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TRANSFORMING TOMORROW

A letter from Mike and Marge McCoy

We were so excited to be on campus to celebrate Homecoming & Family Weekend in October. It was great to get to talk with so many alumni, parents, and friends of Wartburg who share our devotion to the college.

This was an especially memorable Homecoming for our family. Our son, Matt '93, and his wife, Kelly, joined us as members of the President's Round Table, and we couldn't be more proud of their commitment to philanthropy.

We also spoke at the dedication of the McCoy Living and Learning Center, a project near and dear to our hearts. The transformation of Clinton Hall into a living-learning community was a vital goal for Wartburg, and we're excited about the educational opportunities this vibrant new facility has created.

The Board of Regents also announced some exciting news about the Transforming Tomorrow campaign at Homecoming: We've raised \$81 million so far, above and beyond our \$75 million goal. You can see our progress in the charts on the right.

However, we remain short of our goals in several key areas. As the campaign continues through its final year, we're making scholarship assistance for students our main focus.

We know the value of a Wartburg education. We also know that the price of a Wartburg education can be prohibitive for some families. While the college is meeting 83 percent of student needs—up from 80 percent when the campaign started—our goal is 90 percent. We've also created more than 40 new scholarships, which have been awarded to more than 170 students, but we still have some work to do.

This campaign also has been blessed with a higher proportion of current gifts than previous fundraising efforts—gifts that help us meet student needs now. You can create or sustain an annually funded scholarship with a gift of \$2,500, while endowed scholarships will help students in perpetuity. Other gifts to Wartburg's Annual Fund help relieve the strain on budgets across campus and free up dollars for financial aid.

We hope the Wartburg community will rally together for a strong finish to this campaign. We need your help to reach our goals and transform more tomorrows. For more information about how you can make a difference in the life of a Wartburg student, contact the Advancement Office at **319-352-8495**, toll-free at **866-219-9115**, or online at **www.wartburg.edu/give**.

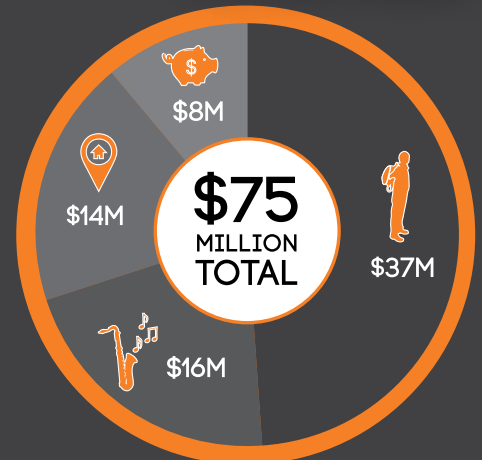
With gratitude,



Mike and Marge McCoy



CAMPAIGN GOALS



Investing in People: \$30 million of \$37 million raised



\$37 million (in current and deferred gifts)

- Scholarships (\$35 million)
- "Worth It" Marketing Initiative (\$2 million)

Investing in Places: \$13 million of \$14 million raised



\$14 million (in current gifts)

- Living and Learning Community – Clinton Hall (\$8 million)
- Instructional Resources and Technology (\$3 million)
- Outdoor Athletic Facilities (\$3 million)

Investing in Programs: \$13 million of \$16 million raised



\$16 million (in current and deferred gifts)

- Academic Programs and Faculty Development (\$9 million)
- Experiential Learning, Student Support Services, and Co-Curricular Programs (\$7 million)

Annual Fund: \$6 million of \$8 million raised



\$8 million (in current gifts)

Undesignated Gifts – \$19 million

Total – \$81 million toward \$75 million goal

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— IN THE NEWS —

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Wartburg hires Wartburg West outreach director

Danielle Harms has been named the first director of outreach and project development for Wartburg West.

Harms' focus will be strengthening the longstanding program's current partnerships and identifying and developing new partnerships in Denver and the surrounding area. She also will work with current Wartburg West staff to increase mission-based programming for students.

Her duties also will include work with Denver-area alumni and friends of the college to support student recruitment, alumni outreach, and donor development efforts.

Mains honored with Wartburg Medal

The 2016 Wartburg Medal went to Stephen and Elaine Main, a Waverly couple with a long history of serving the community and college.

Stephen is a Wartburg professor emeritus of biology, while Elaine served as the associate director of the Office of Public Information from 1973 to 1989. The Mains also are avid supporters of the Wartburg Community Symphony Association, both having served as members of its board of directors.

Wartburg recognizes retirees

The college saluted these retirees during its annual Milestones recognition event last spring:

The Rev. **Nelson Bock**, co-director, Wartburg West (1991-2016)

Al Buening, senior development officer (1999-2015)

Gloria Campbell, associate professor of business administration, accounting, and economics (1979-2015)

Matthew Campbell, carpenter, Maintenance (1990-2016)

Pat Condon, maintenance staff (1986-2016)

Dr. **William Earl**, associate professor of theatre (2001-2016)

Beth Engelbrecht, Den worker, Dining Services (1999-2016)

Dr. **Simon Estes**, distinguished professor and artist-in-residence (2002-2016)

Dr. **Johanna Foster**, associate professor of biology (2006-2016)

Mary Goetzinger, checker, Dining Services (1997-2016)

Darla Hamann, coordinator, Mail Center (1984-2016)

Pam Hartzell, cleaning staff (1983-2016)

Dr. **Ann Heninger**, professor of biology (1983-2016)

Steve Johnson, assistant professor of physical education and head cross country coach (1989-2016)

Karen Lehmann, information literacy librarian (2000-2016)

Jane Lindner, office coordinator, Alumni & Parent Relations (1992-2016)

Pam Madden, cataloging librarian and archivist (1988-2015)

Eileen Myers, access services supervisor, Vogel Library (1999-2016)

Julie Paladino, lab supervisor (2001-2016)

Mary Peters, office coordinator, Science Center (1988-2016)

Dr. **Fred Ribich**, professor of psychology and director, Institutional Research (1977-2016)

Beverly Saathoff, gift processor, Development (1980-2016)

Mike Testroet, maintenance staff (1990-2016)

Dr. **Dani Thomas**, professor of political science (1977-2016)

Sheryl Tiedt, business operations assistant, Dining Services (1986-2016)

Carla Wubbena, cleaning staff (2003-2016)

Ed Wubbena, maintenance staff (2001-2016)

John Wuertz, director of physical plant, Maintenance (1973-2016)

Also retiring this year were the late **Cindy Carlson**, who served as the executive assistant to President Darrel Colson and the Board of Regents for 17 years, and the Rev. Dr. **Peter Nash**, professor of religion, who taught for 13 years.

Grant focuses on vocation exploration

A NetVUE Vocation Exploration Renewal Grant will help Wartburg deepen vocation exploration among the college's American ethnic students.

The grant funded diversity and inclusion training for faculty and staff and will provide resources for a mentoring program, connecting American ethnic students to vocation mentors in the Cedar Valley, and informal dinnertime gatherings, where students can talk openly about meaning, purpose, and faith.

The Rev. Dr. Ramona Bouzard, Wartburg's Herbert and Cora Moehlmann Chaplaincy Endowed Chair; Krystal Madlock, director of multicultural student services; and T.J. Warren, Pathways associate for vocation and mentoring, worked with students to develop the grant proposal.

The grant was funded through a gift to the Council of Independent Colleges from Lilly Endowment Inc.



Wartburg, WIU partner on 4+1 history, museum studies program

Wartburg College has partnered with Western Illinois University to offer an integrated baccalaureate and master's degree program for students seeking a bachelor's degree in history at Wartburg and a master's degree in museum studies from WIU.

The agreement will allow students to earn their Wartburg degree in four years before going on to earn a master's degree from WIU in one year. The master's program, which typically requires two years to complete, is available at WIU's Quad Cities campus.

Carver gift to create Innovation Studio

Wartburg College students will enjoy expanded lab space and enhanced hands-on learning opportunities thanks to a \$123,300 grant from the Roy J. Carver Charitable Trust.

The grant will be used to renovate existing lab space in the Science Center and purchase new equipment to create an Innovation Studio, which will make do-it-yourself innovation and design more accessible. Dr. Daniel Black, chair of the Department of Biochemistry, Chemistry & Engineering Science and the Gary and Donna Hoover Distinguished Professor in Engineering Science, will oversee the project.

The lab will include more than \$67,000 in new equipment, including a 3-D printer and scanner, computer numerical control machine tools, a laser cutter, tools and supplies for electronic and robotic creations, and other general tools and supplies.

Work on the project began this fall, with studio renovations slated for spring 2017.



Kansas State coach is Graven Award recipient

Bruce Weber, the men's basketball coach at Kansas State University, was the recipient of the 2016 Wartburg College Graven Award.

The annual award, now in its 27th year, is presented to a person "whose life is nurtured and guided by a strong sense of Christian calling and who is making a significant contribution to community, church, and society." It is named for the late Judge Henry N. and Helen Graven, natives of Greene, whose lives reflected those same commitments. Weber also was the Opening Convocation keynote speaker in September.

Weber is one of the winningest coaches in Division I basketball, accumulating 392 career wins and 10 NCAA Tournament appearances.

In 2007, he was awarded the Champion Award by Coaches Against Cancer, recognizing his longtime commitment to that work. Weber also was honored by Lutheran Services of Illinois in 2006 with the Amicus Certus (True Friend) award.

He was nominated for the Graven Award by Joseph and Amy Kilgus Chamley.



In September, more than 325 students donated more than an estimated 500 hours to help with the flood relief effort in Waverly and surrounding communities.

ALUMNI CITATIONS

The Wartburg College Alumni Board presented Alumni Citations to three graduates during the annual Homecoming Luncheon on Sunday, Oct. 16. The awards recognize vocational and professional achievement, contributions to the church and community, and support of the college.

Dr. Frederick Burrack '81, Manhattan, Kan.



After graduating from Wartburg with a degree in music education, Frederick Burrack spent 20 years as an instrumental music instructor at Carroll Community High School. The number of students in the high school band program nearly tripled during his time, and he was named one of the state's Teacher of the Year finalists in 1995.

In 2005, Burrack joined the music department at Kansas State University. As a professor of music education, Burrack also oversees graduate studies for the music program and is director of the Office of Assessment. He was appointed chair of the Special Research Interest Group on Assessment of the Society for Research in Music Education in 2012.

Dr. Susan Kosché Vallem '66, Waverly



Susan Kosché Vallem's career as the Tomson Distinguished Professor of Social Work at her alma mater included roles as field education director and department chair. Vallem helped develop the Slife Institute for Social Work Consultation, Research & Training at Wartburg.

In the Waverly community, she has served as the chair of the Waverly Health Center board of trustees and was the director of social services at Bartels Lutheran Home.

Vallem's work in social justice advocacy and human services has been honored by the Iowa Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers with its Lifetime Achievement Award in 2013 and its Social Worker of the Year award in 1996.

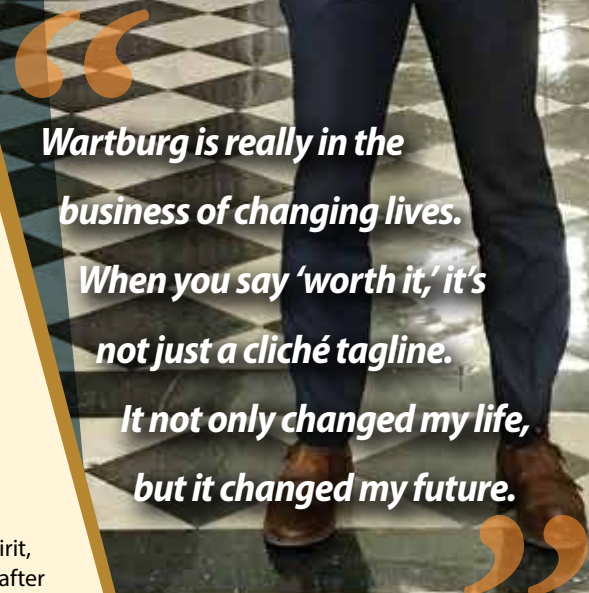
ReShonda Young '97, Waterloo



Armed with a business management degree and an entrepreneurial spirit, ReShonda Young began buying, selling, and renting real estate shortly after graduation. In the years since, Young has added several new titles, including operations manager at Alpha Express, a family business, and owner of Popcorn Heaven, a boutique popcorn shop in Waterloo.

She also is an advocate for small-business owners seeking to provide health insurance for their employees and women seeking equal pay for equal work. In 2009, Young testified in front of the House Education and Labor Committee, supporting a draft proposal for health care reform. In 2013, she spoke on the

U.S. Capitol steps at the announcement of "When Women Succeed, America Succeeds: An Economic Agenda for Women and Families."



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It not only changed my life, but it changed my future.

To see a list of past recipients or for more information on how to nominate alumni, visit www.wartburg.edu/alumni-citation-recipients or call the Alumni & Parent Relations Office at 319-352-8491.

FIT *to* lead

Harris uses personal experience to keep next generation on track

BY EMILY CHRISTENSEN

RUSSELL HARRIS '10 NEVER WANTED TO BE AN EDUCATOR. He came to Wartburg to study business and run track. When business didn't work, he tried social work, and when that didn't work, he nearly gave up.

Enter then-wrestling coach Jim Miller and then-cross country coach Steve Johnson. They talked to him, learned his passions—he wanted to own his own gym—and found a path that would allow him to do just that.

“I fell in love with fitness management,” said Harris, a track and field All-American and school record-holder in the pentathlon and 55-meter high hurdles. He continued his education at Ashford University in Clinton, where he earned a master's degree in organizational management and leadership, and at Stanford University, where he completed a certificate program in business and general management. He's also taken courses in education leadership at Harvard.

He found himself employed in higher education to pay the bills. At Ashford, he worked in admissions, recruiting minority students. He returned to Wartburg in 2011 as the coordinator of diversity recruitment.

“I loved the job. I loved having a role that would help get kids who traditionally, based on their academic profile, wouldn't have the opportunity to go to a prestigious university and finding a way to make it work, but I didn't want to be an educator,” he said. “I was sold on being a businessman.”

But fate stepped in, forever changing Harris' professional trajectory. Joe Tenbusch, a former principal at Rowe Clark Math & Science Academy in Chicago, saw potential in Harris as a role model, mentor, and leader.

“This guy called me every day while I was at Stanford. At the time, education was at the bottom of the totem pole in Detroit (where Tenbusch had moved), and he sold me on being a part of a network of charter schools that restores the American promise of a quality education to families in urban communities,” Harris said. “I came out here to visit, fell in love, and moved out here the next weekend.”

Harris is entering his fourth year at Jalen Rose Leadership Academy, where he is the principal. The school, founded by retired NBA player Jalen Rose, opened in September 2011 and graduated its first class in 2015. The charter school follows a model that pushes every student toward a college experience.

The school even hired a college success counselor who helps prepare students to enroll in college and in finding the financial aid to pay for it. An alumni success coordinator provides additional support during college.

For Harris, who grew up in Chicago, the opportunity to work at JRLA meant serving students who came from families and a community not unlike his own. He's been homeless, slept in the family minivan, and wondered where his next meal would come from. He also was the first in his family to attend college, though not the last. His brothers **Jeremiah '11** and **Torrance '13** attended Wartburg, while Matthew is a senior at Northwestern.

“I don't let my scholars give excuses,” he said. “I can be empathetic, but I still have to hold them to high standards. My education has allowed me to use this tool to give my scholars the opportunities and resources they need to succeed.”

He's quick to credit at least some of his success to those who helped him navigate life at home and at college. When his father left and his mother had to work extra hours, his sisters stepped up to keep him on the straight and narrow. When he started to lose his way at Wartburg, the list of people who helped him find success is too long to include.

