 2018-19 academic year teaching in Laos as part of the Fulbright program. While traveling abroad, she connected with fellow Fulbright recipients **Ben Perez '16** (in Georgetown, Malaysia) and **Leeann Oelrich '16** (in Taiwan at a Fulbright conference).

3 While in Chicago for a Billy Joel concert, **Rachel Gearhart '04** met up with fellow Kohawks **Melissa Kalensky '04** and **Jeffrey Lyden '04**, along with Erin Bloomquist, who is married to **Todd Bloomquist '96**.

4 Team Kohawk Crazies finished in the top 10 at the YMCA TrivYa Night Fundraiser on Feb. 15, 2019. Kohawks in attendance were (front row, left to right) **Julie Kleis** Staker '93, **Rachael Schmidt** Hauck '07, **Kristy Upah** Staker '08, **Bri Fossey** Axdahl '05 and **Jackie Bruso** Adair '07. Second row: **Lance Staker** '93, **Tyler Staker** '06, **Tom Hauck** '05, **Brad Axdahl** '06 and **Chris Adair** '07.

5 Three Kohawks met up at the Parliament of the World's Religions in Toronto in November. Pictured (left to right) are **Libby Gotschall** Slapney '74, of Cedar Rapids, IA; the Rev. Dr. **Cindy Cearley** '75, of Centennial, CO and the Rev. **Kyra Hines Baehr** '78, of League City, TX.

6 On International Women's Day, **Lynda Riley** '83 of Urbandale, IA, **Terri Mengler** '84 of Cedar Rapids, IA and **Linda Smith** '83 of Madrid, Spain, got together on campus for a photo and a tour. They were impressed with how campus has changed for the better.

How are you connecting with Kohawks around the world? Email your photos to courier@coe.edu.



Share your news!

Information compiled in "Class Notes" comes from a variety of sources, including direct correspondence from alumni, clipping services and news releases. The college received these class notes by March 15. **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:

NEWS

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

MARRIAGES & ANNIVERSARIES

Include both spouses' full names (including birth/maiden names, where applicable) and complete date. Please notify us after your wedding; we cannot publish based on an engagement announcement.

BIRTHS & ADOPTIONS

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

DEATHS

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

PHOTOS

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

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

1990s

- 1 '92 Rick Miller and Tracy Stevenson of Panama City, FL, on September 15.

2000s

- 2 '07 Luke Johnson and Matthew Lovegood of Council Bluffs, IA, on October 7. Kohawks in attendance were Allie Brown Hoyt '10, Justin Hoyt '08, Katie Becker Colon '07, Dan Luethke '08, Betsy Friedrich Herrman '07, Professor Emeritus Bob Marrs, Michael Geneser '06, Sheila Farrey Geneser '08, Matt Schuling '08, Kristen Roppolo Schuling '10, Kristin Patch '06, Abby Leusink Sheppard '04, Elizabeth Huggins Sutherland '08 and Professor Emerita Margie Marrs.

- 3 '08 Matt Schuling and Kristen Roppolo '10 of Council Bluffs, IA, on October 20. Kohawks in attendance were (left to right) Aubrie Boniface Snodgrass '10, Andy Bobst '10, Ann Depriest Bobst '12, Allison Layne Huey '08, Rebecca Pfennig '10, John Roppolo '74, Eliza Ovrom '75, Brandon Scodius '07, Kristen, Allie Brown Hoyt '10, Dan Luethke '08, Matt, Justin Hoyt '08, MacKenzie Donnelly Tra '13, Jennifer Zeman '12, Lucas Novotny '08, Kelsey Meyer '12 and Kayla Ramage Sojka '12.

