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Fall Term is always such a special time on campus. As the leaves fall and our famous squirrels prepare for winter, campus comes alive with students filling the residence halls and classrooms once again. The season also brings alumni back to campus for the annual Homecoming festivities, and this fall, former coaches and athletes returned to celebrate Coe's history of athletic achievements at the 25th anniversary ceremony for the Barron Bremner Outstanding Athlete Award.

Events like these allow us to reflect on the rich tradition of the college and what it means to us. The Coe tradition is the commitment we make to our students to provide them a transformative education that prepares them for careers and for purposeful lives after college. It is our faculty and staff who challenge, support and encourage our students every step of the way. It is our extraordinary community that warmly welcomes our students and makes them feel at home. And it is that feeling students and alumni get when they step onto campus — that feeling that they are in a truly remarkable place, one unlike any other.

Each and every day here at Coe, we strive to maintain that special quality. This effort does not come without its challenges, but we continue to rise up and meet them head on. And we do so by honoring Coe's distinctive character and traditions, while also innovating and embracing change. By adding to and enhancing our facilities, academic programs and extracurricular sports and activities, we are giving our students opportunities and experiences that will benefit them long after they graduate, while still staying true to what makes us uniquely Coe.

We would not be able to carry on the Coe tradition without generous supporters like you. To see the impact you have on our students, I encourage you to view our 2018-19 Annual Report beginning on Page 21. This report goes beyond the numbers to provide a comprehensive overview of the last fiscal year. You will see a timeline of key events in the life of the college, as well as a highlight reel of what we have been able to accomplish thanks to the generous contributions of Coe alumni, parents and friends.

Although Coe will grow and change with the times, the spirit of the college will remain the same. From Homecoming to Flunk Day to an ordinary Tuesday, the tradition of Coe is alive and well — and we would not have it any other way.

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

CURRENT NEWS AND EVENTS IN KOHAWK NATION

NEW COLLEGE INITIATIVES HELP KOHAWKS EXPLORE CAREER POSSIBILITIES

Coe always has been a place for students to pursue their interests and find their purpose. To further help Kohawks determine their paths through life, the college has implemented two new initiatives focused on vocation and entrepreneurship.

Over the summer, the college secured a \$10,000 professional development grant from the Network for Vocation in Undergraduate Education (NetVUE) to help faculty and staff enrich their knowledge of vocation and purpose initiatives and build skills to better serve students.

Before classes started in August, Coe held a retreat for key faculty from multiple

disciplines and staff from C3: Creativity, Careers, Community; the Learning Commons; the Advancement Office and the Office of the Provost. Together, the team explored the meaning of vocation and determined actions it could take immediately and long-term to enable the entire Coe community to help students discover their purpose. The group gathered again in the fall with additional faculty and staff to assess individual progress toward collective goals and further develop its course of action.

As Kohawks explore vocation and purpose options, they now also have the ability to learn more about entrepreneurship through a new partnership between Coe and the New Bohemian Innovation

Collaborative Inc. (NewBoCo), a nonprofit organization located in Cedar Rapids that focuses on designing and executing products and services that will create a thriving ecosystem for education, innovation and entrepreneurial thinking. The partnership created an on-campus Entrepreneur-in-Residence position staffed by Coe alumnus and NewBoCo Chief Relationship Officer **David Tominsky '98**.

To kick off the partnership, Tominsky led two sessions for students titled Entrepreneurship 101 earlier this fall. The sessions covered the basics of getting started with a business model as well as the steps people take to identify customers, generate revenue and deliver value as they launch new business ideas.

Students also had the opportunity to practice entrepreneurial skills at the second-annual Kohawk Startup, a 24-hour entrepreneurship and innovation event, where they worked in teams to turn an idea into action and build a business around the idea. Thanks to generous support from entrepreneur, author and motivational speaker **Mark Harris '85**, cash prizes totaling \$10,000 were awarded to the winning teams.

After Kohawk Startup, NewBoCo and C3 will host sessions throughout the year to help students develop a deeper understanding of entrepreneurship. In addition, dedicated space has been established on campus for one-on-one entrepreneurial coaching. "Our goal is to infuse entrepreneurship into the Coe experience," Tominsky said.

C3 and NewBoCo are working together to provide Kohawks the tools to turn ideas into reality. "Knowing what it takes to create a business and how to find the resources to scale that business are a few of the goals we have," Tominsky said. "Whether a student starts their own business or simply learns what it takes to do so, we believe Kohawks will be more prepared for life after graduation."

To learn more about or to support these efforts, contact C3 co-directors Barb Tupper at btupper@coe.edu or Marty St. Clair at mstclair@coe.edu.



CRIMSON, GOLD AND GREEN



Coe began adding green to its crimson and gold last July in the form of the Gage Memorial Union green roof. The roof literally came alive with the help of multiple varieties of succulent plants. During fall, blooms showcased Coe's signature crimson and gold colors.

In addition to helping keep Iowa's waterways clean, the roof plantings will reduce water runoff, provide air purification, help regulate indoor temperature and ultimately save on energy costs. The plants are sun, wind and drought tolerant and require little to no maintenance.

"The Gage green roof is the newest addition to Coe's sustainability efforts

and is a visible demonstration of our commitment to sustainable practices on campus," said Vice President for Finance and Administration Larry Lee. "This is another opportunity for students to study sustainability in an urban environment and follows our strategic plan to enhance environmental and sustainability programs."

The green roof was made possible through a joint partnership with Coe's Student Senate and the city of Cedar Rapids' stormwater cost-share program. The college also benefitted from a grant from the Alliant Energy Foundation. Coe also installed rain gardens and bioswales over the summer to aid in the reduction of contaminants entering storm drains and

to keep water from running off onto the campus' three miles of sidewalk.

"Student Senate is continuously looking to find ways we can support the needs and desires of students across campus in a way that improves their experience. This project allowed us to increase greenery and beautify the campus, which is something students have been looking for in the last few years," Student Body President **Constance Schlitter '20** said. "Coe is committed to sustainability and satisfaction of their students. This project helps the local environment in a way that brings students joy and pride across campus, serving both purposes."

LIBRARY READING ROOM HONORS BLACK HISTORY AT COE

Students studying in Stewart Memorial Library now can learn about diversity and the black experience at Coe in the newly established Coe College Black Alumni Association (CCBAA) reading room. Guided by its mission to honor black history and chart a course for the future of diversity at Coe, CCBAA raised funds to sponsor the reading room in an effort to establish a visible presence on campus.

The idea for the project came about at a 2016 reunion in St. Louis, Missouri. "The CCBAA decided to seek opportunities to give back to Coe," said CCBAA committee

member **Hank Taylor '75**. "A committee was formed and presented several options for graduates to give back to our school. One of these options included raising funds to support providing something lasting on campus to highlight the history of the black experience at Coe, which led to the idea of sponsoring a reading room in the library."

After reaching its fundraising goal, the committee worked with the college to develop the various components of the room. These include a timeline of black history at Coe under the glass top of the

conference table, a timeline charting the evolution of CCBAA on the wall and a plaque detailing a list of demands presented to the college administration in 1968 by black students seeking equality on Coe's campus. Etched on the door of the reading room is a statement recognizing the donors who contributed to the project, along with a list of their names.

CCBAA's next reunion will take place at Coe during Homecoming 2020 and will give members the opportunity to see the reading room firsthand, with the potential for a formal dedication event.



ALUMNI JOIN TRUSTEES

KRISTIN PATTERSON LENZ '96, TIM SAGERS '97, SHIRLEY HUGHES '67 AND SUMIT NIJHAWAN '93 HAVE BEEN INSTALLED IN 2019 AS THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF THE COE COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.



Lenz earned her degree in elementary education from Coe and taught for seven years in the Cedar Rapids Community School District. After moving to Wisconsin in 2003, she became a community advocate while staying home with her five children. Lenz helped start The Children's Museum of Fond du Lac where she also wrote curriculum and programming while serving on the board of directors. She has been active in her children's schools and programs mentoring young moms. Lenz also served on the board of directors for the local art center.

Lenz's passion for interior design and hospitality has developed into a growing business, White Arrows Home. She consults with decor clients, assists companies with their social media, writes lifestyle and decorating articles and co-hosts "The Cabincast" podcast. You can also find her helping with visitor services for the family business, Lenz Truck Center.

Lenz and her husband, **Brian Lenz '96**, are active alumni, making annual visits to Coe with their family each Homecoming, attending alumni events and staying connected to Kohawk mentors, coaches and friends. Their oldest child, Kallin, is a current Coe student.



Sagers earned his degree in biology and general science from Coe and his medical degree from the University of Iowa. He is

board certified in family medicine and has practiced at MercyCare Community Physicians in Cedar Rapids since 2004.

He is also a medical director at MercyCare Business Health Solutions. Sagers is a member of the American Association for Physician Leadership, American Medical Association, Iowa Medical Association and Linn County Medical Society. He was nominated for a Patient Advocate Award in 2017.

Sagers and his wife, Laura, live in Cedar Rapids. Their son, Ben, is a 2018 graduate of Coe.



Hughes was elected the first woman chair of Johnson C. Smith University's Board of Trustees in April 2016. She previously served as vice chair and has been a member of Charlotte, North Carolina's Historically Black College and University's (HBCU) board since 2004. In 2015, she was inducted into the university's Golden Bull 1867 Giving Society, honoring her long-standing philanthropic commitment to the university.

Hughes retired in 2005 from her executive officer position as senior vice president of human resources at Ceridian Corporation, where she was responsible for global human resources strategy and the company's community and philanthropic initiatives. Prior to that, her 35-year corporate career includes vice president of human resources for Mercy Health Services (now Trinity Health) of Farmington Hills, Michigan.

Previously, she served on the board of directors of the Foundation of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota; the Corporate Blue Cross Board Inc.; and Graywolf Press, a premier national nonprofit literary publisher.

She is actively involved in professional and local branches of national community organizations including Minneapolis-St.

Paul chapter of the Links Inc.; former president of the Minneapolis-St. Paul chapter of GirlFriends Inc.; and as a steward of St. Peter's A.M.E. Church.

She has participated on various Twin Cities-based nonprofit boards, such as Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Greater Twin Cities and Second Harvest Heartland. Her long-standing civic and philanthropic giving was recognized by the National Center for Black Philanthropy during its Twin Cities conference in 2005.

Hughes is a native of Minneapolis, Minnesota, where she currently resides. In her free time, she is an enthusiastic book club member and is active in the lives of her extended family and godchildren.



Nijhawan is the president and CEO of Ruffalo Noel Levitz (RNL), a company serving colleges, universities and nonprofits by providing strategies for inspired and relevant engagement in enrollment, student success and fundraising. Nijhawan is an active board member and an executive advisor to data and analytics companies. He also serves on the Carter Center's Philanthropy Council.

Prior to joining RNL in 2018, Nijhawan was the CEO and president of Infogix, where he was responsible for leading company strategy, operations and customer partnerships. His other experiences include leadership roles at Blue Cross Blue Shield Association, SPSS Inc. and PwC.

Nijhawan earned his degree in physics and chemistry from Coe and his doctorate in engineering from Brown University, and he attended the Program for Leadership Development at Harvard Business School.

Nijhawan and his wife, Anmol, live in Aurora, Illinois, and have two children.



COE COLLEGE CONTINUES TO SET ENROLLMENT RECORDS

Over the past seven years, Coe has welcomed the college's largest classes in its 168-year history. On August 17, 428 new Kohawks arrived from 260 cities, 23 states and nine countries across the world. Over half of Coe's incoming first-year students are from outside the state, and the Class of 2023 is one of the most diverse classes in Coe's history.

Higher education has proved to be a highly competitive market the last few years. Coe is bucking the trend by providing academic excellence at an affordable price. The school's superior academics continue to attract high school graduates ranking at the top of their class.

And 99% of all Coe students receive financial aid, more often than not, making it more affordable than a state school.

Coe College ranks as the best school for internships in Iowa and No. 15 nationally out of more than 4,000 colleges and universities. "I completed an internship with St. Luke's Teaching Interventions to Empower and Strengthen Families (TIES) Program where I was able to see the psychological concepts I've learned in the classroom applied to real-life situations," said psychology major **Grady Rudsell '21**. "This internship helped me advance my professional skill set and gave me a better sense of what I am capable of."

"The current market for higher education is challenging, but our academics and hands-on learning experiences are unequaled," said Vice President for Enrollment, Marketing & Institutional Effectiveness **Julie Staker '93**. "Coe's network of alumni as well as business and community partners provide the opportunity for our students to gain early access in areas of interest through observations, internships or research opportunities. These early experiences allow students to find out what they truly are passionate about."