“Wartburg is really in the business of changing lives. When you say ‘worth it,’ it's not just a cliché tagline. It not only changed my life, but it changed my future,” he said. “These people who helped me all believed in me more than I believed in myself. Now, I hope I can be that to my scholars.”



Russell Harris helps one of his scholars with his tie before graduation.



Russell Harris and Jalen Rose, founder of the Jalen Rose Leadership Academy, in 2016.



Stroke leads family to DO BETTER BE BETTER

BY STEPHANIE ROBBINS BOEDING '99 PHOTOS JULIE PAGEL DREWES '90

JAMIE GARBES SMITH '03 WAS ONLY ONE year removed from a medical diagnosis that rocked her family to the core when a late-night Facebook check reminded her that she didn't struggle alone.

There, in between family photos and inspirational sayings, were posts about two area children and their families engaged in very different, yet still similar, battles for life. Feeling an urge she couldn't ignore, she asked her husband, **Patrick Smith '03**, how they could help.

"I knew better than to ignore Jamie when she gets an idea," Patrick said.

That conversation eventually led to the "Do Better. Be Better." fund, which provides financial gifts to families facing medical emergencies.

"We wanted to give back," Jamie said. "It's about paying it forward."

THE STROKE STRIKES

It was a Monday in October 2013 when Jamie, who was 15 weeks pregnant, first noticed something was wrong—a "pop" in her head that nearly caused her to pass out at work and then an unexplained tingling in her fingers. She continued on, assuming the symptoms were related to her pregnancy or that she had picked up a virus from her daughter Jaelyn.

But as the week went on, the tingling spread, reaching her left hand, left leg, and her face. She also had a severe pressure headache. In the bathtub Thursday night, her vision doubled. The next morning, the room was spinning, and she couldn't make her hand pick up her phone.

Patrick rushed her to the emergency room, where a CT scan showed bleeding on her brain. Jamie had suffered a stroke and was airlifted to University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics.

As Patrick, who lost his own mother in high school, raced to Iowa City, he couldn't help wondering if his own children were about to experience the same loss. He asked his brother, a Johnson County Sheriff's deputy, to meet Jamie's helicopter at the hospital.

"My brother got there, and I asked him if she made it," Patrick remembered.

A NEW NORMAL

In Iowa City Jamie was met by a team of 15 doctors, including ones tasked with keeping her unborn baby safe. She was poked, prodded, and allowed time to rest before starting grueling physical therapy to help counteract the lingering effects of the stroke. In her first session, the therapist asked Jamie to tie the drawstring on her pants.

"For one minute I tried feverishly to tie that string and was sweating by the time I finished," she later wrote on her blog. "My fingers couldn't even hold the string, let alone manipulate it. I couldn't sense or feel the string in my hand. I was trying to tell my hand and fingers how to move, but I didn't even know what to tell it to do."

After a week in Iowa City, Jamie returned to Waterloo for three more weeks of rehab and one week of assisted nursing before finally coming home to Patrick and their daughters, Seeri, Jaelyn, and Linden, just in time for Thanksgiving. Despite continued out-patient therapy, Jamie still battled stiffness and decreased

sensation on her left side and double vision in her right eye. And she still didn't know what had caused her stroke.

Jamie stayed home the rest of the school year to focus on the health of her unborn child. Patrick settled into his job as a vice president at First National Bank in Cedar Falls, a position he took just three months before Jamie's stroke, and the entire family eagerly anticipated the arrival of baby No. 4.

In December, a follow-up MRI offered a clearer picture and diagnosis: Jamie's stroke was caused by a cavernous malformation (CM) in the pons of her brain stem. CMs are a cluster of abnormal, dilated vessels. They can remain stagnant or bleed with no symptoms at all. Jamie's case was rare because of its location on the pons of her brain stem and because of her pregnancy.

"The doctor told me I'd have to have surgery, and that I may not be the same person afterward," Jamie said. After learning more about CMs—the chances of the CM bleeding again were low, at just 10 percent



after the first year and 3 percent after the second year—the Smiths decided to wait on surgery and instead focused on getting Jamie healthy and strong enough to deliver baby Myah, who was born at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., without complications, in April 2014.

“We were both crying so hard we were shaking,” Jamie wrote on her blog. “She was here. She was healthy. I had done it.”

DO BETTER. BE BETTER.

As the Smiths adjusted to life with a fourth daughter, Jamie couldn't help but worry that a second stroke could strike at any time. But even more prominent in her mind was a lingering desire to help others who were fighting their own medical battles.

The opportunities were there; the Smiths just needed to find a constructive way to channel their efforts. In July 2014, high school friends organized a golf benefit for Jamie. That fall, Dunkerton High School, her alma mater, and Cedar Falls High School, where she works as a P.E. teacher, each established a scholarship in her name, and now a 5K benefit color run rotates between the schools.

Then in December came the late-night conversation with Patrick about helping other families, and an idea was born. Jamie garnered the support of her Next Level Extreme Fitness (NLXF) gym family and raised \$1,400. More fundraisers garnered more money. The organization developed a nomination process and began to hand out money to families in need.



When a friend made red bracelets to support Jamie, a phrase was needed. A trainer from NLXF pulled “Do Better. Be Better.” from a note Jamie had sent to trainers, thanking them for helping to save her life because of their impact on her fitness.

After months of chronicling her journey on Facebook, she started the “Do Better. Be Better.” blog in February 2014. The online journal contains dozens of honest, gut-wrenching, and sometimes humorous posts about the high and low points in her recovery.

THE SECOND STROKE

The first hint of a second stroke was an abnormal headache on another Monday, this time in February 2016. The next day, which was Linden's fourth birthday, the tingle in Jamie's face returned. She pushed through the birthday celebration, but on Wednesday went to the hospital, where an MRI showed her CM had grown and was bleeding again.

On Thursday, with symptoms worsening, the couple drove to Mayo Clinic to be treated by Jamie's neurosurgeon. They decided it was time to have the surgery and arranged to work with Dr. Robert Spetzler, a world-renowned neurosurgeon at the Barrow Neurological Institute in Phoenix.

Erik '03 and Angie Hulse '03 Danielson arranged a party for friends before the Smiths left, and Angie accompanied Jamie, Patrick, and Jamie's parents and brother to Arizona to offer support.

“Ever since Wartburg, Jamie is one of those people I'd literally drop everything for,” said Angie, who met Jamie on the volleyball team and later became her college roommate. “The night before surgery, we bawled and talked. We wrote on her blog; it was completely surreal.”

Despite the risks, Jamie was calm before the 10-hour surgery. She came to with a stiff neck,

double vision, and decreased sensation on her left side, but no headache.

“I was hoping I was going to be the same,” Jamie said.

Though she felt OK and was able to give Patrick the “I love you” sign, only an MRI would show if the operation had removed the CM. Two days later, the family heard the words they had been waiting for: The surgery was a success. Jamie was going to be OK.

“I couldn't be happier with how it went. I could finally breathe,” Jamie said.

JAMIE 3.0

Jamie still has stiffness and impaired vision. Her balance isn't always the best, and she has damage to her nervous system that isn't visible to others.

“When I'm running, it feels like a 25-pound weight is strapped to my left leg,” she said.

But, she's here, and together the Smiths are living life to the fullest.

“In the last two and half years, we've had to let go and let God,” Patrick said. “We realized we were not going to be able to handle everything on our own. We depended on so many people to help guide us through this challenging time.”

The legion of family and friends who've helped them along the way now helps raise funds for other families.

“She's by far the strongest person I've ever witnessed, with her physical therapy and double vision,” Danielson said. “Her attitude has been, ‘Yes, this is happening to me, but there's a reason.’ ... She wants to help anyone she can through her blog and foundation.”

Patrick focuses on the good that has come out of Jamie's journey the past three years. “It's opened a lot of doors we wouldn't have opened willingly,” he said.

A total of 35 families have been helped financially through “Do Better. Be Better.” and four scholarships have been awarded in Jamie's name.

“It's hard to be negative with all the positivity around you,” he said. 📖



Read more about Jamie's journey and the Do Better. Be Better. fund at www.dobetter-bebetter.blogspot.com.

CROSSING A CONTINENT ON TWO WHEELS



Peterson completes life-changing adventure through Africa

BY STEPHANIE ROBBINS BOEDING '99

MOST PEOPLE DON'T SAVE THE HARDEST CHALLENGE OF THEIR LIFE for age 60. But most people haven't traveled to all seven continents, completed a full Ironman at age 50, or spent a career as a doctor among several Native American cultures in the Indian Health Service. Approaching an age when many think of settling down, **Mark Peterson '76** was looking for his most extreme adventure yet.

Peterson settled on the Tour d'Afrique, a 7,300-mile, four-month bike ride from Cairo to Cape Town with a group of 32 cyclists.

"It's the hardest thing I've ever done, mentally, physically, emotionally," Peterson said. "In four months I lost 40 pounds."

The schedule was grueling. "Every day you get up and ride for seven to eight hours, and then put up your tent," he said. The route itself was extreme for bicyclists. The up-and-down elevations along the way were the equivalent of 15 Mount Everests. In Sudan, the heat was 110 degrees as riders crossed the lower Sahara and Nubian deserts.

"There was no refrigeration, and getting a drink of water is like drinking saliva. It was hard to stay hydrated."

But the riders' greatest fear came from sharing the road with other travelers. Three in the group of 32 were injured by vehicles. Many other times, drivers missed the cyclists by inches.

"The African drivers weren't used to seeing European-style bikes that were going 30 to 40 kilometers per hour and that wouldn't get off the road," he said.

Opportunities to see African wildlife up close were plentiful in the second half of the route. African game even made an appearance on the riders' plates.

"Some of the different cuisine was incredible," Peterson said. Restaurants in Nairobi and Namibia served ostrich, zebra, and wildebeest. "I had some crocodile ribs at Victoria Falls, which were very tasty," he said.

The only doctor on the trip, Peterson helped his fellow riders during their lowest points. "At some point, everybody gets sick with a stomach bug," he said. Peterson also patched up cyclists who fell and tended to three who got sick with malaria.

Even with danger and disease so prevalent, Peterson said his adventure in Africa was worth the risks. "I knew I could take on challenges and succeed, and this confirmed that," he said. "I had worked with a lot of other cultures around the world. The first time you see the poverty in Africa, you realize what real poverty is like. Poverty in America is nothing compared to Africa."

Peterson witnessed poverty in America while serving as a doctor in the Indian Health Service.

"It's as close to the Third World as you're going to get in America," he said of his decades of work on Indian reservations. He went to medical school on a U.S. Public Health Service scholarship and, looking for a way to give back, started his career at a reservation in Montana.

"I grew up around the Midwest, a liberal Lutheran, feeling that service work was something I wanted to do. Wartburg had an atmosphere that reinforced that," Peterson said. "You realize more after you leave what a terrific education you're getting. In many ways you don't know how good you have it ... small class sizes and individual attention, a great foundation for med school."


Peterson stayed with the Indian Health Service and eventually made his way to Alaska, where he retired in 2010, though he still works as a locum physician with the Tlingit.

"One thing that shows you've made a difference is when you're adopted into the tribe. I was adopted into the Tlingit tribe about 20 years ago with an unpronounceable name," he said.

Though he didn't travel abroad while at Wartburg, he did develop some motivating jealousy. "I'd come back after working all summer and had classmates who'd been backpacking across Europe or riding a motorcycle across America, and I was in the Midwest putting up hay and digging ditches." His interest was piqued, and in his adult years he's more than made up for it, traveling to 60 countries on seven continents.

He puts the Tour d'Afrique at the top of his travel list. "It was kind of a life-changing thing, which is weird when you're 60," Peterson said.

And even after 2015's grueling ride, Peterson's thirst for adventure hasn't been quenched.

"At the end of trip, I swore I'd never do anything else like that again. But now it's a year out, and the same group does a trip in Europe, from St. Petersburg to Lisbon, about 4,000 miles. It sounds like a little bit easier trip, so I may do it." 



The Tour d'Afrique route covers more the 7,000 miles in four months, passing through 10 countries from Cairo to Cape Town.



EGYPT: "We started with a little ceremony in front of the pyramids." Roads were decent as the route followed the Nile and passed famous sites, like Luxor."

ETHIOPIA: "Ethiopia's about as poor of a place as there is, and here's these wealthy white Europeans riding through. Kids were throwing rocks and sticks and jumping in front of us. ... I'm sure we looked like space men who'd landed."



NORTHERN KENYA: "This was probably the most dangerous place along the trip, as the group traveled through areas with a lot of tribal animosities. We had armed guards from Cairo to Nairobi. You'd crawl out of your tent and see a couple guys with AK-47s patrolling. ... There were about 100 kilometers in Kenya that were too risky, so we had to ride a bus."

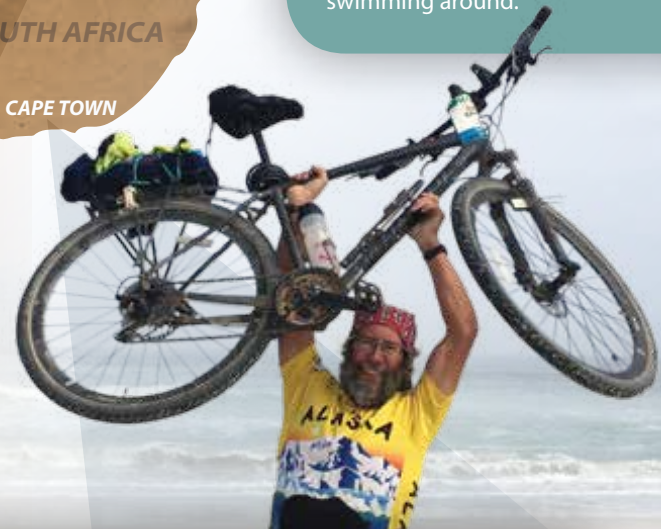
ZAMBIA: "Victoria Falls was gorgeous; the Serengeti, Mount Kilimanjaro, and Ngorongoro Crater, you have all these great wildlife parks."

BOTSWANA: "We were along the Elephant Highway, and there are elephants alongside the road and zebras jumping in front of you."

CAPETOWN: "South Africa is beautiful, with wonderful things to see and do, and it's fairly cheap. A five-star European experience at three-star prices. Great place to visit."

NAIROBI: "Once the group got to Nairobi, the going was easier. We had access to more facilities, including occasional showers and more refrigeration. We lived for Coke stops. There'd be a little shop along the roadside, and you'd look for a power line to indicate refrigeration and cold drinks."

ZAMBEZI RIVER: "Probably the most fun thing I did on the trip was river rafting on the Zambezi River. It was 25 rapids in two hours, all class three to five. You flip in the water and there's crocodiles swimming around."



A TOUR OF THE MCCOY LIVING



Wartburg dedicated the McCoy Living and Learning Center, which encompasses the renovated Clinton Hall, during Homecoming & Family Weekend. Visitors were offered tours of the new facility, including the eastern expansion, **seen above**. The building is named after Mike and Marge McCoy, Transforming Tomorrow campaign co-chairs and donors to the project.

At right, Judy Slade McCaskey '65 signs the guestbook: the floor-to-ceiling whiteboard walls in the Soenke Classroom. Faculty can take advantage of the technologically advanced space to encourage collaboration and discussion among students. The classroom's name honors a gift from **Melvia Soenke '70** in memory of her parents and their love of agriculture.



At left, students study and relax in the McCaskey Commons on the first floor, which recognizes a gift from **Ray '65** and **Judy Slade '65 McCaskey**.

Below, table tennis, foosball, and video games are a few of the activities available for students in the Saemann Lounge. The lounge also includes a kitchenette, **seen at right**. The lounge is named in honor of the Franklin I. and Irene List Saemann Foundation.