2010s

- '11 Kayla Lincoln and Courtney Ott of Waterloo, IA, on June 30, 2018.
- '12 Amanda Drish and Nick Adolf of Waukee, IA, on September 1.
- 4 Krishen Narcelles and Alex Wohleber of Silver Spring, MD, on December 16.
- '13 Tim Ahline and Casha McGowan of Cedar Rapids, IA, on August 31.
- 5 Dennis Gilbertson and Lauren DuBay of Solon, IA, on October 27. Kohawks in attendance were (left to right) former Coe track and field coach Michael Warta, Tyler Carlson '13, Eric Ritter '13, Dennis, Lauren, Kory Heineman '12, Sara Heizer Heineman '13, Kayla Seigworth Price '13 and Kristen Blodgett '13.

- 6 '14 Jeromy Rubie and Deidre Gomm of St. Paul, MN, on May 26, 2018. Guests in attendance were (left to right) Maria Jose Eyzaguirre '14, Lauren McCready, Desiree Ramirez '15, Julianne Kopriva Jones '14, Katie Gustafson '14, Deidre, Jeromy, Mitchell Rubie '20, Joey Mallander '14, Nathan Barnes '14, Tim O'Connor and Sean Gomm.

- 7 '15 Ryan Lechtenberg and Ashley Jipp of Iowa City, IA, on October 6. Kohawks in attendance at the wedding were (front row, left to right) Lindsey Jipp Schmucker '15, AJ Reuter '15, Ashley, Ryan, Lexis Kuhlmann '15, Brooke Wheelwright '14 and Kelsey Jipp Sampson '13. Second row: Shaina Winn '15, Paige Nelson '19, Taylor Riedl '15, Skylar Kemp '15 and Bryce Sampson '13. Third row: Jack Hoffmann '15, Zak Ranshaw '19, Bobby Briskey '15, Alex Wians '15, Michael Goerd '15 and Caleb Miller '15.

Emmalee Brown and Jordan Thompson of Brown Deer, WI, on July 21.

- 8 '16 Mark Atwater and Mackenzie Harbaugh of Dyersville, IA, on July 7. Kohawks in attendance were Maddie Morehouse, Chris Lehmkuhl, McCall Meade, John Conner, Michael Redmond, Hannah Torry, Meghan McClimon, Gretchen Lilienthal, Molly Boland and Kory Wiele (2016), Dylan Stepleton, Hanna Reese, Devon O'Connell, Beau Freeborn and Paige Wieland (2017). Brandon Leonard, Emma Ambrose, Alissa Wittenburg Becker, Rachel Philipps, Kolbie Creger, Rachel Schaefer, Rachel Bosworth, Brian Behrens and Olivia Kriener (2015), Jake Voss (2019), Jordan Atwater (2014), Kaitlin McClimon (2012), Kristy Upah Staker (2008), Larry Atwater (1982).

- 9 '17 Caitlin McKendry and Michael Gursky of Box Elder, SD, on November 16.
- 10 Kaity Nicodemus-Grabow and Bradley Fitzpatrick of Killeen, TX, on December 2.
- 11 '18 Rachel Riemenschneider and Christian Reddin of West Des Moines, IA, on November 17.



FUTURE ALUMNI

WELCOMING NEW KOHAWKS INTO THE NEST

1990s

'94 **Dan Petersen** and Felicia Rossman of Toddville, IA, a daughter, Harley Jean, on July 24. Welcomed by older brother Jaxson Daniel, born July 9, 2016.

2000s

'04 **Nicole Anderson** Bell and her husband, Kristian, a son, Kristopher James, on June 24, 2018.

Heather Golem and her husband, Kong Minh, of Southport, NC, a daughter, Emily Malis, on January 23.

1 '06 **Brett Karkosh** and **Carrie Ehrmann** Karkosh '07, of Cedar Rapids, IA, a daughter, Collins Elizabeth, on May 16, 2018.

Jennifer Lewis Mayhew and her husband, Bradley, of Parker, CO, a daughter, Olivia Kate, on January 18, 2018.

'07 **Kay Hauste** Van Wyk and her husband, Zach, a daughter, Clara Constance, on November 10.

