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SUMMER 2021

A welcome from

ELLEN ENGH

Your new alumni director

Hello to my fellow Wartburg alumni and friends of the college!

For those of you who I have not yet had the pleasure of meeting, my name is **Ellen Engh '08**, and I am the new director of alumni and parent engagement. During my time at Wartburg, I found my calling in life, was developed into a leader, and was inspired by my peers, advisers, and professors. Many of my college friends would tell you I “bleed orange” and that spreading the good news of Wartburg College was something I continued to do after graduating. I feel so blessed to be able to come home to Wartburg and engage with students and connect with alumni and families in this role.

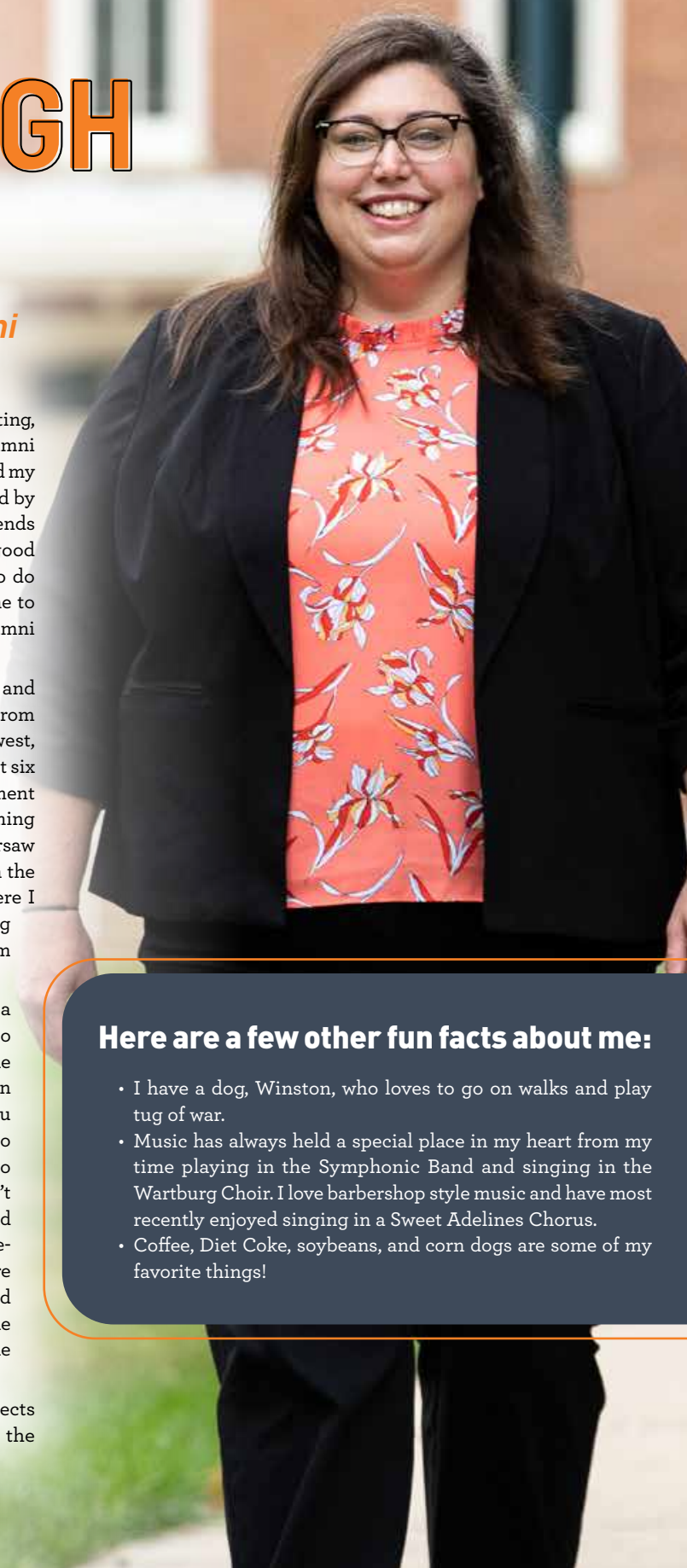
After graduating, I attended Western Illinois University and earned my Master of Science in college student personnel. From there, my professional career has taken me around the Midwest, where I worked in residence life for five years, and for the past six years I served as the assistant director of student engagement at the University of Central Oklahoma. I advised homecoming celebrations and the Dance Marathon organization and oversaw leadership development in the office. I also volunteer with the National Association for Campus Activities (NACA), where I currently am serving on the live events action group. Moving back to Iowa and being able to work at Wartburg is a dream come true, as it merges many of my passions.

Building connections and fostering relationships are a couple of my strengths and key areas I am looking forward to growing as I start this new journey. I cannot wait to welcome you back to campus for Homecoming & Family Weekend, an athletic event, music or theater event, or a visit because you are close to campus. I love meeting new people and want to get to know you and how we can connect. If you are able to join us on campus, I will be here with a smile. If you can't make it back, I am just a phone call or email away to listen and hear about your experiences. No matter the type of engagement you are looking for, we are here to assist you as we are stronger together. I want to be a resource for all alumni and family members, find the best ways possible to celebrate the great things you are doing, and use our network to spread the story of why Wartburg is Worth It.

I am looking forward to exploring the new, exciting aspects of Wartburg and Waverly while finding connections in the community.

Here are a few other fun facts about me:

- I have a dog, Winston, who loves to go on walks and play tug of war.
- Music has always held a special place in my heart from my time playing in the Symphonic Band and singing in the Wartburg Choir. I love barbershop style music and have most recently enjoyed singing in a Sweet Adelines Chorus.
- Coffee, Diet Coke, soybeans, and corn dogs are some of my favorite things!



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ON THE COVER:

Greenwood, the Wartburg president's home since the 1980s, basks in the glow of a summer sunset. In its 150th year, the historical home still hosts special college gatherings year-round (photo by Stephanie Boeding '99).

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Three faculty receive tenure, promotion

The Wartburg College Board of Regents approved tenure and promotion for one professor, tenure for one, and promotion for another.

Dr. Michaelaen Golay Gerken, an assistant professor of biology, received tenure and will be promoted to associate professor in September. She earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Iowa and master's and doctoral degrees from Iowa State University.

Dr. Caryn Riswold, professor of religion and the Mike and Marge McCoy Family Distinguished Chair in Lutheran Heritage and Mission, also received tenure. Riswold earned her bachelor's degree from Augustana University in Sioux Falls, S.D. She later earned a Master of Theology and doctorate from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago as well as a Master of Arts in Theological Studies from the Claremont School of Theology.

In addition, Dr. Zak Montgomery, the Harry and Polly Slife Professor in Humanities, will be promoted from associate professor of Spanish to a full professor in September.

The board also approved emeritus status for four faculty members who retired this spring: Kim Folkers, associate professor of marketing and the Carl and Dorothy Hagemann Endowed Professor in Business and Economics; Dr. Ted Reuter, professor of piano; Lynn Peters, associate professor of social work and the Tomson Family Distinguished Chair in Social Work; and Yvonne Losch, assistant professor of German.



Lines receives national Barry Goldwater Scholarship

Caleb Lines '22 was awarded the Barry Goldwater Scholarship, a national scholarship for college sophomores and juniors who intend to pursue research careers in mathematics, the natural sciences, or engineering.

Lines, of Nashua, is pursuing his undergraduate degree in biochemistry. After earning an M.D.-Ph.D., a dual degree for those pursuing a physician-scientist career, he hopes to lead a cancer research team focused on developing clinical trials by conducting translational research at an academic medical center and pursue a teaching position at an academic hospital.

Lines, who also is in the college's Scholars Program, already has done historical research related to the 1918 Spanish influenza epidemic, ovarian cancer research, and an internship in Taiwan, where he conducted agricultural research about a fungal disease in peppers.

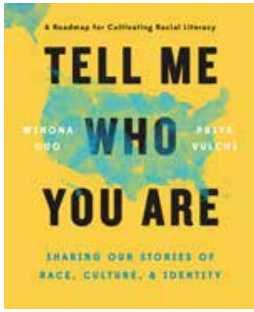
In 1986, Congress established the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation to honor the lifetime work of Sen. Barry Goldwater, a five-term senator from Arizona and U.S. Air Force officer.

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'Tell Me Who You Are' is 2021 Knight Reading

The 2021-22 common reading for new Knights will be *Tell Me Who You Are: Sharing Our Stories of Race, Culture, and Identity* by Winona Guo and Priya Vulchi.

The duo deferred their college admission by one year to collect first-person narratives from more than 150 Americans who could speak to how racism played out in their lives and in the country every day. The book features excerpts from these interviews, photographs, and a toolkit that provides a deep examination "of the seeds of racism and strategies for effecting change," according to the online synopsis.

Whether you read this book as part of a book club, alumni group, or on your own, we recommend taking time to learn alongside our first-year students. Read more at knightguides.wartburg.edu/tellmewhoyouare.

Mahatlane, Nagarkoti receive Davis grants for projects in Botswana, Nepal

Two Wartburg students were awarded \$10,000 grants from the 2021 Davis Projects for Peace Program to carry out service projects in their home communities during the summer of 2021. A third student, whose award was deferred in 2020, also completed her project this summer.

Mildred Mahatlane '22 partnered with the headmaster and counselor at Mafhikana Primary School in Botswana, where she attended primary school, to construct a new classroom that will serve kindergartners, who are only granted space in the current school for two months out of the year.

Shanta Nagarkoti '23 was selected to return to Nepal, where she will construct a washroom and hand-washing station as well as a water filtration system to provide clean drinking water for a school in Lamjung district. The area was hit by a disastrous earthquake five years ago and has yet to fully recover. Nagarkoti's project was deferred until 2022 because of the pandemic.



Mahatlane



Nagarkoti

Mercy Uмба '23 of South Sudan, who was originally awarded the grant in 2020, partnered with Kajo Keji Health Training Institute, a Ugandan organization working with refugee communities in the region. KKHTI will lead training for up to 80 primary health care providers and offer community sensitization on mental health care issues. The project also included an economic empowerment program that will help address the financial stress and severe poverty in the refugee communities. Uмба was mentored by Collins Kalyebi '20, who received a Davis grant in 2018.



Uмба

Philanthropist Kathryn Wasserman Davis founded Davis Projects for Peace in 2007 to celebrate her 100th birthday. Davis, who died in 2013, committed \$1 million annually to fund 100 grassroots efforts by college students. Wartburg students have received a grant every year since the program's inception. Though Projects for Peace invites all undergraduates at the American colleges and universities that are partners in the Davis United World College Scholars Program to compete for these grants, Wartburg's three recipients all attended a United World College school.



Perry awarded R.J. McElroy Graduate Fellowship

Eryn Perry '21 was one of two students this year to receive an R.J. McElroy Graduate Fellowship.

Perry, who graduated in May with a degree in computer science and neuroscience, will receive up to \$36,000 paid over three years as a fellowship recipient. She plans to pursue a doctorate in neuroscience at the University of Southern California.

The fellowship, established by the McElroy Trustees in 1983, is designed to "encourage persons of accomplishment, intelligence, integrity, and leadership ability to pursue challenging academic careers."

"Being granted this fellowship means that I will be able to devote more time to my research when in graduate school at USC because I will have less assistantship responsibilities," said Perry, who has completed research in bioinformatics, data mining, and applied deep learning while on campus, as well as participated in the University of Iowa Summer Institute in Biostatistics.

Perry also was part of the college's Scholars Program and the Academically and Civically Engaged Scientists (ACES) Scholarship Program, as well as an executive member for Service Trips.

Oakland, Ohrt honored by ICMA

Silvia Oakland '21 was named the Pat Pisarik Journalist of the Year by the Iowa College Media Association at the organization's annual awards ceremony.

The editor-in-chief of *The Trumpet*, the college's student-run newspaper, graduated in May with a degree in journalism and communication with emphases in public relations, digital cinema, and multimedia journalism. She also was active with the college's student-run livestream network, Knight Vision.

The organization also awarded Pamela Ohrt, associate professor of journalism and communication, its prestigious John Eighmey Service Award. The award is presented annually to recognize an individual whose efforts have been instrumental in advancing the quality of media education in Iowa. It was first presented in 2004 to John Eighmey, journalism professor in the Greenlee School at Iowa State University. The award was later named in his honor.

Since 2020, Ohrt has served as the college's R.J. McElroy Chair in Communication. She is the faculty adviser for the student-run campus radio station and co-coordinator of the IS 101 program.



Oakland



Ohrt

Wartburg student media earn top marks from multiple organizations

Wartburg College students and recent graduates received top marks from the Iowa College Media Association, Society for Collegiate Journalists, and Iowa Broadcast News Association for work done during 2020.

The Iowa College Media Association named *The Trumpet*, the college's student-run newspaper, the News Media Organization of the Year for the second time in two years. KWAR, the student-run radio station, was named the Radio Station of the Year. *The Trumpet* staff also earned first place in Best COVID-19 Coverage. In addition, students and recent graduates earned more than 60 individual awards.

Student media won 12 first-place awards from the Society for Collegiate Journalists, an organization that recognizes achievement in journalism and helps establish relationships between students and members of the profession.