428
NEW KOHAWKS


23
STATES


260
CITIES

BARRON BREMNER OUTSTANDING ATHLETE AWARD

— 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION —

A QUARTER CENTURY OF ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENTS

A full moon and Friday the 13th were reasons for celebration, as opposed to superstition, this year. And to celebrate, Kohawk athletes, visitors and friends of Coe convened at the beautifully decorated Kohawk Arena. Attendees were greeted by smooth jazz undertones, the celebratory clinking of glasses and excitement.

Coe was fortunate to reunite many of the former Barron Bremner Outstanding Athlete Award recipients, **Curt Menefee '87**, Ginne Bremner (wife of the late Barron Bremner) and the Strohm family for the 25th anniversary of the Barron Bremner Outstanding Athlete Award.

"Few colleges have an award as prestigious as the Barron Bremner Outstanding Athlete Award," said head wrestling coach John Oostendorp, who has been at Coe for all but one of the 25 years the award has been presented and has witnessed six of his wrestlers honored as Male Outstanding Athlete. "It adds to our athletic tradition of excellence and sets Coe apart from other small schools, and to have a chance to celebrate a significant anniversary like this makes for a special moment at Coe."

The first Outstanding Athlete Award Ceremony was held in 1995 to honor individual athletic success and showcase the accomplishments of Coe athletes. The award was aptly renamed the Barron Bremner Outstanding Athlete Award in 2001 in honor of Bremner's many years of outstanding service to the college, its students and community. "Barron's personality was larger than life," **Kristin Strohm '05** said. "His legacy embodies the spirit of Division III athletics."

John Strohm '79 and his wife, Mary Pat Link, have generously established an endowed fund to annually provide awards to the top three Coe female athletes and

the top three Coe male athletes. John was instrumental in renaming the award after his wrestling coach and the man who recruited him and his two sisters to Coe. "He was a top recruiter for Coe for the better part of three decades," Kristin said.

Since its inception, the Barron Bremner Outstanding Athlete Award has recognized an elite group of athletes, the best of the best. It has recognized 25 male and female winners and 100 runner-up athletes, essentially a community within the already established Coe community.

When describing his connection to Coe, Menefee said, "The sense of community at Coe keeps me coming back. It's such a tight-knit group, a community that ties you all together. And tonight's event is a great example of this."

"We believe student-athletes are developing characteristics and building the foundation for the rest of their life," Kristin said. "The Kohawk badge is one I will always wear."

Menefee explained many students who come to Coe come to play a sport and to perform academically. "They put the work in," Menefee said. "Many of them play DIII and still earn a 4.0 [grade point average]."

The Strohm family continues to offer their generous support for Coe athletics. "We believe student-athletes are developing characteristics and building the foundation for the rest of their life," Kristin said. "The Kohawk badge is one I will always wear."

Each year, outstanding athletes are nominated by their coaches. Nominees then are forwarded to a private voting committee that chooses the winners.

"There is no redshirting at Coe, no athletic scholarships and no 90,000 seat stadium," Kristin told the attendees. "A Coe education isn't about these things; it's

about how you're able to compete."

Typically, the sports of the award winners receive \$4,000 for special projects. This year, to celebrate the 25th anniversary, the Strohm family distributed \$15,000 to each of the winner's sports, and the sport of each runner up received \$5,000.

The Barron Bremner Outstanding Athlete Award has recognized the likes of two-time recipient and former Buffalo Bills player **Fred Jackson '03** and **Carey Bender '95**, who also played for the Bills. "Let's raise a glass to Coe College and to Barron Bremner," Kristin said.

The 2019 award winners were **Alyssa Olson '19** (softball) and **Zach Kammin '21** (baseball). Nominees included **Lauren French '19** (tennis), **Darby Manternach '22** (swimming), **Taylor Mehmen '20** (wrestling) and **Nolan Timp '19** (basketball).

President David McNally wrapped the program on a high note. "Thanks to the Strohm family for their transformative support of this institution," McNally said, "our college has a champion of its own and that champion is the Strohm family."

Along with his heartfelt thanks, McNally proudly announced new varsity and club sports offerings, made possible by the generosity of the Strohm family and several members of the Board of Trustees.

Varsity Sports:

- Women's Bowling
- Men's Volleyball
- Co-ed Clay Target Team
- Women's Triathlon

Club Sports:

- Men's Triathlon
- Men's Bowling
- Co-ed Archery
- Co-ed Climbing

When asked about Strohm family support for the new athletic offerings, Kristin said, "We are honored to be able to participate in thinking through the next phase of Coe. The last 25 years of Coe athletics sets the stage for the next 25 years of Coe athletics."



❶ Ginne Bremner ❷ Trustee Dave Carson '72, Dougie Peters '81 and Board of Trustees Chair Ken Golder '82 ❸ Trustee Kristin Strohm '05 ❹ Life Trustee Jack Evans '70
 ❺ Clayton Rush '11, Curt Menefee '87, Alyssa Olson '19, Trustee John Strohm '79, Zach Kammin '21 and Nikki Claussen '95 ❻ Emme Penry, Reid Galbraith '13, Mary Pat Link, Shelly Galbraith, Trustee Kristin Strohm '05 and Kelly Strohm Galbraith '13 ❼ The Bremner family with John Strohm '79, Mary Pat Link and Curt Menefee '87

— THE KOHAWK BASEBALL TEAM'S —

MEMORABLE 2019 SEASON

WAS ONE FOR THE COE RECORD BOOKS

The team advanced to the NCAA Division III Super Regional tournament with a program record of 37 wins and a winning percentage of .822, the best in the nation. The Kohawks won their first regular season conference championship since 2011 with a 22-2

American Rivers Conference record. Ten players earned All-ARC honors and seven received D3Baseball.com All-Central Region accolades. Head Coach Steve Cook was named both ARC Coach of the Year and D3Baseball.com All-Central Region Coach of the Year.



FOR MORE KOHAWK SPORTS INFORMATION

including highlights from the fall season and information
about Coe's award-winning athletes, go to

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REDEFINING "Always a Kohawk"

Generally, when someone discusses their education, they talk about the school where they completed their education, not where it began. Especially if they graduated with a doctorate from an Ivy League institution. That is...unless you're a Coe grad.

President and CEO of Ruffalo Noel Levitz (RNL) Dr. **Sumit Nijhawan '93** gave the opening presentation at the 2019 RNL National Conference. The first college he mentioned during his speech was Coe College. In fact, that was the only college he mentioned throughout his 27-minute talk.

When discussing the future of higher education marketing, Nijhawan thought back to his own college experience that began August 28, 1989. He made his college decision based on the combination of "the right amount of financial aid, admission deadlines and a brochure with a photo that made Cedar Rapids look like the next New York City."

Nijhawan didn't have a specific major in mind, just a dream. "My dream was to go to an Ivy League college and someday become a CEO." After arriving at Coe, he thought to achieve his dream he was going to have to transfer very quickly.

Transferring to another college seemed to be his only option, until the following week, when he met physics professor Dr. Steven "Doc" Feller. Nijhawan was traveling from department to department in search of a work-study position. Doc spent an entire hour with him going over his dreams and aspirations. Following their discussion, Doc agreed to give him a work-study position. "But you should take some physics classes; it's good for you," Doc said.

"It was between working in the cafeteria and taking some physics classes. So I signed up for general physics," Nijhawan said. During their conversation, Doc offered him a research position, invited him to join the Physics Club and discussed the achievements of current Kohawks and alumni who studied physics at Coe. "He made physics sound cool," Nijhawan said.

"The strength of the physics curriculum, the excitement of research and the personal connections I made all added to the realization that a Coe education could help me achieve my academic and career aspirations," Nijhawan said.

Doc removed any barriers in the way of his students' success. He secured free summer housing because they couldn't afford it and got them part-time jobs at the science museum to ease any financial burdens. Doc even arranged the class schedule around his six advanced physics students' sleep habits. "The Class of 1993 was one of, if not the best, classes I've ever had. They are all gifted individuals," Doc said.

After graduating from Coe in 1993, Nijhawan earned his doctorate at Brown University. "During a trip to Brown, I stayed with Sumit and several other Coe grads. They even cooked for me. Just because a student graduates, it doesn't mean they are done with Coe," Doc said with a smile.

In fact, many physics graduates stay in touch with the department and feel compelled to give back. "We've been able to call on former physics students who work all around the world to secure internships for Coe students that have led to jobs," Doc said. "Two of the more well-known internships include former physics students who work at Google and Corning."

Nijhawan is certainly one of those students who felt the urge to give back. He hosted research interns when he was in graduate school at Brown, has attended physics reunions and just in the last year helped with Coe's new entrepreneurial learning event, Kohawk Startup. And Nijhawan recently was appointed to Coe's Board of Trustees.

"Make the most of the liberal arts education that Coe provides. Use every opportunity every day to learn something new and, most importantly, set high standards for yourself," Nijhawan said. "There is nothing that one cannot achieve with the combination of hard work and a Coe education."

And today, Nijhawan is living his dream...he went to an Ivy League college and is the CEO of Ruffalo Noel Levitz.

As CEO, it was Nijhawan's honor to present Doc with the first-ever RNL Impact Award.



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Costs	\$30,000		Bypass Gain	\$ 4,760
Gain	\$20,000	TAX SAVINGS	Tax Savings	\$18,500
		\$18,500	Total Saved	\$23,260

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TRUSTEE
DAVE LUSSON '87

As a Challenge Leader for Kohawk Day 2019, Trustee Dave Lusson '87 donated \$145,000 worth of stock to Coe — and it only cost him \$34,000.

He was able to avoid capital gains tax and realize an income tax savings while making a major impact on Coe students. Like many Kohawks, Dave has a special place in his heart for Coe, and it is important to him to give back to the college that helped shape him into the person he is today. In his own words, "Having the opportunity to give and make a difference in the lives of the young leaders of tomorrow is a really cool thing when you think about it. A feel good thing!"



Level 2019

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Fun was the name of the game at this year's Homecoming festivities.

Alumni, friends and community members returned to campus for a memorable weekend filled with reunions, activities and classic arcade games. Outstanding Kohawks were honored with awards and Hall of Fame inductions, and the Class of 1969 celebrated their golden reunion. Additionally, the Alumni Council raised more than \$8,400 at their annual silent auction to support on-campus and off-campus study experiences for students.





The 2019 Athletic Hall of Fame inductees were (left to right) **Brian Lenz '96** (football, baseball, track and field), **Amy Ernst Muesel '05** (softball), **Dougie Peters '81** (equipment manager), **Tanner Pump '00** (indoor/outdoor track and field), **Tiffany Foster Resig '03** (cross country, track and field) and **Nick Barnes '04** (tennis).



Alumni Council honors three of Coe's finest

The 2019 Homecoming celebration featured the annual All-Alumni Recognition Program presented by the Coe College Alumni Council. Amy Marquardt '09 was the recipient of the Young Alum Award, Bill Schmarzo '79 was honored with the Alumni Award of Merit and Kevin Welu '86 received the Distinguished Service Award.



Young Alum Award: Amy Marquardt '09

Amy Marquardt graduated from Coe a mere 10 years ago, but she already has made a notable impact in the scientific community. After earning her bachelor's degree in physics from Coe, Marquardt went on to the University of Maryland where she earned her doctorate in materials science and engineering in 2015. While studying for her doctorate, she performed research on the use of atomic layer deposited (ALD) coatings to protect historical artifacts from corrosion. She completed a predoctoral fellowship at the Smithsonian Institution's Museum Conservation Institute in Washington, D.C., and after graduation went on to conduct postdoctoral research at the University of Colorado Boulder and Northwestern University.

Since 2017, Marquardt has worked as a senior associate at Exponent Failure Analysis Associates in California. She specializes in materials characterization relating to the production, fabrication and characterization of thin films. Her research expertise has applications in anti-corrosion coating, semiconductor processing and advanced optics coatings. She has contributed to two patents and numerous publications, including a journal article on glass research with Coe professors Mario Affatigato and Steve Feller.

Marquardt already has been recognized many times in her career with several honors and awards. While in graduate school, she was awarded first place and received the People's Choice Award in the international Universitas 21 Three Minute Thesis competition, in which she communicated the significance of her research in just three minutes. She was awarded a GEMS Diamond Ranking by the American Ceramics Society for her work using ALD coatings in art conservation and received the Distinguished Dissertation Award from the University of Maryland Department of Materials Science & Engineering in 2016.

While at Coe, Marquardt cultivated her love of science by participating in Physics Club and Chemistry Club and also was a member of Mortar Board and Alpha Sigma Alpha. As an alumna, she has maintained her connection with Coe by attending events in Washington, D.C., and Denver, as well as taking part in physics reunions.



Young Alum Award recipient **Amy Marquardt '09**, Alumni Award of Merit recipient **Bill Schmarzo '79** and Distinguished Service Award recipient **Kevin Welu '86**.