2 **Michael Herzberger** and **Jenny Snyder** Herzberger, of Palo, IA, a son, Lennox Jennings, on October 7.

3 '08 **Ann Virden** Balvanz and her husband, Justin Balvanz, of Cedar Rapids, IA, a son, Boyd, on February 1, 2018.

4 '09 **Tyler Gathers** and **Danielle Jamison** Gathers '11, of Kansas City, MO, a son, Hudson Matthew, on Nov. 19.

2010s

'10 **Wesley Beckwith** and **Kristin Boner** Beckwith '11, of Manson, IA, a son, Grant, on October 1.

5 '11 **Mike Jones** and **Meg Stark** Jones '12, of Grinnell, IA, a daughter, Josephine Hope, on December 23.

'12 **Brad Boyle** and **Michelle Schupbach** Boyle '13, of Cedar Falls, IA, a daughter, Cora Jean, on November 17.

6 '13 **Jenna Brincks** Wemark and her husband, Robby, of Elkader, IA, a daughter, Maisie Melissa, on June 8, 2018.

7 **Jordan Graen** and his wife, Alexandra, of Maple Grove, MN, a son, Winston Connor, on November 27.

Marcus Haustein, of Iowa City, IA, a daughter, Esmae Grace, on February 9, 2018.

8 **Kris Hopkins** and **Hailee Gehrls** Hopkins, of Marion, IA, a son, Harrison, on January 18.



IN MEMORIAM

GONE BUT NEVER FORGOTTEN

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

Full obituaries for all decedents can be found at www.coe.edu/why-coe/discover-coe/publications/courier

As we were going to press we learned about the passing of Trustee **Dave Mehaffy**. More information will follow in the next Courier issue.

1930s

'39 **Gertrude Ilten** Schmidt, 101, of Cedar Rapids, IA, on October 25.

1940s

'40 **Roy McHugh**, 103, of Pittsburgh, PA, on February 25. Roy worked at the Cedar Rapids Gazette upon graduating from Coe and shortly thereafter served in the U.S. Army for over three years during World War II. He returned to the Gazette briefly after the war before taking a job with the Pittsburgh Press, where he worked as a sportswriter, sports columnist, sports editor and general columnist for over 30 years. He continued to write up until the last few years of his life and co-authored the book "Ruaidh: The Story of Art Rooney and his Clan" with Pittsburgh Steelers Vice President Art Rooney Jr. He is survived by three cousins and a niece.

'43 **Ruth Anne Stritesky** Archibald, 96, of Cedar Rapids, IA, on February 3.

'45 **Doris Bernhard** Moellering, 95, of Garnaville, IA, on January 27.

Ruthanne Herrald Taylor, 95, of Ottumwa, IA, on November 28.

George Ross, 95, of Cedar Rapids, IA, on January 8.

'46 **Mildred Kopecky** Thomsen, 94, of Clear Lake, IA, on November 1.

'47 **Arda Mae Cox** Caldwell, 93, of Cedar Rapids, IA, on October 4.

Marilyn Hoersch Bard, 93, of Cherry Hill, NJ, on October 16.

'48 **Diane Marshall** Schupp, 94, of Des Moines, IA, on February 7.

'49 Bess Bales Popp, 90, of Lincoln, NE, on January 23.

Olive Carano Crew, 91, of Cedar Rapids, IA, on March 7.

Marilyn Grimsell Van Antwerp, 91, of Reno, NV, in December 2017.

Jane Taylor Fisher of Cedar Rapids, IA, on December 12.

1950s

'50 Jack Albert, 94, of Marshall, MN, on January 29.

Jim Corell, 90, of Buffalo, WY, on March 7.

Rose Mary Jennings Miner, 90, of Garrison, IA, on March 12.

Verne Long, 93, of Cedar Rapids, IA, on August 19.

Jim Tisdale, 93, of Cedar Rapids, IA, on February 21.