The Trumpet staff earned second place for Newspaper Overall Excellence for the Oct. 13 issue. The Cross Wire staff earned a first-place finish for Online Magazine Overall Excellence. **Annika Wall '20** led the way for individual student awards with eight first-place nods, as well as four second place, one third place and three honorable mentions. More than 20 students and recent graduates earned individual awards.

Knight Vision won third place in Overall Excellence for Student TV from the Iowa Broadcast News Association. The organization also recognized 17 students and recent graduates for their work.

Student media advisers are Ron Johnson (Cedar Valley Today), Pam Ohrt (KWAR), and **Suzanne Behnke '97** (*The Trumpet*). Dr. Penni Pier, the department chair, oversees the Capstone program.



Wall



DANCE MARATHON 2021 At the 13th annual Wartburg College Dance Marathon, participants learned they had raised a record-setting \$158,122.13. All money collected is donated to the University of Iowa Stead Family Children's Hospital, which is affiliated with the Children's Miracle Network.



“This new concentration will be great for anyone interested in health science careers and public health, social work, sociology, psychology – as well as students who’d like to pursue futures in medical interpretation.”

– DR. ZAK MONTGOMERY

New program melds Spanish language and health professions

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

IN HIS 12 YEARS AT WARTBURG, Dr. Zak Montgomery has seen a lot of crossover between his students majoring in Spanish and other fields of study.

“Many of our majors and minors, sometimes as many as two-thirds, are health science majors as well, and they have been seeking real-world application for their Spanish skills,” said Montgomery, associate professor of Spanish and the Harry and Polly Slife Professor in Humanities. As more and more students wanted cultural and linguistic competency in the health care fields, especially with Spanish speakers, Montgomery proposed and recently gained approval of a new concentration within the Spanish major: Spanish for health professions.

“This new concentration will be great for anyone interested in health science careers and public health, social work, sociology, psychology – as well as students who’d like to pursue futures in medical interpretation,” said Montgomery, who along with Dr. Marta Ramírez Martínez, assistant professor of Spanish, will teach the courses in the newly renamed Department of Languages, Literatures & Cultural Studies. “The health professions courses we already offered were very popular, as were the medical study abroad programs we already had, so this major concentration creates more formal pathways for students to get the experiences they want and need in preparation for careers in medicine.”


The new concentration melds Wartburg’s historically strong science programs with a sought-after language proficiency, which faculty hope will add even more worth for students pursuing graduate school and careers in the competitive fields of the health sciences.

Starting in Fall Term 2021, the new concentration will help students who also have a pre-health profession major (biology, biochemistry, neuroscience, public health, or exercise science) to hone their professional Spanish skills in courses

such as Spanish Translation and Interpretation. Students also will have the opportunity to study abroad through a new program that Wartburg has developed with the University of Oviedo in northwest Spain. The unique summer program includes an advanced Spanish for Health Professions course with a one-week clinical field experience. The Oviedo summer program, consisting of two consecutive sessions from late May through late July, will count as a four-credit full term of study abroad.

In addition to the Spanish for Health Professions program, Wartburg also will offer a study abroad option in Oviedo for all Spanish majors, which will include intensive coursework in Spanish language and culture. Students can choose to spend a Fall, Winter, or Summer term in Oviedo.

This new partnership between the University of Oviedo and Wartburg will launch in summer 2022 with a cohort of four students. As the first Wartburg-approved summer study abroad option specifically for Spanish-language majors, it offers a critically needed and affordable option for students unable to leave campus during the academic year, a great fit for those who have other academic or co-curricular commitments. Wartburg students will live with host families in Oviedo and can enjoy a variety of outdoor activities and the cultural perspective of a walkable and artistic city of about 220,000, which is also home to several UNESCO World Heritage sites.

The Spanish faculty see the new concentration attracting another growing segment of Wartburg students: heritage Spanish speakers, those who grew up speaking or hearing Spanish at home. “While in this learning process, which emphasizes both the cultural and linguistic knowledge that these students bring into the classroom, we hope that students begin to value their bilingual and bicultural skills within this new professional context, thus leading to language maintenance and pride in their identity,” said Martínez. 



Martínez



↑ Scharlaus receive Wartburg Medal

Wartburg College alumni and longtime college supporters **Ed '61** and **Lorraine (Rennie) Fiegen '61 Scharlau** received the Wartburg Medal for their continued support of the college and service to the community and world.

"The Scharlaus have offered heartfelt leadership and service in support of their alma mater in countless ways," said Darrel Colson, Wartburg president.

Ed majored in business administration and economics and Rennie in English. He is a retired administrator with 3M Company, while she was on the library staff for the Microelectronics and Computer Technology Consortium. Ed is a founding board member of Water to Thrive, a faith-based nonprofit organization dedicated to bringing clean, safe water to rural Africa. The Scharlaus are members of the President's Round Table, Heritage Society, and Tower Society. Both served on the college's National Campaign Committee for Transforming Tomorrow and on the Class of 1961 reunion committee, which was the first class to raise \$1 million in support of the college.

The Wartburg Medal is awarded by the college to recognize individuals who have provided significant service to the college over a sustained period of time, and recipients have a personal commitment to the college's mission, quality, and character.



New strength, conditioning annex open; academic space to open for fall 2021

BY KATIE KREIS '19 PHOTOS JULIE PAGEL DREWES '90

Last spring, Wartburg opened the doors to the new Meyer Strength & Conditioning Annex, and now, with the start of the 2021-22 school year just days away, the college is prepped to open the Wuertz Health & Human Performance Center in the Wartburg-Waverly Sports & Wellness Center.

The two-story Meyer Strength & Conditioning Annex addition honors **Darwyn (Dar) Meyer '61**, a former wrestler who took pride in his alma mater's intercollegiate athletic programs and wanted to help the Knights sustain that success into the future. He died in 2019. The Wuertz Health & Human Performance Center, named for Liz and **John '73 Wuertz**, is housed in the former strength and conditioning area. Liz died this summer following a battle with brain cancer. This space includes two labs and several faculty offices to accommodate the new Department of Health & Human Performance.

"Thanks to the generosity of our alumni and friends, we've reached our \$3.7 million fundraising goal," said **Scott Leisinger '87**, vice president for institutional advancement. "We're excited about how these facilities will enhance the experience of our students, and we're grateful to the donors who helped make it happen."

The annex features 17 weight platforms and expanded areas for strength and conditioning activities, allowing multiple teams to utilize the space at one time. Wartburg is the first NCAA Division III school to utilize the EliteForm motion-capture system throughout its entire weight room, allowing for unique student-faculty research opportunities and better leveraging of the connections between



intercollegiate athletics and academics. The technology, which is more commonly used by professional sports teams and Division I athletic programs, can help manage the college's strength and conditioning program by tracking each athlete's individual workout in the system and making it available at each machine.

"We are excited to open the Meyer Strength & Conditioning Annex," said Rick Willis, who was recently named vice president for student recruitment but had served as the director of athletics for more than 15 years. "This new facility with state-of-the-art equipment and technology will allow our student-athletes to maximize their development and assist us in attracting prospective student-athletes who desire to develop within this competitive and supportive environment."

Inside the Wuertz Health & Human Performance Center will be the Anderson Human Performance Lab, which recognizes **Nancy Mista Anderson '58**, and the Ott Anatomy & Physiology Lab, which honors **Marvin J. Ott '61**.

Anderson was a professor of physical education at Wartburg from 1960 to 1991. She was the recipient of the Outstanding Alumni Volunteer Award in 2013 and an active member of the campus community before her death in 2019. Following the death of her husband, Wayne, later that same year, the college received a significant estate gift from the couple.

Ott served as a professor of mathematics and an assistant football coach at Wartburg from 1967 to 1974, then as registrar and director of computing services and institutional research before his retirement in 2000. He was an inaugural member of the Knights' Hall of Fame and an active member of the campus community before his death in 2019. His wife, **Jan Wegenast Ott '63**, along with their two children, **Brad '88** and **Andy '93**, made gifts to the college, as did other family and friends.

"Wartburg has a long tradition of success in both academics and athletic performance, and our Health & Human Performance Center project will enhance both areas," said **Mike Murphy '89**, a member of the Wartburg College Board of Regents and lead donor to the capital project. "It's especially fitting, then, for us to celebrate the legacy of Dr. Nancy Anderson, who devoted her career to excellence in teaching and learning, as well as Dr. Marv Ott, one of the college's finest student-athletes whose vocation was to serve Wartburg in so many ways."

The generosity of other lead donors who made the project possible will be recognized by the naming of the McCoy Family Mural for Michael and Marge McCoy; the Miller Mezzanine for Strength & Conditioning for **Robert '67** and the late **Susan Langholz '66 Miller**; the Oltrogge Office Suite for **Eugene '58** and Alice **Oltrogge**; and the Schrader Family Strength & Conditioning Office for Rodney and Kimberly Schrader. In addition, the lower level of the Meyer Annex will be named the Canfield Strength & Conditioning Room, honoring Don Canfield, the Knights' football coach from 1973 to 1990, who died in 1996. [W](#)



Meyer Strength & Conditioning Annex



Ott Anatomy & Physiology Lab



Anderson Human Performance Lab

ONE *Taiko* AT A TIME

Hancock uses sabbatical to learn art of Japanese drum making

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

DR. CRAIG HANCOCK'S SHOULDER INJURY during the summer of 2020 couldn't have come at a worse time. The longtime director of bands at Wartburg College was getting ready to start a Fall Term sabbatical, a leave of absence granted to faculty for pursuits to enhance their teaching and to benefit their academic program. For his third sabbatical at Wartburg, Hancock planned to research and practice the technique of making taiko, a form of traditional Japanese drum.

Some of the drums are quite large, and Hancock wanted to go big, using materials he found in the area. "I was mentally ready, had the whiskey barrels, had read the building manual many times," said Hancock, and then injury set in. Surgery was needed, and Hancock continued to plan and secure materials as his shoulder healed, champing at the bit to get into his garage and start the physical work as the days went by during Fall Term. "Long before the doctor said it was OK, I was at it while my arm was in a sling."

Hancock's fascination with taiko — a term used for a variety of traditional Japanese drums and the method of playing them — grew in 2007 with the Wartburg College Wind Ensemble's first tour to Japan. The group, which Hancock directs, stopped in Uto in southwest Japan, which is home to a taiko museum and manufacturer. "We took a Japanese piece to play on the tour, and had worked hard to prepare it," said Hancock, and the group had even brought their own version of taiko-like drums along for their performances.

"As we prepped for the concert in town, someone said, 'Do you want to use some real taiko drums?'" Hancock and the student musicians jumped at the opportunity and were taught how to play authentic taiko drums to accompany their piece in the concert that night.

Learning about the drums in Uto was a highlight for the group. "We toured a hangar-size place with huge tree logs to use for taiko drums," said Hancock. "They naturally hollow out as they age, these special oak trees. They are a national protected treasure."

In Iowa, finding materials to make taiko as authentically as possible proved a tough task for Hancock, but he found an acceptable alternative to the Japanese oak: three antique whiskey barrels. "A farmer near Sumner was using them for animal feed, so they were never wet," said Hancock. "They had some bug damage but were usable."



Hancock



Chandler Njus '23 helped Dr. Craig Hancock during a taiko demonstration in fall 2020.



Dr. Craig Hancock and Ezra Andersen '22 attach a drum head.

Hancock followed a manual published by a taiko manufacturing group in Maui. Some wooden nail kegs also were secured to make smaller drums and to test drum-making techniques before attempting them on the larger drums.

The process of building taiko from whiskey barrels is labor-intensive, and Hancock found ways to adapt as his shoulder healed. "I never said there was something I couldn't do; I just had to be smart," he said.

The most interesting tool he invented for the project was a sanding machine. "Imagine a rotisserie big enough to hold a whiskey barrel," he said. To build it, Hancock used two office chairs made of wood. Sanding the barrel produced a ½-inch layer of sawdust in his Waverly garage. The next step was applying layers of Bondo, a polyester putty used as an automotive body filler, to the exterior of the barrel to smooth it out and to build up the rim at the top of the drum.


After dozens of hours applying Bondo, Hancock had to create and attach the drumheads. He built special platforms, using pallets that had been used to bring a heating unit into the Bachman Fine Arts Center, for stretching the rawhide heads over top of each drum. The rawhide itself was a process: finding a supplier for the size needed; soaking the thick hides to make them pliable; punching out holes to stretch and fit the heads; drying them to keep their shape; then finally attaching them to the top of the drums with decorative tacks.

With the drums and their stands now built, Hancock is ready for the fun part: playing them. "Taiko is a way of drumming," said Hancock, who took more students to Uto to learn how to play the drums during international Wind Ensemble tours in 2013 and 2019.

"Traditionally it's a festive dance, with a specific stance and stroke when playing. You don't just hit it; you dance and stand and stroke." The new drums had their debut in a Wind Ensemble concert this past spring, which can be viewed on Knight Vision.

While Hancock's goal was to learn the drum-making process and create more taiko that he can use in Wartburg's Department of Music, he also wanted to augment demand for the instruments around the Midwest.

For several years, Hancock and high school band director Cliff St. Clair of Spencer have co-owned three taiko drums they use when their bands' repertoire calls for authentic instrumentation. "And when we aren't using them, we loan them out, and they've been out all over the state," Hancock said; the older drums have been everywhere from DeWitt in eastern Iowa all the way across to the western part of the state.