NG AND LEARNING CENTER



Above, student rooms in Clinton Hall were renovated from top to bottom, with new paint, flooring, lighting, and mechanical systems, including air conditioning.

At right, students can play pool or gather to watch movies and television in the McElroy Theater Room. The name recognizes a gift from the R.J. McElroy Trust.





LIVE-IN LIBRARIAN

McHose charts new territory as Wartburg's first faculty-in-residence

BY ALAN SIMMER '07 PHOTOS JULIE PAGEL DREWES '90

ASHLEY MCHOSE ALWAYS KNEW SHE WAS GOING TO BE A LIBRARIAN, but she never imagined she would live among the students she serves.

McHose is an information literacy and user experience librarian at Vogel Library. She lives in the newly constructed Zimmerman Residence in the McCoy Living and Learning Center as the inaugural faculty-in-residence. The apartment's name recognizes a gift from Richard O. Zimmerman '51 and his wife, Marge.

The faculty-in-residence program was designed to enhance collaboration among the college's academic programs, Residential Life staff, and Pathways Center while broadening the interaction between students and faculty. For McHose, it was an unprecedented opportunity to engage with students outside of the traditional classroom setting.

"I'm really interested in that holistic living and learning component and the idea that students don't only learn in the classroom but through their whole experience on campus," McHose said.

To learn how to make the most of this new opportunity, McHose traveled with Cassie Hales, director of Residential Life, and Brian Ernsting, dean of the faculty, to Baylor University, a Waco, Texas, institution that has cultivated its faculty-in-residence program since 2003. In their discussions with Baylor faculty, they noticed something: no two approached it in the same manner.

"Baylor really lets them highlight their skills and develop programming based on what they're good at and what they're passionate about," McHose said. "Some

would do more things in the apartment, some would do things outside, like community-building service activities, some were very interested in integrating their subject area and their field. And some were more parental ... were more 'come into my house, eat my cookies.'"

Ernsting said it was McHose's ability to connect with students from varying majors and backgrounds that made her the perfect fit for the new role.


"We wanted all students to benefit from the faculty member in this position, not just students who were interested in one area of study," Ernsting said. "As a librarian, she'll be able to connect with all the students in Clinton Hall and across campus in a way that's very natural for her."

McHose already has started a weekly Roving Reference Desk, where she can help students with citations and research, and a French conversation table, where foreign-language learners can sharpen their skills by practicing with others. She has plans for student brunches in the Zimmerman Residence, weekly floor dinners, and thematic movie nights. Her husband, Will Lefevre, a non-traditional student, will help her host many of the events.

"It's obvious that a lot of detail and care was put into the apartment design to make it a great place for gathering and hosting events—something I definitely hope to take advantage of," she said.

Though these official events with the students are an important piece of her work, McHose also is tracking the unofficial contacts that often pack an even greater punch.

Whether it's eating with students from her IS 101 class in Mensa, walking to Sunday Chapel services with Clinton Hall residents, or just running into students around campus, McHose said these kinds of shared experiences open the door to more meaningful relationships. She is confident the program will continue to grow in part because of these connections, but her confidence also stems from a key similarity the Wartburg program shares with Baylor's successful endeavor.

"We are both very focused on the mission of the college," she said. "We are educating the whole student, not just the mind, but the spirit and body. The living-learning component in our mission will help guide us in our programs and interactions, just as it did at Baylor." 



TEACHING

THROUGH

RESEARCH

BY EMILY CHRISTENSEN PHOTOS JULIE PAGEL DREWES '90

WHETHER IT'S DISCOVERING THE CONNECTION between gut bacteria and Alzheimer's disease or analyzing how college students interpret the cues of sexual assault, Wartburg College students are finding ways to engage in meaningful research, all before earning an undergraduate degree.

In addition to completing mandatory classroom research projects, many Wartburg students delve even deeper into their passions, seeking tangible ways to solve real-world issues, while padding a resume already laden with extracurriculars. For many, the hours spent poring over data and presenting their findings translate into a comfortable confidence that can set them apart in the interview process.



McQueen

"That is very attractive to employers, and it speaks to their competence to take charge of something and complete a project on their own," said Dr. Brian McQueen, assistant professor of sociology.

The benefits grow exponentially for those continuing with graduate studies.

"They've done research and presented at conferences, but they've also developed a research agenda, which is increasingly important as graduate schools become more competitive and selective," McQueen continued. "During the selection process, we can focus our efforts on the schools that would be a good fit for their research."

A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE

When Dr. Roy Ventullo, professor of biology and the Dr. Myrle Burk and Vera Burk Will Endowed Chair in Biology, came to Wartburg in 1994, senior research projects were embedded in the biology curriculum. Students would take one term to write and research their proposal. Their findings were presented to the professor between classes and in the evenings.



Ventullo

Ventullo was aware of how research was presented at the national level. He asked his chair, Dr. Ann Henninger, for permission to expand the research methods curriculum to two terms and to arrange a group poster presentation for all students at the end of the year. The first presentation in Buhr Lounge was well attended and positively received.

Ferol Menzel, then dean of academic affairs, named Ventullo as director of undergraduate research, a newly created position. In 2012, more than 400 students—from across all academic disciplines—participated in the college's inaugural Research, Internship, and Creative Endeavor (RICE) Day.

"This is more the norm now, but we were on the leading edge of research presentations when we started doing those poster sessions," Ventullo said. "We used to write four or five requests for McElroy grants and were the only college requesting money. Now other schools are competing for those same dollars."



Kathryn Chabal '17 runs tests inside the dry box as part of the research she is conducting with Dr. Matthew Zart.

FINDING FUNDING

With the new position came a small budget to provide fellowships for students who spend their summer working alongside faculty—or on their own—researching a mutually agreed upon topic. That same fund helps students cover the cost of traveling to regional and national conferences to present their findings.

Dr. Shawn Ellerbroek, associate professor of chemistry/biochemistry and the Ralph E. Otto Endowed Professor in Chemistry, and his students have benefitted from the fund several times over the years.



Ellerbroek

“Through the support, in part, of this program, my laboratory has been able to publish four peer-reviewed articles in science journals in the last five years,” Ellerbroek said. The students were named as co-authors of those articles and were able to present their findings at major conferences in Washington, D.C., San Francisco, New Orleans, and San Diego.

This year, Ellerbroek went from being the program’s biggest “client” to its director, taking the reins from Ventullo.

“I’m stepping into the directorship in large part due to my past success with undergraduate research,” he said. “I understand what it takes to get undergraduate research done on this campus.”

RESEARCH REACHES ACROSS CAMPUS

Ellerbroek is intimately familiar with the ins and outs of science-based research, but he also knows that some of the best research at Wartburg is happening in the social sciences and humanities.

“If you look at the projects we fund in the summer, the majority are not in the sciences. They are in criminology, psychology, and the fine arts,” he said.

In his first year at Wartburg, McQueen used the fund to take **Bob Leonard '17** to the Midwest Sociological Society meeting in Kansas City, Mo., where he presented his research on what causes people to protest when police kill an African-American male while at other times they remain silent. Last

year, McQueen and Dr. Daniel Sundblad, associate professor of sociology, took three students to the same conference.

“They are doing poster presentations in front of public audiences and professionals from the field. They have 45 minutes for people to come up and ask them about their research,” McQueen said. “It’s entertaining to help them set up and then disappear into the shadows. We see them get nervous, then get into their research and realize they are having a good time.”

McQueen said in the last two years the college has seen its profile rise at these conferences with graduate schools approaching students, trying to recruit them.

RESEARCH IN A LIBERAL ARTS ENVIRONMENT

At some larger institutions, professors spend more time in research than in the classroom. At Wartburg, teaching is every professor’s No. 1 priority. When they do make time for research, it’s almost always with a student by their side.

“The strength of the undergraduate research program is the relationship that faculty can have with their students,” Ellerbroek said. “Their ability to work alongside their students is at the core of how these projects become successful. Really, that is why students choose an institution like Wartburg.”

Though not every research project is worthy of presenting at a major conference or can get published in a peer-reviewed journal, Ellerbroek believes they all merit the investment of his time.

“Our students are experiencing the joys and the pain associated with real research, and like any institution, we can hold up projects that have been published or stood shoulder to shoulder with work from any institution,” he said. “When our prospective students visit with faculty members and learn they are required to do a research project, that scares them but attracts them at the same time. This is a model vehicle we have established to get research completed on this campus and at other institutions similar to ours.”



Read more student profiles at www.wartburg.edu/magazine.

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— Dr. Shawn Ellerbroek

Andrew Tubbs '16

Andrew Tubbs '16 found his passion for research as a member of the Wartburg forensics team.

"I wholeheartedly believe that was the biggest contributor to my success as a scholar," said Tubbs, a music major. "Dr. (Penni) Pier and Professor (David) Brennan truly taught me how to research, write, and present in such a way that I could advocate for causes that were important to me."

For Tubbs, those causes were music and disability. He has thrombocytopenia-absent radius (TAR) syndrome, which causes insufficient and abnormal platelet formation, creating bleeding risks and

skeletal malformations. His research took him to Germany to look at how disabled individuals in the 1930s were marginalized and then exterminated. Through Wartburg West, he also performed with the Phamaly Theater Company in Denver, Colo., the only theatre company in the U.S. to strictly hire disabled actors.

Tubbs presented his work at the Upper Midwest Honors Conference, Midwest Undergraduate Conference in the Humanities, Iowa Musicology Day, National Conference of Undergraduate Research, and the Society for Disability Studies Conference. The McElroy

Fellow is continuing his research at the University of Iowa, where he is pursuing a doctorate in musicology and disabilities studies.

"Speech and debate taught me how to be an advocate and create positive change with words," Tubbs said. "Music is one of the most powerful forces in our society. Understanding how musical narratives can both positively and negatively impact societal constructions of disability enables me to use my scholarship as a means to advocate to a subjugated social group."

Sami Kopf '18

This year, a campus climate survey created by Sami Kopf '18 and Dr. Brian McQueen, associate professor of sociology, could be used to provide administrators with information that can help shape policies to prevent and respond to sexual assault and misconduct.

Kopf, a psychology and sociology major from Hastings, Minn., studied more than 50 campus climate surveys as part of her undergraduate research project. What she found was that many surveys focused only on overt forms of sexual assault and rape. Questions about unsolicited

touching were not included.

"Officials use these surveys to get the statistic that one in every four college-aged females is sexually assaulted, but that doesn't include a whole chunk of what sexual assault is defined by," Kopf said.

She presented her research at last year's Midwest Sociological Society meeting and spent the summer working with McQueen to create a campus climate survey. The college's Title IX coordinator and team have yet to review the survey to determine if it will be appropriate for use this year.

"I was definitely grateful that they were even interested in hearing what I had to say. I was worried they might not want to do this, because the results from this survey could change those one-in-four results, but Dean (Dan) Kittle (dean of students) even offered funding to allow me to offer incentives to students who complete the survey," she said. "This just reiterated my confidence that Wartburg is trying to be a progressive school."

Kopf plans to continue her education, earning an advanced degree in an area related to gender and equality.

Caleb Milius '17

Caleb Milius '17 was only a second-year biology and biochemistry major when Dr. Matthew Zart, assistant professor of chemistry, approached him about a summer research project.

"I knew I was going to need experience for my senior research project and that the experience would be vital for any graduate who wants to go into the sciences, so I gladly accepted," he said.

Zart regularly seeks out talented younger students to help him in the lab, giving them real-world experiences that could help refine their future areas of study.

"We aren't just working on contrived problems like we would in class. This is

real, and there isn't always an answer," he said. "We have to work together to see if there is an answer, and they then become co-owners of the project."

Though the end goal has morphed since 2015, Milius has continued his work with Zart—and picked up more student researchers along the way. Last summer, Kathryn Chabal '17 (biochemistry), Nick Sedor '18 (biochemistry), and Stephen Klaassen '18 (biology) spent long hours in the Science Center, seeking a viable interface between biology and chemistry by using chemistry to mimic the way biology solves specific problems. By the end of the summer, the crew had sent

at least one sample to the University of Iowa for special testing. If their findings are proven, Zart believes they will have enough information to publish the first piece of their research.

"I've always playing with the idea of going into teaching or wanting to do research, and this was a great opportunity to see if that is something I want to do. I've really enjoyed it, but my other passions will likely lead me down a different road," Milius said. "I do hope that I can continue researching in some way. I know a lot of physicians do perform their own research, so maybe I can do that."

LIVING THEIR LEARNING IN

DSM

Students capitalize on urban living opportunities close to home

BY STEPHANIE ROBBINS BOEDING '99 PHOTOS JULIE PAGEL DREWES '90

ON A SUNNY SUMMER NIGHT, three Wartburg College students gathered with dozens of other Knights at Principal Park in Des Moines to watch the Iowa Cubs take on the Round Rock Express.

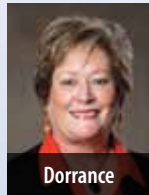
Though the three women hail from Iowa, Illinois, and Indiana, that night they all returned to the apartment building they called home as the inaugural participants in the college's new Des Moines Urban Studies Program. Like Wartburg West, the college's longstanding urban studies program in Denver, Colo., the Des Moines program is designed to give students experiential learning opportunities in an urban setting.

Students live in apartments leased by Wartburg just south of downtown on the campus of the former American Institute of Business. During the school year, students can take classes taught by Wartburg professors while completing an internship, their student teaching, or a social work practicum. During the summer, students focus on an internship experience.

For **Alex Stoffregen '18**, that meant marketing, modeling, and learning the business side of buying and pricing clothes for Boco Collections, a boutique in West Des Moines' historic

Valley Junction district. Stoffregen, from Greencastle, Ind., is studying communication arts but plans to pursue a career in fashion.

"The skills I learned in my marketing class at Wartburg allowed me to create unique ads and creatively promote this small business," Stoffregen said. "I learned a lot about making sales and how to promote and run a small business. I cannot wait until I have my own store."



Dorrance

Jo Dorrance, the college's internship coordinator, said the idea for the Des Moines program was first considered during a conversation with a member of the Board of Regents. They talked about establishing a program similar to Wartburg West, but closer to campus.

"The program is very beneficial in giving students that next step toward independence, and if they thought about living in a large city, they can 'test the waters' through this program with support from the college," Dorrance said.

Though the program is starting small—another two students are living, studying, and working in Des Moines

during Fall Term—Dorrance expects to see the program grow as students find new ways to capitalize on the opportunities in Iowa's largest city.

"We will have our first student teacher in Des Moines in January," she said. "We hope to attract many social work majors for their practicums since Des Moines offers many more agency settings than are available in the Cedar Valley."

Part of the building process will include engaging Des Moines-area alumni in the program. In addition to inviting students to participate in alumni events, like the Iowa Cubs game, Dorrance also is seeking Knights who can provide shadowing opportunities for students or even act as internship hosts.

"I'm hoping to have a mentoring program where we have an alum in a career relevant to the student's major meet with them periodically to offer professional and personal advice," she said.

Alumni input also will be sought as the college looks for a more long-term housing option that offers space





Living near downtown Des Moines was just one of the many perks of the new summer program for (from left) Alex Stoffregen '18, MacKenzie Sellnau '17, and Alyssa Edwards '17.

for a faculty-in-residence and meeting space in the core of Des Moines.

With only one term in the books, the program already is making a name for itself with internship hosts. Christina Barker, owner of Boco Collections, heard about the program when working with Dorrance on rental housing. Barker had just opened her clothing boutique and was in need of an intern.

"Alex was absolutely amazing. This being my first intern, I didn't know what to expect," Barker said. "She learned about opening a small boutique, which is what she wants to do. She exceeded all expectations. I told Jo to bring on the next intern," Barker said.