'51 Chet Casali, 91, of Cedar Rapids, IA, on Jan. 14. Chet worked at Heritage E.R.A. and for Skogman Realty as a Realtor for several years. He later served as the executive director for the YMCA for 21 years. He was the Iowa State Handball Champion of two years and enjoyed golf and woodworking. He proudly served in the Marine Corps and was a member of the Marine Corps League, American Legion and Iowa High School Athletic Association. Chet and his late wife **Helen Wilson Casali '49** received the Coe College Distinguished Service Award in 2004. He is survived by a daughter, **Julie Casali Bellon '78**; two sons, **Michael Casali '75** and **John Casali '77**; four grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife, Helen.

Barbara McCready Hamblin of Tequesta, FL.

Bess Pisney McCann, 90, of Fair Oaks, CA, on November 7.

Margie Schneider White, 89, of Fremont, CA, on October 12.

Dr. Bill Webber, 89, of Las Cruces, NM, on November 28.

Richard Yager, 90, of Miami, FL, on November 23.

'52 Lois Brockman Boquist, 89, of Marion, IA, on March 1.

Ginny Maxfield Lansing, 89, of Chapel Hill, NC, on January 22.

'54 Helen Dalamaggas, 86, of Cedar Rapids, IA, on December 23.



'62 Dr. Bob "Thurny" Thurness, 79, of Marion, IA, on October 13. After graduating from Coe, Thurny went on to earn a master's degree in health and physical education from South Dakota State University and later earned a master's and doctorate in educational administration from the University of Iowa. Thurny spent 16 years as a teacher and coach at several high schools in eastern Iowa. He returned to Coe as a coach from 1981-89. He led the Kohawk football team to four conference division titles and two conference championships. He coached two regular season undefeated teams and Coe's first NCAA playoff team, along with six All-American athletes, including his son.

Dr. Brent Thurness '90. During this time, he also served as the athletic director and head women's softball coach, leading the team to five conference championships. Thurny was inducted into the Coe College Athletic Hall of Fame, the Iowa High School Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame, the Marion Athletic Hall of Fame and the West Liberty High School Hall of Fame. After his coaching and teaching career ended, he worked on the restoration of the Marion Depot, served on the Marion History Cultural Center Task Force, Marion Historical Preservation Commission and worked on the family farm. Thurny is survived by his wife, Carol; a son, Brent; two daughters, Amy Thurness-Yazzie and Lisa Sanders; and 11 grandchildren.

Marta Downie Zipperer, 86, of Roanoke, TX, on October 10.

'55 Greta Hanson Van Fleet, 86, of Cedar Rapids, IA, on February 1.

Thomas Hopkins, 84, of Pflugerville, TX, on January 5.

Chloris Meyers Patrick, 86, of Ann Arbor, MI, on January 2.

'56 Clay Dawson, 84, of Long Grove, IA, on December 20.

Chuck Strasburger, 84, of The Woodlands, TX, on November 10.

Randall Vick, 88, of Fairfax, VA, on December 30.

'57 Barbara Orelup Bacon, 83, of Canton, MA, on October 2.

Kendall "Jack" Robinson, 83, of Winter Haven, FL, on August 27.

Barbara Sare Rudd, 82, of Plano, TX, on February 6.

'59 Carole Hadland Ward, 80, of Jacksonville, FL, on August 30, 2017.

Helen McLaughlin, 81, of St. Paul, MN, on November 21.

H. Wesley Sunderman, 81, of Indianapolis, IN, on April 10, 2018.

1960s

'60 Shirley Lorenz Stewart, 79, of Cedar Rapids, IA, on January 7.

'61 Jeannie Forrest Light, 80, of Lisbon, IA, on February 17.

Kathy Kerns Norris, 100, of Duluth, MN, on October 29.

Myrna Leno Cooney, 81, of Cedar Rapids, IA, on November 15.

Ralph Palmer, 79, of Cedar Rapids, IA, on November 23.