Now with five more drums available to use and loan out, Hancock is helping more people have the experience of playing and watching authentic taiko. "Every time I have to say the drums aren't available, it breaks my heart a little." 

2021 WARTBURG



INDOOR TRACK & FIELD

Wartburg swept the American Rivers Conference Indoor Championships, with the men and women both winning conference titles.

Led by Head Coach Marcus Newsom, the Wartburg coaches were awarded both the A-R-C men's and women's coaching staff of the year awards. **Christopher Collet '23** won the mile and 3,000-meter run and received the Men's Track MVP, while **Breya Christopher '23** won high jump and was honored as the Women's Field MVP.

When the NCAA Indoor Track & Field Championships were canceled, Wartburg hosted the DIII Elite Indoor Championships. The men took first of 29 teams while the women took first of 26 teams. Wartburg garnered 45 USTFCCA Indoor All-Region honors. The Stride Report honored Head Coach Ryan Chapman as the Best Distance Coach and **Joe Freiburger '22** as the Most Valuable Runner.

BOWLING

The Wartburg men's and women's bowling teams competed in five meets during the 2021 season, hosting one home meet, the Cedar Valley Invitational in Waterloo. The Knights' best result, a team score of 7,021, came during the season finale when **Tim Wengenack '23** scored 964 through five games bowled.



Collet



Christopher



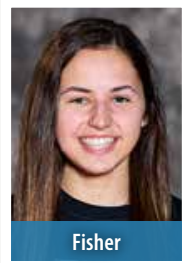
Wengenack

↑ OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD

The men's and women's outdoor track and field season was headlined by an NCAA national championship for the men, the first in program history. The women's team finished 11th. At the national championships in North Carolina, the Knights combined for 24 All-American finishes, including a national title for **Aubrie Fisher '23** in the women's 3,000-meter steeplechase. The Wartburg men led Division III with 17 All-American honors, anchored by **Dallas Wright '22** with four.

The men also won the American Rivers Conference Outdoor Championships, the 11th conference title in program history. The men's 247-point total was the best in Wartburg men's outdoor history. **Wright** and **Derrick Smith '23** shared the Men's Track Athlete of the Year award, each capturing three conference titles, while the coaching staff, led by Marcus Newsom, was named the A-R-C Men's Coaching Staff of the Year. The women took second at the A-R-C Outdoor Championships, tallying three individual conference titles.

The USTFCCA honored Wartburg with 44 All-Region awards, headlined by **Fisher's** Central Region Women's Track Athlete of the Year honor. Newsom was named the Central Region Men's Coach of the Year, and Ryan Chapman was honored as the Central Region Men's Assistant Coach of the Year. The two also were named the national USTFCCA Men's Division III Head Coach and Assistant Coach of the Year, respectively.



Fisher



Wright



Smith

ATHLETICS RECAP

BY TRENT JACKSON PHOTOS JULIE PAGEL DREWES '90
KAYLIN MUGGLER '21
TRENT JACKSON

FOOTBALL

The Knights' football season was moved to spring 2021, but due to COVID-19 protocols, Wartburg did not play any of its three scheduled conference games. Most A-R-C teams played only one conference game.

BASKETBALL

The conference moved the start of the men's and women's basketball seasons to January 2021, with a shortened, round-robin league schedule.

The men's basketball team went 4-7 overall and 2-4 within the conference, falling in the quarterfinal round of the A-R-C playoffs. **Ryan Stulken '21** and **Max Smith Drahos '21** received All-Conference Honorable Mention accolades.

The women's basketball team compiled a 13-3 overall record and went 6-2 during A-R-C competition prior to a defeat in the quarterfinal round of the conference tournament. **Ally Conrad '21**, **Jaedon Murphy '24**, and **Kaitlyn Volesky '21** were named All-Conference Second Team members. **Payton Draper '21** was named to the First Team and collected several more postseason accolades: D3hoops.com West Region Second Team honors, a WBCA All-America Honorable Mention along with a spot on the WBCA Women's Collegiate All-Star Team, and a CoSIDA Academic All-District Team nod.



Stulken



Drahos



Draper



↑ VOLLEYBALL

The volleyball season was postponed to the spring of 2021 by the American Rivers Conference, and started in February with an eight-game, round-robin schedule but no postseason tournament.

The Knights went 7-2 overall and 7-1 during conference play. During the season finale at Nebraska Wesleyan, the Knights defeated the Prairie Wolves 3-2 to clinch a share of the A-R-C title, a fifth consecutive league crown for Wartburg. **Katie Foster '21**, **Kylie Bildstein '21**, **Zaiah Quirk '22**, and **Kennedy Meister '22** were named to the All-Conference Team. Additionally, **Claire Marsh '22** received a spot on the Honorable Mention Team. **Foster** also was recognized as the A-R-C Defensive Player of the Year for the second consecutive season.



Foster

MEN'S GOLF

The men's golf team competed in six tournaments throughout the spring of 2021, including a second-place finish at the Hawkeye Invitational in Waterloo. At the American Rivers Conference Championships, the Knights took sixth with a team score of 1,272 through four rounds. **Drew Olson '22** led the team with score of 314 to finish 12th.

WOMEN'S GOLF

The women's golf team participated in three tournaments in the spring season, taking first during the Wartburg Triangular and Central's Battle at Bos, where the team defeated Luther College during the match play championship round. **Ashley DeLong '23** took first with a two-round score of 160 at the Wartburg Triangular.



DeLong



WOMEN'S TENNIS

During the 2021 spring season, the women's tennis team tallied a 4-6 record during nonconference matches leading up to the American Rivers Conference automatic qualifier tournament. The Knights received the No. 2 seed after finishing second in the league standings during the fall schedule and fell to Luther College in the championship.

LACROSSE

The women's lacrosse team turned in a 2-9 overall record with a league mark of 2-4 within the Midwest Women's Lacrosse Conference.

Bri Greiskalns '22 led the team with 40 goals and became the program's all-time leading scorer while being named the MWLC Midfielder of the Year. She also became the first Knight in program history to receive IWLCA All-Region honors, named to the Great Lakes Region Second Team.

Greiskalns was named to the MWLC All-Conference First Team, while **Ellie Johnson '24** was named to the Second Team, and **Kirsten Mahoney '22** received Honorable Mention laurels.



Greiskalns

MEN'S TENNIS

The men's tennis team in fall and spring went 10-12 overall and 4-4 in American Rivers Conference play to finish fifth in the league standings.

During the A-R-C automatic qualifier tournament, the Knights took down No. 4 seed Loras College 5-4 before falling to Luther in the semifinals.

Lucas Huffman '22 was named to the singles and doubles All-Conference teams, while **Jackson Eells '24** earned a spot on the doubles team. **Cade Davis '24** received Honorable Mention recognition. **Huffman** led the Knights with an 18-5 record and became the Wartburg men's tennis record holder for most career wins at the No. 1 singles position.



Huffman

BASEBALL

The baseball team went 14-28 overall and 12-20 during American Rivers Conference play, finishing seventh in the league standings.

Max Goodhue '22 and **Ben DeKruyf '22** were named to the All-Conference First Team, while **Zach Walton '24** was named to the Second Team. **Goodhue** also received Wartburg's Men's Hertel Award, which honors student-athletes who have won varsity letters in two sports.



Goodhue

SOFTBALL

The softball team went 26-10 overall and 17-7 in the American Rivers Conference, the most conference wins in program history. The Knights earned the No. 2 seed for the A-R-C postseason tournament but were ousted in the double-elimination bracket. Wartburg was ranked in the NFCA Top 25 poll for 10 consecutive weeks.

Kaci Sherwood '21 led the Knights, breaking a Wartburg single-season record with 15 home runs and a conference record with 10 home runs during conference play en route to being named the A-R-C Position Player of the Year. She also was named an NFCA Third Team All-Region honoree and Third Team All-American. Sherwood was also named a CoSIDA Second-Team Academic All-American

Sherwood, Lauren Frerichs '23, Ashley Nelson '24, Sydney Illg '22, and Leah Campos '21 also were named All-Conference First Team members. Wartburg's five First Team honorees were the most among A-R-C schools. **Olivia Brecht '22** and **Tarah Wehde '24** were named to the Second Team. **Illg** was named to the Midwest Region First Team, while the trio of **Nelson, Sherwood, and Frerichs** were awarded spots on the Midwest Region Third Team.



Sherwood





SOCCER

The conference delayed the start of the men's and women's soccer schedules to the spring of 2021, which included a round-robin format without a postseason tournament.

The men's soccer team notched a 5-2 record, which was capped off by back-to-back shutouts over Central College and Luther College. The Knights also were undefeated on their home turf at Salzwedel Field. **Jack Palen '21**, **Payton Chapman '23**, and **Caleb Halleran '23** were named to the All-Conference Team, while **Brennon Woody '23** and **Sam Thomann '21** were recognized as All-Conference Honorable Mention Team members.

The trio of **Palen**, **Woody**, and **Kevin Duque '22** received CoSIDA Academic All-District honors. **Palen** also was named to the United Soccer Coaches Scholar All-Region Team and received Wartburg's departmental Voecks Award, given to the outstanding senior male student-athlete selected by the faculty athletic committee.



Palen



The women's team went 7-0 this spring, defeating Luther College in the season finale to clinch the league title. The Knights shut out their opponents in all but one game, outscoring their foes 22-1.

The Knights led the A-R-C with seven All-Conference selections: **Sarah Campbell '22**, **Joy Smith '22**, **Kate Luers '22**, **Gabby Corday '23**, **Hailey Osburn '22**, **Katie Berglund '23**, and **Marissa Lopez '22**. **Campbell** also was named the Defensive MVP and coaches **Tiffany Treanor Pins '05**, Justin Kaiser, and Scott Schara were named the A-R-C Coaching Staff of the Year.

Campbell and **Luers** were named United Soccer Coaches Scholar All-Americans, and the pair, along with **Corday**, earned CoSIDA Academic All-District Team members.



Campbell



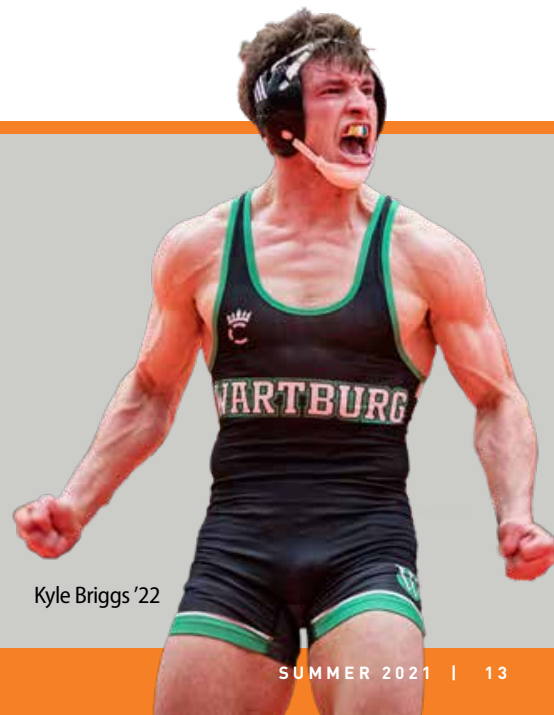
Luers

← WRESTLING

As a team, Wartburg went 9-1 overall during the condensed 2021 season. The Knights went undefeated with an 8-0 ledger during the American Rivers Conference schedule, rounded out with victories over Nebraska Wesleyan University and Loras College to clinch the A-R-C Championship, the 38th in program history and the 28th in the last 29 years.

The NCAA Championships were canceled, and instead the Knights competed at the NWCA National Tournament, led by national championships from **David Hollingsworth '22** at 157 lbs. and **Kyle Briggs '22** at 174 lbs. **Brady Kyner '22**, **Kris Rumph '22**, **Brady Fritz '22**, **Zane Mulder '23**, and **Joe Pins '23** also earned spots on the podium with All-American finishes.

Eight Knights were named to the All-Conference Team, including Co-MVP honors for **Briggs**. Nine wrestlers also were named NWCA Scholar All-Americans with GPAs of at least 3.2.



Kyle Briggs '22



A LIFETIME OF *Memories*

Waldstein reflects on her time as a student and her career in Wartburg administration

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

RETURNING TO WAVERLY IN 1989, EDIE PHILLIPS WALDSTEIN '73 couldn't have imagined the scope of her own career in higher education as her husband, **Fred Waldstein '74**, became the first Irving R. Burling Distinguished Chair in Leadership at Wartburg. Leaving a German faculty position at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Edie thought she might continue her career teaching at Wartburg. But over more than 30 years and through her work with multiple presidents, her efforts would impact the college in a much different way, through administration. This summer, Edie retired as vice president for enrollment management, a role she has held since its creation in 2001, after serving earlier in her career as the registrar, a part-time faculty member, and the associate vice president for academic affairs and associate dean of the faculty. She shared her thoughts on her time at Wartburg and the changes she has seen through the years.

Q: What do you remember most about being a student at Wartburg in the early 1970s?