Alumni Award of Merit: Bill Schmarzo '79

In the world of big data, Bill Schmarzo is a big deal. Since graduating from Coe in 1979 with his degree in mathematics, computer science and business, he has built a remarkable career in data warehousing, business intelligence and analytics and has earned recognition on an international scale as a visionary in his field.

After completing his education at Coe, Schmarzo earned his MBA from the University of Iowa in 1981. Over the years he has held many roles in the data and technology industry, including vice president of analytics at Yahoo and chief technology officer (CTO) at Dell EMC. He is now the CTO of Internet of Things (IoT) and analytics at Hitachi Vantara. In this role, Schmarzo guides technology strategy and drives the company's "co-creation" efforts, working with select clients to leverage IoT and analytics to power digital business transformations.

Throughout his career, Schmarzo has proven himself to be a leader and innovator on many fronts. He created the Vision Workshop methodology that links an organization's strategic business initiatives with their supporting data and analytic requirements. He has authored two books, "Big Data: Understanding How Data Powers Big Business" and "Big Data MBA: Driving Business Strategies with Data Science."

He also serves on the board of advisors for DataRPM and previously served on the city of San Jose Innovation and Technology Advisory Board. Schmarzo is a passionate blogger and speaker on the application of big data and advanced analytics to drive an organization's major business initiatives. He has been ranked the No. 4 Big Data influencer, No. 4 Data Science influencer and No. 6 Digital Transformation influencer worldwide by Onalytica. In addition, Schmarzo shares his expertise with students in the classroom as an executive fellow at the University of San Francisco School of Management, where he teaches a course titled Big Data MBA. He also has served on the faculties of Strata and The Data Warehouse Institute and is an honorary professor at J.E. Cairnes School of Business & Economics at the National University of Ireland Galway.

When he was a student at Coe, Schmarzo was an outstanding athlete on the Kohawk basketball team, earning two-time All-American honors and induction into the Coe Athletics Hall of Fame in 1994. He also played trumpet in the jazz band. As an alumnus, he has attended many Homecoming celebrations and campus events. Schmarzo and his wife, **Carolyn Brainard Schmarzo '79**, have long been generous supporters of the college and are members of the Heritage Club. They live in Palo Alto, California, and are the proud parents of Amelia, Alex and **Max Schmarzo '15**.



Distinguished Service Award: Kevin Welu '86

Serving others is at the core of everything Kevin Welu does — in his career, his community and at Coe. Welu graduated in 1986 with a degree in mathematics and has since spent over 30 years helping clients in the financial planning and wealth management industry. He has worked for several companies in Cedar Rapids during his career including AEGON and The Wealth Management Center. He is currently a managing partner at TrueNorth Wealth Management. Welu believes in building strong relationships with his clients in order to provide them with personalized, exceptional service that helps them achieve their unique goals.

Community involvement and philanthropy always have been important to Welu. He has served the Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation in several capacities, including as chair of the board of directors, the executive committee and the investment committee. He served as chair of the board for Lutheran Services in Iowa Charitable Foundation for nine years and is currently a member of the investment committee. He also has served on the boards of Bremwood Children's Home in Waverly and the Linn County American Cancer Society. While these are the highlights of Welu's community involvement, the list does not end there. He has volunteered on many other projects and subcommittees, coached football and Little League and is an active member of First Lutheran Church.

Coe holds a special place in Welu's heart, and he has selflessly devoted his time, talent and treasure to the college in many ways. He served on the former Board of Visitors and is now a member of the newly established President's Advisory Council. In his days as a student, Welu was a standout pole vaulter and All-American track and field athlete, and as an alumnus he has volunteered as an assistant on the Kohawk track team.

Welu is frequently spotted at Coe events in Cedar Rapids and the surrounding area. He has attended numerous Homecomings, golf outings and Day of Giving celebrations. He even helped start the annual tradition of company visits on Day of Giving when he wanted to show his #KohawkDay pride with fellow Kohawks in his workplace by decorating their office in Coe swag and providing a special gathering for them.

Welu is consistently willing to serve as an alumnus voice for various initiatives by assisting in search processes for key roles at Coe, participating in focus groups, stakeholder assessments and more. He and his wife, Nancy Schneider, are generous donors to the college and are members of the Heritage Club, through which they will leave a legacy that will benefit Coe students for generations to come.



Reunions

1. Celebrating their 50th reunion at the Class of 1969 dinner were **Johanna Josephson Abernathy, Paul Beilfuss, Linda Wood Frickie, Sylvia Perry Hain, Sue Holland Herrman, Ruby Jones, Wade Nelson, Jim Shold, Cheryl Spath-Karges, Judy Blake Thompson, R.E. Wooldridge, Carol Rodenberger Wooldridge and Mary Nimmer Wortman.**
2. Attending the Class of 1979 40th reunion reception were **John Becker, Michael Becker, Jane McCormick Brower, Bob Dahms, John Hearn, Monte Heinemeyer, Terry Kahle, Jim Long, Beth Freedman Maseman, Jude Milbert, Dan Mills, Matt Novak, Steve Ruckman, Bill Schmarzo, Carolyn Brainard Schmarzo, Peggy Wittmer, Jay Struve, Steve Schnoebelen and Steve Taggart.**
3. The classes of 1983-85 gathered for a 35th cluster reunion. Classmates in attendance were: Class of 1983 – **Steve Howes and Kevin Ogle.** Class of 1984 – **Barbara Konrardy Clendenen, Edwina Lewis Graham, Lynette Johnson Heckenberg, Terri Edwards Howes, Melissa Pohl McCoy, Peggy Kelly Rader, Diane Hernandez Thierer and Susan Erday Davis.** Class of 1985 – **Bruce Benson, Dick Kaufmann, Dan Oberbroeckling, Bob Possehl, David Carter, John Llewellyn and Laurie Hibbard Llewellyn.**
4. The classes of 2003-05 gathered for a 15th cluster reunion. Classmates in attendance were: Class of 2003 – **Brad Curtin, Gina Flint, Zach Fromm and Erin McGuire.** Class of 2004 – **Nick Barnes, Natalie Hibler Ford, Rachel Gearhart, Nick Goins, Jamie Sheridan Goins, Mike Kastner, Hilary Mayhew Kastner, Sara Miller McFall, Kathleen Hudson Poshusta, Rishi Vajpeyi, Marlo Tranholm Van Doren, Mike Saluri, Sean Pearl, Cindy Preston and Abby Sweet Schmitz.** Class of 2005 – **Olivia Hocker Curtin, Sarah Hemming-Meyer, Carly Gates Katz, Abbey Graham Thomas, Lindsey Bowen Vajpeyi, Dish Dobson Pearl, Brandon Schmitz and Lindsay Ramaekers O'Shea.**
5. Celebrating their 10th reunion at the Class of 2009 reception were **Liz Lloyd Anderson, Thea Curtin Bedell, Chris Chambliss, Brooke Determan, Melissa Entzinger, Molly Fiala Garber, Rebecca Reedy Hammes, Liz Reedy Kelliher, Ian Hempe, Katie Flores Kunz, Liz Rizzi Lapp, Jaimie Lynch, Amy Marquardt, Adleigh Schwager Ramey, Brittni Hamdorf Reifschneider, Whitney Wagner Saunders, Abby Frick Snyder, Luke Viertel, Andrew Visser, Gary Webb, Chandra Hale Wiezorek, Jordan Wilkens, Ashley Axdahl Wilkens and Tiffany Jackson Sawyer.**

Never a goodbye. Always a "see you later."

The following excerpts and photos came from a blog written by **Jessy Holen '19**.

The blog may be read in its entirety at www.kohawktalkwomenssoccer.weebly.com/see-you-later.html.

...As I begin my final trek from Iowa to California in mere days, I cannot ignore the facts any longer. I cannot wish for the past. I cannot pretend I didn't end my soccer career, graduate and suddenly become thrust into the "real world." Whether I've accepted it or not, it happened. I will not be returning to Iowa this fall.

...Never again will I anticipate Flunk Day or eat cereal for dinner for the fourth time in a week. Never again will I walk the sidewalks of Coe to the tune of the cicadas or witness the seasons unfold to the landscape of corn. Everything I have known and loved for the past four years is done.

*...A mere memory and
four-year blur.*

...No one told me how hard this transition would be. I can't be the only one hurting, can I? I can't be the only one struggling to just "move on." I can't be the only one wishing I could start my college days all over again. I can't be the only one with a sudden identity crisis...right?

...Five years ago, I began the college search. Not knowing where I would end up, my mom suggested I check out a small liberal arts school in Iowa during the fall of my senior year.

"Where!?"
"Iowa in the Midwest," my mom replied.
"Umm yeah, no thanks."

...Next thing I knew, I was on a flight to Iowa...the first of 16 in my four years to come. Coe was the first school I visited where I felt at home. I loved the red brick buildings. The faculty and staff. The students. The classrooms. The coaches and team. The facilities. The Victory Bell. The endless opportunities. The surrounding city. The friendliness. The school spirit. The seasons. Most importantly, I loved that I could be myself. In one short weekend I found my four-year home.

...So, four years came and went and suddenly I traded a jersey for a cap/gown and textbooks for a diploma. My world was rocked. Who am I without school? Who am I without soccer? Who am I beyond Coe?

...Thank you for molding me into who I am today. Thank you for giving me a home-away-from-home. Thank you for making it so hard to say, "see you later."

...And finally, to current me, the past is not made to be relived. Look forward more than you look back. Commemorate the moments behind you, but don't dwell. Eighteen-year-old you would expect nothing less. No matter where life takes you, Coe will never be far from your heart. After all, it's had such an immense impact on the person you are right now. Run with it and go seek the crazy whirlwind life you desire. Life is for the living. The living is for now. Now is your time.

...And remember, once a Kohawk, always a Kohawk.

Throughout Jessy Holen's time at Coe, she utilized the services of C3: Creativity, Careers, Community. Thanks to C3 Co-Director **Barb Tupper '89**, Holen already had been introduced (via FaceTime) to FOX NFL Sunday co-host **Curt Menefee '87**. Tupper was able to arrange an in-person meeting for Holen and Menefee while he was on campus this past May.

"I had 15 minutes to talk to Mr. Menefee, and somewhere along our chat he asked me if I would be willing to fly home (to California) in June for a production assistant position on a new TV show he'd be working on," Holen said.

The self-proclaimed "avid reality TV watcher" and communications and public relations major was given the opportunity to fulfill one of her dreams.

"I think the best part of this story is a Kohawk helping a Kohawk. I kept reminding [Menefee] that I couldn't wait to be able to do this for a future Kohawk one day," Holen said. "Who would've known that Cedar Rapids would be the enzyme in my big Hollywood dreams!?"

*...and remember,
once a Kohawk, always a Kohawk.*



Thank you for molding me into who I am today.

-Jessy Holey '19



KOHAWKS CARE FOR VETERANS

THROUGH NURSING PARTNERSHIP

As Coe forges ahead with plans for the Center for Health and Society — the next key initiative in the Bolder Coe strategic plan — the college has found a valuable community partner in the Iowa City VA Health Care System. Over the past two years, Coe's nursing program has established a partnership with the VA that provides additional clinical experiences to Coe nursing students and allows them to serve the nation's veterans.

Under the direction of Coe nursing alumna **Judith Johnson-Mekota '91**, the Iowa City VA is a unique health care system that provides some of the best opportunities to see the full impact of care directed at a specific at-risk population. The organization's mission is to improve the quality of care across its integrated health care system for veterans, and Coe nursing students have enthusiastically joined in that mission.

"I am delighted that we now have a solid partnership with the VA, and over the last two years the organization has rolled out the red carpet for our nursing students," said Mary Tobin, associate professor of nursing and chair of the Nursing Department at Coe.

According to Tobin, Coe nursing students are known for practicing nursing in an artful way, paying close attention to individualized holistic needs, and the VA offers a remarkable new clinical area for students to practice nursing to the full extent of their Coe education. "Many nursing students have reported that they enjoyed caring for veterans because they got to witness one of the most at-risk populations in the nation," Tobin said.

Sarah Rundlett '19 (left) accepted a position as a registered nurse in the ICU at the VA in June 2019 after completing a challenging preceptorship in that unit in the spring of her senior year. The preceptorship allowed her to practice nursing in a sophisticated way using her analytical skills to improve care for veterans in the ICU. Rundlett found the VA to be an exciting, fast-paced environment that captured her heart as a place where she could make a difference. "I was so glad to have the opportunity for different preceptorships at various hospitals through the Coe nursing program. It allowed me to find the place where I fit best," she said.