'62 Bob Lana, 79, of Marion, IA, on November 9.

'63 Martha Jones Kidd, 77, of West Des Moines, IA, on February 16.

'64 Sharon Coleman, 75, of Marshalltown, IA, on August 30, 2017.

'65 Tom Good, 79, of Guttenberg, IA, on January 21.

Bruce Hop, 75, of Cedar Rapids, IA, on December 9.

Bruce Pangborn, 75, of Green Bay, WI, on December 5.

'66 Barbara Tracy Lacasse, 76, of Lenoxdale, MA, on October 22.

'68 Hugh Caldara, 73, of Stonington, CT, on October 18.

Robert Cox, 72, of Gladbrook, IA, on January 6.

Brian Mlecko, 73, of Lockport, IL, on January 29.

'69 Chuck Snyder, 71, of Indianapolis, IN, on December 18.

1970s

'72 **Craig Norton**, 68, of Kent, OH, on October 20.

Stan Smith, 68, of Oxnard, CA, on October 13. Stan worked for Farmers Insurance Group for many years, retiring in 2007 as the executive vice president of property casualty operations. He served on the board of directors of Farmers Insurance Group, the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, the Institute for Business and Home Safety and the Central Coast Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association in California. Stan was a trustee of Coe College, and he and his late wife, **Anne Lubberger Smith** '73, established the Lowry Fredrickson Endowed Psychology Fund. He is survived by two sons, David and William, and a daughter, Laura. He was predeceased by his wife, Anne.

'74 **Bill Benda**, 88, of Cedar Rapids, IA, on January 1.

Jo Ann Ewert Mann, 76, of Ely, IA, on May 4, 2018.

'76 **Richard Rawson**, 71, of Palo, IA, on November 28.

1980s

'80 **Barbara Hammer**, 79, of Newton, IA, on October 16.

'88 **Kurt Frieze**, 54, of Iowa City, IA, on October 26.

Barton Knochenmus Jr., 65, of West Naticoke, PA, on November 12.

'89 **Leila Ward**, 59, of Cedar Rapids, IA, on January 8.

1990s

'95 **Cory Brown**, 47, of Twin Lakes, WI, on October 29.

Mike Nainys, 45, of San Diego, CA, on October 10.

Faculty/Staff

Former music instructor **Anita Bullard**, 76, of Cedar Rapids, IA, on October 17.

Former history professor **Paul Glad**, 92, of Middleton, WI, on November 3.

Former volleyball head coach **Judy Graham**, 70, of Cedar Rapids, IA, on November 25.

Former English professor **Bruce Kellner**, 88, of Lancaster, PA, on February 16.

Former philosophy professor **Hal Kirschbaum**, 76, of Berkeley, CA, on January 29.

Barbara Lehn, 86, of Cheshire, CT, on September 25. Barbara was the mother of late Coe professor Dan Lehn.

Former custodian **Arlene McCauley**, 85, of Cedar Rapids, IA, on November 3.

Former theatre arts instructor **Shakeeb "Joe" Nassif**, 80, of Winter Park, FL, on November 23.

FACULTY & STAFF

UPDATES AND ACCOLADES

Fran Allison and Francis Halpin Professor of Physics **Mario Affatigato** '89 received the Cottrell Scholar Collaborative Award from the Research Corporation for Science Advancement.

Associate Professor of Physics **Ugur Akgun** published the manuscript "Luminescence of Ce-doped aluminophosphate glasses" in the Journal of Materials Science: Electronic Materials.

Adjunct Assistant Professor of English **Kate Aspengren** was invited to present at the Fowey Festival of Arts and Literature in the United Kingdom.

Professor of Political Science **Lynda Barrow** presented the program "Religion in a Globalizing World" to the Iowa City Foreign Relations Council.

Music Technical Director **Bob Benson** '06 released a new album titled "Identity Crisis" as part of his solo music project, 86plot. Details can be found at 86plot.com.