A: What I remember the most is May Term and study abroad in Vienna. I was gone for just about every May Term. I did a creative writing class with Sam Michaelson, and we drove out and spent the entire May Term in San Francisco, and attended lots of cultural events that were supposed to contribute to our creative writing. What I remember more than the creative writing is hearing a poetry reading by Ferlinghetti and going to a theatre premiere of *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*.

My junior year abroad in Vienna was a wonderful educational experience, and very different than today, because we had to set up most everything ourselves. ... And that's where I met Fred. He was traveling that May Term across Europe. Dr. Al Riep had told him we were in Vienna, so he stopped by, and that was the first time that I had met him.

I really remember some great professors: Sam Michaelson and K.D. Briner in English, and Al Riep and Harold Brands in German. And the innovative study abroad opportunities; more colleges have that now, but back then the college was way ahead of the game and doing experiential learning very well.

Q: What has stayed the same at Wartburg since you were a student, and what have been the biggest changes?

A: On balance, Wartburg is a better place, absolutely. It might seem superficial, but the facilities have improved so much, especially after the (President Jack) Ohle years. There are many more faculty with terminal degrees; that was very noticeable. The times are so different ... it's not so much that Wartburg is different. This is not a bad thing, but students are more dependent on their parents, and parents have an expectation that we will take care of their children. It's just different times. When I was a student, I don't think that my parents even helped me move in. That whole family dynamic; families are more of a team around the student and involved now, and we get to know the parents.



Q: How did your role as vice president for enrollment management come about?

A: In about 2000, President Ohle was interested in creating an enrollment management division. He saw that would be important for the future at an institution like ours, being more purposeful about managing enrollment with the demographics that we could already see were coming on the horizon. He asked me to look into that and what all could be included in that division. We looked into that for several months, and in 2001 he established an enrollment management division and asked me to be the VP.

At that time, it included admissions, financial aid, the registrar, the Pathways Center, and information technology. He had a great vision for that and was ahead of the game in my opinion. Some public universities, but hardly any private colleges, were doing that. The whole purpose was to say, 'How do we get the enrollment in the quality and numbers that we want? And how do we manage that, everything from recruiting students, enrolling them, and supporting them and making sure they have a satisfactory experience so they graduate?' I really give him credit for thinking of a different model at Wartburg. ... I'm glad I had the opportunity to be part of that and help people understand their role in the larger concept of enrollment management.

Q: What have you found most fulfilling with your long career at your alma mater?

A: The students. We have the best students in the world! That's the most fulfilling part, to watch what they do and have the privilege of working with our students, watching them grow and seeing what they do afterwards. I've been here long enough now to see them in their careers and have families and in their communities.

Q: What work are you most proud of?

A: Envisioning and implementing the Pathways Center; it's not just my accomplishment, but I had the opportunity to facilitate and lead conversations that led to it. It was a large group effort, and that was under Jim Pence, then the dean of faculty, who asked me to pull people together to study how we could better support students. We did a lot of research and discussion, and put together a proposal that really is what the Pathways Center is now: A one-stop shop that included everything from serving as an advising resource for students and faculty, partnering with faculty on designing and offering first-year general education courses, coordinating and providing disability services, to supporting students in their vocational discernment and career aspirations.


The Pathways Center is at the top of my list because it is so obviously student-centered and gave me the opportunity to work with many people across campus to collaborate on an exciting new idea at that time.

In all of the various positions I have held, I have had some, and sometimes a lot of, responsibility for facilitating the retention of students.

“In my 32 years here at Wartburg, the overall student retention rate has increased from 82.7% to 87.6%. And the graduation rate has increased from 64% to 70%.”

I'm proud of the initiatives we took to diversify our student body. Since 2001, we have significantly increased our out-of-state, U.S. multicultural, and international student numbers.

Q: What will you miss the most?

A: The people. I will miss the students and my colleagues. Wartburg is a very community-minded and collaborative place, good at crossing those administrative boundaries to serve the students, and I will miss that. I have great staff and everyone at Wartburg is so good. I have no doubt great things will continue. 

A Story TO TELL

Christy Colson has made it her mission to amass the history of Greenwood and its furnishings as the home enters its 150th year

BY EMILY CHRISTENSEN PHOTOS JULIE PAGEL DREWES '90

AS GREENWOOD, THE OFFICIAL RESIDENCE OF WARTBURG COLLEGE PRESIDENTS SINCE 1987, marks its 150th anniversary this year, one of its current residents is diligently working to preserve the history of both the residence and the pieces that furnish it. Christy Colson, who has lived in the home since 2009 with her husband, President Darrel Colson, has taken it upon herself to find and document the provenance of each piece of artwork and furnishing in the home, which sits on 7 ½ acres of college-owned land on 12th Street Northwest in Waverly.

“It has been very important to me, as a steward of Greenwood, to understand the history and legacy of its furnishings. I want to keep the narrative, Greenwood’s story, alive,” Christy said. “More than anything else, we want Greenwood to be a place that continues to inspire gifts and engagement from people who love the college and honor Greenwood’s place in the community.”

History of the home

Daniel A. Long built the Italianate-style home in 1871 on the 300 acres of land he called Greenwood Farm. Dating back to the early years of white settlement of Waverly and Bremer County, the home served as the primary residence for Long’s family, which included his wife and seven children. The college purchased the home from Ralph and Lavon Juhl in January 1987 after the president’s former campus residence was incorporated into a student lounge and study area in The Residence, a new suite-style residence hall. Early renovation and restoration projects at Greenwood restored much of the original character to the home while creating both living and entertainment spaces for college presidents and their families.

The Preservation and Restoration of Greenwood was published by the college in 2005 and details the restoration projects completed in 1987, the family room addition in 1999, redecorating projects completed in 2002, and outdoor projects, including a new deck and improvements to the existing barn that made it easier to host outdoor events.



Long

Christy is very well versed in these details. She can talk at length about how the front entrance to the home has been moved through the years or how the removal of lowered ceilings in the “Blue Room” revealed decorative plaster arches and medallions that were replicated by **Ramlan Abdullah '87** and now are a focal point of the guest bedroom (photo 1). But she wants to be certain that future occupants (the Colsons do not have any plans to leave Wartburg at this time) know the stories behind all the important pieces in the home.



Understanding the past to plan for the future

Each presidential family since 1987 — first Robert and Sally Vogel, then Jack and Kirsten Ohle, and interim President Bill Hamm — has been asked to update a book of what improvements have been made to the house during their stay. A brass plaque commemorates the generosity of Lorna Wissink, late member of the Board of Regents, who funded many of the original improvements, done when the house was first purchased by the college. Moving beyond capital improvements, Christy became curious about the many furnishings and other pieces that make the house a presidential home and special gathering place.

“In order to honor its history, I needed to know the provenance of

all the furnishings. I enlisted the help of former presidential spouses, Sally Vogel and Kris Ohle, as well as local friends of the college, so that I could understand where and from whom each piece came and what its value, both historical and practical, is.” She learned which pieces were especially valuable monetarily (a few of the antique furniture pieces), which were valuable because they represented important history of the college (the candlesticks used in early chapel services), and which were valuable because they were lovely gifts from friends of the college (the powder room sinks from the Vogel family, furniture from the Hagemann family, and rugs and furniture from the Austin family.)

Also helping her in that process was Don Juhl, who had retired from the college in 2005 after 40 years of service. In addition to his work as food service director, Juhl also is an antique collector and had loaned many pieces from his personal collection to the college during the Ohles’ residency.

“Sally and Kris kept notes about Greenwood from their service as presidential spouses. I do the same, including more of the history I’ve learned, and including an identification system which links didactic information to each piece,” Christy said.

These are among her favorites:

- **ANTIQUE DESK IN THE FOYER**, which is on loan from Waverly residents and longtime Wartburg supporters Lindley and **Joanne Shipman ’69 Jones**. The desk belonged to Lindley’s ancestor, Frank Harris. He was orphaned at age 3, fought in the Confederate Army, and later became the owner and editor of *The Ocala Banner* weekly newspaper in Florida. He served as mayor and was personal friends with William Jennings Bryan and Grover Cleveland.
- **WARTBURG HALL MIRROR**, the large mirror in the entryway which came from Wartburg Hall, the former women’s residence on campus (photo 2). “Even now, we have guests who visit Greenwood and delight in seeing the mirror again as they share memories of getting ready for their dates and coming downstairs to check their appearances in the mirror before departing.”
- **THE GREENWOOD LAWN**. “The thing I enjoy about Greenwood each day of the year is the beautiful lawn on which the home sits. In the winter, I love the white snow against the red brick and red wooden barns with evergreen trees all around as a peaceful refuge for the deer who sleep under their branches (photo 3). In the spring I grow impatient waiting for the first daffodils, robins, and tulips to appear, and I am less patient with the deer who nibble the tender spring blossoms. In the summer I love long evenings puttering in the flower gardens and the cycles of summer peony, phlox, and lily blossoms. Darrel and I enjoy almost every meal on



the south porch and many evenings on the breezeway stoop with a cool drink where we watch the stunning sunsets. Fall is filled with the excitement of a new year — I associate the return of students with the marigolds, mums, sedum, and lantana, which produce late bursts of color.”

Once she had a better understanding of the home, Christy was able to work with a local interior designer, Linda Austin, whose late husband’s relatives were once owners of the home, to make a plan for the future of Greenwood.

“Darrel and I understand Greenwood to be another campus building that receives repairs and renovations when needed. It has not been the custom of presidential couples to remodel and redecorate to suit personal tastes, and Darrel and I wanted, more than anything else, to be true to the house in ways that honor its age and history,” Christy said. “We hope to strike a balance in maintaining Greenwood as a successful venue for the college without depleting more than its share of college resources.

“Linda’s guidance and advice have helped me commit to an overall plan of continuity, using neutral colors, especially for hard, permanent surfaces, so that future residents could accent with colors that are personal but not too costly. It’s not always easy to imagine what the home will ‘be’ or ‘need’ in the future, but I want to try to plan with these things always in mind.”



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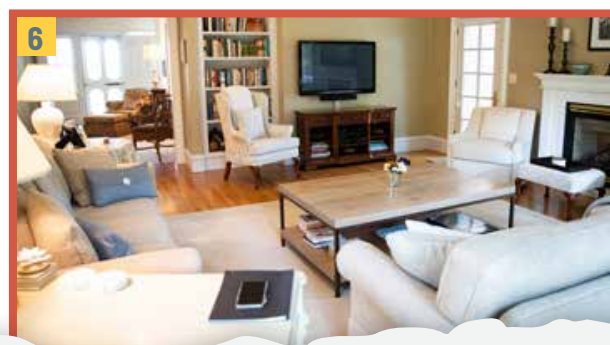
From a house to a home

Christy has slowly made smaller changes to the house that have helped her and Darrel feel at home in the space, while ensuring that it still serves as a prime location for hosting friends of the college, retirees, faculty, staff, and of course, students. Take the formal living room, for instance, where antique maps from Darrel’s collection line the walls (photo 4), the marble from Wartburg Hall frames the fireplace, candlesticks used when chapel was in held in Knights Gymnasium stand on the mantel (photo 5), and an antique desk from Juhl’s personal collection — where Darrel works at home because of the view of the property — sits in front of a central window.

The family room, which was added to the back of the house by the Ohles, features comfortable couches and two large Baker chairs donated by **Fred ’67** and **Sue Childs ’69 Hagemann** (photo 6). Upstairs are two guest rooms and the Colsons’ bedroom, as well as a landing that serves as another small gathering space and office. Outside, the house is adorned with lights that Sally Vogel acquired from St. Paul’s Lutheran Church and School; the front entrance is framed by urns from St. Joseph Mercy Hospital and donated by Will and Audrey Leisinger; and the garden holds a rose bush given by **Rachel Riensche ’80**, vice chair of the Board of Regents.

“There are only a very few things in the public rooms at Greenwood that are distinctly ours — Darrel’s maps, pieces from our personal art collection, a few personal family photos, and a few Colson family serving pieces,” Christy said. “The Christmas tree in the sunroom is also distinctly personal, as are many of the holiday decorations. Greenwood is the college’s house, yet 12 years of life and experience here make it feel very much like our home. As presidents and spouses before us made it so for us, we hope to do the same for future residents.

“The gifts we’ve accepted for this house make it a more meaningful place, and we hope they’ll be remembered for generations to come. I was charged with being the steward of this home, but being the narrator of its history is my privilege.” 🍷



IN CELEBRATION of Greenwood’s 150th anniversary, the home will be open for tours during Homecoming & Family Weekend on Friday, Oct. 8, 2-4 p.m.



YOUNG ALUMNI AWARDS

Wartburg College recently recognized three outstanding young alumni for service to their communities. The Young Alumni Award honors graduates from the past 15 years who are living the four pillars of the Wartburg College mission statement: leadership, service, faith, and learning. This year's recipients are:

Jessi Preussner King '09

Blacksburg, Virginia

After graduating with a bachelor's degree in political science and communication arts, King joined AmeriCorps and was an AmeriCorps Promise Fellow.

She earned her master's degree in regional and community planning in 2012 from Kansas State University, then moved across the country to work with VT Engage: The Community Learning Collaborative at Virginia Tech, where she managed a federal grant and community partnerships. The program connected students to service opportunities as a way to commemorate Sept. 11 and the 2007 Virginia Tech campus shootings.