Rundlett finds her position at the VA very rewarding because she is able to use her nursing and liberal arts skill sets while caring holistically for the complex veteran population. She finds it challenging to deal with the various health care concerns veterans face, such as PTSD, depression and pain. She also enjoys interacting with the families of the veterans. "I feel a sense of being on a mission at the VA, and the Coe nursing program gave me the necessary skills to make a difference there," she said.

Gaining clinical experience at the VA has allowed students to participate in unique interdisciplinary collaborative relationships to improve specific outcomes for veterans. **Amanda Skarban '18** was involved in a palliative care quality improvement initiative with her preceptor on a cardiac unit, and **Rob Rajic '19** served on the Wound Warriors Pressure Ulcer Prevention Team along with his preceptor. Rajic worked to implement evidence-based interventions to prevent and treat pressure ulcers among hospitalized veterans on a medical cardiac unit.



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While not all Coe nursing students complete clinical rotations at the VA, they all benefit from them in some way. Tobin noted VA preceptorship students regularly share interesting stories in class about innovative care involving complex issues such as pain management, palliative care and unique discharge techniques, such as those for homeless veterans. These clinical experiences enrich class discussions and help all nursing students refine their clinical judgment and apply classroom theory to specific populations.

The partnership between Coe and the VA also has helped support growth in the nursing program. The program cap has increased from 24 spaces to 30, due in part to the additional clinical preceptorships provided by the VA. "This new partnership will continue to bloom into even more opportunities not only for Coe nursing students, but for many other students studying health-related fields," Tobin said. "It will also help the Center for Health and Society bloom at Coe."



Sarah Rundlett '19



— 2018-2019 —

ANNUAL REPORT

Coe has never been more committed to the success of our students and to preserving the values that have allowed Coe to flourish for over 160 years. We are dedicated to providing an intellectually vibrant and robust liberal arts education to prepare our students for life after college.

Your passion for Coe has allowed us to flourish the last 16 decades. Thank you for your support and investment in our college.

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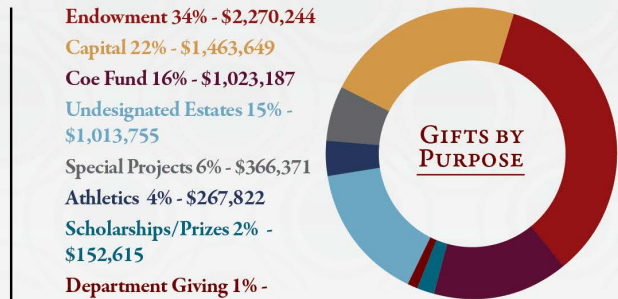
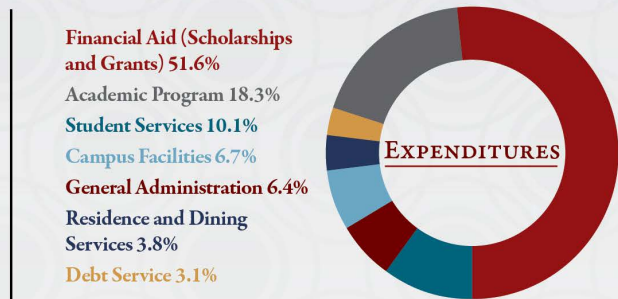
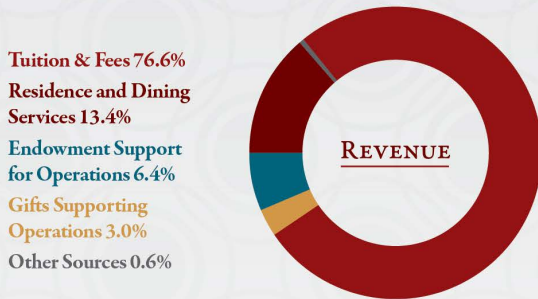


Welcome to the 2018-2019 Coe College Annual Report.

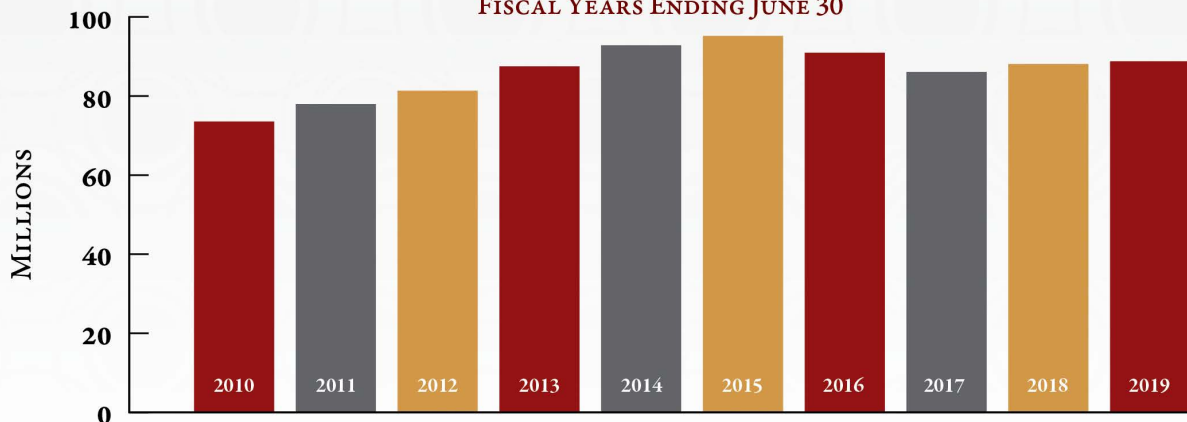
Despite the strong headwinds in higher education that have blown many other colleges off course, this report details the continuing true north navigation enjoyed by Coe. In the 2018-2019 academic year, Coe improved its financial sustainability, lowered its endowment spending, invested in capital improvements, added new programs and celebrated nationally recognized accomplishments by our students, faculty and staff. Record enrollment and improved fundraising continued to enhance the student experience, and Coe also saw a welcomed increase in student retention rates, an area to which we continue to direct intense effort. Be proud of our alma mater — thanks to your support and interest, Coe is thriving and delivering on our mission to provide a first rate and rigorous liberal arts education that touches the lives of our students and others in the community. It has never been a better time to be a Kohawk.

David T. Hayes '93

Vice President for Advancement and Professor of Business Administration and Economics



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THE YEAR IN REVIEW

Your generosity made a big impact during the 2018-19 fiscal year. Here, you will find highlights that would not have been possible without your ongoing support.



JULY

Physics reunion and a Feller farewell

Over 125 alumni, physics faculty, undergraduate student researchers and administration attended the physics reunion last summer to partake in presentations, campus tours, poker, food and more. After 39 years of service at Coe, B.D. Silliman Professor of Physics Dr. Steven "Doc" Feller announced his transition from classroom teaching to research with undergraduates. In honor of Dr. Feller's incredible career and his commitment to teaching and research, an endowed chair will be established in his name. The purpose of the Steven A. Feller Endowed Chair in Physics will be to carry on his work providing students and faculty with a wide range of research opportunities, making science accessible to young people for generations to come.



SEPTEMBER

Founders' Medal Recipient Dr. Bruce Spivey '56

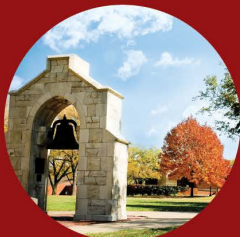
At Homecoming, Coe presented **Dr. Bruce Spivey '56** with the Founders' Medal, Coe's highest honor, in recognition of his remarkable career and extraordinary dedication to the college. Dr. Spivey's impressive and distinguished career spanned over 50 years in the field of medicine and ophthalmology. He also served as a member of Coe College's Board of Trustees for over 30 years and currently holds the title of life trustee. Dr. Spivey was formally awarded the Founders' Medal for "exemplifying in extraordinary degree those qualities of a liberally educated person."



OCTOBER

Career Fair

C3: Creativity, Careers, Community continues to bring "our connections are your connections" alive for Coe students. Our Career Fair in October 2018 brought 53 employers to campus to meet prospective employees and to allow students the opportunity to learn to network and prepare for their own success.



NOVEMBER

Coe College reaccreditation process

After a rigorous process in the fall, Coe once again has earned full accreditation from the Higher Learning Commission, securing the college's status for the next 10 years. Coe has held accreditation from the Higher Learning Commission since 1913.



JANUARY

Dr. Jocelyn Bell Burnell discusses groundbreaking discovery at Contemporary Issues Forum

World-renowned astrophysicist Dr. Jocelyn Bell Burnell delivered a fascinating discussion during the 16th annual Coe College Contemporary Issues Forum. Dr. Bell Burnell is credited with the discovery of the first radio pulsar in 1967, which is considered one of the most significant scientific achievements of the 20th century.



MARCH

Community-Campus Partnership Showcase

When colleges and communities join forces, big things happen. On March 14, Coe College came together with Cedar Rapids-area nonprofit organizations at the Community-Campus Partnership Showcase to honor successful partnerships and build new ones. The showcase, created by Community Engagement under the C3 umbrella, celebrated connections between Coe and the local community by highlighting student experiences as well as faculty who have incorporated partnerships with local community organizations into their course curriculum.



Kansas City Externship

Four days, five companies, over 20 alumni, two networking events — put it all together and you have Coe's Spring Break Externship coordinated by C3 and the Alumni Office. Nineteen students got an inside look at working in various industries in Kansas City, including the Kansas City Chiefs, Hallmark, Cerner, The Roasterie and Science City. Add in a chance to meet alumni and the opportunity to explore Kansas City — and you have an experience full of connections for Coe students.



APRIL

Kohawks secure Bremner Cup

After two years in the hands of the Cornell Rams, the Bremner Cup returned to Coe College. The Kohawks secured the award with a 9-3 lead, making this the fifth year the college will claim the cup since it was established seven years ago.



MAY

Coe students shine

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. "Everyone at Coe was supportive throughout the Truman application process," said Alire, who will receive \$30,000 for graduate school as part of the award.

Nathan Dvorak '19, a Coe College physics and mathematics major, received a Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP) award from the National Science Foundation (NSF). As a GRFP fellow, Dvorak will receive a three-year annual stipend of \$34,000 and a \$12,000 cost-of-education allowance along with opportunities for international research and professional development. "I now have the opportunity to become a Ph.D. student at a Top 10 graduate school in my field," Dvorak said. "I was accepted into the electrical engineering Ph.D. program at University of Michigan."

*Coe continues to be recognized as a top producer of
U.S. FULBRIGHT STUDENTS*



JUNE

Honoring equipment room manager Douglas Peters '81

This spring, a large tribute wall of Dougie doing his signature "wave" was installed and unveiled in the entryway of the new Athletics and Recreation Complex. The wall features a mosaic of photos from alumni, friends, students and Dougie himself through the decades. In addition to the tribute mural, Dougie's equipment room in the lower level of Eby Fieldhouse also has been named in his honor.

Additionally, **Terrence Hall '19** crowdsourced enough funds to send Dougie to Las Vegas, Nevada, where he could enjoy one of his favorite pastimes: playing pinball. Hall said, "The joy Dougie gave me is something I will never forget, and I am happy to do this for him."



WHEN YOU GIVE TO THE COLLEGE, IT IS YOUR WAY OF SAYING YOUR COE EXPERIENCE WAS MEANINGFUL.