Assistant Professor of Physics **Caio Bragatto**, along with Coe student **Anne Ruckman** '20, received an APS Chapter Research Award for the project "Ionic conductivity of the lithium clustering effect."

Bragatto's manuscript, "Charge carrier mobility of alkali silicate glasses calculated by molecular dynamics," was also accepted by the "Rising Stars" special edition of the journal Frontiers in Materials.

Assistant Professor of Psychology **Sam Brown** and Associate Professor of Psychology **Sara Farrell** presented their research study "Coping with work-related transitions: gender and self-compassion" at the Wisconsin Women's and Gender Studies Conference in April.

Assistant Professor of Biology **Cassy Cozine** created the proposal "Student response systems: a hands-on exploration & tutorial," which was selected for a session at The Teaching Professor Conference.

Assistant Professor of Physics **Firdevs Duru**, along with Coe student **Brent Brain** '20 and Coe alumnus **Collin Wilkinson** '18, published the article "Electron density profiles in the upper ionosphere of Mars from 11 years of MARSIS data: variability due to seasons, solar cycle and crustal magnetic fields" in Journal of Geophysical Research - Space Physics.

B.D. Silliman Professor of Physics **Steve Feller** and Fran Allison and Francis Halpin Professor of Physics **Mario Affatigato** '89 published the articles "A B10 NMR Study of tetrahedral boron in ring structured borates" and "Molecular dynamics simulation of an anomaly in the temperature widths of the glass transition for low modifier alkali borate glasses" in the journal Physics and Chemistry of Glasses - European Journal of Glass Science and Technology Part B in February.

William P. and Gayle S. Whipple Associate Professor of Spanish **Monica Fuertes-Arboix** published the paper "Los problemas con la censura de una revista satirica: Fray Gerundio de Modesto Lafuente" in the journal Romanticism - La rivista del CRIER de Verona.

John William King Professor of Literature and Creative Writing **Gina Hausknecht** was a panelist discussing "The Purpose of a College Education" on the program "Ethical Perspectives in the News" in October.

Assistant Professor of Computer Science **Stephen Hughes** served on the program committee for the Special Interest Group for Computer Science Education (SIGCSE) Technical Symposium as co-chair of the Student Research Competition.



Director of Marketing **Natalie Milke '11**, V.P. for Admission and Marketing **Julie Kleis Staker '93** and Senior Graphic Designer **Melissa Kronlage** accepted awards recognizing Coe's website from the American Advertising Federation.

Coe College website takes gold and best in category at AAF—Awards Gala

The redesigned Coe College website developed by the Coe College Office of Marketing in partnership with Informatics, Inc. recently was recognized with a gold award and Best in Category in the Online/Interactive category at the American Advertising Federation Cedar Rapids—Iowa City Awards Gala.

At the awards ceremony held in Cedar Rapids on February 22, 29 of the entries were recognized with a gold or silver award. Selection of the most creative entry in each category is determined by a scoring process in which a panel of judges evaluates all creative dimensions of every entry. A gold award is recognition of the highest level of creative excellence and is judged to be superior in its category of the competition. Entries that are also considered outstanding and worthy of recognition receive silver awards.

The gold award recognized the efforts of Vice President for Admission and Marketing **Julie Kleis Staker '93**, Director of Marketing **Natalie Bordignon Milke '11** and Senior Graphic Designer **Melissa Kronlage** as well as the entire Office of Marketing. "It's an honor for Coe's website to be recognized for creative excellence among our peers," Staker said. "Our goal was to build a visually appealing, interactive and mobile-friendly website to enhance the user experience. The Office of Marketing and campus community joined together to create a beautiful website with valuable content for our site visitors."

Formerly known as the ADDYs, the American Advertising Awards represent the industry's largest competition, attracting more than 40,000 entries every year in local competitions across the country. The mission of the American Advertising Awards competition is to recognize and reward creative excellence in the art of advertising.