The Des Moines Social Club took on two interns in the program's inaugural summer: **MacKenzie Sellnau '17**, a journalism and communication major from Cedar Rapids, and **Alyssa Edwards '17**, a music and journalism and communication major from Kingston, Ill.

Sellnau took photos and video for the nonprofit arts organization as well as promoted it on social media, while Edwards

worked with the bands that performed at the DMSC's downtown venues.

"Being at the Social Club gave me insight about how bands operate and how they have to market themselves," said Edwards, who hopes to find a career in the music business.

Sellnau was responsible for creating a "Meet the Interns" page on the DMSC website, including taking the photos and

curating fun bio statements. She also started a video series promoting classes at the club. Her DMSC supervisors were so impressed with her work, they connected her with others in the Des Moines area who could utilize her video expertise.

During her free time, Sellnau helped with a sitcom called "Wait, What?" and edited television ads for Gary Kroegeer's Iowa House of Representatives campaign. Barker also hired her to take photographs for Boco's summer catalog and advertising.

"I've had a lot of experiences I wouldn't have gotten anywhere else and opportunities to have my photos and production work grow," Sellnau said. "I've learned a lot about time management and even more about myself." 📷



Learn more about the Des Moines Urban Studies Program at www.wartburg.edu/DSM.

TEN WEEKS, ONE CAMPERVAN

BY HEATHER GLASS MCGONEGLE '10

Editor's note: The following excerpts were taken from Heather Glass McGonegle's blog (10weeks1lifetime.com), where she chronicled her exploration of the western United States and Canada.

IN THE SUMMER OF 2016, we hit the road for 10 weeks of the campervan life. We traveled over 6,500 miles, climbing new routes and running new trails. From Colorado to Canada, we pushed out of our comfort zones and discovered our love for adventure (and each other) along the way.

MAY 30, 2016

BRECKENRIDGE, COLO.

Today, Eric, myself, and the two pups set out for one grand adventure. ... The timing could not have been more perfect. I had been ready for change in my career and was looking for other opportunities. Eric also came across change in his career and had to follow a non-compete rule. ... I am writing this now as we head west, where we will be taking a pit-stop in Fruita (Colo.) to trail run and mountain bike.

We stretched our tired bodies, looked at each other, and silently agreed, "rest day." At this point, we had climbed nearly 20 days with only four days off.

JULY 4, 2016

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK
(CALIFORNIA)

We entered (Yosemite) late on a Sunday afternoon after climbing Cardinal Pinnacle and luckily scored a perfect campsite in the Tuolumne Meadows campground. ... Our first climb was West Crack ... considered a meadows classic, must-do climb. ... And, so began a cycle of magnificent climbing, running, and rest days in our new home.



We have led a peaceful life up to this point, slowed down and felt far away from the hurry of modern day life. That is what the Yosemite Valley felt like that day. Hurried. Busy. Overwhelmed with visitors ... trying to squeeze every last drop out of their vacation. I do not blame them. It causes me to pause and wonder when we lost the battle in balancing our work, family, friends, recreation, health, and well-being. Vacations, or the activities we enjoy doing, should never feel stressful, hurried, or tick-list crammed.

JULY 2, 2016

BISHOP, CALIF.

JULY 5-9, 2016
CIRQUE DE TOWERS
(WYOMING)

We could not help but sing the song 'On the Road Again' as we drove miles and miles of road on our way to the Cirque. The open road once again felt free as we cruised endless highway, windows down.

The alarm was set for 5 a.m. We hoped for an early start with the goal of climbing a four pitch 5.9 high on Pingora Peak. However, as the alarm sounded, its tone was drowned out by the sound of rain on the tent. ... We spent the day napping and playing cards. Tomorrow we would try again.

The third day granted us a blue-bird day. We got another early start and arrived at the base of the climb once again (Pingora Peak, Southwest Face) at about 7:30 a.m. It was a four pitch climb that proved each pitch to be truly on classic level.

JUNE 5, 2016
MOAB, UTAH

We knew we would be traveling through the desert at a time when the daytime temps would be hitting nearly 100+ degrees. ... So, we plan accordingly. Climb early in the shade. Run and bike in the morning. Escape to a coffee shop with the dogs in the afternoon. Our first day in the area consisted of exploring the Long Canyon crags.

JUNE 13, 2016
LAKE POWELL (BETWEEN UTAH AND ARIZONA)



JUNE 17, 2016
LAS VEGAS

Following Zion, we drove to Las Vegas for our first hotel stay of the trip. ... I am sure we were quite the sight when we pulled up to our hotel. Red, dirt-stained van. Out jump two even dirtier humans, hair unwashed for almost two weeks. Open the van door, out jump two dogs and out with them, climbing gear and gallon water jugs tumbling down to the ground.

JUNE 22, 2016
MOUNT WHITNEY/HIGH SIERRAS (CALIFORNIA)

... (After the climb up Mount Whitney) ice axes in hand, we started our way down the Mountaineer's Route, an 1,800-foot steep snow gully. ... It was a brutal, knee aching hour of constant downhill. ... Fast forward that hour to our campsite ... and our tent that was no longer there. ... Luckily, though, we found it sitting 300 feet below us in a brush patch. More importantly, our sleeping bags and pads were still in the tent. The tent was not functional, forcing us to an open-air bivy (sleeping outside) for the night.

JUNE 21, 2016
MOUNT WHITNEY/HIGH SIERRAS (CALIFORNIA)

Our next destination was California, specifically the High Sierras. ... Upper Boy Scout Lake was a mile and another 1,000-plus feet from the base of Mount Whitney and our climb. We hiked up Tuesday, late afternoon, set up camp, made dinner, and settled in for a WINDY night of little sleep.

Eric and I originally booked this week to the Bugaboos well before we knew the campervan life was even an option. Snowpatch Spire sat on my desktop background at work for months. But the picture did not do justice as we crept closer to the base of the park.

Last day, last chance—we wanted to make this work badly before our psych completely ran out. We were out the door by 5:45 a.m. Once again, there was a chance of storms that day, so we played it safe by hopping on a route called Wildflowers (5.9) on the west face of Snowpatch.

As I look back on the last two and a half months, I stress that we do not think we are special for the miles we traveled in the van or on foot, nor the thousands of feet we climbed. Yes, we are extremely grateful for the opportunity to do something like this. Yes, we created memories that we will remember for a lifetime. The trip itself is only a small piece of who we are, but a monumental showcase of how we want to live. We want to explore adventure's limits, not limit ourselves, in all things work and play. We want to live, not just be alive. This seems to be a common theme in today's world—more and more individuals are shifting their desire for status and money to experiences and simplicity. All of us make choices, day in and day out, in regards to how we want to live. ... Every day, every moment is an adventure if you make it one. 🌲

AUG. 5, 2016
HOME

JULY 22-31, 2016
BUGABOO PROVINCIAL PARK, BRITISH COLUMBIA



The REFORMATION then and now

BY THE REV. DR. KATHRYN KLEINHANS, MIKE AND MARGE MCCOY FAMILY DISTINGUISHED CHAIR IN LUTHERAN HERITAGE AND MISSION

REFORMATION THEN AND NOW: It's the title campus pastor emeritus **Larry Trachte '66** chose many years ago for his May Term travel course to Germany to learn about Wartburg's Lutheran heritage, and it still describes what Wartburg is about.

The year 2017 marks the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Protestant Reformation, dated from Martin Luther posting his 95 *Theses* protesting the sale of indulgences on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany, on Oct. 31, 1517. Scholars still debate exactly what happened, but I'm persuaded by the argument that Luther himself didn't see his action as a big deal. Posting university announcements on the doors of churches was standard practice, and Luther was a university professor as well as a preacher. Despite the dramatic pictures of a resolute Luther, it is likely the actual posting was done by a student or servant, and it certainly would have been done with wax rather than a hammer and nails.



Kleinhans

This simple action had world-changing consequences. In the name of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, Luther stood up to the two most powerful people in the world: the pope and the emperor. Within a few decades, the ideal of a unified religious and political society was shattered. It's no wonder, then, that Luther was consistently ranked in the top five on lists of the most influential people of the millennium (1000 A.D.-2000 A.D.).

A WIDENED FOCUS

In July 2012, I attended a seminar where the theme was *What to Do About 2017? The Ecumenical Challenge of an Anniversary*. The organizers emphasized the changed context in which the 500th anniversary is taking place. First, we live in an ecumenical age, when Christians cooperate actively across denominational lines rather than defining ourselves against other Christians. Second, we live in a world where Christianity is growing most rapidly in Africa and Asia, while many churches in Europe and North America are in decline. Taken together, these changes show us that the Reformation isn't just for Lutherans, and it isn't just for Germans and Scandinavians, either.

Anniversaries are not only about the past but also about the future. Reformation is not a one-time event. It's an ongoing process of reforming, rethinking, and restructuring to keep moving forward. This is true not only for churches but for colleges and universities as well.

Ron Matthias' 2002 history of Wartburg College, *Still on the Move*, emphasizes how Wartburg has adapted itself over time, to serve the changing needs of a changing society. Being "on the move" wasn't just about changing geographical location. It also was about admitting women, developing pre-professional programs of study, and more. Founded originally to meet the needs of the German Lutheran immigrant community (particularly the need for teachers and pastors), Wartburg now educates students of many ethnicities and religious affiliations and offers more than 50 academic majors.

This is not a drift away from our original mission but an expansion. It's a re-formation, a recognition that we carry out our mission today in a different and much more diverse cultural context.

REFORMATION DNA

Luther's 16th-century reformation was not just about church life. Luther's desire that all people be able to read the Bible for themselves led to a push for universal education, for girls as well as boys, regardless of social and economic status.

Luther's challenge to what he called the "works-righteousness" of the medieval church led to an emphasis on service to others, not because one's actions might earn favor from God but because one's actions would benefit one's neighbors in real, meaningful ways.

Education and service are at the heart of Wartburg's mission, not just because they are trendy, but because they are part of the Reformation DNA that Wartburg's founders brought to their—and our—work.

One of Luther's central theological themes was vocation. Prior to Luther, the word vocation was used almost exclusively to refer to those in religious life. Luther redefined the concept of vocation, insisting that God calls all people to live responsibly in service of others. For Luther, this sense of vocation included not only the workplace but also one's family and community.

Much in our world still cries out for reformation. Despite our vast knowledge and our scientific and technological developments, millions of people still die from hunger and the lack of clean water. Too many people still rely on violence as an answer, in families, in neighborhoods, and on a national and global scale. Individual and corporate greed stretch our natural resources beyond a sustainable limit.

People of faith may turn to God for help and strength to respond to these challenges. The theology of the Reformation and example of the 16th-century reformers reminds us that we are called to engage the pressing issues of our day, not only for our sake but for the benefit of our neighbors. Both "then" and "now," Wartburg College responds to this call by educating students with the knowledge, thoughtfulness, and passion to live out their own callings here and now—and tomorrow. 📖

✈️ Visit Lutherland

Celebrate the **500th anniversary of the Reformation** with a Lutherland tour led by the Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kleinhans, McCoy Family Distinguished Chair in Lutheran Heritage and Mission. The two-week excursion, **June 7-21, 2017**, includes visits to Eisenach, Worms, Wittenberg (where you can participate in the annual Luther's Wedding Festival), Eisleben, Erfurt, Torgau, and more. An optional three-day Bavarian extension, **June 21-24**, includes visits to Nuremberg, Augsburg, and Neuendettelsau. Space is limited. To learn more and reserve your spot, visit www.wartburg.edu/travel.

Portrait OF THE Reformation

BY EMILY CHRISTENSEN PHOTOS DIEGO LASANSKY

IOWA CITY-BASED ARTIST DIEGO LASANSKY has gifted more than 40 original intaglio prints of Martin Luther to Wartburg College in celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation.

Two prints will be kept by the college: one displayed on campus, the other at the president's residence at Greenwood. President Darrel Colson has gifted the rest, along with a copy of Lasansky's book cataloging his work from 2012 to 2015, to Lutheran colleges and organizations around the world.

"I was honored by Diego's gift, and I'm delighted to be in a position to share," Colson said. "Diego's only request is that the receiving institutions find a home for this print in their permanent collection of art."

The print depicts Luther as Junker Jörg (translated to Knight George), the persona he adopted during his stay at Wartburg Castle, where he translated the New Testament from Greek into German.

The collaboration began about four years ago when Colson saw one of Lasansky's Martin Luther drawings. Originally, Colson thought the drawing would be a sufficient Reformation gift, but Lasansky wanted to think bigger.

"I had already started thinking about doing this piece as a print. It made sense to me to send out not a reproduction, but an original," he said. "It was a win-win for both of us. Wartburg was able to send out an original print as a gift, and I now have a piece of artwork in each of these institutions."

Each copy of *Junker Jörg* 1521 was created in Lasansky's studio over a six-month period. The intaglio printmaking process involves etching and engraving on a flat piece of copper.

"(The print) recalls the central role of the arts in the 16th-century Reformation. From Albrecht Dürer's promotion of Luther's reforming insights through the medium of woodcut prints to Luther's own writing of hymns to teach the people through music, the arts were a key vehicle for the Reformation movement," Elizabeth Eaton, presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, wrote in her letter of

thanks to Colson. "Mr. Lasansky's work represents the continuing contribution of the arts to the reality of the church under the gospel of Jesus Christ, even as his image of Luther in 1521 commemorates a central moment in the Reformation."

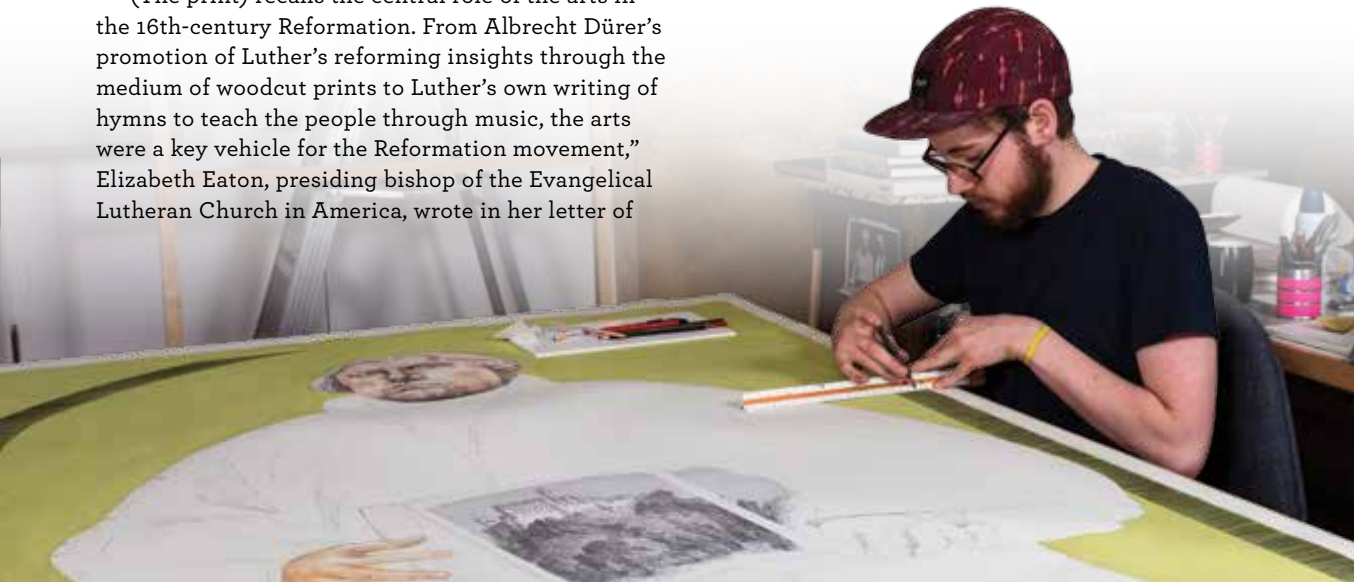
Though Lasansky grew up nonreligious, he took great interest in the importance of religion throughout history and in art.