Her career then took her to North Carolina's Central Piedmont Community College as a service-learning coordinator. In 2016, King returned to Virginia Tech where she is a senior pre-award associate in the Office of Sponsored Programs, developing grant and contract proposals for faculty. At Virginia Tech, she also earned a graduate certificate in local government management in 2019.

King also has been a member and past president of the Junior Women's Club in Blacksburg, where she lives with her husband, James.

Emily Eimers Moser '12

Solon, Iowa

The elementary education major was an All-American distance runner on Wartburg's cross country and track and field teams, and she earned Academic All-American honors as well.

Moser began her teaching career with first-graders in Algona. She felt God leading her to help a school in Moore, Okla., in 2013 after a tornado ripped apart the town. Moser had just won \$1,000 in her first marathon the day before, and she donated her winnings and raised even more to give to a teacher who had protected her students during the storm.

After earning her master's degree from Southwest Minnesota State in 2015, Moser moved to Solon, where she began teaching second grade. A student on the Solon cross country team was legally blind but determined to run; Moser volunteered to be her running guide so the student could compete.


In 2017, Moser became an instructional coach and reading interventionist in her district. She and her husband, **Chase Moser '15**, live in Solon with their young daughter, Grace.

The Rev. Lydia Posselt '07

Vienna, Virginia

After graduating with a degree in English, Posselt went on to attend Luther Seminary and earned her Master of Divinity in 2011. She then served Lutheran congregations in New Jersey and Pennsylvania and became a prominent supporter of the World Council of Churches' "Thursdays in Black" initiative, which calls for an end to violence against women.

As a result of her leadership in the ELCA and tirelessly advocating for women in the ministry, justice, and diversity, Posselt was invited to preach at the 2017 Lutheran World Federation assembly in Namibia by an international jury spanning different generations of the Lutheran communion of churches. The event coincided with the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation.

She recently became the pastor for evangelism and mission at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Vienna, Va., where she lives with her husband, Josh. 



Clean start to a **MARKETING CAREER**

Hauber cut her creative chops and nurtured a new division at a family-owned laundering business

BY EMILY CHRISTENSEN PHOTO JULIE PAGEL DREWES '90

WHEN EMILY NOVOTNY HAUBER '13 LANDED HER FIRST JOB OUT OF COLLEGE as a marketing coordinator for CITY | Clean and Simple, a uniform laundering service based in Oelwein, she was a one-woman department blazing the way in a space that had previously been handled by an outside agency on an as-needed basis. Though she'd had a bit of an early start — she had worked part-time as an intern for the company during her final term at Wartburg — Hauber hit the ground running with a degree in communication arts, a minor in graphic design, and a passion for family-owned businesses and learning new things.

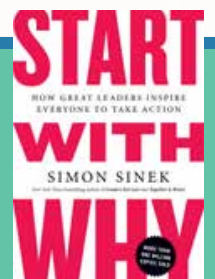
In the early days, Hauber would put in long hours as she familiarized herself with the new job and the new industry.

"I had never even taken a marketing class at Wartburg," she said. "I did do an e-commerce class that helped, but mostly I leaned on my experience as the marketing executive for Entertainment ToKnight at Wartburg. I watched a lot of YouTube videos when I wanted to learn how to do a new design or video technique. Wartburg taught me how to learn."

Those long hours paid off, though, as she got to know not only the people in the front office where she worked, but the men and women who worked on the floor. She was invited to be part of after-hours conversations she otherwise would have missed and picked up on nuances about the company as she tried to absorb as much as she could in the shortest time possible. Her passion for her work didn't go unnoticed. Colin Wetlaufer, CITY president, knew

Reading List

Emily Hauber credits Wartburg with teaching her "how to learn." In addition to watching online tutorials, she is a voracious podcast consumer and audiobook reader (especially now that her commute is getting longer, as CITY's marketing division just opened a new facility in Cedar Rapids). Here are her top six book recommendations:



Start With Why
by Simon Sinek

that even with little experience, Hauber had what it would take to help them grow their success in the field.

“From the moment Emily showed up as an intern, I knew she was unique. She went out of her way to ask what she could do to help us, and that excitement never faded,” he said. “When she decides she is going to do something, it’s really just about giving her the resources to make it happen.”

That was never more apparent than in year three of her CITY employment, when Hauber considered the possibility of moving on. Being a department of one was no longer the challenge she desired. She either needed help or new opportunities. Wetlaufer understood her concerns and asked her to give him three months to prove that the company was sincere when it came to supporting her marketing efforts. After one month, she knew she wouldn’t be going anywhere.

“He’s such a visionist. I knew I wanted to work for him. We’ve doubled the size of this company since I’ve been here. The executive team trusts what I am saying and vice versa. We do a S.W.O.T. analysis each year, and usually marketing is one of the top strengths,” she said.

It didn’t take long for others to see the value in Hauber’s work, too. In an effort to get CITY clients to let Hauber and her crew — she now oversees eight full- and part-time employees in the marketing division — film inside their business for a client spotlight, she would produce a short video for them as a thank you for the access. At an industry convention in March 2019, Wetlaufer and Hauber were approached about an opportunity to help build the marketing office for a Chicago-based laundering business.

A month later they signed a three-year contract, and Clean and Simple Marketing was born. Hauber would travel to Chicago to work with that team, shoot photos and video, and help them build up their brand.

“This was a good way to test the waters for us,” Hauber said. “Up until that point we’d been doing these client spotlights for

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free, but several had asked if we would be interested in doing more work for them. Then we had these industry people asking us to help them, but we were very strategic about who we partnered with. We didn’t want this to just be another traditional marketing firm. That’s why we sign the three-year deal with everyone. We want to be all in if we are going to do it. We don’t want it to just be project based.”

Today, Clean and Simple Marketing offers two packages: an all-encompassing plan that has Hauber and her team doing the heavy lifting or an “in-sourcing” package that allows Hauber to train up and

mentor a new marketing coordinator who can take over when the three-year contract expires. Her second client was a strategic planning coach who works with CITY to help them grow for the future. Their third client was based in Seattle, and Hauber was there when the first wave of the pandemic hit the city in March 2020. Despite the challenges of the last year, Hauber, who is now vice president of Clean and Simple Marketing as well as director of communications for CITY, managed to bring on new clients in varied industries.

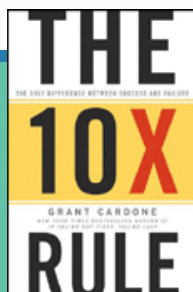
“This division of CITY was started because of what she has done. It was a natural next step,” Wetlaufer said. “We know that laundry isn’t the sexiest business on paper, and not many people say they want to get a marketing degree to go work for a laundry business, but it’s essential. There is a lot of creativity that happens in these private businesses across the country. I give credit to her for looking past that rough exterior.”

But, for Hauber, where she landed isn’t all that surprising.

“I grew up in a single-parent house with my mom and two brothers. My entire life, the family business has been a lumberyard, which could also be perceived as not a glamorous industry,” said Hauber, who is married with a 1-year-old son. “But watching my family and our family business grow from all of the hard work, that is very glamorous to me.”



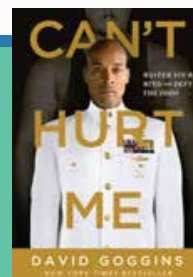
Crushing It
by Gary Vaynerchuk



The 10X Rule
by Grant Cardone



Giftology
by John Ruhlin



Can't Hurt Me
by David Goggins



The Dream Manager
by Matthew Kelly

delving deeper into the 'humongous fungus'

Warmanen's documentary unearths the story behind the oldest and largest honey mushroom colonies

BY EMILY CHRISTENSEN

IN 2012, THE CREDIT CARD COMPANY DISCOVER LAUNCHED ITS NEW ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN with the voice of Tim Warmanen '04 reassuring viewers that the credit card company would "treat you like you'd treat you."

Warmanen, who graduated from Wartburg with a degree in communication arts, was working as a video editor at Whitehouse Post, a film editing company with locations in Chicago, New York, Los Angeles, and London, when he had the opportunity to create a "scratch track" for the Discover commercial. Typically, these recordings act as a placeholder for editors as they build the visuals for a piece. A theatre minor and former Michigan state finalist forensics orator, Warmanen was often tapped for the task as many were intimidated by hearing their voice on loop during the post-production process. In this case, the Discover team liked Warmanen's "regular guy" tone so much they opted to book him over other professional voiceover actors who had auditioned. Prior to landing the multi-year campaign, which included Super Bowl commercials, he also voiced spots for McDonald's, Jim Beam, Nintendo, and Geico.

Though Warmanen left his full-time editing gig at Whitehouse Post in 2016 to be at home with his newborn son, he continued to freelance as both a voiceover actor and video editor, landing Walgreens holiday commercials starring Neil Patrick Harris and Wingstop spots that are still on air. This work has allowed him to spend quality time with his 5-year-old son, Joshua, while pursuing another passion project that was finally ready for prime time this year.

"In my hometown in Crystal Falls, Mich., we've had a Humongous Fungus Festival every year since 1992, but very few really know what the fungus is or even where it is," Warmanen said.

The annual festival pays homage to an *Armillaria gallica* fungus that stretches across dozens of acres in Iron County, Mich. Each year the town and visitors gather for a parade, live music, mushroom cook-off, and a giant mushroom pizza. This year's festivities also will include the premiere of Warmanen's documentary, *Humongous Fungus Among Us*, which he first began working on in 2013, while still working full time.



"I knew there had to be more information out there about this," he said. "I tracked down the original scientists who discovered the fungus back in the '90s and began writing a basic outline for the documentary based on their findings and the effects the famous fungus has had on the community."

When scientists discovered the giant fungus in 1992, they believed it to be the world's oldest (more than 1,500 years old) and biggest (covering more than 37 acres) living organism. Using his connections in the field, Warmanen, who produced his first feature film during an independent study course at Wartburg, assembled a team of three others with a "passion for the idea."

Though his background is in post-production, he took the lead on the research and interviewing, using his personal connection to the community to break the ice. Dr. Johann Bruhn, a forest pathologist at the University of Missouri at Columbia, welcomed the team to his home in Missouri, where they stayed for a weekend learning all about the humongous fungus. Warmanen was thrilled to learn that Bruhn and his colleagues were still studying the massive *Armillaria* decades after the initial discovery.

"That was my first real jump into this process. It was quite hot under the lights with no air conditioning, but we interviewed him for four hours and learned everything we could," he said. Their second shoot was during the Fungus Festival in Crystal Falls, where the team interviewed 23 people, including the owners of the local Ben Franklin who sold T-shirts celebrating the mushroom and the owner of Fob's Restaurant who flips "Fungus Burgers" daily. Warmanen also returned with Bruhn during the fall fruiting season. "That was complete serendipity. We thought this would be a mostly historical documentary, but Johann said he would be up there in the fall and invited us along." Warmanen also collected drone footage to get a bird's-eye view of the fungus.

Throughout two years of editing, he put in many hours searching for historical clips that would supplement the team's B-roll. Warmanen began searching for a clip from *The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson*. He heard that a joke was made about




the fungus, but he had never seen it himself.

"I saw Johnny Carson reruns were playing on TV, so I set my DVR to record them all. I knew there had to be an episode that mentioned it sometime in April 1992. The very first time I sat down to look at the recordings, the second one I watched was from April 1, 1992," he said. "I couldn't believe it. That was the one. What were the chances? Most of his episodes probably aren't even in syndication."

Warmanen had similar luck with an *Unsolved Mysteries* episode, which he happened to own on DVD. The U.S. Navy was testing new options for communicating with submarines. Project ELF (Extremely Low Frequency) caused nearby residents to hear a low, incessant hum that drew the attention of the popular television series. Bruhn discovered the fungus while studying the potential side effects to the ecosystem due to the Navy program.

"This whole documentary process has been just like life: If you see an opportunity, you have to take it. It was amazing these people who were willing to spend their time and make it the best they could make it," Warmanen said.

In March, the film was an official selection to the Environmental Film Festival at Yale University and was screened online. The documentary will be screened at DocUtah in November, and of course, it will be shown during this year's festival in Crystal Falls.

"This has been one of my favorite things I've ever worked on. Going into this final stretch, it's a joy to see something that has taken years to put together finally come to fruition. I've always had a dream I would work on a documentary one day, and that I could make one that was so near and dear to my childhood and my hometown was just serendipity — a fun gift," Warmanen said. "I don't know what is going to happen next, but if an opportunity arises, I will jump at it. That was one of my biggest takeaways from Wartburg. You have to take every opportunity, be motivated, and don't wait for someone to ask you to do something. If you want to see something happen, you can get it done." 



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Kelley returns to lift up the Cherokee Nation that raised him

BY EMILY CHRISTENSEN PHOTO MELODY DOLLARHIDE

IN 1989, JAY KELLEY '93 LEFT HIS HOME IN OAKS, OKLA., TO STUDY HISTORY AND PLAY BASEBALL AT WARTBURG. As a member of the Cherokee Nation with a strong tie to the land from which he came, he was ready to explore the rest of the country but always felt the internal pull that would eventually lead him back to his home state.