We thank members of the Coe College Board of Trustees who generously funded much of the website redesign process.

Associate Professor of French **Joyce Janca-Aji** presented the paper "Language-in-community summer seminar: creating bridges between coursework, professional development, and community engagement" at the Kentucky Foreign Language Conference in April. She also had the proposed article "Whose dharma is it anyway? Lineage and belonging in American Buddhist (post) modernities" accepted for a special issue in the journal *Genealogy*.

Associate Professor of History **Bethany Keenan** presented a paper at a conference on "Integrating Gender in the History of Humanitarian Aid" in Angers, France.

Assistant Professor of Psychology **Scout Kelly** gave an invited keynote presentation titled "Why can't we 'Just do it'?" Challenges in self-regulation of physical activity" at the Psi Chi Induction Ceremony at St. Ambrose University in Davenport, IA.

Joseph E. McCabe Associate Professor of Religion **Meira Kensky** completed a term as a teaching fellow at the Newberry Library in Chicago. She also presented the paper "Thus a teacher must be: pedagogical formation in John Chrysostom's homilies on 1 and 2 Timothy" at the 2019 Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting. The paper will be published in a volume of essays in honor of Arthur Darby Nock.

Assistant Professor of Art History **Ranelle Knight-Lueth** presented the lecture "From the front lines: how the art from 'over there' was used 'over here'" at the South Dakota Art Museum in January.

McCabe Professor of Philosophy **John Lemos** gave an invited address titled "God's existence, Kant's formula of humanity, and a defense of atheism?" to the Disproof Atheism Society in Boston.

Assistant Professor of Biology **David Lo**, along with Coe alumnae **Kelsey Kornacker '17** and **Danielle Hollingshead '18**, published a paper in *PSI CHI: Journal of Psychological Research*.

Assistant Professor of Psychology **Megan McCarty** was invited to speak on the role of communion and gender in interest in taking on leadership roles at the Midwestern Psychological Association Annual Meeting.

Assistant Professor of Psychology **Kara Recker** published the paper "Is scaling up harder than scaling down? How children and adults visually scale distance from memory" in the journal *Cognition*.

Assistant Professor of English **Amber Shaw** completed a term as a teaching fellow at the Newberry Library in Chicago. She also wrote an article that was accepted into the journal *Women's Writing* in a special issue focusing on women and labor.

Professor of Chemistry **Marty St. Clair** published the article "Soil sedimentation and quality within the roadside ditches of an agricultural watershed" in the journal *Science of the Total Environment*.

Adjunct Assistant Professor of Theatre **Karla Steffens** will present the paper, "Paulo Freire, critical pedagogy, interdisciplinarity and college honors" at the University of London.

Associate Professor of History **Brie Swenson Arnold**, Associate Professor of History **Bethany Keenan**, and Assistant Professor of Art History **Ranelle Knight-Lueth** each gave presentations at the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library's inaugural "Road to College" program last summer in conjunction with the museum's World War I exhibition.

Associate Professor of Nursing **Mary Tobin**, along with Coe student **Tracy Martinek '21**, received a grant from the American Camp Nurses' Association to study the American Nurses' Association's "Healthy Nurse, Healthy Nation" initiative in the context of camp nursing.

Director of Community and Civic Engagement **Kara Trebil-Smith** conducted and published the study "Perceptions of partnership: a study on nonprofit and higher education collaboration" in conjunction with Iowa Campus Compact.

Velma J. MacMillan Assistant Professor of Piano **Brett Wolgast**, along with piano instructors **Abbie Brewer**, **Julia Middleton Titus '76** and **Marita Wolgast**, performed in the "Iowa All-Stars" concert at the Iowa Music Teachers Association State Conference in June.

George Baker Professor of Business Administration and Economics **Mickey Wu** retired after 40 years at Coe. He was instrumental in the success of the Spellman Research Program and in establishing the women's varsity soccer program.



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