"The church, for centuries, was the main supporter of the arts. For me, the interest in drawing the pope or someone like Martin Luther is no different than me drawing Albert Einstein or a president," he said. "They are significant figures in time who have more than just a religious meaning."

This is not the only Lasansky piece on display on campus. Lasansky's self-portrait and four prints created by his grandfather, famed Iowa artist Mauricio Lasansky, are installed on the third floor of Vogel Library. The elder Lasansky's Holocaust-themed series, *For An Eye An Eye*, used the same copper printmaking process.

"Diego's print is a stunning example of skillful use of the artistic medium that his grandfather mastered. I cannot overstate the pleasure I've taken in watching Diego produce prints on the press that his grandfather used," Colson said.

The pieces all were donated by William Fruehling, a Waverly native who attended Wartburg for a short time before finishing his degree at the University of Iowa. Fruehling's father, W.G., was the head of the college's psychology department, and his mother, Marion, taught business classes and managed the bookstore. 📖



A new kind of *marathon*

BY EMILY CHRISTENSEN PHOTOS JULIE PAGEL DREWES '90

All-star runner finds new purpose raising family

MISSY BUTTRY ROCK '05 HAS RUN PLENTY OF MEANINGFUL RACES in her lifetime.

During her storied Wartburg running career, she earned 18 All-America honors and 14 NCAA titles. But it was a race that came years later that will forever hold the top spot on Rock's list of accomplishments.

In 2014, Rock ran her first marathon, but her focus was never on her final time. When she started training, Rock and her husband, Andrew, already had waited more than a year to bring their third child, Tina, home from the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

"We heard from the orphanage director that there were times the kids would go days or a week without much food, when they would get only one small meal a day," Rock said. "When I started training for the marathon, I also started a GoFundMe page to raise money for the orphanage."

Her training netted her a respectable finish, and her fundraising efforts secured more than \$3,000, a small fortune for the Democratic Republic of Congo's children's home.

ADOPTION RUNS IN THE FAMILY

Rock is one of 14 children—her 11 youngest siblings were adopted from South Korea, Vietnam, Guatemala, and the United States.

"It was always something we knew we would do to build our family," she said. "We went back and forth between having our own biological child and adopting first, but in the end we decided on adoption."

Though the couple started their search in Ethiopia, they fell in love with 10-month-old Athulya from India. During the yearlong adoption process, they learned that Athulya had cerebral palsy, though the extent of the disorder, which affects muscle tone, movement, and motor skills, was unclear.



With extensive therapy, Athulya, now 7, has surpassed even most doctors' expectations.

"She started walking at a little over 2. She's still in speech and occupational therapy and does have other delays, but she is just a joy," Rock said.

With their first daughter home, Rock knew continuing her professional running career, which had been marred by injuries and other setbacks, was not in her future.

DIVING INTO MOTHERHOOD

Athulya was 2 when she found her forever home, and the couple wanted her to have a sibling close in age. Four months later, Rock was pregnant with Isaiah, now 5.

Isaiah was 18 months old when the couple began the adoption process once again. They were nearing the end of the long wait to bring Tina home when the Democratic Republic of the Congo closed the doors on all international adoptions.

Their little girl, whom they had never met but already was part of their family, was stuck, and there was no indication of when the ban would be lifted.

A few months later, Rock was surprised to learn she was pregnant again. Just six months after Josiah was born, the running bug returned.

"I always wanted to run a marathon, but I wanted to make the marathon about something bigger than myself," she said. A running friend, Carrie Tollefson, promoted the GoFundMe page on her radio show, which prompted ESPN to publish a story about the family's efforts. "It was probably one of the most rewarding races I have ever

run, because it had real meaning behind it. It wasn't just me accomplishing something on my own. When I was training, I would think of Tina and the other kids in the orphanage. It just became that much easier to go through the rough training days."

When Steve Johnson, Rock's Wartburg cross country coach, caught wind of the effort, he reached out immediately.

"Generosity is what we are called to do, especially when it comes to kids. My upbringing was a little rough, and we were real poor and had no dad around," said Johnson, who retired this year. "So if there is a kid needing some kind of help, I'm a real softy when it comes to that. They had been waiting for Tina to be released forever, and to hear about the orphanage ... it's just terrible."

That support meant the world to Rock, who chose Wartburg, in part, because of Johnson.

"When he came down to recruit me, he not only showed me the success of his program, but also his Christian faith. That was a big draw for me," she said.

A HUGE HOMECOMING

For more than three years, the Rocks could do nothing but hope and pray that someday Tina would be allowed to join them in the United States.

"She was with us daily in our lives. When we did our family devotional, we would pray that

God would bring her home," Rock said.

Though there were moments when the uncertainty was overwhelming, the family finally welcomed Tina, now 7, into their home March 13. The Shenandoah community, where Rock grew up, celebrated Tina's homecoming in June. Her adoption was finalized Aug. 3.

Rock said her social work studies at Wartburg taught her to be patient and trained her to handle the chaos of four kids. Being a student-athlete taught her how to manage her time, which is now split between duties at home—she also home-schools—and her responsibilities as the assistant women's cross country coach at Bethel University in St. Paul, Minn., where Andrew is the head track and field coach.

"For three and a half years I was broke in two, with half of me here with my children and half of me with Tina in the Congo. To finally be whole again, and being able to be fully present with all my children, is a blessing like no other," Rock said.

"We feel blessed beyond belief with how God has grown our family through adoption and biological children. There is a lot of love in our family, and it's always fun and exciting to teach and celebrate our daughters' cultures together." 🍷



Tina Rock

HALL OF FAME HONORS ROLL IN FOR ROCK

Though Missy Buttry Rock '05 no longer runs competitively, it's been an active year for her in the world of track and field.

The all-star athlete was inducted into three halls of fame, including the NCAA Division III Athlete Hall of Fame, which was celebrated on the Wartburg campus in May.

"It means so much to me that Coach Steve Johnson was here when I was inducted. He could have nominated me last year, but he wanted to set it up so I was at Wartburg when I was honored, and that was a lot more meaningful for me," she said, adding that even today Johnson is still "her guy" when she needs a little extra coaching.

"I've run two marathons now, and I still contact him, tell him what I've done to train, and ask him what more I should be doing."

Her husband, Andrew, a former 400-meter runner at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse and 2004 Olympic gold medalist, also was inducted into the hall of fame. The duo has been dubbed Division III's "first couple."

Missy also was inducted into the Roy Griak Invitational Hall of Fame, which honors people who have made "immeasurable contributions" to the event. She also was named to the KMA Sports Hall of Fame inaugural class. KMA is a radio station in Shenandoah.

"It has been such an honor to be inducted into all the halls of fame. When you are in the middle of it all you are so focused on what you are doing that sometimes you don't see the honor fully. So to be able to look back and celebrate that with all the people who helped me through all of it has been such an honor and blessing."

Knights in the News



Do you recognize anyone in this Outfly morning photo? Head to the Warburg College Facebook page on Thursday, Dec. 1, and tell us what you know.

Don't forget to also find us on Twitter and Instagram to connect with other alums, get the latest info, and discuss the most recent campus events.

1952

HERB HILDEBRANDT, Ann Arbor, Mich., was a major consultant in merging Glacier Hills Retirement Center with Trinity Health.

1954

TED HEINECKEN, Chicago, retired in February 2015 after more than 50 years in publishing sales. He was awarded the Publishers Weekly Lifetime Achievement Award and the Great Lakes and Midwest Independent Booksellers' "Voice of the Heartland" award in 2015.

1955

The Rev. **FRED GONNERMAN**, Northfield, Minn., has published his memoir, *The Work of Our Hands: The Life and Death of the Small Family Farm*.

1956

The Rev. **ERVIN LANGHOLZ**, Sun City, Ariz., retired from a 55-year career in ministry in January.

1964

Royce and **KAREN GAST KREUL**, Oregon, Wis., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Aug. 20.

1967

Class Reunion May 25-28

1970

LINDA MARCHANT GUNN, Carmel, Calif., is a school speech-language pathologist and maintains a private business.

1972

Class Reunion Oct. 12-15

The Rev. **DANITH KILTS**, Green Cove Springs, Fla., retired from a career in ministry July 1, 2015.

1977

Class Reunion Oct. 12-15

1978

ROBERT WOODAED, St. Joseph, Ill., works in sales at Champaign Appliance Center.

1980

SANDY NIELSEN SCHNEEKLOTH, Cedar Rapids, is a fifth-grade teacher at Bowman Woods Elementary and received the Educator of the Year award from Professional Educators of Iowa in May.

1982

Class Reunion Oct. 12-15

JERRILYN SCHMIDT, Oshkosh, Wis., is church council secretary at First English Lutheran Church and a Lutheran Campus Ministry board member.

1984

MIRIAM LUTZ, Dulles, Va., is the U.S. Agency for International Development's humanitarian and development adviser to the U.S. Mission to the United Nations in Rome.

1986

GARY T. JOHNSON, Chicago, was awarded his second Coast Guard Service Award in recognition of more than 13 years of service in the auxiliary division of the U.S. Coast Guard.

1987

Class Reunion Oct. 12-15

DEBRA HITE RHOADS, Grundy Center, is a deposit operations tech for Lincoln Savings Bank, Reinbeck.

JEFF SCHARES, Plymouth, Mass., is a region vice president for Rite Aid Corp.

1990

ANDY GEBHARD, Minneapolis, is vice president of communications at SFM Mutual Insurance Co., Bloomington, Minn.

1992

Class Reunion Oct. 12-15

ANNE WEBBER, Grand Rapids, Minn., is a special education teacher at Forest Lake Elementary School.

1993

Dr. **DEBORAH DUNKLEE CHESHIRE**, College Station, Texas, started an integrated behavioral health program as the clinical psychologist for the OB/GYN and pediatric departments at Baylor Scott & White Health.

1994

TIM MARSHALL, Moravia, retired from John Deere in June.

1996

SUSAN BACHMAN WEST, Minneapolis, is president of Bachman's, a floral company.

1997

Class Reunion Oct. 12-15

1998

KIMBERLY SCHREIBER HAN, Cottage Grove, Wis., is a PL business systems analyst at American Family Insurance, Madison, Wis.

JENNIFER LOEB, Marengo, summited Mt. Everest on May 19. She is the first woman from Iowa to summit the tallest mountain in the world and has only one more peak to climb (Vinson Massif) to finish the "7 Summits."

TODD D. NELSON, North Liberty, has joined the finance faculty at the University of Iowa, Iowa City.

KIMBERLY CALDWELL WILDEBUER, New Brighton, Minn., leads the fraud, waste, abuse, and error customer service team at Optum, a division of UnitedHealth Group, Eden Prairie, Minn.

1999

Erik and the Rev. **LISA SMITH FIEGEL**, Anchorage, Alaska, announce the birth of Elias Norman, March 27. He joins Logan, 2. Lisa is the director for evangelical mission for the Alaska Synod of the ELCA.

2000

MATT and ANGELA PETERS BUTTJER, Aplington, announce the birth of Owen David, Feb. 8. He joins Hannah, 10, Ella, 7, and James, 4. Matthew is a physical therapist and manager with Athletico, Cedar Falls. Angela is a physician assistant with Dermatology Associates, Waterloo.

JIM LICKO has been named managing director of CenterTable, a new sister agency to GroundFloor Media, Denver, Colo.

The Revs. Jorge Montes-Clausen and **LE ANNE CLAUSEN DE MONTES**, Clinton, announce the birth of Fidelia Sylvia Rose Montes-Clausen, Oct. 1, 2015. She joins Sophie, 5; Sam, 3; and Maya, 2. Le Anne serves the L'Arche Community, an international federation of intentional communities formed of people with and without disabilities.

2001

AMANDA PORTER GREUBEL, DeWitt, received the Abigail Quigley McCarthy Center for Women Award for her research paper, "Curricular Content on Women: CSWE's First Step Toward Gender Equity." Amanda is a doctoral student in the social work program at St. Kate's - St. Thomas School of Social Work, St. Paul, Minn., and serves on the faculty of the St. Ambrose University School of Social Work, Davenport.

SARAH CHRISTOPHERSON PARSONS, Cedar Falls, is the director of advancement communications at the University of Northern Iowa.

Barry Robinson and **MARY FULLER**, Atlantic, were married March 19.

2002

Class Reunion Oct. 12-15

KRISTA GALLAGHER COLT, Lauderdale, Minn., is director of stewardship/campaign manager for the College of Science and Engineering at the University of Minnesota.

2003

Christopher and **SARAH OLSON BORK**, Neenah, Wis., announce the birth of Hannah Elizabeth and Sophia Jane, April 5. They join Lucas, 4.

David and **JAIME SCHMIDT DRINGENBURG**, Waukesha, Wis., announce the birth of Miri Hope, July 26, 2015. She joins Bly, 3.

Nicholas and **MELISSA WENDLAND FEHRING**, Stevens Point, Wis., announce the birth of Jeremy Charles, June 17, 2015. He joins Emily, 1.

Charles and **KIMBERLY BABCOCK MASHEK**, Waverly, announce the birth of Charlotte Grace, Nov. 25, 2015. She joins Theodore, 3, and Timothy, 1.

Scott and **BETH FRANZMAN SIGMUND**, Marion, announce the birth of Maren Noelle, Jan. 7. She joins Freya, 2.

2004

SCOTT and Kristen **ARTHUR**, Edgewood, announce the birth of Mila Jacqueline, March 7. She joins Dayce, 5, and Sienna, 3. Scott is project manager for the test equipment services department at Rockwell Collins, Cedar Rapids.

Jason and **MAGGIE GIBNEY ATKINSON**, Elkhorn, Wis., announce the birth of Ian Bruce, Jan. 31.

The Rev. **MARCUS KNECHT**, O'Neill, Neb., earned his masters and masters of divinity in theology from Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, St. Louis. He is associate pastor at St. Patrick Catholic Church.

Paul and **SUSAN KUENNEN RIELAND**, Cold Spring, Minn., announce the birth of Katherine Mary, Jan. 24. She joins Patrick, 1.

2005

ANDREW and **MEGAN WRIGHT '06 DRYSDALE**, Denver, Colo., announce the birth of James Andrew Wright Drysdale, April 6.

ADAM and **WENDY PERCIFIELD '06 HAIGHT**, Washington, Ill., announce the birth of Audrey Elizabeth and Brianna Grace, Feb. 4.

GABRIEL and **CHRISTINE BERLIN MAAS**, North Liberty, announce the birth of Lillian and Alaina, March 18.

LUCAS and **JESSICA DAKER '08 MEIER**, Sigourney, announce the birth of Blythe Alyse, Nov. 14, 2015.

BRANDON and **CHRISTY HANSEN NEWTON '06**, St. Paul, Minn., announce the birth of Ada Debra, Feb. 23. She joins Grace, 6, and Ezra, 2.

CHRIS and Shelley **SKUSTER**, West Des Moines, announce the birth of Addison Ann, March 25. She joins Olivia, 3, and Kendra, 1.

NATHAN and **SARAH CORPSTEIN SPECHT**, Cedar Rapids, announce the birth of Isla Drew, May 13, 2015. She joins Lily, 5, and Mila, 2.

2006

Allen and **ASHLEY JESSICK BOHNSTENGEL**, Omaha, Neb., announce the birth of Aubrey Rose, Feb. 1.