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

Class Year	Class Size*	Donors	Giving Totals	Participation Rate	Gift Count
2019	254	67	\$1,113.35	26%	93
2018	257	26	\$1,423.54	10%	36
2017	295	22	\$2,130.00	7%	29
2016	247	24	\$864.00	10%	32
2015	265	21	\$1,292.00	8%	67
2014	252	20	\$929.00	8%	26
2013	269	36	\$5,275.00	13%	117
2012	243	32	\$3,530.99	13%	84
2011	256	26	\$6,053.16	10%	159
2010	235	31	\$6,951.01	13%	68
2009	238	17	\$33,974.85	7%	51
2008	257	32	\$4,493.46	12%	104
2007	261	32	\$5,995.00	12%	66
2006	244	30	\$8,965.44	12%	100
2005	233	28	\$11,130.05	12%	64
2004	222	20	\$6,388.00	9%	47
2003	283	24	\$3,400.00	8%	44
2002	202	30	\$7,889.60	15%	63
2001	232	24	\$2,440.19	10%	42
2000	213	24	\$10,685.00	11%	32
1999	235	31	\$17,638.50	13%	111
1998	223	22	\$5,998.00	10%	34
1997	221	31	\$20,170.00	14%	114
1996	260	36	\$35,246.50	14%	85
1995	211	23	\$15,299.00	11%	58
1994	266	38	\$55,017.08	14%	84
1993	197	32	\$35,523.35	16%	94
1992	200	17	\$15,233.00	9%	32
1991	214	34	\$50,763.35	16%	124
1990	209	27	\$11,717.00	13%	39
1989	167	19	\$37,315.00	11%	73
1988	215	26	\$16,875.00	12%	62
1987	222	27	\$226,080.15	12%	62
1986	215	30	\$11,195.00	14%	42
1985	224	34	\$274,265.00	15%	68
1984	224	26	\$13,145.00	12%	69
1983	212	26	\$12,970.00	12%	67
1982	219	30	\$225,576.70	14%	66
1981	195	38	\$43,905.00	19%	154
1980	159	19	\$47,830.16	12%	29
1979	169	38	\$370,048.66	22%	67

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1978	198	26	\$99,662.16	13%	42
1977	181	35	\$29,275.00	19%	50
1976	195	35	\$33,412.44	18%	81
1975	179	35	\$125,755.79	20%	58
1974	235	76	\$87,086.03	32%	170
1973	158	44	\$59,831.00	28%	75
1972	128	29	\$62,889.00	23%	51
1971	133	34	\$25,590.00	26%	50
1970	139	36	\$123,862.00	26%	74
1969	144	30	\$39,418.20	21%	63
1968	139	50	\$132,580.30	36%	87
1967	119	35	\$19,024.09	29%	47
1966	119	36	\$69,625.00	30%	59
1965	119	52	\$124,710.00	44%	84
1964	81	23	\$38,253.57	28%	32
1963	80	22	\$49,485.96	28%	41
1962	89	26	\$21,834.46	29%	38
1961	79	24	\$44,870.00	30%	47
1960	82	26	\$35,065.00	32%	38
1959	56	18	\$10,615.00	32%	25
1958	49	13	\$6,150.00	27%	21
1957	68	28	\$17,315.00	41%	42
1956	48	23	\$9,915.00	48%	37
1955	40	12	\$4,090.00	30%	14
1954	34	8	\$2,075.00	24%	11
1953	27	11	\$27,905.00	41%	18
1952	31	8	\$2,940.00	26%	11
1951	36	14	\$2,270.00	39%	22
1950	25	9	\$2,130.00	36%	15
1949	23	4	\$430.00	17%	5
1948	16	4	\$2,570.00	25%	5
1947	20	6	\$10,770.00	30%	7
1946	5	1	\$10.00	20%	1
1945	8	1	\$800.00	13%	1
1944	8	3	\$1,230.00	38%	4
1943	7	1	\$125.00	14%	2
1942	8	1	\$50.00	13%	1
Prior to 1942	12	0	\$0	0%	0

*The number of living, solicitable alumni in a given class year.

You Made it Possible

Your support and passion for Coe make it possible. Because of you, these are some highlights of what we were able to accomplish for our students:



Kohawk Day

Over 850 proud Kohawks showed their pride by making a gift to raise over \$527,000 on Coe's annual day of giving. As a new tradition, Kohawk Day unites alumni and friends from around the world for a common cause: supporting Coe's legacy and the student experience.

Batting Cages for Baseball and Softball

Coe College Trustee **Kristin Patterson Lenz '96** and **Brian Lenz '96**, as well as **Jon Reiner '09**, generously provided lead gifts supporting the new batting cage project. A crowdfunding project was launched to help secure additional funding. The first stage of the project is coming to completion now.

Scholarships

At Coe, we are strongly committed to providing students with an attainable and robust education. With over 99% of students receiving financial aid, your support of the Coe Fund helps ensure every student on campus has access to a quality education. With over 250 endowed scholarships, Coe also is able to award a variety of aid to qualifying students.

C3: Creativity, Careers, Community

Our first-ever Kohawk Startup weekend occurred in October 2018, made possible through the generosity of late board member Dr. **David Mehaffy '76**. Twenty-eight students formed eight teams to research and pitch a new business idea — all in a 24-hour period. Prizes totaling \$1,500 were awarded to the top two teams, and the successful experience resulted in an expanded partnership between Coe and NewBoCo for FY20.

As a member of the Coe community, your support directly impacts the student experience.

Whichever way you choose to stay connected, whether through volunteering your time or providing financial support, your generosity strengthens the college's unwavering commitment to its experiential liberal arts education — thank you!

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW YOU CAN DIRECTLY SUPPORT THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE, VISIT

www.alumni.coe.edu/waystogive.

We want to express sincere gratitude to all those who volunteer to assist Coe in countless ways, including classroom speaking and representation, networking with students, serving on a reunion committee, providing experiential learning opportunities to our students and so much more.

Coe College Alumni Association

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

2018-2019 ALUMNI COUNCIL OFFICERS AND MEMBERS AT-LARGE

Charles Davis '86 (President)	Eric Armstrong III '74	Katie McGuire Graham '86	Mo Bayles Moos '89
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	Nate Clear '11		
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The President's Advisory Council (PAC)

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

Becky Anderson '71	Jane Michaels Dufoe '92	Linda McCormack Mattes '93	Ash Shah '89
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Coe College Board of Trustees

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

Listed here are the members of the Board of Trustees who serve and help direct Coe's future. We thank these dedicated individuals for their service.

2018-2019 BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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CLASS NOTES

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

1950s

'54 Bill Fitch of Montgomery, Texas, was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in September. Presenting the honor to Fitch was his former Celtics player Larry Bird. Fitch was the first head coach in the history of the Cleveland Cavaliers. In 1979, he was hired by the Boston Celtics and led them to a Championship in 1981, and he still holds the highest winning percentage in Celtics history. Fitch coached in the NBA for 25 seasons, being named Coach of the Year twice in 1976 and 1980. In 1996, he was named one of the NBA's Ten Best Coaches of All Time.

'56 Nancy Hyland Wenholz of Richardson, Texas, celebrated 64 years of marriage with her husband, Carl, on August 21.

Bruce Spivey of San Francisco, California, was honored at the Pacific Vision Foundation Gala for his 60 years in the field of ophthalmology. Spivey founded the Pacific Vision Foundation in 1977 with the mission of providing high-quality eye care for all, regardless of means.

'57 Ann Lichtenstein Burshtan of Denver, Colorado, recently relocated to Colorado to be near her family.

1960s



'63 Gary Kimm of Yankton, South Dakota, recently celebrated 51 years as an ordained clergyman and 50 years in full- and part-time commercial radio.



Thomas Mannion of Bonita Springs, Florida, and his family are enjoying summers at their home in Stowe, Vermont.

'66 Bill Warrick of Gainesville, Florida, visited Saint Petersburg, Russia, in the fall of 2018. He is pictured in front of the Church of the Spilled Blood, site of the assassination of Alexander II.

'69 Richard Gaines of Saint Louis, Missouri, recently was honored as a Pioneer in Education by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education for his service as chair of the Comprehensive Long-Range Planning Committee on the Special Administrative Board for the St. Louis Public School District.

Nancy Ritter of Westminster, Colorado, is retired from a career in child welfare and enjoys spending time with her daughters and her rescue animals.

1970s

'70 50th Reunion: October 15-18, 2020

'71 50th Reunion: Homecoming 2021

Rebecca Anderson of Santa Barbara, California, teamed up with Coe mathematics professor Gavin Cross to publish the article "A 30-year study of body temperature variations correlated with menstrual cycle, seasonality, and aging" in the Biological Rhythm Research journal. Anderson gathered data on her own body temperature over three decades, and her findings confirmed that body temperature fluctuates and is not always at 98.6 degrees.

'76 Karen Davis-Brown of Sauk Centre, Minnesota, is a designated coordinator for Camphill Village Minnesota, an organization that provides residential services for adults with developmental disabilities. In her role, she ensures the community is in compliance with regulations and the residents receive supportive, high-quality services.



'77 David Reifsnnyder of Saint Leonard, Maryland, biked 156 miles on the C&O Canal Pathway with his son's Boy Scout troop earlier this year.

Reifsnnyder was also invited to play soccer in the alumni game this past spring, 42 years after he last played soccer as a Kohawk.

Malcolm Ruhl of Elk Grove Village, Illinois, recently received his eighth nomination for Chicago's Joseph Jefferson Award for Music Direction for American Blues Theater's production of "The Spitfire Grill." This year marks his 15th season appearing in Goodman Theatre's production of "A Christmas Carol" for which he also serves as music director.

1980s

'81 Dougie Peters of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, was featured in a video and article by local Cedar Rapids news station KCRG that detailed his 38-year career as equipment manager at Coe.

'83 Steve Fish of Marion, Iowa, achieved his 700th career victory as a baseball coach. He currently coaches at Marion High School and has been heavily influenced by Hall of Famer Harold "Pinky" Primrose, who coached Fish in his final two years at Coe.

'85 Jeffrey Spangler of Fort Worth, Texas, is a former professional musician and founding pastor of Generate Life Church in Coppell, Texas, alongside his wife, Melissa.

'87 Curt Menefee of Studio City, California, was inducted into the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) Hall of Fame in April as one of the hosts of "Fox NFL Sunday."

'88 Kim McWane Friese of Iowa City, Iowa, honored her late husband, **Kurt Friese '88**, by hosting "Lambalooza," a Memorial Day weekend tradition for family and friends Kurt started in 2011.

1990s

'92 Alexa Fenske Hackett of Eugene, Oregon, earned a certification as a clinical trauma specialist and is working with the Trauma Healing Project in Eugene to facilitate groups for female trauma survivors.

'94 Heather Hain of Ambler, Pennsylvania, completed her master's degree in genetic counseling and passed the board examination. She is now a certified and licensed genetic counselor working in the Center for Applied Genomics and the 22q and You Center at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

'95 Michael O'Nele of Memphis, Tennessee, is the production manager and head of design & technology for the University of Memphis Department of Theatre and Dance.

'97 Darren Gault of Moline, Illinois, became the chief of police for the Moline Police Department in July.

Joanna Woepping Settles of Mount Pleasant, Iowa, began a new role as volleyball coach at Pella Christian High School in Pella, Iowa, in the fall of 2019. She is also a middle school science teacher at Pella Christian.

'98 Steve Golas of Washington, Utah, is head coach of the women's soccer team at Dixie State University in Saint George, Utah.

Amy Sands of Chicago, Illinois, was invited to speak at Maquoketa Valley's 12th annual Excellence in Academics Banquet in May. Sands is a 1994 graduate of Maquoketa Valley High School in Delhi, Iowa.

'99 Angie Fullarton Benson of Spotsylvania, Virginia, was the associate conductor and keyboardist on Signature Theatre's 30th anniversary production of "Assassins" in Arlington, Virginia. She next will serve as music director and conductor of "Singin' in the Rain" at Olney Theatre Center in Olney, Maryland.

Heath Styles of Harrison, Arkansas, earned his MBA from Western Governors University in May.

2000s

'00 Josh Claypool of Marion, Iowa, is the varsity basketball coach at Marion High School. He also teaches at Vernon Middle School.

Peter Gaskill of Ancaster, Ontario, Canada, is a special advisor for Eyecarrot, where he uses his expertise as a basketball coach to develop high performance and team sports vision training opportunities within professional, collegiate and prep academies.

Angela Johnson of Madison, Wisconsin, is the director of visual art and the Wisconsin Regional Art Program at the University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Continuing Studies.

'01 Joy Begnaud Jaeger of Denver, Colorado, released a second album of original music entitled "The Heights" with her writing partner, Jerry Hermosillo. The title track won an award for best funk/fusion recording.

ALUMNA IS REDEFINING THE HUMAN CONNECTION IN A DIGITAL WORLD



Beth Kovarna Trejo '05 recently was featured in USA Today and named one of the Top 50 Best CEOs for Women in Small/Mid-Sized Companies by Comparably. This is Trejo's second time in the Top 50 as the founder and CEO of Chatterkick, a social media agency with Midwest roots and clients all over the world.

She pitched her business idea to local Sioux City experts and started Chatterkick in 2012 with the help of a grant from Swimming with The Sharks.

Chatterkick has a predominantly female staff and goals that include redefining how businesses connect with people and how to provide a human connection in a digital world.

Trejo firmly believes in advancing the role of women in the tech community and mentors local women on how to find unique and fulfilling careers in technology. She's currently recording season three of her podcast "Technically Iowa," which connects female entrepreneurs throughout the state. And Chatterkick recently announced the addition of "Generation Social Media," a new podcast.

"When I reflect back on my time at Coe, I'm grateful for the opportunity to develop the skills and curiosity to be a lifelong learner. Many of the topics from classes I swore would never apply to my 'real job' are those I use on a daily basis," Trejo said. "Being exposed to a diverse outlook on issues and discussions early in my career has impacted what I've been able to accomplish — and surely what is yet to come!"

Amanda Ott Pins of Hiawatha, Iowa, was named one of the 100 Great Iowa Nurses of 2019. She is a memory clinic nurse at Mercy Medical Center in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Chad Zrudsky of Marion, Iowa, received a Marion Independent School District Leader Award in May. He is the assistant high school principal in the district.