"I didn't actually become a minority until I stepped foot on campus at Wartburg," Kelley said. "I was very naïve about race back then. I didn't realize that there were such stark differences between how the white culture and Native culture and Black culture were viewed."

Though he experienced some incidents of overt racism, Kelley also learned how he could help change the narrative through education. During his time on campus, international students were introduced during Opening Convocation and encouraged to say "Hello, my name is ..." in their language. Though Kelley wasn't from another country, Native Americans do have dual citizenship, and he was invited to address his classmates in Cherokee. In addition to sharing his personal experiences, Kelley was excited to be on campus when Wilma Mankiller, the first female principal chief of the Cherokee Nation, spoke on campus. In the classroom, Kelley enjoyed classes like Dr. Terry Lindell's *Historiography*, the study of historical writing.

"Dr. Lindell was good at helping us understand how history is taught. History is written by the dominant culture. Our American knowledge of the Cold War, it's from an American perspective, not the Russian Communist perspective," Kelley said. "I specifically remember when Dr. Lindell gave us timelines of events in World War II that led to the creation of the Soviet Bloc. The first was an American timeline and the other was from the Soviet perspective. They were so different in how the information was presented. And I think we know now that this country doesn't traditionally have a good track record when dealing with anyone who isn't Northern European."

A prime example, Kelley said, was the Tulsa Race Massacre. As a student in the Tulsa public schools, he had a teacher who marched with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. In the classroom,



she taught them about the 1921 attack on a prosperous Black neighborhood in Tulsa even though it wasn't mentioned in their history books, though Kelley said it was later added.

As a history teacher on the Standing Rock Reservation in North Dakota; in Osceola, Mo., and Riceville, Iowa; and at Oaks Mission High School, Kelley was able to bring that same kind of truth to his students.

"Being Cherokee, we are very aware of our history and our culture, but not everyone takes advantage of that," he said. "White America has never known what to do with natives. They knew the land belonged to the tribes, and they found a way to justify the taking of those lands. Whenever I teach about native history, I tell my students the truth about how the different tribes were treated. They wanted us to go away, but we weren't going anywhere. We persevered and still have our culture."

Now, Kelley worries that the nation is at a turning point in the teaching of history. And while he thinks American schools should teach the entirety of the nation's history, he

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understands the difficulties in doing so when history classes are usually crammed into one hour (at most) a day and cover a vast expanse of time. However, Kelley also believes teaching history through the lens of today's values is irresponsible.


“Slavery was wrong. Segregation was wrong. Japanese internment was wrong. Certainly, all the actions taken by the United States government towards the tribes were wrong: broken treaties, removal, tactical and biological warfare, assimilation, termination, and relocation, among other actions, including all-out genocide,” he said. “When I teach history, I tie in everything to give a full perspective of this country; we've had our bumps and bruises, but I want my students to know the only restrictions on their success should be the ones they place on themselves.”

Like the Blacks of the Greenwood neighborhood in Tulsa who prospered, when left to their own devices, Kelley said the Cherokee Nation has been “allowed to thrive.” Cherokee people were moved around the country and taken away from their livelihoods; in 1934 the Indian Reorganization Act was passed to decrease federal control on American Indian affairs and allow for the re-creation of tribal governments, though relocation programs continued for years to come as part of the Bureau of Indian Affairs' relocation policy, which promised families jobs in metropolitan areas. Their autonomy grew in 1975 with the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, and today, the Cherokee Nation, the largest Native American tribal government in the U.S. with

385,000 citizens, owns and operates Cherokee Nation Businesses, which boasted revenues topping \$1.1 billion in 2019 and employs more than 7,500 people in 26 countries, all 50 states, and two U.S. territories.

And Kelley is finally back home among them.

After bouncing around for several years, he returned to Oklahoma and the Oaks Indian Mission, where he spent some of his formative years. The family of Kelley's father had been “relocated” by the federal government to Compton, Calif. When his father returned to Oklahoma alone, he was sent to Oaks, an ELCA social ministry that cared for and educated abused, abandoned, or neglected Native American children. Later, his mother and father worked at the school and Kelley attended classes. As an adult, Kelley was on staff at the school for nearly three years before being called to serve the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma. As a family advocate, Kelley works to reduce student trancies and improve relationships between Cherokee families and the schools.

“I'm thrilled to be home serving my own people. It's a very common Native characteristic to not venture far from home. I did, as did my sister, who is an assistant professor at the University of Texas. My experiences ... have given me a wealth of knowledge I can share in my vocation working in the Cherokee Nation,” Kelley said. “We are proud as Cherokee people. Most of us are educated, employed, and thriving. We can have more. It is my hope that my efforts can help lift up more people to success.” 

KNIGHTS IN THE NEWS

1964

DR. CURTIS KLAASSEN, Leawood, Kan., was selected as a Fellow of the Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics. He was previously selected as a Fellow of the Academy of Toxicological Sciences and a Fellow for the American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases. He earned a master's degree and doctorate at the University of Iowa, Iowa City, and served as a faculty member at the University of Kansas Medical School for 45 years.

1971

G. JAMES MANN and Delores Onate, Homer Glen, Ill., were married Oct. 24, 2020. James also published a book, *What in Heaven and on Earth Is Jesus Doing?* with Nelson Bible Press.

1974

THOMAS LASSANDRO, Loves Park, Ill., retired as the executive director from the Belvidere Area Chamber of Commerce.

1986

SHERYL OSTMO KENNEDY, Clinton, was a recipient of the 2021 Iowa STEM Teacher Award. She is an elementary teacher in Camanche.

1988

PHILANDER RATLIFF, Chicago, became a registered nurse then worked as a trauma nurse. He continued nursing and then linked music and medicine with jazz, recently releasing the song *God I'm Sorry*.

1990

KEN GUYETTE, Ankeny, is a data governance analyst at Hy-Vee.

1992

LAURIE EVERHARDT, Waverly, is director of development at the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa, Cedar Falls.

1995

Stephen Darnielle and **CAROLYN MCBRIDE**, Ankeny, were married in August 2020. Carolyn is a 10-12 special education teacher in the Ankeny Community School District.

1996

JANA CUTLER LARSEN, State Center, is the maternal, child, and adolescent health coordinator at Mid-Iowa Community Action Inc.

1998

JESSE LEICHSENRING, Pewaukee, Wis., is an associate family law attorney at Probst Law Offices, Wauwatosa.

Isaac Linton and **ANNITA QUAGRAINE**, Calumet City, Ill., were married April 8.

1999

The Rev. **SONJA ANDERSON GERSTENBERGER**, Polk City, was ordained March 6 in the Southeastern Iowa Synod, ELCA, and is pastor of St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Ames.

2001

CHRIS KNUDSON, Waverly, co-chaired the virtual Council for Advancement & Support of Education (CASE) All Districts Conference in February 2021 with more than 18,000 attending from the U.S. and Canada.

2003

DR. MELISSA BOEVERS SIMON, Decorah, is director of acute care at Tomah VA Medical Center in Wisconsin.

2004

JAMES CORY, Wheeling, Ill., is vice president of operations for Pangea Money Transfer, Chicago.

KATY PRALLE FLINT, Hampton, was elected Franklin County auditor and began her term Jan. 2.

JUSTIN SULLIVAN, Des Moines, was named a member attorney in the construction and surety group at Whitfield & Eddy Law.

2005

QUINTON CLAY, St. Louis, is vice president of Enrollment Management, Marketing & Communications at Fontbonne University.

JONATHAN HINES and Justine Jackovich, North Liberty, were married Jan. 2.

2006

BRANDON '07 and **JENNY FLORA VINZANT**, West Des Moines, announce the birth of Ira J, Aug. 20, 2019. The couple own and operate The Wellness Way, which offers chiropractic care and comprehensive testing.

2007

The Rev. **MEGAN CLAUSEN**, Des Moines, is associate pastor of Faith Lutheran Church, Clive.

2009

Joe Friesen and **ELLEN HILGER**, Madison, Wis., were married July 25, 2020.

MATT LANGSTON and Frances Hammond, Seattle, Wash., announce the birth of Christopher Francis, Nov. 12.

ANNA LAUTERBACH, Charles City, is a dietetic intern in the University of Virginia Health System, Charlottesville, Va.

2010

JUSTIN and **MEGHANN BAUMANN '11 KROGMANN** announce the birth of Clayton Edward, May 27, 2020. He joins Landon, 3.

2011

Kenneth and **CHIKEMMA NWANA EZIRIM**, Frisco, Texas, announce the birth of Ava Adanma, Feb. 23.

Tim and **EMILY EWY KLUNENBERG**, Clive, announce the birth of Maisie Grey, Sept. 4, 2020.

BRYAN and **SAMANTHA IRVIN PURDY**, Huxley, announce the birth of Andrew, Jan. 9, 2020. He joins Jonathan, 2. Samantha is a physical science technician for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Research Service at the National Laboratory for Agriculture and the Environment, Ames.

2012

Travis and **KAYLA KUENNEN BOOTS**, Waukee, announce the birth of Myla, Feb. 25.

Levi and **KATE GLENNEY FAAS**, Des Moines, announce the birth of Atticus Levi, Sept. 9, 2020.

KYLE FLEMING and Maghan Moslander, Champaign, Ill., were married Feb. 29, 2020. Kyle earned a master's degree in music therapy from Augsburg University and founded Fleming Music Therapy.

TREVOR and **DEANNA FLOOD FINCHAMP**, Spokane, Wash., announce the birth of Poppy Lou, Feb. 10.

KYLE JAEGER and **LAURA MACKEY**, Viroqua, Wis., were married Aug. 29, 2020. Laura is a graduate student in the Kodály Certification program for music education at Lakeland University.

NICK and **CHELSEA LORENZ MORRISON**, Davenport, announce the birth of Myles Nicholas, Nov. 9, 2020.

CHASE '15 and **EMILY EIMERS MOSER**, Solon, announce the birth of Grace, June 11, 2020.

MORGAN FOLEY STEVENSON, Ewing, N.J., earned her Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and is a postdoctoral research associate at Princeton University.

Phia and **PAIGE STEPHENSON THAO**, Stoughton, Wis., announce the birth of Presley Kai, Feb. 11, 2020. She joins Peyton Paul, 2.

MICHAEL and **JULIANE HERDER WINTERS**, Des Moines, announce the birth of Roy, Feb. 6, 2020.

2013

GAVIN '14 and **JESS WALLACE ALTHAUS**, Marshalltown, announce the birth of Kaia Mae, Aug. 31, 2020. She joins Cohen James, 2.

The Rev. **KYLE** and **ALEXANDRA MADOLE BARTON**, Waverly, announce the birth of Hugo, Oct. 3, 2020. He joins Charlotte, 2. Kyle is the spiritual life leader at Lutheran Services in Iowa.

Jack Baskerville and **LAUREN BASKERVILLE**, Cedar Rapids, were married Sept. 27, 2020.

Matt Becker and **DR. NICOLE PEYTON**, Coralville, were married Nov. 7, 2020.

SHEA KRUGER JORGENSEN, Clear Lake, is medical director at Prairie Ridge Integrated Behavioral Health, Mason City, and a faculty member and director of rural training and outreach at the University of Iowa Department of Psychiatry.

Jason Meek and **JUSTINA WUEBKER**, Des Moines, were married Nov. 7, 2020.

Andrew Wagner and **RACHEL ELLEFSON**, Eagle Grove, were married Dec. 31, 2020.

Lindsay and **JORDAN YOUNG**, Cedar Rapids, announce the birth of Jordan Lee Jr., Sept. 24, 2019. Jordan earned a master's degree in educational leadership from the University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, in 2020.

2014

The Rev. **COURTNEY GEIBERT**, Redwood City, Calif., was ordained April 11 and is pastor of Messiah Lutheran Church.

CHRISTOPHER and **SHAYLA HOPP MCINTYRE**, Waverly, announce the birth of Jameson Peter, Aug. 11, 2020. He joins Michael, 2.

CODY and **ALYSSA LARSON OSEGARD**, Franklin, Tenn., announce the birth of Cooper, Nov. 2, 2020.

2015

Ryan Haverkamp and **ERIN SAWYERS**, Ankeny, were married Nov. 7, 2020.

Adam Siebers and **KELLIE SOLBERG**, Appleton, Wis., were married Sept. 25, 2020.

2016

Nathan Jones and **MOLLIE EMERSON**, Waterloo, were married in April.

MITCHELL and **MICAELA FORSYTH RAHM**, Cedar Falls, announce the birth of Monroe Jean, April 16. She joins Bishop, 1.

Colin Revere and **EMILY CONN**, Minneapolis, Minn., were married Oct. 24, 2020.

2017

The Rev. **RYAN** and **NATALIE HALLER HENKEL**, Emmons, Minn., announce the birth of Jonah Timothy, June 20, 2020. Ryan was ordained May 17, 2020, and is pastor at Emmons Lutheran Church.

2018

BRITNI COHEN-WICHNER and **ROBERT NEWELL '19**, Stoughton, Wis., were married July 11, 2020.

Zachary Van Kovering and **SARAH SHIPMAN MIRS**, Burnsville, Minn., were married May 29. Sarah earned a degree from the University of Nebraska College of Law, Lincoln.

2020

JACQUELYN BATZ, Sac City, is an elementary music teacher at St. Edmond Catholic School, Fort Dodge.