Kevin and **STEFFANIE TOMLINSON BONNSTETTER**, Knoxville, announce the birth of Kade William, March 16.

AKEEM CARTER, Houston, was inducted into the NWCA Hall of Fame. He is co-founder and CEO of Active at Home Fitness.

Shawn Carter and **ANNIE REIHER**, Jackson, Miss., were married Sept. 19, 2015.

REED and **ELIZABETH SUMMITT HOSKINS**, La Crosse, Wis., announce the birth of Addison Marie, Jan. 8.

Brady White and **JILL HACKMAN**, West Des Moines, were married April 23.

2007

Class Reunion Oct. 12-15

KURT and Robin **ANDREESEN**, Anamosa, announce the birth of Madelyn Rae, Jan. 13. She joins Conner, 3.

Steve and **BROOKE NIELSEN HENNIGS**, Burnsville, Minn., announce the birth of Baker, Jan. 26.

Adam McQueen and **VALERIE HUSBY**, Denver, Colo., were married July 17, 2015.

Matt Nolte and **LAUREN SEMLER-NOLTE**, Waverly, announce the birth of Lucy Jean, Dec. 7. She joins Evelyn, 3.

LISAMARIE NIELSEN ODEEN, Dubuque, is the director of communication at Wartburg Theological Seminary.

Kyle and **SARAH ORVIS RENN**, Waverly, announce the birth of Jude Parker, Dec. 15. He joins Jack, 10, and Abel, 5.

2008

The Rev. **JENNA MINER COUCH**, Galena, Ill., is the pastor at Lord of Love Lutheran Church.

Brandon Huisman and **CRYSTAL HARTKOPP**, Parkersburg, were married May 14.

Josue Morales and **KRYSTINA IRVIN**, San Antonio, were married Aug. 4.

Dr. **JOSHUA PRIEBE**, Wichita, Kan., is a chief anesthesiology resident at University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita.

ALLISON STRUTHERS, Casselberry, Fla., earned a bachelor's degree in music business from Full Sail University, Winter Park, Fla., and is a member of the college's music business faculty.

2009

The Rev. Matthew and **AMANDA WILLS CARPENTER**, East Tawas, Mich., announce the birth of Cecilia Marie, March 10. She joins Gabriel, 2.

TONY FLATNESS, Rochester, Minn., is an analytical chemist at Kerry.

Daniel and **SARAH WACHHOLZ KOLANDER**, West Salem, Wis., announce the birth of Caleb, Feb. 9.

MICHAEL and Kara **MERTZ**, Ankeny, announce the birth of Jillian Beverly, April 6.

Steve and **JODI KEMPEL MORETZ**, Coal Valley, Ill., announce the birth of Knox, Nov. 25, 2015. He joins Kade, 2.

BRYAN ODEEN, Dubuque, is an intern at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Warren, Ill., and a Master of Divinity student at Wartburg Theological Seminary.

Professors contribute to book celebrating Reformation's 500th anniversary

Essays by three Wartburg College professors are included in the newly published book *Together by Grace: Introducing the Lutherans*.

The Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kleinhans, professor of religion and the Mike and Marge McCoy Family Distinguished Chair in Lutheran Heritage and Mission; the Rev. Dr. Walter Bouzard Jr., professor of religion; and Dr. Karen Black, professor of music and the Rudi Inselmann Endowed Professor in Organ, each contributed to the book, which was published as part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, which will be commemorated in 2017.

Kleinhans also edited the book, which is available online through Augsburg Fortress or in The Wartburg Store.



JEFF PETERS, La Crosse, Wis., has joined Bassford Remele law firm, Minneapolis.

SHARESE VAN SLOTEN, Johnston, is director of integration and optimization at UnityPoint Health.

2010

VICTORIA BRESHEARS, El Paso, Texas, is a compliance consultant for the Emerging Risk Group at Wells Fargo. She also is a graduate student in intelligence and national security at the University of Texas at Austin.

STEVE and **KORI KLEINSCHMIDT '11 CHAMBERLIN**, Denver, announce the birth of Lane Michael, Nov. 7, 2014.

Brad and **LEAH KING EILERS**, Ames, announce the birth of Kristine Grace, March 19.

THOMAS FIELDS and **NOELLE TOPITZHOFFER '12**, Blaine, Minn., were married Nov. 14, 2015.

KATHERINE CAIN LANGE, Janesville, Wis., earned a Master of Science in Education in professional development, with an emphasis in higher education leadership, from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater.

GEOFF MILLER, Salt Lake City, earned his doctorate in pharmaceuticals and pharmaceutical chemistry from the

University of Utah in 2015. He works for Sports Medicine Research and Testing Laboratory.

2011

TREVOR CAROLAN, Minneapolis, is a federal judicial law clerk in the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota.

Eric King and **KAREN WASSON**, Creston, were married Aug. 15, 2015.

JOSH MCROBERTS, Des Moines, is a loan production specialist in single family loan production at Iowa Finance Authority.

P.J. MOTT and Erin Voss, Downers Grove, Ill., were married Oct. 17, 2015.

JACK STOTU, Apple Valley, Minn., is a digital specialist and production photographer at Luther Automotive Group, Burnsville.

2012

Class Reunion May 19-22

ANDREW BRIDGEWATER, West Des Moines, is assistant creative services director at KCCI, Des Moines.

KRISTINA GOEMAAT GINDO, Volga, S.D., is a music therapist and owns her own practice.

Zach and **AMANDA PHIPPEN MCCALL**, Nashua, announce the birth of Colt Edward, July 3, 2015.

The Rev. **ALISON NICOLL**, Ankeny, is associate minister of children, youth, and families at Ankeny Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

NICHOLAS NOVOTNY, Newhall, is a manufacturing technician for Integrated DNA Technologies, Coralville.

RYNE SCHROEDER and **HANNAH COX '13**, Dubuque, were married May 14.

ZAKARY STEIB, West Des Moines, is a customer success manager at Dice, Urbandale.

Phia Thao and **PAIGE STEPHENSON**, Stoughton, Wis., were married June 25.

2013

Scott Blomme and **ERIN RIDGEWAY**, Ladora, were married Nov. 7, 2015.

PARKER COMENTINO and **PARIS WHITE '15**, Dubuque, were married Aug. 6. Parker is a math teacher at Dubuque Senior High School, and Paris is a Master of Divinity student at Wartburg Theological Seminary.

BENJAMIN GANSEMER, Coralville, is a doctoral student in integrated biology at the University of Iowa, Iowa City.

JOSH HONES and **MEGAN PULS '14**, North Liberty, were married July 16.

LARRY D. JOHNSON, Cedar Rapids, is finance manager at Pat McGrath Dodge.

KJERSTIN LEWIS, Baltimore, is a Board of Immigration Appeals accredited representative at World Relief.

SCOTT MCCUBBIN and **MEGANNE MCMURRAY**, North Branch, Minn., were married Aug. 8, 2015.

KRISTA SELLERS and **DAYTON STEVENS '14**, Cedar Rapids, were married May 21.

2014

COURTNEY GEIBERT, Berkeley, Calif., is a Master of Divinity student at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary.

Sam Rodgers-Melnick and **KIMBERLY HESSE**, Cleveland Heights, Ohio, were married in August 2015. Kimberly is a music therapist at University Hospitals Ahuja Medical Center, Beachwood, Ohio.

TANNER WENGER and **CAILEE WHITEFIELD '15**, Washington, were married June 4. Cailee is a vocal music teacher at Washington Middle School.

HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



Erin Dohlman Coulthard '06

Erin was a four-year member of the women's golf team, a Second-team National Golf Coaches Association All-American in 2006, and two-time All-Region selection. She was the Iowa Conference MVP in her senior season. Erin is fifth on the program's all-time scoring leaders list and second and third in individual season scoring. She lives in Colorado Springs, Colo., with her husband, Matthew, and their two children, Jameson and Jovie.



Amy Kueker Feight '04

Amy was a four-year member of the volleyball team and a two-year member of the softball team. In volleyball, she was a First-team All-American. Amy ranks second on the program's all-time career leader list in service aces (199) and fifth in digs (1,691). In softball, she was a two-time All-Region and All-Conference selection. Amy ranks fifth in RBIs for a single season (41). She lives in Marion with her husband, Chad, and their daughters, Grace and Leeah. She is a job placement specialist with Goodwill of the Heartland.



Andy Fischels '00

Andy, a four-year member of the baseball team, was a two-time All-Region and four-time All-Conference honoree. The former starting shortstop is the all-time career leader in games played (193), hits (265), triples (17), runs scored (226), total bases (413), and assists (514). He lives in Golden, Colo., and teaches at Evergreen Middle School.



Dustin Hirschberger '06

Dustin was the wrestling program's first three-time national champion. His 140 career wins rank fourth-best in program history, and he is second on the list of single season wins (42). Dustin lives in Cedar Rapids with his wife, Jennifer (Olthoff '05). He is a pharmaceutical sales specialist at AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals.



Verne Houston '05

Verne was a four-year member of the men's soccer team. He was a two-time All-Region and four-time First-team All-Conference honoree. Verne is the all-time career leader in goals (75) and penalty kicks (8) and is second in points (162), game-winning goals (15), and goals per game (.94). He lives in Clive with his wife, Katie (Rapp '05), and their daughters, Abby, Josie, and Penny. Verne is a premium auditor at Travelers Insurance.



Brian McIntire '05

Brian was a four-year member of the football team. The defensive back was an All-American and All-Region selection his senior year. Brian is second on the program's list of career leaders in blocked kicks and is in the top 10 of three other categories. He lives in Clear Lake with his wife, Jillian, and their children, Jax, Maycee, and Maddon. He is an assistant manager at Glen's Tire Service Inc.

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SELASI AMETEWEE, Wheaton, Ill., is a junior staff accountant at Falcon Insurance Group, Oak Brook, Ill.

OLIVIA BARNES, Cedar Falls, is a communication specialist at John Deere, Waterloo.

BRAD DUNLAP, Lanark, Ill., is a physical education teacher and boys' basketball coach at Warren School District #205.

KAITLYN KETELSEN, DeWitt, is a 4-H office assistant at Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.

ALISON LEONHART, Urbandale, is a Master of Divinity student at Candler School of Theology, Atlanta.

ABBY MEIRICK, Decorah, is the assistant sports information director at Wartburg College.

BETHANY MIXDORF, Janesville, is a seventh/eighth-grade literacy and language arts teacher in the Jesup Community School District.

LIZ SHULL, Sac City, is a graduate student in clinical psychology with a forensic concentration at Regent University, Virginia Beach, Va.

VICTORIA SOAT, Hanover, Ill., is a home mortgage consultant at Wells Fargo, Des Moines.

ALYCIA STERENBERG, Boone, is a graduate student in music therapy at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo.

AMARA THEIN, Fredericksburg, is a graphic designer at Cedar River Signs, Charles City.

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RAYMI ACKERMAN, Burnsville, Minn., is a float instructor at Opportunity Partners, Edina, Minn.

JUSTINA ALBRIGHT, Coon Rapids, is a music therapy intern at VA Central Iowa Health Care Systems, Des Moines.

JOE AMSBERRY, Waverly, is an instrumental music director for grades 5-12 in the Alburnett School District.

ADAM ANDERSON, Dodge Center, Minn., is an airman first class in the U.S. Air Force.

ROBERT ANSTOETTER, Farley, is a third-grade teacher in the Starmont School District, Arlington.

ZUBEEN AZARI, Seaford, N.Y., is a graduate student in anatomy at Penn State University, Hershey, Pa.

NICOLE BALLAH, Milford, is a volunteer with Urban Servant Corps, Denver, Colo.

EMILY BANWART, Waverly, is a staff member at Waverly Childcare and Preschool.

RICK BAUER, La Porte City, is a graduate student in optometry at Pacific University, Forest Grove, Ore.

KAITLYN BEHNKEN, Cedar Rapids, is an account coordinator at Amperage Marketing.

KIERA BENGE, Des Moines, is a doctoral student in podiatric medicine and surgery and a graduate student in anatomy at Des Moines University.

VICTORIA BERST, Daytona Beach, Fla., is assistant finance manager at Fields BMW of Daytona.

THOMAS BIEDERMAN, Osage, is an osteopathic medical student at Des Moines University.

ROBERT BLACKBURN, Clemons, is a graduate student in biomedical engineering at the University of Iowa, Iowa City.

DOMENIC BOE, Calmar, is a graduate student in chemistry at the University of Pittsburgh.

KAITLIN BOYD, Rock Island, Ill., is a student in the accelerated Bachelor of Science in nursing program at Trinity College of Health and Nursing, Rock Island.

ALEXIA BREWSTER, Denmark, Wis., is a high school community partner at College Possible, Philadelphia.

KAITLYN BROUWER, New Hartford, is a strategic account marketing and support representative at Rabo AgriFinance, Cedar Falls.

SADIE BUCHEIT, Waukon, is a kindergarten teacher in the Allamakee Community School District.

HEIDI BURGESSON, St. Louis Park, Minn., is a feeder substitute in the Douglas County School District, Denver, Colo.

KARRIEANNE BURKE, Nevada, is a rapid rehousing specialist at Lutheran Volunteer Corps, Tacoma, Wash.

BOBBIE BURROWS, Bondurant, is a law student at Duke University, Durham, N.C.

ROBERT CANFIELD, Elkhorn, Neb., is an assistant golf professional at Blue Top Ridge at Riverside Casino and Golf Resort, Riverside.

DOMINIC CHASE, Bryan, Texas, is a ProCare specialist at Stryker.

DANIEL CHROUST, Apple Valley, Minn., works in accounts receivable at Kemps, St. Paul, Minn.

MORGAN CIOTA, Albert Lea, Minn., is an executive team leader at Target.

TIRRENA COLLINS, Chicago, is a Ross/technical director at KWQC, Davenport.

AUDREY COOPER, Bloomsdale, Mo., is a graduate student in genetic counseling at the University of Colorado, Aurora.



Josh Moen '05

Josh was a four-year member of the cross country and track and field teams. He was a two-time national champion in cross country and a three-time national champion in track. Josh still holds the school records for the 8K in cross country and 5,000m for indoor track. He was a four-time All-American for track and two-time All-American for cross country. Josh was the cross country Central Regional Athlete of the Year his senior year. He lives in Eden Prairie, Minn., with his wife, Theresa, and works for Brooks Shoes and Team USA Minnesota.



Larry Raper '60

Larry was a four-year member of the football team and a two-time All-Conference selection at fullback. Wartburg won two Iowa Conference championships during his career. He lives in Fontanelle with his wife, Kay, and is the owner of a lawn and garden store.



Jason Steege '06

Jason was a four-year member of the men's basketball team. His 1,450 points ranks fourth best on the career leader list. He also is the career leader in games played (109) and is second in free throws made (450) and three-point field goals made (218). Jason lives in Waverly with his wife, Katie (Reyes '07), and is Wartburg's assistant men's basketball coach and head men's golf coach.



Chris Winter '04

Chris was a four-year member of the football and baseball teams. In football, he is second on the career leader list in pass receptions (159) and pass reception TDs (28). Chris holds the single-season record in receptions/game (6.20) and the single-game record in most TD receptions (4) and most receiving yards (259 against Central in 2003). In baseball, he was a Second-team All-Conference player at third base in his senior season. He lives in Waverly with his wife, Tara (Price '01), and their children, Emmu and Maddox. He is the assistant head football coach at Wartburg.

Future candidates for the Wartburg Athletic Hall of Fame may be nominated by alumni, parents, friends of the college, or members of the faculty and staff. Eligibility requirements, nomination forms, and instructions can be found online at www.go-knights.net or by contacting the Wartburg College Athletic Office, 319-352-8404. Nominations must be submitted online or mailed to the Alumni Office (100 Wartburg Blvd., Waverly, IA 50677) by Dec. 31 each year. Biographies of past recipients can be viewed online at www.wartburg.edu/halloffame.