'02 Brent Hill of Minneapolis, Minnesota, is the general manager at MyTana. His job in this role is to achieve sustainable growth through increased sales and enhanced product development.

'03 Fred Jackson of Ankeny, Iowa, competed in the 200-meter dash, the 400-meter dash and the long jump at the USA Track and Field Masters Championship in Ames, Iowa.

'04 Rachel Gearhart of Juneau, Alaska, was one of three awardees of the 2019 Carla Timpone Award for Activism. The award is given to honor



hard work, dedication and leadership in Juneau by the Alaska Women's Lobby. Gearhart is a member of the National Association of Social Workers Alaska Chapter and sits on the SHARP Advisory Council.

Marie Long Young of Maquoketa, Iowa, is a manager of marketing and communications at Crescent Electric Supply.

'06 Jamie Lewis McWade of Rock Island, Illinois, is a therapist at Vera French Community Mental Health Center in Davenport, Iowa.

'07 Kirby Hurd of Mankato, Minnesota, is the director of development at the Mankato Family YMCA.

Brandon King of Clive, Iowa, is a middle market territory manager for Nationwide Insurance in Des Moines, Iowa.





COE ALUM EXPERIENCES SOCCER'S BIGGEST STAGE AS WORLD CUP OFFICIAL

Katja Koroleva '09 experienced the biggest stage soccer has to offer, travelling to France over the summer to officiate in the Women's World Cup.

After graduation Koroleva moved to Seattle, Washington, to work as a physician assistant. Having started refereeing while in Iowa, Koroleva left her job as a PA to officiate full time and progressed to the international FIFA ranking in 2014. In November 2018, she worked the under 17 Women's World Cup in Uruguay, which was key for her progression throughout a three-year selection process used by the World Cup.

"The opportunity to be selected to the World Cup is a rigorous process of three years involving educational seminars, fitness test, match critiques, as well as showcasing the ability to learn and grow as both referee and person," Koroleva said. "Getting the opportunity to represent the USA at the World Cup is certainly an honor and milestone in my career. I couldn't imagine doing this without the support of my mom, mentors and my referee family."

The rigorous process paid off as Koroleva always will have the experience of officiating a World Cup. And it began

as early as 2005 when she came to Coe to continue playing soccer and remain in a supportive referee community. Koroleva reflected on the memorable experience saying, "I always get goosebumps just before we appear on the field and during the tunnel when the teams arrive and we are about to walk out; this is a special moment of reflection."

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Koroleva is currently in Trinidad and Tobago working a regional tournament for teams looking to qualify for the 2020 Olympics to Japan. As she continues her preparation for the next chapter with her referee family she remembers her time as a Kohawk.

Koroleva played for the Coe women's soccer team starting in 2005 and always enjoyed the

team bonding that began with being on campus with her teammates before the rest of the students arrived.

"Since soccer is a fall sport, preseason started before the academic year, and the first week of preseason was always my favorite," Koroleva said. "This time allowed us to bond as a team and become familiar with the campus before the arrival of the remainder of the student body."

'08 JoAnna Cochenet-Gallastegui of Silver Spring, Maryland, is a conductor of the youth symphony in the Youth Orchestras of Prince William in Virginia. She is on the faculty at Levine Music in Maryland and Washington, D.C., and has received two faculty grants in support of her project working with a late-starters and returning-players orchestra and related courses.

2010s

'10 Richard Appleby of Hutchinson, Minnesota, is the head soccer coach at Hutchinson High School.

'12 Alec Herr of Superior, Colorado, competed in the IRONMAN Boulder triathlon this past summer, finishing the 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile bike and 26.2-mile run in 14 hours and 43 minutes. He currently works as a reliability engineer at Ball Aerospace in Boulder, Colorado.

Debra Ramirez of Omaha, Nebraska, earned her master's degree in music education from the University of Nebraska Omaha.



Aaron Schrock of North Liberty, Iowa, was promoted to director of digital technology at Converge Consulting.

'13 Marie Lampe McQuillan of Colorado Springs, Colorado, is the executive director of Pike's Peak Suicide Prevention.

Justin Nylin of Clinton, Iowa, was named one of the 100 Great Iowa Nurses of 2019. He is a charge nurse in the ambulatory care unit at Mercy Medical Center in Clinton.

'14 Mary Halvorson of Tiffin, Iowa, is the varsity women's basketball coach at Regina High School in Iowa City, Iowa.

Zhen Rammelsberg of Marion, Iowa, has published a play and has been touring the country to see it. She published another play that has been performed in Chicago and will soon be performed at Theatre Cedar Rapids.

Sean Stokstad of Monona, Wisconsin, is a business consultant at First Data. His wife, **Kelsey Tardrew Stokstad '15**, is a social media marketing manager at Rowe Pottery. The couple recently purchased their first home in Monona.

'15 Delaney Cummings of Washington, D.C., earned her master's degree in museum studies from George Washington University in May.

Adam Kofod of Garner, Iowa, is the planning and zoning commissioner for the city of Garner.

Noah Sprinkel of Minneapolis, Minnesota, is an assistant men's tennis coach at Texas Tech University.

Brian Wadsworth of Elk Grove Village, Illinois, is the lead author on a paper about using solar energy to make fuel. He discussed his research in an interview with a local PBS news station in Arizona.

'17 **Kaylee Johnson** of Nashville, Tennessee, earned her master's degree in biochemistry from Vanderbilt University in August.

Shannon Zelek of Lawrence, Massachusetts, earned her master's degree in higher education from Merrimack College. She is the employer relations specialist at the Merrimack College O'Brien Center for Career Development.

'18 **Lacey Baggs** of Ankeny, Iowa, completed a 13-week fellowship with the Iowa Department of Human Rights in the Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning division. The fellowship is part of a partnership with Future Leaders in Action.

Liz Micka of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, is a mycotoxin analyst at ADM.

Dalton Shadle of Morning Sun, Iowa, is pursuing his doctorate in mechanical engineering at Cornell University.

'19 **Nate Ackert** of West Des Moines, Iowa, accepted an offer to play tennis for Leeds Beckett University in England while pursuing his MBA.

Emilee Bean of Chelsea, Iowa, is a fourth grade teacher at South Tama Elementary School for the 2019-20 school year.

Fatima Elsheikh of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, is a lab tech and phlebotomist at Mercy Medical Center.

Nick Hodges of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, is working as a teaching assistant while pursuing his master's degree in creative writing with an emphasis on poetry.

Ryan Izer of Melbourne, Iowa, is a management trainee at Murphy-Hoffman Company in Des Moines, Iowa.

Makayla Kaune Prall of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, is a middle school instrumental music instructor at Vinton-Shellsburg Community Schools.

Paige Nelson of Iowa City, Iowa, is a lab coordinator at the University of Iowa's Development, Experience and Neurocognition Lab in the Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences. She is pursuing her doctorate in behavioral neuroscience at the University of Iowa.

Sydney Pitstick of Marshalltown, Iowa, is a sixth grade teacher at Lenihan Intermediate School in Marshalltown.

Madi Ries of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, is a PCT at Mercy Medical Center.

Jaimee Rindy of Gypsum, Colorado, is a production intern at CNN.

ALUMNI COUNCIL *Update*

Hello fellow alumni,

I hope all of you had a great summer and are enjoying what is left of the fall and football season. I can't believe Homecoming is over. If you made it back for the weekend, I'm sure you had a great time visiting our amazing campus with all the new additions. Homecoming is a great time to be back on campus to connect with old friends, see faculty and staff and just enjoy the great atmosphere that Coe provides.

Your Alumni Council takes a very active role with the college, especially with Homecoming. Each year, the council selects the recipients of the Alumni Awards, and those individuals are honored at the All-Alumni Recognition Reception and Program. The program also includes pinning of the Golden Reunion Class. Once again, congratulations to recipients of Alumni Awards: **Amy Marquardt '09**, Young Alum Award; **Bill Schmarzo '79**, Alumni Award of Merit; and **Kevin Welu '86**, Distinguished Service Award. Do you know someone deserving of an Alumni Award? Nominations are open until January 1, 2020, for those who would be honored at Homecoming 2020.

One of our other focuses with Homecoming is the annual Alumni Council Silent Auction. The auction allows the Alumni Council to distribute grants to support students in their on-campus and off-campus study experiences. Due to your generous participation in the online auction and through donations, we were able to raise over \$8,400 this year. If you have any items you'd like to donate for next year's auction, contact **Katie Lillibridge Dostal '99** at kjdostal@gmail.com.

The Alumni Council encourages all alumni to get engaged with the college in one way or another, whether that be on campus or in your very own city. Coe alumni are everywhere and are getting together all the time. In July, there was a men's track team reunion at the USA Track and Field Championship in Des Moines at Drake Stadium. Members of the conference championship track team met and had a great time watching world-class athletes and reminiscing about the great times being part of a powerhouse track team in the late '80s at Coe. As always, the Alumni Office would be happy to support you in hosting a gathering in your city! If you're interested, reach out to the Alumni Office at alumni@coe.edu. They will send you a Coe swag box as well as take registrations and payments if needed.

As always, the council wants to hear from you. We want to know what you want to hear and how you want to stay engaged with the college. Please provide us with your thoughts, ideas and suggestions. Alumni are very important to Coe, and as an alumni body, we have a lot to offer the college and students. **Let's stay connected!**



Always a Kohawk!
Charles Davis '86
President, Coe Alumni Council



1970s

'77 **Malcolm Ruhl** and Jane Sobolowski of Elk Grove Village, Illinois, on September 22.

1980s

1 '86 **Carol Garoutte** Jackson and Matt Gates of Minneapolis, Minnesota, on May 5, 2018.

2000s

2 '08 **Melissa Mai** and CJ Covell of Phoenixville, Pennsylvania, on July 5. Kohawks in attendance were (left to right) **Samantha McGrane '06, Amelia Vohs '08, Jenny McArdle '08, Sarah Cook '07, Melissa, CJ, Michele Bruess '07, Brandon Boggs '09, Rachel Hedin Burns '06, Heather Mann McMahill '08 and Amanda Havel '09.**

'09 **Mitch Lincoln** and Meghan Doherty of Astoria, New York, on July 13.

Rebecca Reedy and **Sam Hammes '10** of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on April 13.

Gary Webb and Robin Cameron of New York, New York, on August 10.

2010s

3 '14 **Jordan Atwater** and **McCall Meade '16** of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on August 10. Kohawks in attendance were **Jake Van Oort '18, Josh Koeppl '19, Michael Redmond '16, Dominik Lensing '15, Keaton Juergens '14, Dylan Youel '14, Nick Lenstra '15, Tyler Sylvester '14, Andrew Wirth '14, Dylan Boyle '14, Ross Yeast '10, Matt Walter '09, Michael Goerd '15, Zach Schlabaugh '19, Lindsey Bruns '14, Danielle Schlotterbeck '14, Gretchen Lillenthal '16, Dylan Stepleton '17, Zach Doermann '15, Brandon Leonard '15, Maddie Morehouse '16, Brittany Shickell '13, Mallory McArtor '17, Alec Zwanziger '16, John Conner '16, Colton Storla '16, Caitlin Cross '15, Marley Patrick '19, Riley Galbraith '16, Shaina Winn '15, Kolbie Creger '15, Jacqueline Naeve '16, Brenna Winn '17, Olivia Meade '19, Paige Wieland '17, Mackenzie Harbaugh Atwater '16, Mark Atwater '16, Brianna Hull '15, Maddison Woodruff LeClere '14, **Jake Osborn '15, Larry Atwater '82** and former Sports Information Director **Ryan Workman.****

4 **Chelsea Crain** and **Dominik Lensing '15** of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on June 22. Kohawks in attendance were **Haley Hoffman '17, Colton Storla '16, Kolbie Creger '15, Danielle Schlotterbeck '14, Mollie Kleopfer Sobba '14, Emma Ambrose '15, Kevin Martinez '15, Lindsey Bruns '14, Madison Woodruff LeClere '14, Nick LeClere '12, Maddie Morehouse '16, McCall Meade Atwater '16, Jalisa Phillips '13, Mikaela Martinez '18, Dylan Stepleton '17, Sarah Small '17, Chloe Crain '17, Evan Bolt '15, Paige Wieland '17, Gretchen Lillenthal '16, Zach Doermann '15, Nick Lenstra '15, Riley Galbraith '16, Courtney Rogers '14, Dustin Elsbury '15, McKenzie Drahn '16, Ryan Donovan '17, Jake Osborn '15, Ryan Crabel '15, Jordan Atwater '14, Andrew Wirth '14, Zeb Hammes '13, Spencer Sobba '12 and Keaton Juergens '14.**

5 **Amy Smith** and Jacob Weigert of Marion, Iowa, on July 6.