JAX BRYNGELSON, Dodge Center, Minn., is a project manager at Ellingson Companies.

MADLINE CABLE, Woodward, is a direct support professional at Easterseals Midwest.

KAITLYN COLEMAN, Chicago, Ill., is a volunteer service member with the Illinois Public Health Association AmeriCorps Program.

JACKEE MEYER, Belmond, is a first-grade teacher at Edison Elementary in Council Bluffs and a graduate student in clinical mental health at Bellevue University, Bellevue, Neb.

COURTNEY MOSER, Westby, Wis., is a digital marketing strategist at Valley Fudge & Candy, Coon Valley, Wis.

JULIANNA NORBY, Cedar Falls, is a rehab assistant at NIT Therapy, Waverly.

LAUREN O'BRIAN, Ely, is an office coordinator float at Athletico Physical Therapy.

RYAN REEBENACKER, Waterloo, is a video and animations developer at John Deere.

KATELYN STORTZ, Ridgeway, is a digital marketing specialist at BraceAbility, Cedar Falls.

ANNIKA WALL, Waterloo, is a copywriter and marketing strategist at Impact Marketing, Cedar Falls.

WILLIAM WALLACE, Lake Zurich, Ill., is a landscaper at R.E.H. Landscaping.

2021

HANNAH ARNOLD, Cedar Rapids, is an accountant at Schimberg Company, Des Moines.

ESSENCE BAKER, Marion, is a graduate student in clinical psychology at Roosevelt University, Chicago.

EMILY BANKEN, Forest City, is a science teacher at Iowa Falls-Alden High School, Iowa Falls.

JONATHAN BANSE, Strawberry Point, is a graduate student in public history at George Mason University, Fairfax, Va.

RILEY BARRETT, Parkersburg, is a student success teacher in the BCLUW Community School District.

HALEY BECKERT, Waverly, is a graduate student in occupational therapy at Allen College, Waterloo.

GENE ANNE BERST, New Hartford, is a youth specialist at Bremwood – Lutheran Services of Iowa, Waverly.

BERGAN BLOMMERS, Manchester, is owner/director of Rec Center Dancers.

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NOAH CHRISTIANS, Dunkerton, is a science teacher at Clear Lake High School.

BRODEN COULTER, Dike, is an audit associate at BKD CPAs & Advisors, West Des Moines.

RYAN DALTON, DeWitt, is a teacher at South Hardin High School, Eldora.

KYLIE DAVIS, St. Charles, is a school-based counselor at Four Oaks, Winterset.

CLARE DAVISON, Carson City, Nev., is on the tax staff at LWBj, Des Moines.

JAKI DEMBOUSKI, St. Paul, Minn., is a music therapy intern at Fulton State Hospital, Fulton, Mo.

MICHAEL DILLON, West Chester, is a law student at the University of Iowa College of Law, Iowa City.

PAYTON DRAPER, Waverly, is an operations manager at Target Corporation, Cedar Falls.

SHAYNA ENGELHARDT, Allison, is a mathematics teacher at AGWSR High School, Ackley.

JESSICA FABER, Clear Lake, is a graduate student in biomedical engineering at the University of Iowa.

JARED FEIGENBAUM, Marion, is the community events manager at the Northeast Iowa Food Bank, Waterloo.

JORDAN FLAHERTY, Des Moines, is a business risk advisory associate at PricewaterhouseCoopers.

JACKIE GANSHIRT, Dubuque, is a graduate student in physical therapy at Clarke University.

LUKE GRZECH, Waterloo, is a manufacturing engineer at John Deere.

EMMA HANSON, Clive, is a fourth-grade teacher at Hoover Elementary School in the Mason City School District.

EVAN HASKINS, Ankeny, is a graduate student in dentistry at the University of Iowa College of Dentistry, Iowa City.

ETHAN HAYES, Cedar Falls, is a graduate student in kinesiology at the University of North Carolina, Charlotte.

KENDALL HILEMAN, Port Byron, Ill., is an AC external audit associate at PricewaterhouseCoopers, Dallas, Texas.

KYLE HOFFMAN, Pequot Lakes, Minn., is a behavioral therapist assistant at the Rochester Center for Autism.

HUNTER HORMANN, Waverly, is an account support advisor at GreatAmerica, Cedar Rapids.

ANNIKA JOHNSON, Pine Island, Minn., is a music therapist at Healing Rhythms Music Therapy, Rochester.

DANIELLE JOHNSON, Parkersburg, is a graduate student in sport and recreation management at the University of Iowa.

ZACHARY HERMISTON JONES, Tipton, is owner of Raptor Turf Landscaping.

BRETT KELTING, Wheatland, is an audit associate at RSM US LLP, St. Louis, Mo.

BROOKE KIRBY, Anamosa, is a graduate student in dentistry at the University of Iowa College of Dentistry, Iowa City.

ABBY KIRCHNER, Toledo, is a graduate student in biomedical science at Kansas City University, Kansas City, Mo.

OLIVIA KLAAS, Ankeny, is a special education teacher in the Ankeny Community School District.

MORGAN KUPKA, Gladbrook, is a student in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program at Allen College, Waterloo.

YUKINO KURASHINA, Nagareyama-shi, Chiba, Japan, is a musical theater actress in Japan.

MALLORY LAUBE, Dike, is an elementary music teacher in the West Des Moines Community Schools.

CHRIS LUCAS, Tallahassee, Fla., is a graduate student in sports management at Florida A&M University.

BRIAN MALLIA, Whittemore, is a 7-12 social studies teacher in the East Allamakee School District, Lansing.

ELIZABETH MARTIN, Norway, is a Strategist 1 special education teacher at South Central Calhoun Community School District, Rockwell City.

JENNA MCMAINS, Owatonna, Minn., is a music therapy intern at the Minnesota State Academy for the Blind, Faribault.

NICK MELING, Le Grand, is an information systems specialist at Keystone Area Education Agency, Oelwein/Elkader.

AARON MENSING, Grimes, is a repair tech at Intoxalock, Urbandale.

BEN MIDTGAARD, Waverly, is an agronomist applicator at Farmers Win Cooperative.

KARLY MINER, Van Horne, is a care team coordinator at Noran Neurological Clinic, Minneapolis.

ALEXANDRIA MONAHAN, Onalaska, Wis., is a preschool teacher at Primrose School, Apple Valley, Minn.

BAILEY NAIG, Emmetsburg, is a senior actuarial analyst at Nationwide, Des Moines.

RACHEL NDJULUWA, Waverly, is an actuarial analyst at Cigna, Philadelphia, Pa.

ANDREW NEWELL, Waverly, is a graduate student in history at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

CASEY NOETHE, Dyersville, is a staff accountant at Schumacher Elevator Company, Denver, Iowa.

SILVIA OAKLAND, Hawkeye, is a communications assistant at Lutheran Volunteer Corps, Washington, D.C.

KENDRA OFFERMAN, Manchester, is a staff accountant at Spicer Jeffries LLP, Denver, Colo.

ERYN PERRY, Altoona, is a doctoral student in neuroscience at the University of Southern California, Los Angeles.

GRACE PISTEK, Plymouth, is a music therapy intern at the Central Wisconsin Center, Madison, Wis.

JACQUELINE POLGLAZE, Janesville, Wis., is a graduate student in social work at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

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PARKER RIDGE, Marshalltown, is a broker at Cushman & Wakefield, Cedar Rapids.

MEGAN RITTER, Waterloo, is a graduate student in the acute care pediatric nurse practitioner program at Allen College.

MADELYN ROG, Norridge, Ill., is a graduate student in the accelerated nursing program at Trinity College of Nursing and Health Sciences, Rock Island, Ill.

ELLIE ROQUET, Johnston, is a 5-6 general music teacher and 6-7 choral director in the Adel-De Soto-Minburn Community School District and the show choir assistant at Waukee High School.

ABREE RUSSELL, Fox Lake, Wis., is a general music teacher in the Ottumwa Community School District.

LILLY SAUER, Cedar Rapids, is a family support specialist 1 at Mid-Iowa Family Therapy Clinic, Waterloo.

JACKIE SCHARF, Cedar Rapids, is a human resources assistant at Greg's Lawn and Landscaping.

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MATTHEW SCHNEIDER, Iowa City, is part of the Jump Start Program at Neat Loans, Boulder, Colo.

ALEXIS SHAFFER, Coralville, is a doctoral student in physical therapy at the University of Iowa, Iowa City.

CLAIRE SHAW, Rosemount, Minn., is a music therapist at Musical Safari, Apple Valley, Minn.

KACI SHERWOOD, Milo, is a trust associate at Fidelity Bank & Trust, Waverly.

SADIE SHORT, Dodge Center, Minn., is an English teacher at Triton High School.

NATALIE SHROYER, Owatonna, Minn., is a law student in the juris doctorate program studying constitutional and civil rights law at Drake University Law School, Des Moines.

NOAH SOLHEIM, Waverly, is a data engineer at Principal, Des Moines.

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LIZ STANGE, Rockwell City, is a 7-12 English teacher in the Belmond-Klemme Community School District, Belmond, and a graduate student in the English as a second language program at Upper Iowa University.

BRITTANY STRAUSE, Plano, Ill., is a graduate student in social work at St. Ambrose University, Davenport.

COURTNEY STUCKER, Eden Prairie, Minn., is a marketing and communications specialist at Nerderly, Edina.

RYAN STULKEN, Walford, is a contract documentation specialist at Great America, Cedar Rapids.

JESSICA SYDNES, Waverly, is a graduate student in social work at the University of Washington, Seattle.

CARLY VAN KEULEN, Rochester, Minn., is a graduate student in optometry at Salus University Pennsylvania College of Optometry, Philadelphia.

BROOKLYN WALLER, Maquoketa, is a graduate student in the physician assistant program at Creighton University, Omaha, Neb.

EMMA WILLIAMS, Des Moines, is a marketing and design strategist at HOMELINK/The VGM Group.

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HANNAH ZIKUDA, Waterloo, is a public safety officer with Cedar Falls Public Safety, Cedar Falls.



IN MEMORIAM

1941

Veronica Hanff Augst, Hayward, Wis., died Oct. 29. She assisted her husband with his pastoral work in Iowa and Minnesota.

The Rev. Erwin Walz, Cupertino, Calif., died Dec. 3. He earned a degree from Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, and a Doctor of Ministry from Glendale School of Theology. He served congregations in California.

1942

Roberta Purnhagen Walklet, Brookville, Ohio, died Sept. 2, 2020. A U.S. Marine Corps staff sergeant WWII veteran, she was a kindergarten teacher and guidance counselor before retiring in 1983.

Alton Wilhelms, Lincoln, Neb., died April 10, 2018. A veteran of the Korean War, he earned a degree from Midland Lutheran College and was owner-publisher of several Nebraska newspapers. He was inducted into the Nebraska Newspaper Hall of Fame.

1943

The Rev. Arnold Schlueter, San Antonio, Texas, died Feb. 23. He earned a degree from Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, and was ordained in 1945. He served congregations in Iowa, Arizona, and Texas.

1945

The Rev. John Keller, Wauwatosa, Wis., died Dec. 21. He attended Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, and served ministries in Illinois and Nebraska. He was a nationally recognized pioneer in the treatment of alcoholism, serving many years in specialized ministry for the ELCA. He served on the Wartburg Board of Regents and was a member of the Alumni Board. He is survived by his wife, **Doris Kumpf Keller '44**. *Consider a memorial gift to the Fred K. Kumpf Scholarship in his honor.*

1948

Elaine Bruns Dillin, Adel, died Feb. 26. She was a teacher in Williamsburg.

Marilyn Wallace Koch, Cedar Falls, died March 19. She was a homemaker and served in her husband's congregations.

Valeria Moldenhauer, Paradise, Calif., died Jan. 27, 2018.

1950

Eugene Bowdish, Bay City, Mich., died Feb. 12. A U.S. Navy WWII veteran, he earned a degree at the University of Iowa, Iowa City. He was a physical therapist.

Clemens Dohmeier, Madison, Wis., died Dec. 2. A U.S. Army veteran, he earned a master's degree in guidance counseling from the University of Montana. He was a teacher, coach, and guidance counselor in Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Mary Ellen Harris Ihnen, Northwood, died Jan. 28. She was a homemaker and worked for Ag-Chem.

Waldo Platte, Pharr, Texas, died Dec. 21. A Korean War U.S. Army veteran, he worked for Pankow Motor Company and the Kiester Ford Dealership, and was a teacher and a coach in Iowa and Minnesota. He is survived by his wife, **Marion Pankow Platte '51**.

1951

Aletha Schrage Boie, Hiawatha, died Dec. 18. She earned a degree in education from the University of Northern Colorado. She was a teacher in the Cedar Rapids Community School District. She is survived by her husband, **Elmer Boie '51**.

Morene Bakken Koehler, Normal, Ill., died May 19, 2020.

Dorothy Blitgen Solberg, Lake Hughes, Calif., died Jan. 10. She was a teacher and business owner.

Magdalene "Peg" Deguisne Ulferts, Dixon, Ill., died Nov. 28. She was a dental assistant until retiring in 1993.

1952

Gloria Knudsen Siggelkov, Tripoli, died Dec. 7. She farmed with her husband for many years.