ELIZABETH CREERY, Guttenberg, is a certified nursing assistant at Guttenberg Municipal Hospital.

HANNAH CRUMPTON, Manchester, is an art teacher in the Maquoketa Valley Community School District.

MELISSA DAVIS, Lakewood, Colo., is a second-grade teacher at Aspen View Academy, Castle Rock, Colo.

DANICA DICKMAN, Savage, Minn., is an audit associate at KPMG, Minneapolis.

ALLYSON DIERCKSEN, Manchester, teaches K-8 vocal music in the Sumner-Fredericksburg School District.

JESSICA DONAHUE, Waukee, is a graduate student in creative writing at York St. John University, York, England.

CHEYENNE DRISCOLL, Bettendorf, is a family support worker at Lutheran Services in Iowa, Muscatine.

MADISON EHLERT, Cedar Rapids, is a middle school Spanish teacher at Holy Trinity School, Des Moines.

NICOLE EICK, Denver, is a second-grade teacher in the Waverly-Shell Rock School District.

AMALIA EMERSON, Rockford, is a band teacher for grades 5-12 in the Jesup Community School District.

LEVI ENDELMAN, Charles City, is a graduate student at the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine.

KALYN ERTZ, Mediapolis, is an elementary art teacher in the Mid-Prairie Community School District.

JOSEPH FEDORIS, Burlington, is a physical education teacher at All Saints Elementary School, Cedar Rapids.

ALEXIS FINDER, Tripoli, is an elementary teacher in the Prairie Valley Community School District, Farnhamville.

ARIEL FORD LOOSIER, Milford, is a graduate student in counseling

psychology at the University of St. Thomas, Minneapolis.

MATTHEW FORMANEK, West Des Moines, is a credit analyst at Iowa State Bank, Des Moines.

MICHAELA FORSYTH, Charles City, is a family nurse practitioner student at Allen College, Waterloo.

KEIRSTEN FRIESE, Marion, is a teacher in Cedar Rapids.

MITCH FRERICHS, New Hampton, is a dental student at the University of Iowa College of Dentistry.

BRITTANY FRUSH, La Porte City, is a physician assistant student at St. Ambrose University, Davenport.

JACOB GEER, Plainfield, is an associate programmer at Hormel Foods Corp., Austin, Minn.

ERIN GLEASON, Platteville, Wis., is a music therapy intern at Orchard Manor, Lancaster, Wis.

KERRI GOLINGHORST, Dixon, is a scribe at ScribeAmerica, Davenport.

ADRIANA GONZALEZ, Des Moines, is a client advocate at Community Support Advocates.

JESSICA GRANT, Glenrock, Wyo., is a photographer for the Wyoming Game and Fish Department, Cheyenne.

ANTHONY GREEN, Grand Mound, is a graduate student in education at Heidelberg University, Tiffin, Ohio.

NICHOLAS GREEN, Grand Mound, is a physical education teacher, community recreation leader, and head cross country coach in the Jesup Community School District.

ANDRE GREENE, Lone Tree, Colo., is a tennis pro at Cherry Hills Country Club, Denver, Colo.

AMANDA GROFF, Lino Lakes, Minn., is an account manager at WE Business Strategies, Bloomington, Minn.

DAN HAACK, Algona, is a producer at KCAU-TV, Sioux City.

NICK HAGEMAN, Charles City, is a consulting analyst at Cerner, Kansas City, Mo.

JESSLYN HALL, Washburn, N.D., is a K-5 general music teacher at St. John Public School.

MARY HALVERSON, Coon Rapids, is a graduate student in counseling at Drake University, Des Moines.

EMMA HARMEYER, Dubuque, is a HeathCheck360 sales executive at Cottingham & Butler.

JAMIE HARRINGS, Saint Anthony, is a band director for grades 5-12 in the Wapsie Valley Community Schools.

GARRETT HEIDENREICH, Waverly, is a graduate student in applied plant sciences at the University of Minnesota, St. Paul.

LINDSAY HEINEN, Eldridge, is a veterinary medicine student at Iowa State University, Ames.

JENA HEISE, Iowa City, is a kindergarten teacher at Ocotillo Elementary School, Phoenix.

EMMA HELLEVIK, Medford, Minn., is director of music and liturgy at Sacred Heart Parish, Waseca, Minn.

KAYLA HESLIN, Green Bay, Wis., is a graduate student in public health in quantitative methods at the University of Iowa, Iowa City.

COLE HINDERS, Cedar Falls, works in supply management at John Deere, Dysart.

KAYLA HOLBACH, Reinbeck, is a tax analyst at TAXACT, Cedar Rapids.

ZACH ISAKSON, Colwell, is an accounting specialist at Reicks View Farms, Lawler.

DERICA JAKOUBEK, Britt, is a marketing intern at VGM, Waterloo.

COLE JARRARD, Fort Dodge, is a graduate student in physical therapy at St. Ambrose University, Davenport.

MOLLY JOHANSEN, Waukee, is a graduate student in clinical psychology at the University of Indianapolis.

MEGAN KARELS, Estherville, is a graduate student in physical therapy at Creighton University, Omaha, Neb.

GRANT KELLER, Allison, is a graduate student in biochemistry at the University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Ind.

RYAN KEMP, Keokuk, is an assurance associate at Ernst & Young, Des Moines.

DAJUAN KING, Chicago, is a program associate at Urban Initiatives/AmeriCorps.

KYLE KIRKESTUE, Monona, is a CNC machine operator at M's Machine.

ANNA KNAPP, Sioux City, is a camp counselor at EWALU Camp and Retreat Center, Strawberry Point.

KAMRYN KRONSCHNABEL, La Porte City, is a conversation specialist at the Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports, Galicia, Spain.

KEVIN KRUEGER, Prior Lake, Minn., is a bilingual patient care coordinator in Waterloo.

JENNIFER KUENNEN, Fort Atkinson, is a workflow coordinator at Amperage Marketing, Cedar Falls.

ADAM KURT, Independence, is a geometry coordinator at VIVA USA Inc., Cedar Falls.

ASHLEY LAHTI, Turtle Lake, Wis., is a graduate student in physical therapy at Mayo School of Health Sciences, Rochester, Minn.

SEAN LANCASTER, Marion, is a law student at the University of Iowa College of Law, Iowa City.

DANIELLE LANGOWSKI, Winona, Minn., is a fifth-grade teacher at the American Academy of Casablanca, Morocco.

BENJAMIN LARSON, New Hampton, is a staff accountant at Hogan-Hansen P.C., Mason City.

LAUREN LARSON, Owatonna, Minn., is a biological science technician for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Cayuga, N.D.

BRENNNA LIEN, Oronoco, Minn., is a K-2 special education teacher in the Cartwright School District, Phoenix.

DAVID LOGAN, Sacramento, Calif., is a product development engineer for Intel, Folsom, Calif.

HANNAH LONG, Newton, is an auditor at Deloitte, Des Moines.

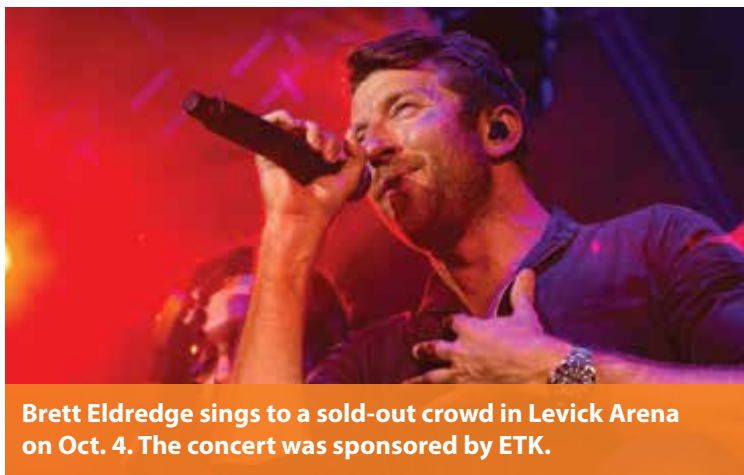
JOSHUA LYONS, Waverly, is a Java developer at Lockheed Martin, Colorado Springs, Colo.

NICHOLE LYONS, Nashua, is director of youth/family/Christian education ministries at St. John Lutheran Church.

SARAH MALLEN, Britt, is a teacher at South Tama High School, Toledo.

AVERY MASON, Altoona, is a scribe at ScribeAmerica, West Des Moines.

NICK MAYBERRY, Ames, is a metals analyst at Test America Inc., Cedar Falls.



Brett Eldredge sings to a sold-out crowd in Levick Arena on Oct. 4. The concert was sponsored by ETK.



Alumni Board welcomes new members

Six new members recently were elected to serve four-year terms on the college's Alumni Board. They are: Sushant Dhakal '08, Scott Hill '06, Jim Licko '00, Paul Muga '90, Stacey Snyder '86, and Amy Freese Yeaeger '98.

MOLLY MCDONOUGH, Decorah, is a graduate student in occupational therapy at Drake University, Des Moines.

NICK MICHAEL, Naperville, Ill., is a graduate student in business administration at North Central College.

GABRIELLE MILLER, Waterloo, is a member of the shelter staff at Urban Peak, Denver, Colo.

BAILEY MOSS, West Union, is a case manager at Easter Seals, Des Moines.

SARAH MULLINAX, Overland Park, Kan., is a graduate student in molecular biosciences at the University of Kansas, Lawrence.

BROOKE NAMANNY, Denison, is a team member at Bluespace Creative, Denison.

MEGAN NEUENDORF, Plainfield, is a math teacher at Osage High School.

MICHAELA NEUZIL, Spring Grove, Minn., is a chiropractic student at the University of Western States, Portland, Ore.

BRENNA NORDENG, Rose Creek, Minn., is a graduate student in biomedical sciences at Iowa State University, Ames.

JON NUEHRING, Cedar Falls, is a marketing manager at Farmers Mutual Telephone, Jesup.

ELIZABETH OBERHEU, Tripoli, is a hunger stability specialist at Lutheran Volunteer Corps, Omaha, Neb.

LAUREN OBERMANN, Cresco, is a third-grade teacher in the North Linn Community School District, Troy Mills.

SHAYNE OLSON, Cedar Falls, is a graduate student in physical education with a kinesiology emphasis at the University of Northern Iowa.

MEGHAN PARMAN, Denver, Colo., is office manager/program assistant at Denver Children's Advocacy Center.

TAYLOR PEEK, Albert Lea, Minn., is a K-5 music teacher in the Harlan Community School District.

CASEY PESTKA, Onslow, is a student in marriage and family therapy at Mount Mercy University, Cedar Rapids.

KELSEY PETERS, Plainfield, is a fourth-grade teacher in the Northwood-Kensett School District, Northwood.

ERICA PODHAJSKY, Traer, is a family nurse practitioner student at Allen College, Waterloo.

JILL POWERS, Ogden, is a high school band director in the North Cedar Community School District, Clarence.

LAUREN RIECK, Fredericksburg, is the education coordinator at Obesity Medicine Association, Denver, Colo.

GERARD ROMAN, Harahan, La., is an NSTA sales representative for Cottingham & Butler, Dubuque.

ASHLEY ROSA, Clive, is a missionary with Young Adults in Global Mission in Cambodia.

HALEY RUDD, Ankeny, is a resident counselor at House of Mercy, Des Moines.

ELLIE SCHAFFER, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., is a special education teacher in Independent School District 196, Rosemount, Minn.

MOLLY SCHARES, Jesup, is a customer service representative at Farmers State Bank, Waverly.

BRITTANIA SCHOON, Waukee, is a nursing student at Allen College, Waterloo.

RACHEL SCHROEDER, Ankeny, is a graduate student in neuroscience at the University of Iowa, Iowa City.

ALISON SCHUETZ, Los Angeles, is an account coordinator for Myriad Travel Marketing.

BRIANNE SHARFF, Maynard, is an occupational therapy student at Allen College, Waterloo.

KATHERINE SHINDELAR, Eldora, is a physician assistant student at St. Ambrose University, Davenport.

SARAH SHIRAR, Durham, N.C., is a medical student at Duke School of Medicine.

LINDO SIMELANE, Minneapolis, is a deviated pricing analyst at 3M, Maplewood, Minn.

CARLY SIS, Denison, is a sixth-grade science teacher at Grinnell Middle School.

SHELBY SLICK, Freeport, Ill., is a nursing student at Lewis University, Romeoville, Ill.

KELSEY SMITH, Mason City, is a nurse practitioner/public health student at Allen College, Waterloo.

ANDREW SORENSEN, Janesville, is an actuarial student at Sammons Financial Group, West Des Moines.

BROOKE STAHLBERG, Monticello, is a nursing student at Allen College, Waterloo.

WHITNEY STAHR, West Union, is a language arts teacher for grades 7-12 in the North Butler Community School District, Greene.

CHRISTOPHER STAUFFER, Iowa City, is a graduate student in recreational sports management at the University of Iowa.

LAURA STENZEL, Dubuque, is a graduate student in physical therapy at Creighton University, Omaha, Neb.

SHANNON STEWART, Waverly, is a youth service worker for Children and Families of Iowa, Ankeny.

TANNER STUTZMAN, Lockridge, is a vocal music teacher at Roland-Story High School, Story City.

TRENT TESKE, New Providence, is vocal music teacher for grades 6-12 in the Forest City Community School District.

JACOB TESSMER, Clermont, is a retail shift supervisor at Pilot Flying J, Atalissa.

COLTON THORESON, Zumbrota, Minn., is a medical student at the University of Minnesota Medical School-Twin Cities.

ELIZABETH TRIZZINO, Bettendorf, is a physician assistant student at St. Ambrose University, Davenport.

HANNAH TURNER, West Des Moines, is a dental student at the University of Iowa College of Dentistry.

TYLER TURNER, Reynolds, Ill., is a technical media operator at KWQC, Davenport.

JESSICA TURNLUND, Owatonna, Minn., is a special education teacher in the Owatonna School District.

MEGAN WADDINGHAM, Garner, is a nursing student at Allen College, Waterloo.

MACKENZIE WALSH, Ankeny, is assistant director of choral activities at Ankeny High School.

MACY WALZ, Farmersburg, is a medical student at St. Louis University.

MARK WEBER, Waterloo, is an elementary physical education teacher in the Pery Community School District.

HUNTER WESTHOFF, Dyersville, is a middle school teacher at Seton Catholic, Farley.

CATHERINE WILCOX, Martelle, is a middle school band director in the Mediapolis Community School District.

CHASE WILHELMS, Shannon, Ill., is a staff accountant at Terex, Waverly.

ALLIX WILLIAMSON, Fayette, is an admissions counselor at Upper Iowa University.

TYLER WILLIS, Waverly, is an athletic facilities intern in the University of Minnesota athletic department.

KINSEY WOHLERS, Blue Grass, is a graduate student in social work at the University of Iowa, Iowa City.

TREVOR WOOD, Pella, is a tax associate at BKD, Des Moines.

GRANT ZIMMERMAN, Mendota, Ill., is an account executive at Hamlin & Associates, Daytona Beach, Fla.

ANGELA ZOOK, Mason City, is a graduate student in industrial-organizational psychology at Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, Ky.

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ELLA NEWELL, Waverly, is a legal advocate for Lutheran Volunteer Corps, Seattle.

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1938

Evelyn Eichorst Saathoff, Lakewood, Wash., died May 1, 2015.

1940

Juneaver Radloff McNichols, Farmersburg, died Feb. 12. She was a teller at Farmersburg Bank, retiring in 1981.