6 '15 **Rachel Phillips** and **Tyler Zaruba** of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on June 29.

7 '19 **Meredith Wall** and Nathan Alberson of Bloomington, Indiana, on August 9.

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 September 15. **The deadline for the Summer 2020 issue is March 15.** 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.

2000s

1 '04 Emily Wall Schrank and her husband, Ben, of Davenport, Iowa, a daughter, Harper Louise, on January 31.

2 '05 Andrea Caughren and Kenneth Redmon of La Jolla, California, twin sons, Rowan Skyler and Ryder Scott, on August 14.

Matthew Vean and his wife, Mary Rachel Trautwein, of Alexandria, Virginia, a daughter, Leonora, on August 15.

3 '06 Rachel Hedin Burns and her husband, Larry, of San Diego, California, a son, Lucas William, on January 23.

4 Tyler Staker and **Kristy Upah** Staker '08, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, a daughter, Ellie Mae, on April 26. Also pictured, Ben Baranowski.

'07 Sarah Duffel Karber and her husband, Shawn, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, a daughter, Adeline, on November 8, 2018.

Brandon King and his wife, Amy, of Clive, Iowa, a son, Jackson William, on July 1, 2018.

5 '08 Ryan Baranowski and his wife, Brianna, of Marion, Iowa, a son, Ben, on April 26.

6 '09 Gomathi Balasubramanian Jermakowicz and her husband, John, of Chicago, Illinois, a son, Julian, on November 14, 2018.

2010s

7 '12 Kory Heineman and **Sara Heizer** Heineman '13, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, a daughter, Izabella Grace, on June 15.

'13 Allison Strabavy Wuetig and her husband, Keith, of Schererville, Indiana, a daughter, Everleigh, on August 4.

'14 Brenden Drahn and **Loxley Grafe** Drahn '15, of Central City, Iowa, a daughter, Embrie Lynn, on May 26, 2018.

8 '16 Donnie Horner and **Jess Lowe** Horner '17 of Grain Valley, Missouri, a son, Duke Alan, on August 20.



1 Trustee **Bill Schalk '65**, **Don Dempsey '65**, **Ruthanne Dempsey Schlarbaum '67** and Life Trustee **Gary Schlarbaum '65** had a fun Kohawk reunion over the summer at Fort Sheridan in Illinois.

2 Coe track & field alumni **Charles Davis '86**, **Kevin Welu '86**, **Brad Parsons '86**, Trustee **Dave Lusson '87** and **Jim Robidoux '86** got together for the USA Track & Field Championships in Des Moines, Iowa, on July 27.

3 A group of Sigma Nu alumni gathered for a golf outing in Cedar Rapids this summer. Pictured (from left to right) are **James McGarry '68**, **John Raaz '70**, **Al Rowe '68**, **Tom Brandon '66**, **Dennis Pietrzak '66**, **Mike Harris '70**, **Dwight Beske '67**, **Jerry Hughes '67**, Trustee **Gene Henderson '68**, **Michael "Corky" Grady '67**, **Rich Tosi '65** and **Don MacDonald '67**. In attendance at the reunion but not pictured were **Doug Boeckmann '68**, Life Trustee **Jack Evans '70**, **Charles Borgman '70** and **Lee Polk '67**.



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To commemorate the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II, the Spring/Summer 2020 issues of the Courier will feature stories of Coe alumni who served in the war. Alumni veterans of World War II or their family members are encouraged to share their stories to be reviewed and edited for possible inclusion in the Courier.

Please submit stories and photos (if applicable) via email to courier@coe.edu or mail to Coe College Advancement Office, Attn: Courier Submissions, 1220 1st Ave. NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402. The deadline for submissions is January 10, 2020.



*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 **Bill Shuttleworth**. More information will follow in the next Courier issue.

1930s

1938 Arlene Baumhoefener Mineck, 102, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on July 27.

1940s

1941 Vicki Bauder, 96, the wife of the late **Frank Bauder '41**, a former trustee of Coe College, of Fountain Hills, Arizona, on November 15, 2018.

Jean Burroughs Branch, 99, of Lombard, Illinois, on July 20.

1942 Leota "Becky" Becking Schwenke, 97, of Overland Park, Kansas, on September 1, 2018.

Donald Ross, 98, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on April 24. Donald was in the ROTC at Coe and went into active duty soon after graduation. During his service, he taught at the Quartermaster School and then went to Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, where he assisted in planning for the invasion of Japan. He was discharged with the rank of major in April 1946. Donald earned his Juris Doctor degree from the University of Iowa in 1948 but continued running Ross' Steak House with his family instead of practicing law. When the steak house closed in 1964, he began a successful career in land development and construction in an area called Applewood Mesa in Cedar Rapids. Donald was an active member of First Presbyterian Church, serving as deacon, elder, Sunday school teacher and choir member. Donald was a trustee of Coe College and received the Distinguished Service Award in 2002. Donald is survived by his wife of 58 years, Cornelia Ross; two sons, Bill and John Ross; a daughter, Becky Ross; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by a brother, **George Ross '45**.

1943 Irma Kubik Dresselhaus, 97, of Davenport, Iowa, on April 19.

Elaine Schneider McAllister, 97, of Kalamazoo, Michigan, on August 8.

1944 Priscilla Bolyard, 95, of Merarie, Louisiana, on January 6, 2018.

1945 Evelyn Heins Cropp, 96, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on August 9.

Dorris Jefferis Hatt, 95, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on July 12.

Margaret "Janine" McGill Heisel, 96, of Rockford, Illinois, on August 7.

Mary Meacham Cornell, 96, of Spirit Lake, Iowa, on June 5.

1947 Shirley Carver Burrell, 97, of Marion, Iowa, on August 25.

Thelma Dolmage Richardson, 91, of Schenectady, New York, on November 9, 2018.

1948 James Cunningham, 92, of Fairfield Glade, Tennessee, on December 21, 2018.

Mary Ann Day Flood, 93, of Naples, Florida, on September 8.

Jean Wohlers Post, 92, of Waterloo, Iowa, on June 13.

1949 Eleanor "Christy" Christensen Andres, 92, of Rockford, Illinois, on April 15.

Dorothy DeGroot Lindsay, 92, of North Mankato, Minnesota, on August 8.

Kay Henry, 87, the wife of **George Henry '49**, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on May 24. Kay graduated from Bucknell University in 1953 with a degree in education and accepted her first teaching position in Oahu, Hawaii. She settled in the Cedar Rapids and Iowa City area with her first husband, Jim Shive, in 1961. Kay taught reading at the Solon grade school and at an alternative high school in Iowa City and earned her master's degree from the University of Iowa in the early 1980s. She was an active member of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church and volunteered her time at the Iowa City Public Library; Hancher Auditorium; and SEID, a nonprofit offering economic opportunities for disadvantaged women; and was a founding member of the Iowa Women's Foundation. Her first husband passed away in 1985, and she later married George Henry in 1990 and moved to Cedar Rapids. She was active in many Cedar Rapids community organizations including Indian Creek Nature Center, The History Center, Junior League, American Red Cross, Willis Dady Shelter and P.E.O. Chapter HJ. She and George had many outdoor adventures and traveled the world together. She is survived by her

husband, George; a daughter, Polly Pagliai; two sons, Philip and Mike Shive; an adopted daughter, Helene Holmgren; two stepsons, Jerry and Jeff Henry; five grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; three great-grandchildren; two nieces; and a nephew.

Robert Schurk, 94, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on May 2.

1950s

1950 Sol Maikon, 92, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on August 18.

Harry "Hal" Marshall, 91, of Phoenix, Arizona, on May 18.

George McNelly, 93, of Dowagiac, Michigan, on July 12. George served in the U.S. Navy from 1944 until his honorable discharge in 1946. After graduating from Coe, he went on to earn his master's degree in applied psychology from Iowa State University and his doctorate in industrial psychology from Purdue University. He was a professor of industrial psychology at Purdue and was dean of the School of Technology for 21 years. George received the Alumni Award of Merit from Coe in 1988. He is survived by his wife of 69 years, Louise; a daughter, Diane McPherson; a son, Eric McNelly; two grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Lewis Vavra, 90, of Laramie, Wyoming, on July 5.

1951 George Baker, 89, of Boca Grande, Florida, on September 3. George built a successful career in the banking industry. He worked for Continental Illinois National Bank of Chicago where he rose to the level of executive vice president. He later served as director for W. W. Grainger Inc., Reliance Group Holdings, The Midland Company, Williams Electronics Inc. and American Finance Enterprises Inc. George was a trustee of Coe College, as well as Children's Memorial Hospital and The Field Museum of Natural History. He received the Alumni Award of Merit from Coe in 1968 and an honorary Doctor of Commercial Science degree in 1974. The George R. Baker Endowed Chair in Business Administration was established in his honor. The chair supported the work and careers of two of Coe's most recognized faculty, Dr. William Spellman and Dr. Mickey Wu, and is now held by Dr. **Ryan Baranowski '08**. George is survived by his wife, Renae; a daughter, **Anne Baker '81**; a son, Jim Baker; four grandchildren; and his former wife, **Maryanne Evans '54**.

Lois Luckel Klinck, of Wheat Ridge, Colorado, on March 18.

Christian Lyngby, 92, of Grovetown, Georgia, on May 10.

Howard Moeller, 94, of Western Springs, Illinois, on January 5.

1952 Charles Bixby, 88, of West Henrietta, New York, on May 1.

David Hoyt, 88, of Salem, Oregon, on June 17.

1953 Charles Darragh, 88, of Arlington Heights, Illinois, on March 28.

Doris Lawson Meredith, 87, of Vinton, Iowa, on March 27.

Thomas Rump, 87, of Burlington, Iowa, on March 30.

1954 James Madden, 85, of Hudson, Illinois, on March 26.

Allan Peremsky, 87, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on March 31. Allan played football at Coe and was a U.S. Air Force ROTC graduate. He served as a pilot and flight instructor in the Air Force, achieving the rank of captain. He joined Armstrong's department store in Cedar Rapids in 1958 and became president in 1972, retiring just a few years before the store closed in 1991. He served on the boards of numerous community organizations including the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library, St. Luke's Hospital, Jaycees, United Way, Chamber of Commerce, Hawkeye Area Council of the Boy Scouts and Central YMCA. Allan was a trustee of Coe College, received the Alumni Award of Merit in 1979 and was inducted into the Athletics Hall of Fame in 1981. He and his wife, Jayne Peremsky, also received the Distinguished Service Award from Coe in 2009 for their generous support of college events through his wife's business, Buresh Party & Special Events. He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Jayne; a son, Tom Peremsky; a daughter, Sue Croshier Chadima; a stepson, **Mike Saluri '04**; three grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his mother, **Albia Machacek Peremsky '24**.

Richard "Dick" Suttle, 87, of Austin, Texas, on April 9.

1955 Lois "Carolyn" Bissell, 86, of Bakersfield, California, on August 6.

James Gillespie, 86, of Winston Salem, North Carolina, on May 28.

Dean Kruse, 85, of Sequim, Washington, on December 10, 2018.

1957 George Etzel, 88, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on August 28.

Janet Fryrear Riley, 83, of Granite Bay, California, on August 22.



Dr. David Mehaffy, 64, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on May 9. Dave earned his degree in chemistry and physics from Coe and went on to earn his doctorate in analytical chemistry from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Shortly after graduation, Dave began his career with IBM where he worked until his retirement in 2018. At that time, he moved back to Cedar Rapids from Austin, Texas, to be near his family and his beloved Coe College. Dave was a true cheerleader and champion of Coe, supporting many initiatives including the Student Research Symposium, the Peterson Hall renovation and C3: Creativity, Careers, Community. He established the David Mehaffy Scholarship and the David Mehaffy Research Fund for chemistry students, and he pledged his entire estate to the college to establish the David Mehaffy-Stan Watkins Chair of Chemistry in honor of emeritus professor Dr. Stan Watkins, who was his advisor. Shortly before his passing, he also joined the Coe faculty as a part-time adjunct professor in computer science. Dave is survived by two sisters, **Liz Mehaffy Skalsky '94** and Shirley Haworth; and four nieces, Rebecca and **Karen Skalsky '04** and Rachel and Sarah Haworth.

Carole Gilbert Kenney, 84, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on August 27.

John Hlavacek, 89, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on April 21.

LeOna Marshman Schoenwetter, 85, of Claremont, California, on June 7.

Sandra Melahn Beck, 83, of Dundee, Illinois, on May 27.

1958 Peter Anderson III, 82, of West Chester, Pennsylvania, on May 9.

Barbara Williams Rosenberg, 82, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on April 28.