The Rev. James Ullom, Middleton, Wis., died Dec. 3. He attended Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, and served parishes in Texas, Kansas, and Wisconsin. He is survived by his wife, **Ellen Niewohner Ullom '52**.

1953

The Rev. Douglas Allen, Lincoln, Neb., died Jan. 16. He earned a Master of Divinity from Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, and was ordained in 1957. He served congregations in Colorado and Nebraska. He is survived by his wife, **Jeannette Hodel Allen '52**.

Emma Walling Ashley, Tonica, Ill., died Dec. 13. She owned and operated an arts and crafts store.

Yvonne Borchardt Brandt, Rothschild, Wis., died Oct. 19. She was a caretaker for her husband, who was wounded in Vietnam, and worked at Sam's Club.

The Rev. Robert Schaff, Omaha, Neb., died Jan. 3. He earned a degree from Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, and served congregations in Nebraska for 42 years. He earned honorary Doctor of Divinity degrees from Midland University and Dana College. He is survived by his wife, **Ruth Clark Schaff '56**.

1954

Dale Brockmeyer, Nevada, Mo., died Nov. 7. A U.S. Army veteran, he earned a bachelor's degree from Buena Vista University, Storm Lake, and a master's degree from the University of South Dakota, Vermillion. He was a high school teacher, college instructor, health inspector, builder, and developer. He is survived by his wife, **Helen Behrends Brockmeyer '54**.

William Jurs, Cresco, died Feb. 16. A U.S. Army veteran, he attended South Dakota State University and the University of Wyoming. He was a teacher and a farmer.

Frances Overturf Santee, Nashua, died Dec. 24. She was a teacher for 26 years in the Charles City school district.

The Rev. Richard Schroeder, Appleton, Wis., died Dec. 24. He earned a degree from Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, and was ordained in 1958. He served congregations in Wisconsin for 38 years. He is survived by his wife, **Joan Schwefel Schroeder '55**.

1955

Vernon Aaroen, Gold Canyon, Ariz., died Aug. 26, 2020. A U.S. Army veteran, he earned a degree from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, and served as CEO of Farm Credit Services in Juneau and Janesville, Wis., for 34 years before retiring in 1992.

Oral Olsen Gilbertson, Spring Green, Wis., died Nov. 16. She was a teacher.

The Rev. Walter Hed, Cambridge, Minn., died Feb. 9. He earned a degree from Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, and served congregations in New York, Maryland, Bermuda, and Minnesota. He served as a military chaplain in the National Guard and Reserves, retiring as a full colonel.

Dr. Elmer Horman, Troy, Ohio, died May 30, 2020. A U.S. Army and Air Force (Ohio Air National Guard) veteran, he practiced osteopathic medicine for 35 years.

The Rev. Thomas Loftus, Madison, Wis., died Nov. 27. He attended Eastern Illinois University and earned a Master of Divinity from Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, and a Master of Theology from Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, N.J. He was ordained in 1960 and served parishes in Indiana and Wisconsin, plus several years with Lutheran Campus Ministry, until retiring in 1997.

The Rev. Russell Rudolf, Mankato, Minn., died March 25. He earned a Master of Theology from Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, and was ordained in 1960. He served congregations in Minnesota and was a published author. He is survived by his wife, **Jane Buenzow Rudolf '58**. *Consider a memorial gift to the Jane and Russell Rudolf Annually Funded Scholarship in his honor.*

Dorothy Krieger Wenger, East Lansing, Mich., died Nov. 20. She was a homemaker.

Roy Wiegert, Spirit Lake, died Sept. 18, 2020. He earned a degree from the University of Iowa and a Master of Library Science from Emporia State Teachers College, Emporia, Kan. He was a teacher and librarian, heading the Learning Resource Center at Iowa Lakes Community College before retiring in 1995.

1956

Joyce Redman, Waterloo, died Feb. 3. She earned a degree at Saint John's University in Minnesota and went on to earn a master's degree in education at Clarke College, Dubuque. She was a teacher for 35 years.

Virginia Carlson Tatros, Napa, Calif., died Dec. 27. She was a music teacher, business owner, and executive secretary at Intel.

Marlene von Fischer Weber, Redwood Falls, Minn., died Nov. 24. She earned a degree from South Dakota State University and was a pharmacist.

1957

Eleanor Hieronymus Adix, Rowlett, Texas, died Nov. 27. She earned a master's degree in library science from Our Lady of the Lake University, San Antonio, Texas. She was a teacher and librarian.

Ernest Albers, Newton, died Feb. 7. A U.S. Air Force veteran, he worked for 35 years at Heinz in Muscatine.

The Rev. Darold Beekmann, Edina, Minn., died Jan. 13. He earned a degree from Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, and did advanced studies in scripture at Union Theological Seminary, New York City. He was ordained in 1964 and served congregations in Minnesota and Colorado before becoming a synod bishop and later was president of Gettysburg (now United) Lutheran Seminary, Pennsylvania. He was awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity at Wartburg in 1981 and was a former member of the Wartburg College Board of Regents.

Darlene Rathman Bartelt Berger, Alexandria, Minn., died Nov. 14. She was a teacher and business owner.

The Rev. Oliver Dewald, Ashley, N.D., died Dec. 10. He attended Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, and was ordained in 1961. He served parishes in North Dakota for 35 years.

1959

Jim Seedorff, Oelwein, died Feb. 19. He owned and operated several gas stations and convenience stores and a trucking company. He won the Sahara World Championship of Blackjack in Las Vegas in 1980.

1960

Lois Bremer Buchholz, Washington, Iowa, died Jan. 6. She worked for two area churches, for the *Waterloo Courier*, and as a child-care provider. She is survived by her husband, **Leroy Buchholz '59**.

Edna Busch Ide, Glencoe, Minn., died Jan. 22. She farmed with her husband and was a teacher.

Allan Lange, Gardena, Calif., died Nov. 3. A Korean War U.S. Air Force veteran, he earned a master's degree in environmental science from West Coast University, Los Angeles. He had a career in aerospace.

Charles Nichol, Mason City, died March 25. He was a science and social studies teacher in Iowa, including 21 years at Mason City High School. He also coached football, track, and girls' basketball.

1961

DuWayne Carnes, The Villages, Fla., died Jan. 25. He earned a master's of combined sciences degree in physics, a master's degree in education administration, and a doctorate in secondary education from the University of Mississippi. He was a teacher, principal, and superintendent in school systems in Iowa and Illinois. He is survived by his wife, **Bonnie Bakkum Carnes '64**.

Wayne Dohrmann, Manson, died Aug. 25, 2020. He earned a master's degree from Illinois Wesleyan University, was a teacher, and went on to own and operate an independent insurance and real estate office.

The Rev. Harvey Feustel, Huntley, Ill., died Dec. 7. He earned a degree from Luther Theological Seminary, St. Paul, Minn., and was ordained in 1965. He served congregations in South Dakota, Indiana, and Illinois.

Verlene Barth Senne, Allison, died Jan. 14. She farmed with her husband and worked for a preschool.

Dennis Thurow, Baraboo, Wis., died Jan. 1. A U.S. Army and Air Force veteran, he was a chemist at the University of Iowa Hospital and a brew chemist with Anheuser-Busch, and later went on to work in an ammunition plant. He and his wife also owned a downtown store, and he was president of the Baraboo Area Chamber of Commerce. He served the city of Baraboo as alderman and mayor for more than 40 years.

1963

Kenneth Johnson, Parkersburg, died Nov. 24. A U.S. Army veteran, he farmed, drove a gasoline tank wagon, and worked for a lumber company. He was a school board president for 12 years and served as president of the Parkersburg Chamber of Commerce.

Paul Mardorf, Waverly, died March 30. He worked at Lutheran Mutual Life (Cuna Mutual) for 40 years. *Consider a memorial gift to the Mardorf Family Endowed Scholarship in his honor.*

The Rev. Leon Schulz, Menno, S.D., died Nov. 25. A U.S. Army veteran, he earned a Master of Divinity from Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, and was ordained in 1967. He served congregations in South Dakota for 25 years before retiring in 2002. He is survived by his wife, **Carolyn Schoon Schulz '63**.

Robert 'Tim' Tower, Vail, Ariz., died Dec. 2.

1964

Milton Marschall, Jacksonville, Fla., died Dec. 23.

1965

Marcia Rench Snook, Madeira, Ohio, died Dec. 18. She was a teacher.

1968

Randall Peters, Davenport, died Jan. 25. He was a math teacher and coach at Davenport Central High School.

1969

John Berg, Park Ridge, Ill., died Jan. 14. He managed the family cheese wholesale business until his retirement in 2014.

Steven Larson, Charleston, Ill., died March 25. A U.S. Army Vietnam War veteran, he attended Augustana College. He was a security officer, artist, and published author.

1971

Ann Gersema Bohlen, Coolidge, Ariz., died Sept. 24, 2020. She earned a degree in education from Iowa State Teachers College in Cedar Falls and was a teacher.

Roberta Chester, Manchester, died Dec. 13. She earned a master's degree in education from the University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, and was a teacher and the talented and gifted coordinator at West Delaware Schools until her retirement in 2005.

Ronald Johnson, North Aurora, Ill., died Nov. 9, 2019.

Gerald Pipho, Tempe, Ariz., died Nov. 8.

1972

Wilma Shipp Brase, Waverly, died Nov. 19. She was a teacher and went on to work in the dietary department at Bartels Lutheran Retirement Community.

1973

Patricia Bubke Davison, Johnston, died Oct. 15. She was an accountant.

1974

The Rev. Robert Krueger, Sabula, died March 29. He earned a Master of Divinity from Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, and served congregations in Iowa before retiring in 2014. He is survived by his wife, **Marcella Muller Krueger '76**.

Patrick Tovar, Waterloo, died Jan. 9. A Vietnam War U.S. Army veteran, he was an industrial engineer at John Deere for 28 years, retiring in 2000.

1976

Janet Miller Palmer, Waukon, died March 28. She earned a teaching degree from Luther College, Decorah, and was a social worker and high school resource room teacher.

1978

The Rev. Mark Fry, Billings, Mont., died Jan. 20. He earned a Master of Divinity from Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque. He played professional basketball in Germany and Australia and then served congregations in Montana. He is survived by his wife, **Wenda Stedtfeld Fry '79**.

1990

Sue McDowell Baron, Charles City, died Jan. 13. She earned a bachelor's degree in science from Kansas State University. She was a choir director and church organist.

1991

Douglas Stulken, Walford, died Dec. 11. He was a construction worker and senior facilities engineer at Collins Aerospace.

1999

Karen Tieskotter McDonald, Nashua, died Dec. 2. She owned and operated a photography and graphic design business and worked in marketing.

2012

Elijah Hunt, Bolingbrook, Ill., died Dec. 27.

Noteworthy Friends

Lillian Junas, Hazelton, Pa., died Dec. 11. She was a prize-winning photojournalist and educator. She was a professor of communication arts at Wartburg from 1997 to 2005 and traveled to Slovakia with students during May Term to study Slovak media.

Anne Knutson Kanten, Crookston, Minn., died Dec. 7. She was a teacher and farmer. As a missionary, she co-founded the Minnesota Farm Advocate Program. In 2000 she was named to the Minnesota Democratic-Farm-Labor Party (DFL) Women's Hall of Fame. She was awarded Wartburg's Graven Award in 1998.

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Laura Hofer Hinspeter '99

MUSIC EDUCATION | Owner and instructor, L.A.H. Music Studio

Since graduating, how has Wartburg impacted your professional and personal life?

Professionally, I have a rich and diverse career. I own L.A.H. Music Studio, where I instruct voice, piano, and flute lessons. I'm also an adjudicator, and I am also incredibly blessed to also be an independent health coach, assisting my clients in reaching their health and wellness goals.

Personally, the mission statement of the college has remained in my heart since graduating and is a pillar of who I am. Wartburg wasn't just about my major, but about building me as a whole person. It has shaped how I live my life as a child of God; a wife; a parent to my three children, Brenden, Brody, and Jenna; a co-worker; and a friend. The experiences I had in the classroom, participating in and touring with music ensembles; the opportunities to grow in my faith and develop lasting relationships with classmates; and the professors and staff offered me multiple opportunities to make connections then and have provided networking opportunities even today.

What's the story behind your Wartburg-themed Camaro?

We had attended the Good Guys Car Show at the Iowa State Fairgrounds early in the summer of 2020. I was salivating over a 1969 Camaro, but knew those were way out of my price range. That summer, Brenden worked for Shottenkirk Chevrolet in Waukee for their auto detailing department. He saw this orange Camaro come off the truck and told me about it as soon as he got home. I had driven by it several times, not stopping because I knew I'd want it!

The Monday before we moved him to Wartburg for his freshman year, Brenden arranged a test drive for me. I took it for a spin – and told my husband I wanted it! Since 2020 was a bummer of a year because of COVID-19 and we didn't get to go on our family vacation to visit friends in Australia, we agreed that we could make this bucket list dream come true! I decided to do black-out plates and wanted it to represent the fact that both the purchase and my college experience were "Worth It!" 🍷

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- 1 Alumni Referral Award senior deadline
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- 30 Young Alumni Award nomination deadline

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- 3-5 Christmas with Wartburg
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