1942

Dr. **George Helmkamp**, Diamond Springs, Calif., died March 28, 2015. He earned his master's degree from Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, Calif., and doctorate from the California Institute of Technology, Pasadena. He was a pioneering chemistry department faculty member at the University of California-Riverside, retiring in 1981.

Faythe Brooks Kalkwarf, Arlington Heights, Ill., died July 5. She was awarded an Alumni Citation in 1991.

LaVonne Streppe Stief, Anaheim, Calif., died June 25.

1943

Norma Bye Rick, Mason City, died June 5. She worked for Central Fiber, Waterloo, before she and her husband took over operation of the family farm.

Loretta Fruehling Schmidt, Arlington Heights, Ill., died Dec. 22, 2015. She retired from a career in real estate.

1944

Betty Beaty Gambaiani, Waverly, died May 15. She was director of Bremer County Veterans Affairs, retiring in 1987.

Margaret Steward Schield, Randleman, N.C., died Nov. 11, 2015. She was a retired deputy clerk of court of Osceola County, Fla.

1949

Elsie Gresens Busse, Waverly, died Feb. 23. She helped with

bookkeeping for the family farm and at Camp EWALLU, Strawberry Point.

Valeera Zurcher Gabel, Fort Madison, died Sept. 3, 2015. She was a school teacher, retiring in 1975.

Marjorie Schroeder Papke, Preston, died Nov. 3, 2014. She was a bookkeeper at Feeders Supply, Miles, retiring in 1992.

1950

Mary Ann Reyelts Bahe, Alexandria, Minn., died Jan. 11. She helped her husband serve churches in Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota, and Canada. She is survived by her daughter, **Ruth Bahe-Jachna '80**.

Muriel Liemohn Boedecker, Wayzata, Minn., died May 15. She was the daughter of Wartburg Choir Director Edwin Liemohn.

Fred Boettcher, Calmar, died June 28. A U.S. Navy veteran and teacher, he retired from South Winneshiek Schools in 1988. He served on the Calmar City Council for eight years and was mayor for four years.

Norma Gerbers Heist, Victoria, Minn., died July 13, 2015. She was a real estate closer.

Dolores Lund Palmquist, Los Angeles, died Aug. 17, 2014. She and her husband were missionaries in Nome, Alaska. In California, they co-founded Family Stations Inc., now known as Family Radio.

1951

The Rev. Dr. **LeRoy Aden**, Canton, Ga., died Dec. 3, 2015. He graduated from Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, and earned his master's degree and doctorate from the University of Chicago Divinity School. He was a seminary professor at the Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia.

The Rev. **Richard Warber**, Mt. Pleasant, Wis., died June 14. He spent the majority of his 44-year career in ministry serving at St. Luke's, Greendale, Wis.

1953

Chris Huber, Minneapolis, died April 23. He was a lifelong educator, retiring as a school superintendent. He is survived by his wife, Marlene Deutschman Huber '54.

1954

The Rev. Dr. **Frank Benz**, Loveland, Colo., died July 25. He earned degrees from Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, and Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore. He returned to Wartburg Theological Seminary to teach and serve in administration roles. He also served on the Wartburg alumni board.

Edward Fischer, Long Grove, died April 22. He earned his master's degree from the University of Iowa and served in the U.S. Army. A longtime educator and principal, he retired as a school administrator in 1985. He is survived by his wife, **Nancy Mosher Fischer '63**.

1955

Allen Burger, Tucson, Ariz., died April 27. He established Burger Commercial Real Estate, Littleton, Colo.

1956

John Bertrand, Albuquerque, N.M., died June 23. He was a retired social worker.

Elaine Dieter Guetzlaff,

Sheldon, died April 12. She earned her Master of Arts in music-piano performance from the University of Iowa. She is survived by her husband, the Rev. **Conrad Guetzlaff '53**.

Lois Berg Roose, Waverly, died April 8. She taught elementary school vocal music and fourth grade. She is survived by her husband, **George Roose '61**.

The Rev. **Gerald Westerbuhr**, League City, Texas, died Sept. 1, 2014. He was a parish pastor and chaplain for 45 years.

1957

Gladys Hantke Kott, Kimball, S.D., died Dec. 30, 2010. She was a waitress and farmed with her husband.

1958

Gordon Greger, Des Moines, died Nov. 19, 2015.

James Rutenber, Knoxville, Tenn., died June 6. A U.S. Navy veteran, he earned a degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He was an engineer at Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, Tenn.

1959

Norman Friederichs, Eden Prairie, Minn., died Nov. 28, 2014. He is survived by his son, N. Paul Friederichs III '88.

The Rev. **John Pavelka**, Fort Wayne, Ind., died May 27. He graduated from Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque. He served parishes in North Dakota and Indiana and retired as director of Dubois County Division of Family and Children's Services.

Elaine Schneider Matthias, Cedar Falls, died Jan. 30. She was a medical social worker at Allen Hospital, Waterloo, and Waverly Health Center.

1960

Eileen Frederick Behrens, Waverly, died June 21. She earned her master's degree in education from Drake University. She taught special education, retiring in 2003.

Gloria Bierwagen Cox, Colorado Springs, Colo., died Feb. 29. She was a bookkeeper, retiring in 2008.

1961

The Rev. **Bruce Buslaff**, Ripon, Wis., died April 4. He attended Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, and was ordained in 1965. He served as a parish pastor in Wisconsin.

1962

Lt. Col. **Herbert Bomhoff**, Colorado Springs, Colo., died March 27. The U.S. Air Force veteran retired as vice president of operations for Technical Studies and Analysis Corp. in 2003.

Dr. Robert Niemann, Lake Suzy, Fla., died March 21. He earned his Doctor of Optometry degree from Illinois College of Optometry, Chicago. He served in the U.S. Air Force at Lowry Air Force Base, Denver, where he was the base optometrist. He later practiced in Webster City.

Allan Snook, Centennial, Colo., died Aug. 26. The U.S. Marine Corps veteran also was a pilot for United Airlines, retiring in 2000.

1963

Lloyd Casey, Malvern, Pa., died Jan. 6, 2014. He worked for the State of Illinois, the U.S. Navy, and the U.S. Forest Service before retiring.

Sharon Leistikow Eick, Tripoli, died June 22. She worked at Bantam and farmed with her husband.

Emma Jane Jordan Haus, Hollis, N.Y., died Dec. 4, 2015.

Susan Sampson Meyer, Holland, Mich., died May 19.

1964

Gayl Gitch, Fredericksburg, died June 1. He graduated from the University of Northern Iowa and taught mathematics and coached. Later, he became a school administrator.

1965

Miner "Jerry" Schrader, Sun City Center, Fla., died Aug. 17. He earned a master's degree from the University of Iowa. He was a teacher and school administrator, retiring in 2005.

1966

Harlan Schild, Sturgis, S.D., died Jan. 14. The U.S. Army veteran attended Concordia Theological Seminary, Springfield, Ill., and earned his master's degree from New Mexico Highlands University, Las Vegas, N.M. He farmed for many years and worked in sales.

Dr. **David Wegenast**, Buffalo, N.Y., died Aug. 15. He was a retired

professor of social work at Buffalo State College. In 1998, he received an Alumni Citation from Wartburg. He also was an alumni board member.

1967

Robert Helland, Oelwein, died Jan. 30. The U.S. Air Force veteran worked as plant manager for DeKalb in Oelwein until his retirement in 2000.

Karen Goecke Hilleman, Marshalltown, died May 3. She worked in the Wartburg Admissions Office. Later, she owned and operated the hardware store in State Center with her husband, **Alan Hilleman '67**.

Steven Kollmann, Northbrook, Ill., died Dec. 23. He worked in human resources and was a member of the Wartburg alumni board.

Jo'an Noble Sterr, Vancouver, Wash., died Feb. 14. She was a high school teacher.

1968

The Rev. **Dwight McElree**, Richland Center, Wis., died Aug. 1, 2015. He earned his master's degree from Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque. As a pastor, he served churches in North Dakota and Iowa.

1969

Laura Larson Dreesman, Cedar Falls, died Aug. 10. She worked in retail sales.

Diane Sheffler Calkins, Cleves, Ohio, died Sept. 18, 2015. She earned her master's degree in music from the University of Cincinnati and taught in public schools for 31 years. She is survived by her husband, **David Calkins '66**.

G. Muriel Murt Byers Kooi, Pella, died Nov. 2, 2015.

1970

Jeanne Carroll Anderson, Waverly, died March 27. She earned her master's degree in library science from the University of Northern Iowa. She was a librarian and media specialist at Vogel Library, in the Nashua-Plainfield School District, and at Kaplan College, Cedar Falls.

Dr. **Marilynn Foelske**, Colorado Springs, Colo., died Jan. 13. She earned a bachelor's degree in physical therapy from the University of Texas and earned her medical

degree from St. George's University School of Medicine, Grenada, West Indies. She owned her own practice.

1971

Dixie Blood, Nevada, died April 19. She earned her master's degree in music education-music therapy from the University of Kansas, Lawrence; her master's degree in business and public administration from Southeastern University, Washington, D.C.; and her juris doctorate from New York Law School, New York City. She worked for the State of Delaware and the State of New York until her retirement.

Roberta Flemming Giltner, Dubuque, died Jan. 12.

1973

Donald Luck, Adams, Tenn., died June 22. He was a professor of education at Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, Tenn.

1974

Brian Downing, Mt. Laurel, N.J., died May 5, 2015. He worked for Citibank for nearly 30 years. He is survived by his wife, **Jennifer Greenley Downing '74**.

Sheryl Grim Lewis, Washington, died Feb. 21. She was a retired bank vice president and loan officer.

1976

Carolou Jackson Staley-Elphic, Iowa Falls, died Dec. 26, 2014. She earned a degree from Iowa State University and was a teacher.

1978

Doug Voigts, Cheyenne, Wyo., died May 30. He worked for the U.S. Postal Service in Des Moines and served as postmaster in Dayton, Wyo., and Montour, retiring in 2012.

1979

John Meeker, Marion, died Jan. 6. He worked for Marion Mixers.

1984

Daniel Shaw, Rosemount, Minn., died Jan. 27, 2015. He was a master underwriter for Westfield Insurance Group.

1986

Randy Peters, Ankeny, died Aug. 16. He earned his master's degree in

immunology, preventive medicines, and microbiology from Iowa State University. He was director of global fermentation at Kemin Industries, Des Moines.

1992

Randall Ricklefs, Spirit Lake, died May 31, 2015. A business entrepreneur, he co-owned restaurants and sold insurance.

1994

Karith Remmen, Des Moines, died April 1, 2015. She earned her master's degree from Iowa State University. She worked in public health and health information technology.

2003

Dr. **Morgan Pommrehn-Jass**, Alden, died Aug. 15. She attended graduate school at Northwestern Health Sciences University, Bloomington, Minn., and owned her own chiropractic business.

2004

Rachel Knock, St. Paul, Minn., died March 6. She worked in the mortgage department at Tena Co.

2013

Ghaffar Dairo, Waterloo, died May 9. He worked part time for Wartburg Security.

Noteworthy friends

Dr. **Maynard Anderson**, Waverly, died Aug. 27. Maynard taught music education at Wartburg for many years, retiring in 1991. The emeritus faculty member received the Wartburg Medal in 2005.

Cindy Carlson, Waverly, died Oct. 9. She was as the executive assistant to the president and Board of Regents for 17 years.

William Jellema, Mount Pleasant, S.C., died Aug. 8. He served as Wartburg's president from 1974 to 1980.

Dean Kleckner, Wayzata, Minn., died June 15, 2015. He farmed and was former president of the American Farm Bureau Federation. He earned an honorary degree from Wartburg in 1986.

Taking *Christianity* to Cambodia

BY EMILY CHRISTENSEN PHOTOS JULIE PAGEL DREWES '90

KELSEY WILSON '11 WAS IN MIDDLE SCHOOL the first time she told her mother she wanted to be a missionary when she grew up.

As she grew older, her passion for mission work never waned. In high school, the Loveland, Colo., native sought colleges that would foster her sense of service and wanderlust. Her youth group director was a Luther College graduate, which piqued Wilson's interest in Northeast Iowa schools. Wartburg's study abroad program and the opportunity to continue her musical pursuits—she's a flutist and guitarist—sold her on her mentor's rival school.

Despite graduating with a degree in elementary education and Spanish and spending six months in Argentina, Wilson now calls the Cambodian Christian Arts Ministry in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, home.

Called in a different direction

Wilson happened upon the opportunity in Cambodia almost by accident. A friend encouraged her to take a course at a Cedar Falls church that explored the history of missions. It was there she was invited on a two-year mission trip to Cambodia.

"I knew I wanted to do missions work, but I still didn't know where. I always thought it would be a Spanish-speaking country because of my degree," Wilson said. "After praying about it, I just felt like that was what God really wanted me to do."

During her two-year stay, Wilson found the Cambodian Christian Arts Ministry, a school that takes in children who have been abandoned or abused and provides them with a general Christian-based education, training in basic vocational skills, and opportunities to grow in five art forms (music, dance, drama, visual arts, and creative writing).

Though most of the children practice Christianity—the country is predominantly Buddhist—the ministry also "preserves the culture God has created in their country," Wilson said.

"It's so beautiful and wonderful; we put the Christian message of hope and new life into those art forms and then go out into the community to bless others and share our faith," Wilson said. "People appreciate that we care about their culture and want to preserve and respect it."

The students, who range in age from 4 to early 20s, also produce children's books with spiritual lessons that are distributed during their performances.



Education in action

Wilson, who is a volunteer staff member, teaches English and basic computer skills, helps with the preschool students, offers flute lessons, and oversees special projects.


"We are like a large family that homeschools the kids so they each get their own individualized education. I live on campus and do whatever needs to be done," she said.

Though she's not teaching in a traditional school setting, Wilson said she's using what she learned at Wartburg, both in the classroom and in her personal life. Her young students are learning to read and write in Khmer (the language of Cambodia) and English thanks to the tips and tricks her Wartburg professors taught her.

And her own eyes have been opened in the last five years as she's learned to assimilate into another culture.

"It was fun to learn a new language and culture. I took language classes when I first got there. It takes time to get acclimated, but if you are purposeful about it and seek out local people who can help you, it isn't too hard," she said.

Her classroom work isn't the only Wartburg connection Wilson is finding in Cambodia.

"Wartburg is all about service and learning and using your gifts to go out into the world and serve," she said. "Wartburg has such an international community. Its arts program is so strong, and everyone wants to be involved. That is what the Cambodian Christian Arts Ministry is doing by offering training in five art forms for serving God's kingdom. It amazes me when I think about the parallels." 



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- 2-4 **Christmas with Wartburg**
West Des Moines/Neumann Auditorium, presented by Sukup Manufacturing Co.
- 11 **Commencement**
Wartburg Chapel, 10:30 a.m.
- 11 **Commemoration Concert**
Wartburg Community Symphony, Neumann Auditorium, 3 p.m.

JANUARY

- 22 **Scholarship Day**

FEBRUARY

- 18 **American Nomad Concert**
Wartburg Community Symphony, Neumann Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
- 19 **Scholarship Day**

MARCH

- 15 **Booster Club Spring Luncheon**
St. Elizabeth Room, Saemann Student Center
- 25 **Booster Club Cash Draw**
Joe's Knight Hawk
- 30 **UKnight Day**

APRIL

- 7 **Young Alumni Recognition Dinner**
- 8 **Stars of Wartburg Concert**
Wartburg Community Symphony, Neumann Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
- 11 **RICE Day**
Campuswide, all day

MAY

- 25-28 **Class of 1967 50-Year Reunion Weekend**
- 28 **Baccalaureate and Commencement**
- TBD **Chicago Cubs Outing**

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