1960s

1960 Terry Bjornsen, 82, of Marion, Iowa, on March 15. Terry attended Iowa State University and the University of Iowa in addition to Coe. He was the third generation to run the family business, Bjornsen Construction/Bjornsen Investment Corp. He pioneered the condominium concept in eastern Iowa and specialized in multifamily, commercial and industrial building development. He built, managed and leased over 2,000 apartments and condominiums and developed warehouses, commercial buildings and offices. Terry also designed and built single-family subdivisions all over Cedar Rapids. He never retired from the family business and proudly celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2012. He supported many community organizations, including several that benefited education and youth sports. He proudly donated land for the Metro Youth football fields and enjoyed watching his sons and grandchildren play

there. He was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity at Iowa State and was a lifelong member of the Cedar Rapids Home Builders Association and Westminster Presbyterian Church. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, **Marjorie Huisman Bjornsen '60**; a daughter, **Tami Bjornsen Foley '87**; three sons, **Greg Bjornsen '86** and his wife, **Kathy Elick Bjornsen '85**, **Steve Bjornsen '91** and **Kevin Bjornsen '92**; a brother, Larry Bjornsen; 12 grandchildren; three nieces; and a nephew.

Robert Bradford II, 81, of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, on August 14.

Roger Rinaldi, 81, of Seneca, Illinois, on March 21.

1961 Gerald McCalley, 85, of Independence, Iowa, on June 3.

Donald Snider, 79, the husband of **Orlene Blue Snider '61**, of Davenport, Iowa, on June 24.

1962 Veta Dunnick Hildebrand, 79, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on April 7.

1963 Dolores Melberg Keiper, 102, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on May 22.

Terry Swanson, 77, of Indianola, Iowa, on April 15.

1965 James Hill, 76, of Bonita Springs, Florida, on June 30.

Ellen Nuechterlein Lawrence, 75, of Elgin, Illinois, on March 16.

1968 Douglas Pfeiffer, 72, of Delaware, Ohio, on March 10.

IN MEMORIAM

GONE BUT NEVER FORGOTTEN

1969 Joan Klinkenborg Petersen, 87, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on July 28.

Robert Schope, 70, of Chicago, Illinois, on March 20.

1970s

1973 David Stanbro, 79, of Satellite Beach, Florida, on June 3.

Bob Watson, 68, of Jefferson City, Missouri, on August 4.

1974 Michael Blin, 66, of Marion, Iowa, on May 29.

1979 Glenda Sears Bradshaw, 77, of Grinnell, Iowa, on July 15.

1980s

1981 Henry Cortez, 66, of Cadillac, Michigan, on June 27.

1990s

1990 The murder case of **Brian Schappert** has been closed by the Cedar Rapids Police Department after 30 years.

The two men whom police believe killed Schappert have both passed away. Schappert was a senior at Coe when he was killed during his overnight shift at a gas station convenience store on September 8, 1989.

2000s

2008 Carolyn Barnotes Shade, 44, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on July 10.

2010s

2016 Sam Vaske, 25, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on July 4.

Faculty/Staff

Former French professor **Martha Cannon**, 93, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on April 6.

Former economics professor and chair of the economics department **John Chapman**, 86, of Billings, Montana, on March 23.

Former athletic director and chair of the physical education department **James Crabbe**, 82, of Pinehurst, North Carolina, on March 12.

Former assistant geology professor **Ralph Langenheim Jr.**, 97, of Urbana, Illinois, on August 3.

Former English instructor and Upward Bound program director **Robert Renk**, 81, of Rockford, Illinois, on August 26.

Former dean of women, director of the Coe Work Program, acting director of financial aid, dean of students and associate director of development **Carol Rickey**, 82, of Holland, Michigan, on August 7.

Former library staff member **Ardyth Soppe**, 93, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on September 9.

Former vice president and provost **Carson Veach Sr.**, 89, of Naples, Florida, on August 11.

Former physical plant staff member **Earl Yanecek**, 91, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on August 7.

FACULTY & STAFF

UPDATES AND ACCOLADES

Associate Professor of Physics **Ugur Akgun** published the paper "Use of Machine Learning in CARNA Photon Imager" in SPIE Physics of Medical Imaging. He also led the Coe College Detector Physics Group through a busy spring and summer of research, publishing and presentations.

Associate Professor of History **Brie Swenson Arnold** received the Civic Mission Leadership Award from Iowa Campus Compact. She was nominated for the award by **Briana Gipson '19**. Swenson Arnold also presented the paper "'History Happened Here': Commemorating the African American History of Cedar Rapids, Iowa" as part of the (Re)Presentation of African American Histories: The Work of Freedom in Public History and Memory panel at the annual meeting of the Organization of American Historians in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Assistant Professor of English **Kate Aspengren** gave a presentation on the plays of Daphne du Maurier at the Fowey Festival of Arts and Literature in Cornwall, England.

Assistant Professor of Music **Michelle Blair** made her conducting debut with the American Festival for the Arts Symphony Orchestra in Houston, Texas, in July to an audience of over 1,000 people at Miller Outdoor Theatre.

Assistant Professor of Rhetoric **Allison Carr '05** co-authored the paper "Failure Pedagogies: Learning and Unlearning What It Means to Fail," which will be published in 2020.

Alma A. Turechek Professor of Music **Bill Carson** was the author of the 2018-2019 Music Curriculum for the United States Academic Decathlon.

His performances this spring, in addition to guest conducting, included three orchestras, two musical theater pits and performing as a guest clarinet soloist.

Professor of Chemistry **Maria Dean** served as Morphology II session chair for the 13th International Polychaetae Conference in Long Beach, California, in August. She also presented a paper at the conference titled "A study of *Pectinaria gouldii* and *Phragmatopoma lapidosa* biocement proteins."

Esther and Robert Armstrong Assistant Professor of Communication Studies **Terri Donofrio** co-authored the paper "Jeopardized Bodies: Representations of Race, Gender, and Mortality in The Notorious R.B.G.," which will be published in the journal *Women's Studies in Communication*.

Assistant Professor of Physics **Firdevs Duru**, along with Associate Professor of Physics **Ugur Akgun** and several Coe students, published the paper “A Glass Neutron Detector with Machine Learning Capabilities” in the Journal of Instrumentation.

B.D. Silliman Professor of Physics **Steve Feller** published the paper “Topological Constraint Model of High Lithium Content Borate Glasses” in the Journal of Non-Crystalline Solids.

John William King Professor of Literature and Creative Writing and Associate Dean for Student Academics **Gina Hausknecht** organized a session titled “The Festive (and Unfestive) in The Shoemaker’s Holiday” for the 2019 Shakespearean Theatre Conference in Stratford, Ontario, Canada, in June. The session included her presentation titled “Not Much of a Holiday for Jane: Festivity and Exclusion in The Shoemaker’s Holiday.”

Director of the TRIO-Academic Achievement Program **Tom Hicks** was invited to be the alumni speaker for the graduation ceremony at his alma mater, Newfane Senior High School in Newfane, New York.

Associate Professor of French **Joyce Janca-Aji** published the paper “Going Beyond Language(s): Teaching Translation Contemplatively” in a special issue of the journal Translation Review.

McCabe Professor of Philosophy **John Lemos** published several papers, including “Kane, Pereboom, and Event-causal Libertarianism” in the journal Philosophia. He also was a keynote speaker at the Free Will and Causality conference in Dusseldorf, Germany, in September.

Part-time Instructor in Music **Alan Naylor** retired from a successful trumpet-playing and teaching career. His decision to retire came after recording his final album with friends, former colleagues and former students.

Joan and Abbott Lipsky Professor of Political Science **Bruce Nesmith** presented his paper “Ask Your Doctor if Simulations Are Right for You! Reflections on a Congressional Election Simulation” at the Midwest Political Science Association meeting in Chicago.

Assistant Professor of Psychology **Renee Penalver** gave a presentation on cognitive aging for AARP and Aging Services. She also will give a presentation on the Memory and Dementia Project at Midwest Campus Compact.

Part-time Instructor in Theatre Arts **Alvon Reed '03** served as choreographer for the musical “Newsies” at Theatre Cedar Rapids in the summer of 2019. He found it to be the most challenging of the many shows he has choreographed in his career.

Associate Professor of Art **Jen Rogers '03** exhibited her work at the Iowa Educators Exhibition, a two-person show titled “Earthy Paradise,” and currently has work on display at the “Duck, Duck, Gray Duck” regional showcase of Midwest ceramicists in the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport.

Voice Instructor **Lynne Rothrock** performed “The Divine Ms. R — Lynne Rothrock sings the music of Bette Midler” in August at the Lingonberry in downtown Decorah. Rothrock is on the Performing Artists Roster of the Iowa Arts Council and is one third of the popular vocal trio DIVAPALOOZA.

Henry and Margaret Haegg Associate Professor of English **Amber Shaw** published the paper “Rather unjust, like England: Women’s Labor, Factory Reform, and the Transatlantic Circulation of the Lowell Offering” in the journal Women’s Writing. She also presented the paper at the 12th Biennial Symbiosis Conference in Dundee, Scotland, in July.

Professor of Chemistry **Steve Singleton** contributed two chapters to the book “Using Computational Methods to Teach Chemical Principles” published by the American Chemical Society. The chapters are titled “Computational narrative activities: Combining computing, context, and communication to teach chemical concepts” and “How can you measure a reaction enthalpy without going into the lab? Using computational chemistry data to draw a conclusion.”

Professor of Chemistry **Marty St. Clair** received a \$40,000 grant from the State Soil Conservation and Water Quality Committee and a \$35,000 grant from the Iowa Nutrient Research Center.

Assistant Professor of Mathematical Science **Michael Stobb** received the SIAM Student Chapter Certificate of Recognition for his outstanding efforts and accomplishments on behalf of the SIAM chapter at University of California, Merced.

TRIO-Academic Achievement Program Administrative Assistant **Karen Swenson** retired in August after five years in her position. She helped launch the Learning Commons in 2015.

Associate Professor of Nursing **Mary Tobin** procured new clinical contracts with Westridge Care Center and Manor Care. She also collaborated with Iowa State University nursing faculty on Korean and correctional nursing clinical and curricular ideas for their community health nursing BSN completion course.

Assistant Professor of Stead Department of Business Administration and Economics **Kevin Trout** published the paper “Review of the Direct Method Statement of Cash Flows and the Associated Teaching Implications” in the Journal of Higher Education Theory and Practice.

Professor of Theatre Arts **Susan Wolverton** was invited to serve as president of the Cedar Rapids Opera Board.

Associate Professor of History and Associate Dean for Faculty Development **Angela Ziskowski** presented the paper “Corinth, Kleonai and Argos: Using Topography and Archaeology to Reevaluate Political Alliance” at the Classical Association of the Midwest and South’s Annual Meeting in Lincoln, Nebraska, in April.



Kent Herron invites alumni to join him March 15-19, 2020, for a grand reunion of a half century of Coe College skiing in Aspen! Herron has been skiing with his students in Aspen since 1972. He is excited about the opportunity to see all of them once more and celebrate old times as well as create some new memories. And he'd like to do it while he can still ski.

Details and registration are available at alumni.coe.edu/kentherronaspenskiingreunion.



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Share Our Spirit DURING THIS SEASON OF GIVING



As we look toward the upcoming New Year, we know the generosity of those who invest in Coe College makes all the difference in our success. Your support means a lot to us, and during this giving season, there are many simple ways you can support our work and benefit yourself and your loved ones.

Make A Gift Today. If you want to make an impact and receive income tax savings, make your gift now and see the results of your generosity in action immediately.

Avoid Capital Gains. If you are concerned about preserving your cash resources, consider a gift of an appreciated asset. A gift of securities, business interests or real estate can provide you with significant income and capital gains tax savings, often exceeding the benefits of a cash gift.

IRA Charitable Rollover. People age 70½ or older who own an IRA can make cash gifts directly from their IRA to charity. For many people, this is the best tax-wise way to give. An IRA rollover gift will not be included in your taxable income and will qualify for your required minimum distribution.

Start New Income. Fund a charitable gift annuity or charitable remainder trust with a gift of cash or appreciated assets and receive a lifetime income and generate a current

income tax deduction. You also will bypass all or a portion of the capital gains on appreciated assets, and when you pass away, any remaining funds will come to Coe.

Leave A Legacy. There are many simple ways you can support Coe College through an estate plan. A bequest through a provision in a will or trust is one of the easiest gifts you can make. You can make a bequest of a dollar amount, a specific asset or a percentage of or the residue from your estate. A beneficiary designation is simply naming Coe College as the beneficiary of an asset you own, such as a retirement account. Most people like the fact that these are revocable and can be modified at any time.

Blend Your Giving. For an even greater impact, consider a gift today of your IRA distribution, real property, appreciated assets or cash, and complement it with a gift in your will or estate plan. You benefit by seeing and knowing you are building a legacy that will grow.

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